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Campus Farm could become table farm



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Equestrian student Nashia Soland spends time with one of UWRF's horses at the Campus Farm. The lab farms recently constructed a Lab Farm Master Plan for both the Campus and Mann Valley Farms.

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In 20 years, the Campus Farm has the potential to be a table farm, otherwise known as a farm that supplies food for the University and surrounding areas.

The UW-River Falls Lab Farm Master Plan was narrowed down into two potential plans to faculty and students after months of plan-

In the spring of 2013, the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences (CAFES) began the process of constructing a Lab Farm Master Plan for both the Campus and Mann Valley Farms.

Once completed, the Master Plan will serve as a guide for the development of both farms over the next 20 plus

"It was a process of sitting down and laying it all out on the table," said Associate Dean of CAFES Dean Olson. "I kind of like this idea, I kind of like that idea-type of pro-

Vierbicher Associates, a team of engineers, surveyors, planners, and community development specialists, which serve as UWRF's personal campus planner, initially constructed the plan. They led the CAFES Steering Committee of faculty and staff through several workshops to help better define the current and future needs of both farms on campus, according to the CA-

The creation of the Master Plan took two phases to de-

"We have to prove to the state of Wisconsin that we need the funding," Olson said. "It is state mandated, so it's necessary."

The first phase included several days of facilitated discussions about the current condition of both farms.

"Between students and faculty, 400 issues were brought to our attention concerning the farms," Olson said.

Student Samantha Fink said that deciding the most important issue to tackle with the Lab Farm Master Plan is difficult.

"If I had to pick one thing that should be a priority for improving the way the farms operate it would be modernization of livestock housing and handling facilities," Fink said. "The lab farm animals are handled a lot more often than on average farms and efficiency is not always maximized when working with the animals."

The second phase focused on the future of both farms.

"Do we want to create a table farm? Do we need more acreage? We had to focus in on our priorities," Olson added.

The information, from both phases, was used to form two different concepts for the Master Plan. One concept dealt with updates and improvements to the existing farms, while the other concept focused on bold major changes to the farms.

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new budget features

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The Allocable Fees Appropriation Board (AFAB) is readying itself for budget season, when segregated fees money will be distributed to student organizations.

Budget season runs from mid-November to February, but first student organization leaders must have attended the mandatory budget meeting on Thursday, Oct. 24. Issues discussed at the budget meeting were different than what was discussed at the first student organization meeting of the year, such how to create budgets, an overview on what budget deliberations will look like and outlines about how to utilize budget money.

Besides going over rules relating to submitting a budget for student organizations, the new budget tool on OrgSync was explained. AFAB Chair Bobbi O'Brien said that the tool offers a lot of resources for student organizations.

"There's so many exciting things," O'Brien said. "We've been dreaming about this budget tool since I was

elected president last year." One of the most excit-

ing features, according to O'Brien, is a checkbook, or ledger, feature that allows student organizations to view their line-item budgets on OrgSync, instead of simply a total budget that has been available in the past. Student organizations will therefore know how much money they have available at all time and they will not have to make their own spreadsheets.

Also, the checkbook feature allows students to include totals of money kept elsewhere, such as fundraising money or money kept at a separate bank. Therefore, the budget on OrgSync really reflects the total of any student organization's budget.

Another feature O'Brien mentioned is one that allows AFAB to track how money is used by student organiza-

"We can track spending over time, so we can try to figure out how much orgs are spending, which orgs are spending what. It's just a really cool feature," O'Brien

AFAB also passed a new

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AFAB unveils Haunted Hall scares up thrills

Kate Vruwink

kate.vruwink@my.uwrf.edu When hearing the word "Halloween," each person thinks of different words and celebrations to define the holiday.

For many people, candy is at the core of the festivities. UW-River Falls does a great job at turning the campus into a fun and safe environment for anyone looking to

celebrate the spooky holiday. If candy and making children happy is what makes students most excited for Halloween, then having a room in one of the residence halls is great because children will be coming to Trick-or-Treat on Wednesday, Oct. 30.

However, there are the people on the opposite side of the spectrum who cannot wait to be scared out of their minds. For those students, Grimm Hall is the place to be on Halloween.

Home to freshman and sophomores, Grimm takes pride in the Haunted Hall that it puts together each year. The event has gone on for over 10 years and has sparked interest all over the campus.

"I'm really excited to see what the Haunted Hall is all about," said Breanna Blake, who lives in Johnson Hall.

Luring in people with the colorful posters that are hung around campus, the Resident



Photo courtesy of Natalie Woodburn

Student Candice Zehm dresses up for last year's Haunted Hall as a surgery patient. This year's Haunted Hall will be held at 8 p.m., on Thursday, Oct. 31, in Grimm Hall.

Assistants (RA) take pride in the fact that they worked together to create them.

"It's the excitement and thrill of being scared that the people get from going through the hall that makes them want to come," said Grimm RA Andy Klander-

To make the event possible, Grimm, and its neighbor McMillan Hall, have been planning the event for about a month and a half, and have almost 50 to 60 volunteers working to make it happen.

The complex director of both McMillan and Grimm, along with RAs from both halls, have taken the time to search out residents who are interested in helping, compiling costumes and finding the best decorations.

The complex director, RAs and the residents are in charge of setting up for the event, running it and scaring the many people that will go through the hall. Each and every one of them are looking forward to the time when they can see all of their hard

work finally pay off.

Anna Doran, another RA in Grimm, said that what she is looking forward to most is being able to scare people.

Not only is the event exciting for the people who have been planning it for quite some time, but it is also exciting for the students who live in the building. The RAs used this event as a way to get some of the residents more involved in the place they call home.

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Chicago: The Musical' opens at UWRF

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The roaring 1920s prohibition era of gangsters, corrupt government, murder and scandal will be showcased at the UW-River Falls Blanche Davis Theater in "Chicago: The Musical" which opened on Oct. 24.

"Chicago: The Musical" is centered on another play written by reporter Maurine Dallas Watkins in 1926. The 1926 play, titled "Chicago," outlines the stories of actual crimes Watkins reported on. The musical itself is a satire and parody on corruption in the administration of criminal justice and the idea of the celebrity criminal. "Chicago: The Musical" also showcases music by John Kander and lyrics by Fred Ebb.

Directed by Communication and Theatre Arts Professor James Zimmerman and choreographed by Ad-Hoc Instructor Mari Kline, "Chicago: The Musical" features a cast of 28 and an onstage orchestra of 14. They are under the direction of Professor of Music J. Michael Roy who has been active with the musical productions for the past 10 years. Since the first week of school the auditions and rehearsals have been going on five nights a week.

"The nature of the show is huge with 22 scenes and over two acts. There are a lot of logistical things to coordinate and keep in control, so from

that standpoint that has been the biggest challenge in trying to juggle all those entities to make sure we are productively using our time and that we are also educating," Zimmerman said.

"I play the piano and I conduct the pit; I enjoy putting the show together, working with the students and I'm okay with the time commitment, because I volunteered to do this and I like it which is why I've been doing this for many years," Roy said.

According to Zimmerman and Roy, this is entirely out of class time for students and the directors; there are many hours put into a production of this size. Claudia Vazquez Velez, a senior psychology major, is playing lead Velma Kelly, and Kendra Yarke, a sophomore double majoring in theater and marketing communications, is the other lead role: Roxie Hart.

"My favorite part about being on stage is the audience," Vazquez Valez said, "Nothing makes me happier than seeing the audience emotionally moved by a performance."

Character Velma Kelly is a famous cabaret singer who has many affairs and was convicted for shooting her lover and sister after finding them in bed together.

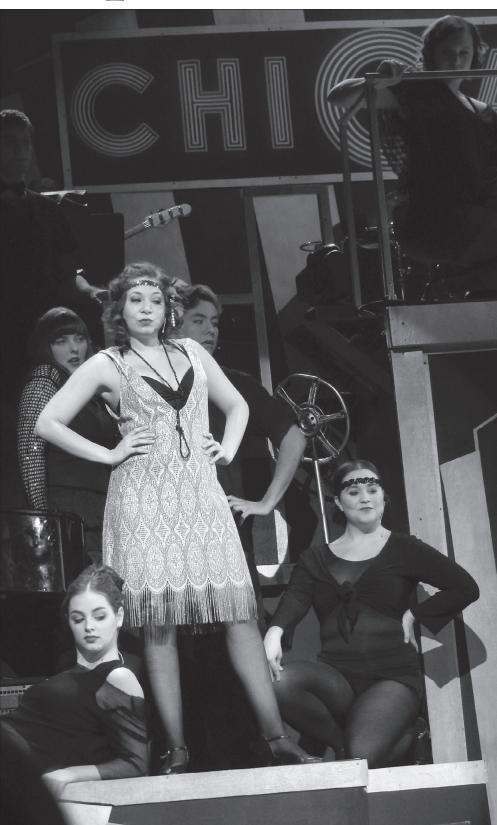
Roxie Hart is a club dancer who has had aspirations of being a famous burlesque performer. She is of lower class, cheats on her husband and murders her lover. She becomes famous after her trial becomes highly publicized. According to Yarke, she is selfish and vindictive, yet terribly innocent and na-

With both faculty and student input on what plays and musicals to do for the next year, directors Zimmerman and Roy as well as actresses Yarke and Vazquez Valez have all expressed their excitement for such a fun and jazzy show.

According to Zimmerman, the likelihood of them being able to gain the rights to put on "Chicago: The Musical," was very slim; so slim that they even had a backup plan for a different musical.

"I'm sick, nervous, stressed, but most of all excited," Yarke said, "It's been such a lovely process getting to know my cast mates and working on such a wonderful role. I can't wait to show our hard work."

The musical will be in the Blanche Davis Theatre, in the Kleinpell Fine Arts (KFA) building beginning at 7:30 p.m., on Oct. 24 - Oct. 26, and also on Oct. 31 - Nov. 2. Admission is \$17 for adults, \$13 for seniors and \$8 for students. Tickets may be purchased or reserved through the University Theatre Box Office on the main floor in KFA or by phone at 715-425-3114.



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"Chicago: The Musical" comes to UW-River Falls. The play features music by John Kander and lyrics by Fredd Ebb. Under the direction of Communication and Theater Arts Professor James Zimmerman, "Chicago: The Musical" will be showing in the Blanche Davis Theater in the Keinpell Fine Arts building.

UWRF professor explains familial ties to Captain Richard Phillips

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In 2009, Somali pirates hijacked the U.S. container ship Maersk Alabama. On board the ship was Captain Richard Phillips and 18 other men in his crew.

"It was the Wednesday before Easter weekend, and I remember telling my husband Richard's boat was hijacked," said Assistant Professor of Communications and Theater Studies Grace Coggio.

Coggio is not only a professor at UW-River Falls, but is also Phillips' sister-in-law. "The kids dubbed him as Captain Famous," she laughed as she held up family photos to prove she was indeed related to Phillips.

"I felt compelled to tell my students," Coggio said. "Sharing it with them, explaining to them that we had these huge tankers in pirate filled waters really opened their eyes."

The Maersk Alabama was on a multiple day voyage navigating through the Indian Ocean en route to Africa. The ship carried 17,000 metric tons of cargo, including relief supplies for Africa.

"It is what he does and he loves it," Coggio explained.

The ship was unarmed on its voyage. According to The

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, a state may prohibit the carriage of any weapons into its territory, even though there is no contravention of the law of the ship's flag

Piracy off the coast of Somalia has been a real threat to cargo ships out at sea.

"It was not a matter of if, but when, you get hit by pirates," Coggio recalled from a previous conversation with her brother-in-law on the dangers of pirates invading their ship.

Captain Phillips practiced hijacking drills with his cr fore they left the docks. "He took his job very seriously," she

The journey went sour near the coast of Somalia, where piracy was a common practice. "It was an undercurrent of concern," Coggio said.

Four Somali men approached the ship several days into the voyage. The 18 crew members took cover in the ship's locked engine room, while Phillips was kidnapped and thrown onto a small boat by the four young pirates.

"He is a pragmatic, matter-of-fact, smart man who I be-

lieved could survive this," Coggio said. Coggio related her family's traumatic experience to the classroom.

"Others need to realize the ramifications of the deterioration of Somalia and that people resort to very dangerous means of income that is not necessarily well-known to us," Coggio said.

With the recent release of the film, "Captain Phillips," there are many opportunities for people to educate themselves on the piracy issue in Somalia.

"The movie does a really good job to help others understand that there are forces at work that compel people to take the actions that they do," Coggio added. "They are not evil entities, but are just doing what they think they need to do."

Phillips was rescued four days into his kidnapping by the U.S. Navy Seals.

"I remember my students becoming so involved in his situation and celebrating in his release," Coggio said.

Phillips was back out at sea less than two years after his kidnapping.

"He's alive now and he got through it," Coggio said. "It was an amazing story that ended so well and my family will tell this story for years to come."

News brief: Registration deposit rollover to be discontinued this spring

UW-River Falls is discontinuing the \$100 registration deposit requirement for continuing students.

Students do not have to "roll" deposits prior to registering; registration deposit holds will not be placed in eSIS for continuing students effective for Spring Registra-

Students do not need to do anything at this time. The \$100 deposit will be posted to spring semester as a payment

or applied to a fall outstanding balance.

Deposit balances will be refunded by March 2014 for students graduating in fall and students not returning for spring term.

Students anticipating a refund need to sign up for Direct Deposit and update their home address in eSIS.

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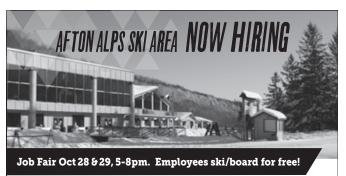
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Talen Brenner Rabe was fined \$716 for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia at McMillan Hall.

Oct. 22

- Kenneth G. Staples was fined \$200.50 for prohibited use and possession of alcohol at Davee
- Michael David Unruh was fined \$263.50 for underage possession of alcohol at Davee Library.

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



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campus farm and turning it into a table farm," Olson explained. "We also could make one farm all horticulture and equine, and house the other farm with everything else."

The top 15 issues concerning the farm were identified in the workshops.

"We are analyzing each and every part of the farms to find the best possible solution within these top issues," Olson added.

The Lab Farm Master Plan is designed to be a working document.

"We will have to take parts from each plan and sort of marry them together," Olson said.

The best of each concept plan will be merged to create the Master Plan for both

The deadline for the final Lab Farm Master Plan is January 2014.

"We are already starting to sit down and tweak the details," Olson said. "There are many potential solutions at this stage."

The Lab Farm Master Plan has the possibility to change the direction each farm is headed, depending on technology and teaching needs. "We need to focus on what's important now," Olson remarked. "We just need to understand that it's a fluid document."

Farm: New AFAB: Budget season looms

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policy to limit pullback, a phenomenon that happens when student organizations do not spend all their budgeted money and AFAB takes the money back for singleevent funding. The new policy requires student organizations to detail when money will be spent in the fall and spring, and during the week before Thanksgiving. The student organizations will be contacted and asked about unused funds.

Therefore, unused funds can either be reallocated or pulled back by AFAB to be used for single-event funding. O'Brien said the policy is not a punishment for student organizations, but a way to use money efficiently.

O'Brien also stressed that

she would like to see better communication between AFAB and student organizations, which has traditionally been poor.

"I think student orgs in the past have viewed Student Senate and AFAB as these big, mysterious things that nobody knows about," O'Brien said.

Senate is trying to increase communication with student organizations with a policy that is still being crafted.

"Basically, what we're trying to do is divide up all the student orgs among different senators," said Senate Vice President Anthony Sumnicht. The senators assigned to

student organizations will be responsible for staying in contact with their respective student organizations, whether that communication is through email, attendance

at meetings or otherwise.

Many student organizations never receive funding for their budgets and instead apply for single-event funding, which diminishes quickly throughout the semester.

Courtney Olson, the treasurer for the student organization Muggles United, said that Muggles United has applied for funding and received nothing both times. She said that each semester the student organization applies for single event funding to help pay for Wizard's Chess.

"We have only recently, in the past two weeks, received our first approval for funding," Olson said.

In order to make up for the loss of funding, Olson said that they usually charge a fee for Wizard's Chess, as well as other methods.

"We have done a couple things to compensate for our lack of funding. We put on bake sales at least once a semester. We also usually charge a fee to be a piece in Wizard's Chess," Olson said. "This time around we don't have to charge, but you never know in the future."

O'Brien also mentioned that communication among AFAB, Senate and the Department of Student Life has also been lacking in previous years, but all groups have made an effort to keep dialogue open.

"We've created a better relationship where we feel like we can talk back and forth about AFAB issues," O'Brien said. "AFAB has yet to find its ground. There really hasn't been that much stability."

Theta Chi raises money in support of Relay for Life



Niki Hovatter/Student Voice



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Fraternity Theta Chi hosted a .05K (164 feet) walk/run/crawl on Wednesday, Oct. 23, on the University Mall to raise money for Relay for Life. Above, a group of participants pose after the race. Left, members of Theta Chi hand out T-shirts and bumper stickers to participants. Relay for Life is an event which raises money for the American Cancer Society. According to the Relay for Life website, more than 4 million people in more than 20 countries participate each year in the event. Any organization or person can donate to Relay for Life at any time during the year, not only when the event comes to a city. The event will be coming to River Falls on March er Falls hi

Falcon Foods offers campus-made selections, remains unknown get to do all the steps every

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After 30 years of producing food for UW-River Falls, a lot of students on campus are still not familiar with who makes the cheese, meat and ice cream that they enjoy on campus every day.

Falcon Foods plants have been in operation since 1983, according to the Falcon Foods website.

There are two different pilot plants on campus: dairy and meat. Both plants are located in the Ag Science building. There is a full-time plant manager that helps students produce the different types of food. Many of these

products are for sale in the Falcon Foods Store, as well as Freddy's C-Store inside the University Center.

According to the Falcon Foods Store website, "The primary goal of the plant is to provide valuable learning experiences for students to take with them and put to use in their future careers."

Dairy Pilot Plant Manager Michelle Farner oversees the dairy plant operation, production, sales, marketing, as well as Falcon Foods.

"On average, about 15 students per semester work for the dairy plant. Most of them are work study students," Farner said.

Students are involved in all

aspects of the plant including production, sanitation and quality control.

Vanessa Freeman, a student at UWRF, is familiar with the plants and is in the Dairy Manufacturing class that teaches students how to

ees start and finish up the cheese process," Freeman said. "We learn how to make cheese from start to finish in the class. We also learn how pasteurization works, the

day. The dairy plant employ-

"We just want people to know that we do exist and that we create awesome products and we want people to remember us," said Dairy Pilot Plant Manager Michelle Farner.

make pasteurized and raw milk cheese.

"Cheese-making is a day long process so we do not processes and procedures of cheese making, laws related to cheese making, and proper sanitation processes. We also

learn what to do if particular things happen and potential ways to fix it."

With the holidays right around the corner, Farner wants students to know about the pilot plants on campus and what they have to offer. The dairy plant has 10 different gift boxes plus a custom option created this year that consists of summer sausage and different types of cheese. This is the first year that the Dairy Pilot Plant is offering the cheese box online. These boxes are in high demand over the holidays, but are available throughout the year.

Mark Hoekstra, a senior, passes by the pilot plants on campus nearly every day. He said that not many people know that Falcon Foods ex-

Farner is determined to change this by making students aware of who they are and what they do.

"I want people to know that we exist. I think we are so far removed from the middle of campus that sometimes people forget about us. Even at the River Falls Farmers Market at least one person will say they didn't know there was a dairy plant on campus," Farner said. "We just want people to know that we do exist and that we create awesome products and we want people to remember

Halloween: Grimm prepares for scary night, excited to showcase work

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There were sign-up sheets posted for the residents who were interested in helping out

with the ghoulactivities as a way to get them involved. By volunteering in such a unique experience, the students are able to make friendships by working with others

that will last them a life time. The Haunted Hall will begin at 8 p.m. and go until 10 p.m. on Thursday, Oct.

31. The event is open to the public; however, the event is not suitable for children. The coordinators are asking for a \$2 entry fee or a nonperishable food item. They are also

"It's the excitement and thrill of being scared that the people get from going through the hall that makes them want to come," said Grimm RA Andy Klanderman.

> asking for hygienic products. Annalissa Swanson, the complex director of Grimm and McMillan, said that the

donations and the money the hall will make is her favorite part because it is all going to somewhere special.

"I am really looking forward to donating all of the proceeds and canned food/ hygiene items to Turning Point after we are done. I know they are going to appreciate it so much," Swan-

son said. Turning Point is an organization that helps victims of domestic or sexual violence. The people behind the Haunted Hall are ecstatic to be able to not only create an event that is fun for the community, but helps out others as well.

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EDITORIAL

Guest speakers on campus deserve attendance, attention

UW-River Falls hosts a variety of speakers on campus due through both the hard work of academic departments and student organizations.

These speakers provide opportunities for students to learn about topics they do not know about, expand knowledge on subjects they are interested in, provide a chance for students to get out of their everyday routine and do something fun with fellow students.

Many times getting these speakers to come to campus takes a lot of time, preparation and cost a lot of money.

However, attendance at these events have often been lacking on campus. Not only for all the work put in to get the speakers to come, but also for the speaker to take time to come and speak to a sparse audience is not fair.

While these speakers are often tied to a certain theme or major, they can benefit everyone and are almost always open to anyone, regardless of major.

Students should not only go to a speaker because it is mandatory to be there for a class. Having an open mind and attending something you do not know much may might spark an interest you did not know you had.

While some people may argue they do not hear about these events, a student would have to actually try in order to not know about them. Professors often mention them in classes, posters are up, emails are sent out, and the big screens in the University Center (UC) often show for a week or two ahead of time when an event is happening.

One of the big speaker series on campus is the Wyman Series. They have a total of five events this year with speakers or performers that are free and open to everyone. The series still has four events left this year and publicize them all over campus. The Wyman Series often has something to offer for everybody. This year the theme is to challenge students to enhance their overall well-being.

The Wyman Series is a great opportunity to improve your lifestyle and meet other students from a variety of majors. Well-being is something that any student could benefit from. The push is for students to improve on career, social, financial, physical and community aspects of life.

We encourage every student to try out one speaker that is not mandatory to go to for a class this year. Filling up audiences will make it worth the effort that the academic departments and student organizations continue to put in and will leave a good impression on the speakers.

It could also help expand students knowledge about certain subjects. College is the one time in life where so many of these opportunities are available on a regular basis, so why not take advantage of them?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Career Fair brings many different businesses to campus In response to the Student Voice's Oct. 18, editorial, I would like to express my concern that the UW-River Falls Annual Career Fair is not an "agriculture fair" as mentioned. The 22nd annual Career Fair was a great success with 87 companies registered and more than 500 attendees. Many faculty, staff and students are not aware of the process utilized in order to gain company attendance at this event.

The first step in the Career Fair invitation process is to ask students who they would like to see attend the fair. This is done by asking this question on the Career Fair evaluation, which is used to develop new company leads for the following year. A request is also posted in Falcon Daily asking faculty, students and staff who they would like to see invited. Finally, an email invitation list is developed and more than 10,000 individuals working at more than 9,000 companies are invited to attend the fair.

Because the event is first-come first-serve, it is the companies who register first that are final attendees at the fair. Also, there is a limit to the companies able to fit in the space

provided and this year, 22 companies were on the formal wait list. Of those 22, five were considered agriculture companies. Of the 87 attendees at the 2013 fair, 32 are what we would consider non-ag companies. Also, in my opinion, companies that many students consider to be "ag" also require accountants, marketing executives, communications specialists, scientists, CEOs, CFOs, etc., and are viable internship locations and have job possibilities for most students.

Please remember that UWRF Career Services has partnered with six of the top 100 companies listed on the CNN Fortune 500 list over that last two years. This may not be only via the Career Fair as these companies visit campus during Mock Interview Day, the Networking Social, Etiquette Dinners, and many times, are sponsors at these events. Those companies are Wal-Mart, Wells Fargo, ADM, Dupont, Target and CHS, all of whom had many non-ag related jobs posted on their companies hiring website when I checked on Oct. 21.

Melissa Wilson
Director of Career Services

CAFES is active participant in Career Fair

I read with interest the editorial in the Student Voice published on Oct. 18, 2013. This is my eighth year at UWRF as Dean of the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences (CAFES), and the eighth time reading a similar discussion somewhere in the Student Voice regarding complaints about the lack of opportunities and interest outside of "agriculture" at the Career Fair.

The UWRF Career Fair grew out of what was originally a CAFES-led event. There is a long history of involvement by several companies and it did not happen overnight. Further, the fact that these companies choose to come back annually is not coincidence nor without effort on our part.

Collectively, CAFES faculty, staff and students work hard to make meaningful connections within the industry and facilitate internships and other relevant work experiences that ultimately lead to placement of our graduates. While a final job after graduation can be one goal, we know that the true value in events like the Career Fair is in making an initial connection and getting yourself known.

for several years now of a gathering the evening before the Career Fair for employers coming into town early. It is a time for students and recruiters to meet and share refreshments in a less hectic and more relaxed setting. Yes, it is geared toward agriculture-related companies. Yes, it gives students an advantage the next day and beyond if they make connections. No, it is not an unfair advantage – others can similarly be proactive in this opportunity.

The editorial mentioned our Agricultural Business and

Marketing Society student organization and its facilitation

We believe companies come to recruit at UWRF because they see value in the programs and students they encounter. The demonstration of that value is something that extends beyond the responsibility of UWRF Career Services. Everyone has a role.

Dale Gallenberg Dean of the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Studies

Television shows lower Americans' IQ

I heard somewhere that the average IQ of Americans has dropped 14 points in the last 20 years.

Based just on what our country's most popular television shows are, I believe the above number could be revised further downward.

"Bad Ink," "Duck Dynasty," "Hardcore Pawn" and its spinoffs and a series where people bid thousands of dollars to win what is in abandoned storage units (lost Rembrandts and Amelia Earhart's missing airplane have been found.)

I see "Hoggers" is returning. This is a highly intellectual series about a foul-tempered old cripple assisted by one or two scantily clad young ladies. Together, they chase wild pigs through swamps in the south.

The latest is the "Governor's Wife," featuring an 85-year-old ex-governor and his beautiful 35-year-old wife. I am not

sure if the first episode will be a bank robbery or if they will run a marathon. Stay posted.

Last but not least is all the zombies, werewolves and vampires on TV. I thought my neighbor was a vampire. But it turns out he just has bad teeth.

If TV shows are not enough, just look at the proliferation of roundabouts. Enough said.

If you watch the above TV shows, immediately deduct 7.8 off your IQ. If you believe roundabouts are cost effective and the answer to traffic problems, deduct another five points and go buy a Minnesota Vikings jersey with Christian Ponder's name and number.

Marvin Nelson River Falls, Wis.

Senate Corner:

Senate continues to fill open positions

Matt Shutey

Legislative Affairs
Director

This week the UW-River Falls Student Senate continued to fill open senator positions by bringing Madeline Pingry onto Senate as the Greek Representative.

Pingry was recommended by the Panhellenic Council, approved to Committee and passed unani-

by the Shared Governance Committee and passed unanimously via voice vote on the floor of Senate.

By welcoming Pingry to Senate we have filled all but

four positions, only leaving one first year position, the non-traditional representative, the military representative and the CAFES representative. We are still accepting applications for those positions, so if you are interested please find the application form on OrgSync.

The next thing on our agenda this week was an allocation from our reserve account to replenish the Allocable Fee and Appropriations Board's Single Event Funding account to allow for Single Event Funding to continue for the remainder of the semester.

This motion was only an introductory motion and will not be voted on until next week's meeting. We accomplished a lot on preparing the motion to be passed smoothly next week. The Single Event Funding account is for student organizations to fund events they want to hold that is not allocated from their budget. If the motion passes next week then the Single Event Funding account will have enough money to last the remainder of the semester. We will be discussing expanded funding for next semester near the end of this semester.

In the Senate Executive Board Committee this week, we selected from a great group of candidates for our Public Relations Administrator position, which is a non-voting member of Senate.

The Public Relations Administrator will be in charge of all

marketing and communications projects that will be taken on in Senate, and they have the honor of updating the UWRF Student Senate Facebook and OrgSync pages with all events we will be sponsoring, and major motions we will be passing. Out of our qualified group of candidates the Executive Board chose Blake Herbison to fulfill the roll.

The Senate is working on many projects that will help to improve our campus and you can be part of all the changes by applying today. A simple application is set up on the Senate OrgSync page that can lead you to anyone of our 100 open committee positions. These positions give students a voice on a number of committees and truly allow individual students to make a difference.

Do you have something to say?

Write a letter to the editor:

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Campus residency requirement confines students

Hannah Timm

Columnist

The Department of Residence Life at UW-River Falls enforces the UW System two-year live on campus residency requirement according to the UWRF website.

While living in residence halls may provide students with more opportunities to participate in campus events or create friendships, many students do not have access to basic living amenities.

As winter approaches, residence hall students may notice their room temperatures drop dramatically as well. There are adjustable heating devices in every room, however they are mostly ineffective. Having lived in three separate dorm rooms and visited multiple friends' rooms, I have noticed that many rooms fail to heat past 60 degrees during the winter, even after turning temperature settings to maximum heat. While space heaters are allowed in dorm rooms, they are an inconvenience and an additional cost.

Residence hall students are not allowed to bring their own refrigerators because each room is equipped with a standard mini-fridge. However, most of the provided refrigerators are not capable of maintaining safe temperatures. In all of the dorm rooms I have been in, ice cream placed in the freezer compartment melts within hours and ice trays take weeks to freeze or do not freeze at all. Many of my friends and I have suffered from food poisoning due to the ineffective refrigerating compartment.

Residence halls do offer larger, functioning refrigerators in community kitchens. However, food placed in these refrigerators risk theft.

The community kitchens provide students with the ability to bake or cook their own food, but still do not completely fulfill student needs. There are only a few kitchens in each residence hall. According to the UWRF website, Stratton Hall houses 200 students but only has two full kitchens. Many students are unable to cook during typical mealtime hours due to high-demand for the space.

There are ways to correct the kitchen availability ineffective refrigerator issues. Basic remodeling of current kitchens as well as residence hall basements may provide students with more stoves, sinks and space to work with. The inoperable mini-refrigerators must be replaced as soon as possible to prevent food spoiling and food poisoning.

Students also need utensils to cook with. At the beginning of the school year, students may purchase a social fee card with which they can rent a variety of equipment from the hall front desk. Since room space is limited, many rely on checking out kitchen utensils with their social fee card. The front desk, however, is only open from 3 p.m. to 12 a.m. Unless rented the previous day, the hall's kitchen utensils are inaccessible during lunchtime, or for students who work late.

Staffing the front desk 24 hours a day is not necessarily a viable option. However, if students are forced to make residence halls their homes for two years, they deserve to have access to cooking utensils or at least rooms large enough to store their own cooking utensils.

The primary reason most students attend UWRF is academics. While promoting the concept of community, many residence halls also distract students from studying.

Students in residence halls do not have access to a basic amenity: silence. While many students try to study, several others run up and down the hallways, yell and scream across the hall to neighbors, and violate respectful noise volumes with loud music or movies.

Additionally, many volleyball courts and recreation fields are poorly located near residence halls. Often, screams and cheers waft up to dorm rooms, distracting dedicated students from schoolwork. While studying in the library is an option, not all students thrive on a library-like atmosphere. Personally, I feel uncomfortable and distracted when studying in libraries. Similarly, it is not necessarily fair to force silence on socializing students through daily quiet hours, especially

the 23-hour quiet hours during finals week. In all, residence halls are not necessarily ideal locations for either studious or social students.

One reason many students choose to attend UWRF is

cost. One semester is roughly three and a half months and residence hall housing costs about \$1,900. This equates to nearly \$600 per month, not including the mandatory meal plans all resident hall students must purchase. Other University of Wisconsin schools, such as UW-Parkside, permit students to live off campus alone or with roommates as freshmen.

Off-campus students have the opportunity to pay much less per month. During the summer, I paid less than \$300 a month for a larger room, Internet, better access to a kitchen and a working refrigerator.

To be considered exempt from living on campus for the first two years, students must have junior standing, be 21 or older, or commute from the home of a legal parent or guard-

Juniors should not have to wait four semesters before being permitted to make their own living choices.

Exempting students older than 20 may decrease underage drinking, however, it does not completely eliminate alcohol in the residence halls. There would probably be even less alcohol in residence halls if students younger than 21 were permitted to live off campus.

Students commuting from the nearby home of a parent or guardian have an unfair monetary advantage over students who are forced to live on campus. Some students are hours away from their homes and are therefore required to pay \$600 a month to live in resident halls. Most freshman students are 18 and legally adults, however, they are barred from the adult choice of finding their own living arrangements and saving money.

The Department of Residence Life at UWRF has good intentions. Residence halls provide students with opportunities to become involved, meet new friends and have access to campus events. Unfortunately, the overpriced residence halls fail to provide many basic living amenities and confine freshmen and sophomore students to two years of unfair conditions.

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STUDENT Voices What is your favorite part of Halloween?

Compiled by Alex Gajdosik



Nou Vue

"Dressing up and seeing other costumes."



"Growing my own large pumpkins."



Ashley Rosana

"Dressing up and partying."



Jessica Conklin

"Getting candy."



Tyler Schoenfelder

"Scaring kids."

Student Voice 6 SPORTS October 25, 2013 Volleyball nears WIAC tournament berth

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The women's volleyball team has some important matches to play as its season begins to wind down.

The team is currently sixth place in the WIAC with a 3-3 conference record. With only two conference games to go, placement in the conference standings is key. The top six teams participate in the conference tournament, with the winner receiving the conference's at large bid to the national tournament.

"We've got some critical matches coming up," said Head Coach Patti Ford. "We've got some tough conference matches coming up that will determine if we get in the conference tournament and where our seed is."

Ford also mentioned the parity in the WIAC this season. No team is undefeated, and every team has won at least one conference match. The Falcons two remaining conference

tournament, the team will finish the season the way it started, by playing on the road.

"In order to be successful teams have to be able to win on the road. This group has been able to win on the road, so I think it's an important piece to that puzzle," Ford said.

The team played 14 consecutive road games to open the season and it compiled a 10-4 overall record during that time, plus a 1-0 record in the WIAC. The Falcons only played four of their 31 regular season matches at home.

"I think it is to our advan-Following the win, if the Falcons tage," Ford said. "I think defeat Platteville, they will secure they ve done a great job of getting of the bus and focusing on a place in the WIAC tournament. what their matches look like."

> The team's final home game of the season was on Wednes-

day, Oct. 23, against UW-Stout. The game was the also the team's Breast Cancer Awareness Match.

This is the sixth consecutive season where all of the volleyball teams in the WIAC have participated in this event. looks forward to every year.

"We always look forward to the breast cancer night, Dig for the Cure," Slaiku said. "It is one crazy night. We fill the gym with pink, decorate Karges lobby, and play our hearts out for everyone who supported. The atmosphere of that night is contagious."

Every year the volleyball team sells T-shirts and holds a silent auction as a part of the event. Ford said that last year the UWRF team raised about \$4,500, and should surpass that number this year. In the last five years, all of the teams in the WIAC have raised a total \$113,037 in support of Breast Cancer Awareness, according to the WIAC website.

"Everyone does it slightly different, but everyone does it big, now. We raised \$12,000 in the conference last year," Ford said. "The unique thing about this that our players really get behind this. It's their thing to do. They create the T-shirts and get the donations so it's kind of what they do to

The game also played very strongly into the team's standings in the WIAC. Following the win, if the Falcons defeat Platteville, they will secure a place in the WIAC tournament.



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Freshman setter Raven Klein sets the ball to senior middle hitter Jean Thies for a kill at the net in the Falcons' Breast Cancer Awareness match against UW-Stout on Oct. 23.

Falcon Center approved by Board of Regents, State Building Commission

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The Falcon Center for Health, Education and Wellness Project that will be constructed on the UW-River Falls campus was approved by both the Wisconsin Board of Regents and the State Building Commission in the previous weeks.

The Board of Regents met on Oct. 10, and 11, followed by the State Building Commission's meeting on Oct. 16.

The Board of Regents meeting discussed the approval of the design report for the Falcon Center Project. The board also authorized the construction of the building. Capital Planning and Budget Committee approved the project followed by the approval from the Board of Regents.

The State Building Commission unanimously approved the design report for the building and also granted the authority to construct the Falcon Center. This approval will release the construction funds for the project.

One of the greatest challenges for the Falcon Center Project has been getting funding, according to Special Assistant to the Chancellor Blake Fry.

"The Board of Regents recommended this project as part of their capital budget for 12 years before the state actually approved it," Fry said.

Fry added that in 2011, the Board of Regents approved pre-enumeration for the project.

"They said we are committed to providing funding for this project, but not right away," Fry said. "We are going to do it in two years, but what pre-enumeration allowed us to do was get the architects hired and get that whole process started."

Health and Human Performance Professor and Softball Head Coach Faye Perkins said that the approval from the Board of Regents was significant.

"It is one more step to getting this completed," Perkins said. "Every single step that we take is one step closer to making this dream a reality."

Campus Planner Dale Braun has helped guide the campus and facilitate the whole planning and design process for the Falcon Center. Braun stated that the funding process for the building has been frustrating.

"We have had such dramatic needs and very evident needs

for so many years," Braun said. "The fact that we've had to wait so long to get this far has been very tough."

Now that the Falcon Center Project has been approved by both the Board of Regents and the State Building Commission, construction can begin as planned. Construction of the building will begin in April of 2014, according to the Major Project Request of the Falcon Center Project.

Both the Board of Regents and the State Building Commission estimated the project to take out roughly \$62,412,000. The construction of the building will cost approximately \$47,720,000, according to the request that was approved by the Board of Regents.

A substantial portion of the construction is expected to be complete by November of 2015. Perkins stated she has been involved in the Falcon Center Project since discussions about the new facility began approximately 20 years ago.

"I have spent a lot of time and energy on this project in different ways," Perkins said. "So I cannot wait to walk into one of the new classrooms and into the Falcon Center and be able to teach out there."

Recent results, upcoming events for some UW-River Falls Falcon athletic teams

Football

The Falcons fell to UW-Oshkosh 41-13 on Oct. 19. The team will play at UW-Eau Claire at 1 p.m., on Saturday, Oct.

Volleyball

The Falcons defeated UW-Stout in the Breast Cancer Awareness match on Oct. 23. The team will play at UW-Platteville on Oct. 25, and at UW-La Crosse on Oct. 26.

Women's Cross Country

The Falcons placed 10th at the Tori Neubauer Invitational on Oct. 19. The team will compete at the Lake Wissota Invitational on Friday Oct. 25.

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Men's Cross Country The Falcons placed 16th at the Jim Drew Invitational on Oct. 19. The team will compete at the Lake Wissota Invita-

Men's Rugby

Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 26 and 27.

The Falcons fell to St. Thomas 46-7 on Oct. 19. The team will face St. John's University in Rochester, Minn., on Satur-

day Oct. 26. **Women's Tennis** The Falcons fell to Cardinal Stritch University 7-1 on

Oct. 19. The team will compete in the WIAC tournament on

Football building strong program off field

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The UW-River Falls football team has had its struggles on the field, but continues to make steps toward building a strong program.

"We are making a difference in the community with service projects, and are better academically than we have ever been," said third year Head Coach Matt Walker. "Games control what you feel and how people think of you, and I want to win more than anybody, but I am proud of the steps the program has taken in all the other categories it takes to build a football program."

Third year player Will Jensen who started the same year as Walker, echoed what his coach said.

"With Coach Walker it is more than just football. We strive to help the community and be good people. He (Walker) talks about winning the day, not just on the field, but in the classroom and on the weekends," Jensen said.

Freshman Tyler Ledbeter said he noticed right away how good of people everyone on the team was. "They are all good guys and role models for me. I was accepted right away."

On the field UWRF had higher expectations coming into the season than in the past couple of years. Despite being in games early in the season, the team is sitting 0-6 overall.

"My first year no one knew what to expect and my second year we were still behind a bit at a talent standpoint, but this year the team worked their butts off and expectations were high, so it has been rough. We are good and have nothing to show for it," Walker said.

The first game of the year UWRF fell 17-14 to St. John's University despite having a late game lead. A week later they fell 25-7 to the University of St. Thomas, who came into the season ranked in the top 10 in the nation. The third week the team was down early, 17-0, to Simpson before scoring 28 unanswered points. Late in the game the Falcons would allow a last second touchdown and lose 35-34 to fall

to an 0-3 record.

"The Simpson game was a tough gut wrenching loss, but we felt like we had something going and found some highs and positives out of a frustrating first three weeks," Walker said

The last three games for UWRF has been a different story. They have given up a combined 137 points to UW-Stevens Point, UW-Platteville and UW-Oshkosh, and with four games left on the season are still searching for their first win.

"It has been challenging at times with a lot of ups and downs. At some points we have looked good, but are strug-

gling at playing a full game," Jensen said. "We are more competitive, but we just need to get over the hump and find a way to overcome."

One area that has affected UWRF the

past three games has been the health of sophomore quarterback Ryan Kusilek, who has been struggling with a knee injury. The first three games of the season Kusilek was in the top two for passing and rushing numbers in WIAC by a quarterback, according to wiacsports.com. His production has declined as of late but he still has thrown for 1,313 yards and 10 touchdowns, and has ran for a team high 340 yards, according to uwrfsports.com.

Another strong performer offensively for UWRF has been Jordan Christianson who has 36 catches for 458 yards and six touchdowns.

"We have not had a lot of standout performers other than what Kusilek did the first three weeks, leading the league in some categories and with Christianson having made some big plays offensively," Walker said. "By our design we do not have a stand out at tailback stats wise this year. We have four quality tailbacks. That whole group is exciting."

On defense, the Falcons are under the direction of first year defensive coordinator Matt Ebner. Nick Zimmerman has been the top performer with a team high 40 tackles and 10 pass breakups.

UWRF will play against bottom half WIAC opponents, record wise, in three of the last four games. UWRF will play next at 1 p.m., on Saturday, Oct. 26, against UW-Eau Claire who is the only other team in the WIAC not to win a game so far this season.

"We are upbeat still and know we have a good chance at these next three games. We are trying to get wins one game

at time," Jensen said.
"We have games
still left against Eau
Claire and Stout who
we recruit against so
showing we can win
and getting to three
wins would be huge
at this point."

Ledbeter echoed when asked what the teams expectations were. "Wins, we cannot expect anything else. We are young but will get better with experience."

Walker said even though the team might have lost some bandwagon fans along the way he still knows there is a core group of people in the community, on campus and in the athletic department that continue to support the team.

This has been shown in attendance with the home games ranging from 2,917 in the St. Johns game, a season high, to 635 against Oshkosh, the last home game, a season low. Both of these numbers are up from last season when the high was 2,375 and the low was 552.

"As a team we want to win and appreciate the support. Football will turn around here; we have a young staff and a young team with a new stadium being built," Jensen said. "Only nine players are seniors so we are on the way up."

Falcon Spotlight: Will Jensen

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Will Jensen is a junior punter on the UW-River Falls Falcon football team. He has started three years for UWRF.

Jensen is from Brillion, Wis., south of Green Bay, Wis., and started playing competitive football in sixth grade. Other than football he is heavily involved in intramurals at UWRF as one of the supervisors and is a campus tour guide.

He came to UWRF after getting recruited a bit, but said he did not even know if the coaches knew he could punt. He came to visit his longtime friend, Kyle Kittle, who is also on the team, and liked the feel of the small town campus. Another reason he enjoys UWRF is because of the respect he has for head coach Matt Walker.

Jensen said his goal for this season is to punt better in the cold.

"I have had some trouble in the past two years punting when the weather gets cold. Before I would make excuses, but this year I want it to be different. I want to be able to pin the opposing teams back and put my defense in a good position even when the weather gets cold," Jensen said.

Jensen is currently fourth in the WIAC for punting average and would like to be in the top three by the end of the

Jensen's favorite football memory came his senior year when Brillion won the state championship. "It was a great moment to win state and know that we were the best team in our division."

Before his career is over Jensen would like another moment to add to his career. "I want to try and win the WIAC, and I know we can do it."



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Freshman running back Kywon Cartwright carrying the ball in the homecoming game against UW-Platteville.

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	3-0	6-0	UW- Stevens Point	6-1	25-4	UW- Whitewater	7-0	13-0-3
UW- Platteville	3-0	6-0	UW- La Crosse	4-2	12-11	UW- Oshkosh	6-1	10-6-1
UW- Whitewater	3-0	6-0	UW- Eau Claire	4-2	14-14	UW- Stout	4-2	6-8-1
UW- Stevens Point	2-1	4-2	UW- Whitewater	3-2	21-9	UW- Eau Claire	3-3-1	6-7-3
UW- La Crosse	1-2	1-5	UW- Oshkosh	4-3	19-9	UW- Platteville	2-3-1	7-8-1
UW- Stout	0-3	2-4	UW- River Falls	3-3	16-11	UW- River Falls	2-3-1	6-8-1
UW- River Falls	0-3	0-6	UW- Platteville	1-4	13-15	UW- Stevens Point	2-4	4-10-2
UW- Eau Claire	0-3	0-6	UW- Superior	1-5	17-9	UW- La Crosse	1-4-1	4-9-1
Current WIAC standing			UW- Stout	1-5	13-13	UW- Superior	0-7	3-14-1



FALCON BROADCASTS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26TH
FALCON FOOTBALL
AWAY VS UW-EAU CLAIRE
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'The Conjuring' based on real-life events

Emily Van Ort

The thrill of a good horror film is based on knowing the gory, creepy events depicted on screen could never happen in real life, but what happens when the events were taken from a true story?

Moviegoers flooded theaters on opening weekend of "The Conjuring" this past summer. The hype of a true horror story created a box-office frenzy.

"The Conjuring" is based on a small suburban family's worst nightmare.

The Perron family moved into a home in Burrillville, R.I., in the early 1970s. Soon after moving in, the Perron family began experiencing a series of strange events. A distinct smell filled the home at odd times during the day. Doors were opening and closing independently. It was frigid cold in certain areas of the house.

The five Perron daughters were claiming to have heard other children's voices while playing games in the house. One daughter even saw a ghost.

"When we got the phone call to come check it out, I knew this wasn't a hoax. They had all the indicators of an evil spirit living in their home," said Lorianne Warren, a world-renowned working clairvoyant.

Warren and late husband Ed were the first responders to the Perron family. As shown in "The Conjuring," the Warrens were professional ghost hunters. They walked into many homes that claimed to be haunted; one, most notably, was the Amityville Horror house.

Warren, born with a psychic sense, was able to distinguish good and bad based on an individual's aura. To Warren, peo-

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ple have an extra glow to them. "Sometimes that glow shines brighter, other times it is just dim. If it's dim, it's bad," Warren said.

Ed also had a duty to fulfill when called to haunted dwellings. He was the first demonologist recognized by the Catholic Church. "He was allowed to assist in exorcisms," said Tony Spera, the Warren's son-in-law.

What makes the Warren duo

unique is their commitment to challenging evil in the world. "Soon into our investigation of the Burrillville case, Mrs. Perron was almost completely possessed," Warren said. "Something had to be done."

According to Warren, a woman named Bathsheba, who dabbled in Satanism in the early 19th century and lived on the same property that the Perron's home stood, possessed Mrs Perron

Warren's husband relieved Perron of the evil spirits. The

Perron family's entire story is told in the book, "House of Darkness, House of Light."

Warren continues to investigate hauntings today with the help of her son-in-law. They also began to allow visitors into Warren's home to hear her stories and see her haunted objects

that she kept from famous cases in her Occult Museum.

Many of the people who visit her museum have seen "The Conjuring" and are interested in learning more about a real-life clairvoyant.

"You just can't touch anything when you walk through the museum," Spera exclaimed. "The evil they carry is real."

The many haunted items in the Occult Museum hold many unique

stories, most at the cost of several human lives.

The Occult Museum is the only one of its kind.

"I feel comfortable telling people it is the most haunted place in the world," Spera said.

Those interested in learning more about Warren and the Occult Museum are urged to visit her website at www.warrens.net.

Carrie' remake fails to impress horror movie audience

Ryan Funes

Reviewer

The month of Halloween has graced us with another horror film remake with the release of "Carrie."

The film is intended to be relevant, but comes across as

unnecessary. _ Carrie White

is no ordinary girl and is shunned and hated for it. She is gifted with an amazing power that is feared by her mother and beaten down into her. When another student asks her to prom, she thinks things are looking up. But terrible events are set in place, Carrie is getting stronger with her powers, and, if all goes as planned, it will be a night no one will forget or escape from.

Right off the bat, "Carrie" did not seem right to me because horror film remakes tend to not do well. Usually a monster is made sympathetic and loses its scare, or directors never understand what makes good horror. "Carrie" is a mediocre film with a mixture of these kinds of mistakes.

It is hard to say what "Carrie" does best as it borrows a lot of original plot and dialogue. Since not much changed, some parts do still stand up. While some bits of dialogue do not stand well, some lines made people laugh. The movie does at least acknowledge time has passed and does an OK job of updating things for the present.

The one thing that still stifles my liking of the film is that none of the changes make it worth the effort to be remade. Usually, when a film is remade, something special is added to make it relevant for current times, like a theme change or sharper direction than the original. "Carrie" unfortunately does not do any of that and, therefore, suffers.

The direction of the film is also less superior to the original and tends to succumb to some of the common direction of other films today. There were not many artistic elements in the film. As a result, the film was less daring because it did not go outside its boundaries or rating.

Despite all of this, the movie did have enough to keep me

interested. For the most part, the acting was good, with Chloe Grave Mortez as Carrie, and Julliane Moore as Margaret White, Carrie's mother. Many other actors and actresses were average, but the horror movie trope of bad acting is prevalent in some areas.

Plenty of the scenes were satisfactory, however, due to the director's choices. The ending also had a certain punch that made me feel like the movie is somewhat worthwhile.

However, if you want a good fill of "Carrie," watch the original movie. It has more of an artistic experience and much better direction. It also still holds up well today.

As for the remake, I am glad to say it is better than most remakes I have heard of, but still feels unneeded.



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.

The Head and the Heart's new album successfully pleases indie fans

Jack Tuthill

Reviewer

Seattle-based indie-folk band, The Head and the Heart, have had very little time to take a breath following the release of their 2011 smash-hit, self-titled debut album.

They were instantly labeled "Seattle's best new band" and

have toured seemingly nonstop since 2009.

The six close-knit musicians finally had a chance to gather themselves this spring and record "Let's Be Still," their highly anticipated sophomore album, which was released on Oct. 15.

The album cover fittingly portrays two band members laying in a field of grass and gazing into clear blues skies. The Head and the Heart relished the opportunity to sit back, relax and be still during the recording process.

The band's first album is indie-folk gold and often regarded as one of the better folk albums since the turn of the century. The band could have played it safe and stuck to the same formula, but this record proves their creative abilities as a collective unit.

"Let's Be Still" is effectively diverse. The band that brought indie fans "Down in the Valley," "Rivers and Roads" and "Heaven Go Easy on Me" has aged gracefully. Musical experimentation has produced a new sound, which should appeal to fans and first time listeners alike.

Backup vocalist and violinist Charity Rose Thielen takes the lead in three of the 13 tracks on the album, her first opportunity at lead-singer. Her vocals have a classic, mid-19th century quality.

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"These Days Are Numbered" is her best track on the album and reminiscent of 70s folk. The piercing harmonica in the song's breakdown will please Bob Dylan fans.

Lead-singer Jonathan Russell's voice is soothingly raspy throughout. His vocals can be enjoyed on the best two tracks on the album: "Another Story" and "Shake."

"Another Story" is gorgeous and heartbreaking. The song was written following the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School last December. Russell pours his heart into the lyrics, "Every time I hear another story, oh the poor boy lost his head. Can we go on, like it once was?"

"Shake," on the other hand, is upbeat and uplifting. It is also among their best work to date. Heavy drums and catchy piano keystrokes brilliantly segue to Russell's dominating vocals. A hair-raising breakdown finalizes the track in tremendous fashion.

Group-founder, guitarist and vocalist Josiah Johnson's best song on the album is "Josh McBride." This is a comforting, slow-burning, acoustic track with great instrumentals and reassuring backup vocals from Thielen. The bizarre song was written by Johnson's girlfriend, "You are in my dreams at night, you are in grandmother's wisdom, and you are in grandfather's charm."

"10,000 Weight in Gold" is characteristic of the bands' early work: simple, elegant and well-written. The track starts slow, then builds and finishes stunningly. Russell desperately cries out for relief at the songs conclusion, "I was burned out

and lost. There's no light in here now."

The fastest song on the album is "My Friends." It is a piano-heavy track with witty lyrics, "If everyone had rights, would anything go wrong? Would there ever be the need for these politician songs?" The lyrics are quite fitting in the wake of the recent government shutdown.

The Head and the Heart took a risk attempting a pop song with "Summertime" and a country tune in "Cruel," but the tracks do show outstanding range and creativity. Music continually changes and their sound is merely transforming with

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The record fittingly concludes with "Gone;" the bands' longest song ever created at over six minutes. Russell loudly chants, "Gone are the days." So are the gratifying hours devoted listening to "Let's Be Still," one of the year's very best albums.



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