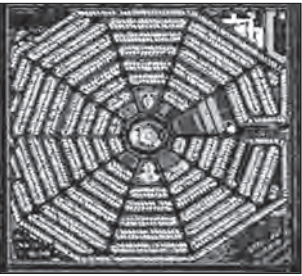




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‘Start Smart Salary Negotiation Workshop’ now offered on campus

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The first ever “Start Smart Salary Negotiation Workshop” will be held from 2-5 p.m. on April 8 in the St. Croix River Room in the University Center.

The event is open to all students and is free to register, but the three hour hands-on interactive workshop will be capped at 30 participants.

The workshop will be hosted by Career Services and presented by UW-River Falls Assistant Director of Career Services McKenna Pfeiffer and UW-Eau Claire Career Services Associate Director Staci Heidtke.

Heidtke has hosted this workshop at Eau Claire and received positive feedback from participants.

“Participants said it was incredibly helpful information, they received valuable knowledge for negotiating salaries and benefits,” Heidtke said.

The workshop will be discussing four main topics that could potentially affect any working adult, so it’s important for students to attend to gain the skills and knowledge they will need in the future.

“It’s important for students to know that they can advocate for themselves,” Pfeiffer said. “The purpose of negotiation is to get paid fair-market value, and I think a lot of times students don’t understand that there are opportunities to negotiate.”

One topic that the workshop will cover is the gender wage gap. The

gender wage gap is the income difference between men and women in earnings.

“It is an important workshop for any undergraduate to attend to learn about the wage gap and how it affects your long-term financial future,” Heidtke said.

The current gender wage gap translates to females earning \$0.78 on the dollar compared to their male counterparts.

According to the Institute for Women’s Policy Research, the pay gap between men and women is smaller than it was in 1960, but if progress continues at the same rate as the last few decades, the income divide won’t close until 2058.

Students will also learn how to develop a personal budget to determine salary needs.

“We will look at developing a bare-bones budget. Having students think through realistic price tags associated with living expenses such as rent, car payments, and student loan payments so they know what they need to live,” Pfeiffer said.

As students prepare to graduate they will also need to think about negotiating their first salary.

“The workshop offers an opportunity to practice wage negotiation-not an easy thing to do but an essential part of the job search,” Heidtke said.

The workshop will teach students

how to benchmark salary and benefits.

“Students have to do research and understand what the fair market value in the geographic region they are seeking and applying for jobs,” Pfeiffer said.

When it comes to thinking about salary and benefits, Pfeiffer emphasizes that it is all about building a case.

“When it comes to negotiation, students have to build a case founded on skills, experiences, and education they bring, and what benefits they will bring to that company,” Pfeiffer said.

Start Smart Salary Negotiation Workshops are held all across the

country and are a partnership between American Association of University Women and the Wage Project.

This is the first time that an event like this will be available to UWRF students. In the past, students could only meet one-on-one with a Career Services advisor or attend a class presentation to learn about these topics, but now seemed like the right time to host this event.

“Spring seems like the right time to host an event like this with the volume of graduates in May,” Pfeiffer said.

For more information or to register for the workshop, go to <http://bit.ly/1ACgE8L>.

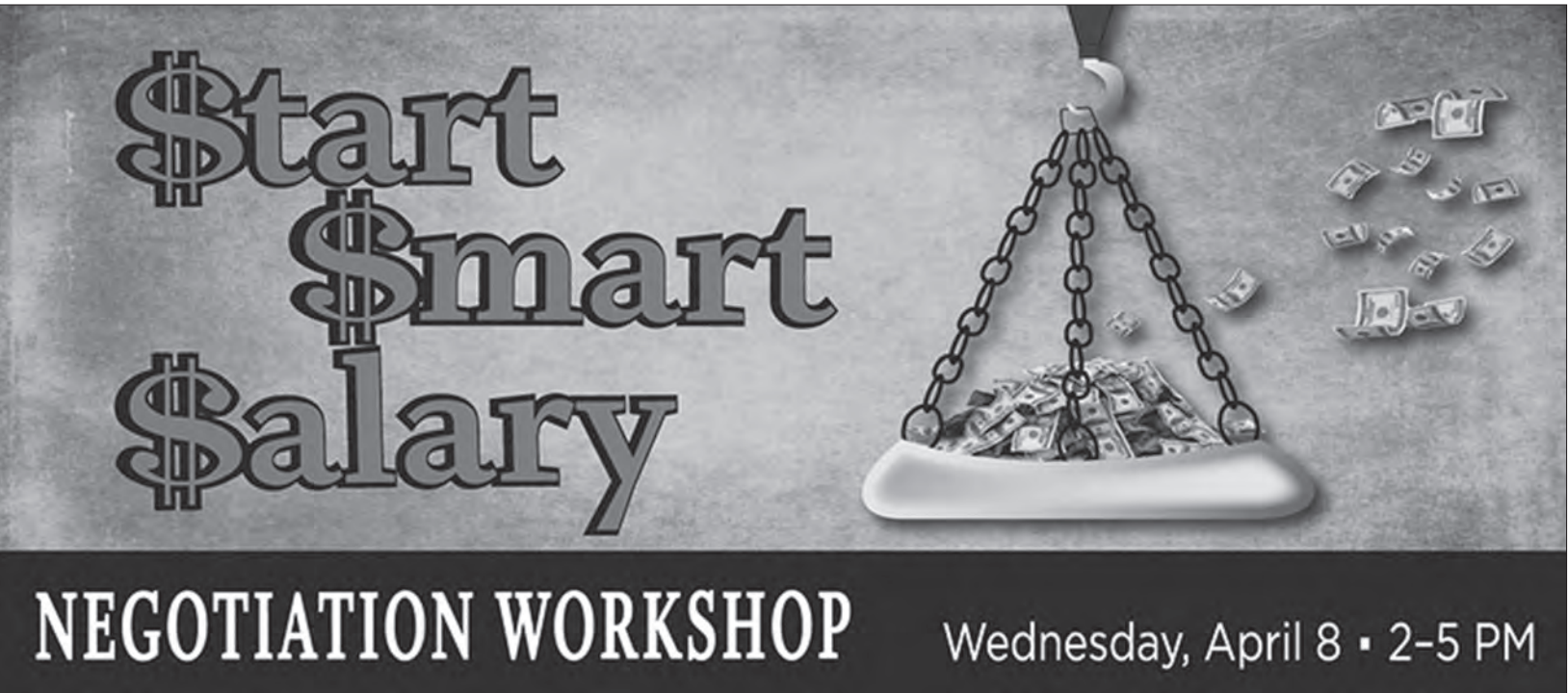


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Student represents UWRF on ‘National Ag Day’

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UW-River Falls sophomore Bryce Krull participated in “National Ag Day” at Capitol Hill in Washington D.C. over spring break, where he joined 99 other student representatives in the activities.

Krull was elected by the Agriculture Council of America (ACA) along with 99 other student representatives from across the country to participate in activities in Washington D.C. on March 18.

Krull and the other student representatives shared their personal stories and discussed the importance of agriculture in today’s society. The student representatives met with

many congressman and women during National Ag Day to discuss agriculture and to sway them into supporting bills that would help the agriculture industry.

Krull was one of 13,000 applicants who applied for the ACA. He had to go through rigorous interviewing and testing as well as submit writing examples in order to be selected.

“It’s an extreme honor to be able to go,” Krull said.

Krull never thought at his age he would be able to represent the ACA.

“The week started out with some training and awareness events on bills that are pending moving to committee, as well as bills on both floors for House and Senate,” Krull

said. “We also discussed what has passed or been vetoed such as Keystone Pipeline Legislation.”

Krull explained that many of the bills that were discussed during the week could have a big impact on the U.S. economy depending on if they pass or not.

Krull was raised on his family’s registered dairy farm where he gained his passion for agriculture. Dairy farming has been in Krull’s family for generations. Krull first got involved with agriculture organizations with the Future Farmers of America (FFA) and continued to get involved with other agriculture organizations like Agriculture Future of America (AFA), 4-H, Wisconsin Holstein Association and many

others until he was selected to the ACA.

Krull had a busy week as he met with news outlets like CNN and the New York Post as well as local representatives.

He personally met with Wisconsin Senators Ron Johnson and Tammy Baldwin, which Krull said were well informed and aware of what the ACA were most concerned about.

Krull briefly met with Wisconsin District Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner and spoke with his staff. He also met with the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture and Deputy U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, along with many other leaders and businessman while in Washington D.C.

“My favorite part is simply meeting these amazing and important people in the world around us and having direct access to these people,” Krull said.

For ACA, National Ag Day is one of its key initiatives every year. This was the 42nd anniversary of National Ag Day which is celebrated throughout the country. National Ag Day is dedicated to increasing public awareness of agriculture’s vital role in today’s society. Both the ACA and National Ag Day program were started in 1973.

For Krull, the trip to Washington D.C. was “amazing” and one of the most productive trips to Washington D.C he has had.

‘Equal Pay Day’ to inform students about pay equality

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“Equal Pay Day” is the day when the amount of money a woman makes this year will have caught up to the amount of money a man made last year, and this year “Equal Pay Day” lands on April 14, and the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will have a table in the University Center to provide information about pay equality.

The purpose of “Equal Pay Day” is to bring awareness of the issue that women today are still earning less than men, even with the same amount of education and work. Sue Danielson, a retired teacher and member of AAUW, said the organization hopes to shine a light on the issue, educate people about the pay issues and change the pay gap between men and women.

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“We’ve always been concerned with women getting a fair shake and helping with discrimination,” Danielson said.

According to the AAUW website, the organization has been around for over 130 years and works to improve the lives of women.

Maureen Olle-LaJoie, head of library systems and technology at UW-River Falls, said she wanted to get involved with AAUW after she attended a session at the River Falls Public Library. Olle-LaJoie said AAUW was having a discussion about the book “Lean In: Women, Work and the Will to Lead” by Sheryl Sandberg.

“They had this panel of women who are in leadership positions at companies come in and discuss their perspectives of the book and it

made me realize some of the things AAUW stood for was something I was interested in pursuing,” Olle-LaJoie said.

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Olle-LaJoie said “Equal Pay Day” is a good opportunity to be aware of the inequity that exists.

UWRF Career Services will be putting on a “Start Smart Workshop” on April 8, which will help

people learn salary negotiation techniques.

Salary negotiation is another reason why women might not be getting paid as much as men said Olle-LaJoie.

“Negotiating as a man does, does not necessarily give you the same results as a woman, so this is a great opportunity for university students to learn these skills,” Olle-LaJoie said.

Danielson said there are some other strategies that people can do to help with pay gap issues.

“As an individual, women can learn strategies, also you can help by talking to the people you have elected into office to continue to work on the Equal Pay Act,” Danielson said.

Danielson said AAUW will have a table in the University Center on

“Equal Pay Day,” which will provide more information that people can take with them about pay equality.

The AAUW will also have Pay-day candy bars for all to enjoy. There will also be a display in Davee Library.

According to the AAUW website, AAUW also conducts research on issues related to gender equality in education in the workplace.

AAUW also helps shape the lives of the next generation of women leaders, advocates the advanced equity for women and girls, supports challenges to sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace, and provides educational and lifelong learning opportunities for women.

News briefs:

UWRF Professor awarded Fulbright Scholarship grant

Gary Onan, professor of animal science at UW-River Falls, has been awarded a Fulbright Scholars grant to Banat University of Agricultural Science and Veterinary Medicine in Timisoara, Romania.

He will spend the 2016 spring semester at Banat teaching two courses in animal production, collaborating with their faculty on redesigning courses and curriculum to make more effective use of hands-on laboratory exercises, and conducting a series of seminars for graduate students that focus on how to develop effective extension and outreach programming.



Gary Onan was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship grant.

The Banat region of Romania has extensive agricultural resources, essentially equivalent to that of Central Illinois which is some of the most productive farmland in the world. Much of that potential has been unrealized to date because of social, political, cultural and informational barriers.

Onan’s goal is to shrink those informational barriers by helping develop classroom and outreach strategies for delivery of current scientific and practical knowledge to farmers, and students who will one day become professionals in agricultural fields.

Onan has a long-standing connection with Ioan Hutu, a faculty member in the Animal Production and Public Veterinary Health Department at Banat University. They first met in 2004 when Hutu visited UWRF as part of a USDA-sponsored program for international young animal scientists.

Onan subsequently traveled to Romania to present at a scientific symposium in 2005, and met with Banat University faculty and producers in the surrounding region. Onan and Hutu have remained in contact over the years, including collaborating on the publication of an English language animal science text for Romanian students.

In addition to Romania, Onan has traveled to Latin America. He already incorporates international experiences and examples into his courses to illustrate the global nature of the production and marketing of animal-derived foods. This project will allow him to do that to a much greater degree. He also hopes to identify some meaningful service-learning study abroad opportunities for UWRF students.

Alumnus recognized for innovative teaching practices

Patrick Houlton, an English teacher at Spring Valley Middle and High School and recent graduate of the UW-River Falls educator preparation program, was recognized for his innovative teaching practices on March 23.



Photo courtesy of University Communications
UW-River Falls College of Education and Professional Studies Dean Larry Solberg presenting Patrick Houlton with the Early Educator Award.

Larry Solberg, dean of the UWRF College of Education and Professional Studies, surprised Houlton in his classroom with the announcement that he’d won an Early Educator Award from the Wisconsin Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.

“He works to gain greater insight into his students by learning about their families and interests in order to facilitate positive interactions with them. He also partners with their parents to help meet the student’s unique needs, said Gretchen Cipriano, Houlton’s principal, in nominating him.

Recipients of the Early Educator Award must be in their first three years of teaching. They are selected based on the positive effect they have had on schools or communities, innovation in designing learning experiences and advocacy their for students.

Houlton will receive the official award in Madison, Wisconsin, on April 12. For more information, email larry.c.solberg@uwrf.edu or call 715-425-3774.

Two UWRF teams qualify for ‘Big Idea Tournament’ in April

The first and second place finishers in the inaugural New Venture Competition at UW-River Falls have qualified to compete in the Wisconsin Big Idea Tournament (WBIT) April 11 in Madison, Wisconsin.

The New Venture Competition provided student teams, mentored by a faculty member, the opportunity to present their ideas for new business start-ups to a panel of judges composed of entrepreneurs and economic development specialists. The top three teams will receive a cash prize and funds to put towards their new businesses.

The WBIT is an entrepreneurship event open to undergraduates attending any two- or four-year UW System school across the state (except UW-Madison). It teaches cutting-edge Lean Startup business development tools, provides business mentorship, and allows participants to compete in a fun format for paid internships and a chance to win \$25,000.

The first place team in the New Venture Competition was SöPOD, a start-up developing pod technology that will allow travelers to carry body wash, shampoo, and conditioners in carry-on luggage while avoiding TSA 3-1-1 restrictions.

SöPOD team members are: Eric Wenz, a senior from Hudson, Wisconsin, majoring in business administration; Andrew Lind, a senior from Bloomington, Minnesota, majoring in business administration; and An Trieu, a junior from St. Paul, Minnesota, majoring in chemistry.

The second place team was Charge Inc., whose first-generation product is a portable power bank with inductive charging for mobile devices. Charge Inc. team members are: Jiaxin Li, a senior from River Falls majoring in business administration; Christopher Hansen, a post-baccalaureate student from River Falls studying biology; and Thomas Makens a senior from Winona, Minnesota, majoring in chemistry.

Operating costs of the New Venture Competition, including travel to the WBIT, and the business start-up funds for the top three teams are provided by the WiSys Technology Foundation, Inc. and UW Extension, organizers of the WBIT. Cash prizes are sponsored by Fiberstar, Inc.

More information on the New Venture Competition is available at www.uwrf.edu/cibd. Additional details on the WBIT may be found at wisconsinbigideatournament.com.

Senior art exhibition begins on March 27

From March 27 through April 6 in the Kleinpell Fine Arts building, seniors Cassandra Brandt, Rachel Dupre, Natalia Fernandes, Rachel McCabe and Jamison Schlotte will present their bachelor’s degree exhibitions.

On display will be ceramics, mixed media paintings, print-making, and sculptural and blown glass.

An exhibition reception will be held from 4:30-7:30 p.m. on April 3. The exhibition and reception are free and open to all. Gallery hours are from 1-8 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 2-4 p.m. on Sundays. For more information, call the art department at 715-425-3266.

Campus Residence Life begins pop-tab collection competition

UW-River Falls Residence Life has begun a friendly competition on how many aluminum pop-tabs the campus can gather.

The competition will be pin residence halls against each other, and ultimately UWRF off-campus students, faculty and staff against on-campus residents.

Collection sites are at each of the residence hall front desks for on-campus students and at the Information Desk in the University Center for off-campus students, faculty and staff.

Collection runs through Friday, April 24. Tabs collected will benefit the Ronald McDonald House. Email jessica.conklin@my.uwrf.edu with questions.

‘Bowls for Hope’ event raises funds for local organization

UW-River Falls hosted the sixth annual ‘Bowls for Hope’ event March 10 in the University Center, raising \$6,225 for BRIDGE for Community Life, Inc.

Each year, UWRF works with the community to raise funds through ‘Bowls for Hope’ for a worthy organization that makes a difference in the St. Croix Valley. To date, ‘Bowls for Hope’ has raised more than \$34,000 for local charitable organizations.

BRIDGE collaborates with school, county and community youth serving agencies in providing lifelong learning opportunities for youth and others with disabilities.



Photo courtesy of University Communications
‘Bowls for Hope’ attendees select bowls made by local artists to raise money for BRIDGE for Community Life.

“Our vision is that individuals with disabilities will be seen as community assets to be nurtured and developed so that they can become welcome, productive and engaged citizens in the community,” said George Zaske, chairman of BRIDGE’s board of directors. “The ‘Bowls for Hope’ fundraiser supports that mission by bringing together people across the community around individuals with special needs. The event validates in the most human way all that we’re trying to achieve on behalf of people who work so hard to overcome their obstacles.”

For an entrance fee of \$25 per adult and \$5 for children age 12 and under, participants at the event selected and kept a bowl created in ceramic, pottery and glass classes at UWRF, River Falls High School, Meyer Middle School, the Renaissance Academy, or by area artists. Attendees also sampled, at no extra charge, soups donated and served by area restaurants. Guests voted for their favorite soup of the evening and this year’s winner was Rush River Beer Cheese Soup from UWRF Sodexo Dining Services.

Participating restaurants included: Bo’s ’N Mine, Copper Kettle, Dish and the Spoon Café, Kilkarney Hills, Perkins Family Restaurant & Bakery, River Falls Hospital Sodexo Dining Services, South Fork Café, UWRF Sodexo Dining Services, West Wind Supper Club, kp’s kitchen at Bayport BBQ, and Whole Earth Grocery.

Artists contributing bowls included: Doug Johnson, S.C. Rolf, Doug Peterson, Bob Brodersen, Wendy Olson, Ben Gavin, Jay Jensen, Jennifer King, Michael Luethmers, Steve Zalusky, Scott Zeinert, Randy Johnston, Jan McKeachie-Johnston, Rhonda Willers and Mike Helke classes at UWRF, Eoin Breadon’s advanced glass studio class at UWRF, Anne Buchholz’s class at the Renaissance Academy, River Falls High School pottery classes taught by Gina Pedriana-Basche, and Kelyn King’s class at Meyer Middle School.

“This was a great event – not only for the dollars it raised to support BRIDGE programs, but also for the visibility it provided to its important work of bringing families, educators, the business community and the public together around people with disabilities,” said Ginny Ballantine, BRIDGE marketing manager.

For more information on BRIDGE for Community Life, Inc., visit bridgeywd.org. Additional information about Bowls for Hope, including an archive of past events, may be found at www.uwrf.edu/BowlsForHope.

River Falls Police/UWRF Police Department

Wednesday, March 18

- Property damage was reported at Lab Farm 2, where crops have been damaged.

Thursday, March 19

- A burglary was reported at the Knowles Center garage. The report also included a claim that damage was made to the remote-controlled garage.

Monday, March 23

- A case of credit card theft and fraud was reported. The theft happened on March 13 and the card was used through March 20.

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

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Students struggle with commuting costs

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Citizens in and around the River Falls community commute to their jobs on a daily basis, and while the task seems easy there are underlying costs that commuters budget into their daily lives.

With the economy always changing, commuters deal with the cost of keeping their cars on the road to get them where they need to go.

The daily cost of gasoline is a major factor for commuters, especially ones that are on a tight budget. Christine Ross commutes to the Twin Cities every weekday and feels the pressure on her checkbook when gas prices get higher.

“I have a 35 mile commute one way, so 70 miles a day,” Ross said. “I also fill my gas tank every five days, and can go six in the summer.”

Ross also said that she watches the on-board gas monitor and typically fills her tank when she has about 50 miles before her tank is empty.

Not only do people from the community leave River Falls, according to the statistics from UW-River Falls, 53 percent of undergraduate students commute to campus every day.

“Things were tight when gas prices were close to \$4 a gallon, but I commute for the benefits of my job,” Ross said.

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ing to the statistics from UW-River Falls, 53 percent of undergraduate students commute to campus every-day. UWRF student Britta Kadrlik said that she has to budget her money for her commute to school.

“I have about a 25-minute commute to campus everyday,” said Kadrlik in an email. “I fill my gas tank once or twice a week.”

Kadrlik mentioned that she has a tight budget and with gas prices fluctuating it doesn’t take long for her checkbook to dwindle down.

Along with the prices of gasoline changing, commuters also have to keep their vehicles up to par and in good running condition. This includes oil changes, rotating tires, filling the windshield washer fluid, and other vehicle maintenance. With oil changes varying anywhere from \$25 to \$40, commuters are changing their oil every 3,000 to 5,000 miles.

Ross typically changes her oil every two and half to three months, and goes over the 3,000-mile mark easily.

“I just look up at the sticker in my window that tells me to change the oil and I change it,” Ross said.

Ross also said that while she has an oil change she has the mechanic check over everything to make sure that it is running good for the daily commute.

Budgeting for the daily commute is something that Ross says she is used to, and doesn’t have a specific plan for setting aside money.

“I typically get my vehicle checked over really well when I go in for an oil change,” Kadrlik said. “I normally change oil every 5,000 miles, because I put so many on it’s normally once every two months.”

Kadrlik mentioned that she did get a flat tire on her way home from River Falls once, and replac-

ing that tire wasn’t cheap. She had to pay over \$100 for a new tire, and working part-time is tough when car troubles ensue.

Kadrlik doesn’t have a budget when it comes to commuting, because she said that it is something that she has to do and just tries to watch her other spending.

Ross says that she doesn’t necessarily enjoy the commute, but she does like her job along with other reasons why she doesn’t move closer to her job.

“I was born and raised here,” Ross said. “This is my home and I have all my friends and family here.”

The Student Voice will be running 12 commuting stories over the next several weeks in an effort to discover how commuting affects the campus and the community.

Student Life attempts to speak on worries of campus commuters

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Student Life at UW-River Falls has been trying to appeal to commuter students to stay on campus for events with some success.

Approximately 40 percent of all students attending UWRF live in a residence hall. This means the other 60 percent of the student body lives off campus.

The definition of a commuter student is very loose and is open to interpretation. In general, it can mean someone who lives off campus, or it could mean someone who commutes from home (where home is still with their parents), or it could mean that they live far off campus. There is not one definition of a commuter student.

However, given the data, it’s safe to assume that a reasonable amount of students at UWRF are commuter students, and this has a huge impact on Student Life.

“I would come to campus for class and then leave right away when I was done to go home,” said Allyssa Jeska, a commuter student from New Richmond, Wisconsin. “I felt like there wasn’t any-

thing to do on campus other than homework and I could just do that at home”.

This is a complaint that many students on campus share, and Student Life has thought about these complaints.

“We have to think around that old standard of students being around during evening hours,” said Director of Student Life Paul Shepherd. “This really pushes us to think creatively about what we are producing and where that happens.”

Student Life is the department of the university that focuses on getting students involved in campus activities, whether it be going to concerts or attending job fairs.

There have been recent advancements from Student Life in an attempt to appeal to students off campus. One big idea is to record events and post them online for all to see. In this way students can view lectures and talks without having to go out of their way to see it.

Another new idea this year is the Falcon 5 program. This program encourages and rewards students for going to various on campus events. Students swipe their card at events and those events get tallied online. After students complete various levels of the program they will earn a reward, which can range

from a sweatshirt to a certificate by the Chancellor.

This program also encourages service work and rewards commuter students for volunteering in the River Falls community.

“It’s not that we are trying to get students involved in things we’re doing for Student Life, we are just trying to get students to think about things that they could do in the community that would help contribute to their experience,” Shepherd said.

More recently is that UWRF has been nominated to receive a national award from OrgSync. For the past two years, OrgSync has held a conference honoring the schools who use their program and have used them well.

This year UWRF has been nominated for “Campus of the Year” from OrgSync, due to their changes and integration with student organizations and the Falcon 5 program. Student Life will hear back about this award later this year.

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UWRF community responds to budget survey

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The UW-River Falls administration is listening and considering a variety of suggestions from students and faculty alike.

A “Budget Leadership Summit” was held on Feb. 25, which included the Chancellor’s cabinet, college deans, the Academic Staff Council and Classified Staff Advisory Council, and Student Senate.

The summit was to develop a summary of actions and cuts worthy of consideration.

According to the results of the survey, 243 responses were recorded. The suggestions fell into five main categories: reorganization/consolidation of campus divisions, elimination/outsourcing of campus services, fewer options and services for students, salary and benefit options, and academic changes.

The survey results were then broke down to three categories: those worthy of consideration, mid- to long-term changes, and changes not considered viable.

Social work major Shane Russell understands changes will be necessary.

“It’s definitely a big deal,” Russell said. “You know they are going to have to do what they can with what they have. They are going to have to make some pretty serious cuts.”

Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Graduate Studies Wes Chapin feels strongly about UWRF’s academic mission.

“A cut of this magnitude just forces us to do things we really don’t want to do, trying to protect the core academic mission,” Chapin said. “The United States seemed to have a general opinion that higher education was a public good. But it was a public good in the sense that if you have all kinds of entrepreneurs and innovators, and highly educated people. They provide such incredibly positive benefits that the state and the country that it is a public value or public good.”

Chapin said most people don’t understand the cuts will affect faculty and staff, if possible, rather than the students. Pay increases, benefits and even jobs will be affecting staff and faculty rather than compromise student academic careers.

UWRF will keep the students apprised of changes as they aren’t finalized yet. Chapin pins his hope for the future with a different political climate in Madison, Wisconsin, within a few years.

Changes will be made known to the students in a timely manner according to Chapin.

All departments and colleges at UWRF have been part of the process of determining the best course of action. The attitude expressed by everyone interviewed is: we are all in this together.

The meetings, such as this survey, are getting a large response from the student population.

The numbers for the individual campus cuts are posted all over campus. Most are by water fountains to be easily noticed. These tactics are encouraging a dialog within the UWRF community.

“I was just glad to see the responses and that the campus was engaged in the process and helping us figure out how to successfully move through this,” said Kris Anderson, associate vice chancellor for Enrollment and Student Success.

Anderson went on to say the quality of the education that UWRF students receive is still the primary core mission.

The topic of the budget cuts isn’t easy to ignore on campus at the present time. The administration is working to ensure the least possible impact on the student population. New announcements will be coming as the decisions are finalized.

River Falls businesses offer discounts to ID-bearing UW-River Falls students

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Everyone is looking for a way to save money and college students especially are keeping a watchful eye for any way to save money.

Being a college student isn’t easy, and dealing with money is always a struggle for college students. However, there are many places around the UW-River Falls campus that has discounts for students with valid IDs.

All across River Falls, stores have decided to give college students a break by giving them a discount to specific stores. The discounts vary from store to store. Some have five or even 10 percent off all merchandise. Among these stores is Family Fresh.

Family Fresh has a 10 percent discount for all UWRF students, faculty and staff, but all must show an ID, according to Tracy Waid, costumer service manager.

“We have no problem supporting our students and giving them a discount, but we just got to make sure that is for the students and faculty of the university,” Waid said.

Another store that gives discounts is St. Croix Lanes, where students don’t have to show any form of ID to bowl. Stating that you’re a student is enough for the discount.

The reason that St. Croix Lanes does not make student show any form of identification is because most the people who come into St. Croix Lanes are typically college students.

This discount is not only for students but for alumni, faculty and staff at UWRF as well. A reason for giving students this discount is to offer college students some bowling deals and a recreation alternative, according to John Meyers, owner of St. Croix Lanes.

Meyers also explained some of the deals that the St. Croix Lanes has.

“Sunday night is ‘buck night.’ It’s geared toward college kids, where bowling is only \$1 a game from 9 p.m. until midnight,” Meyers said.

Next year, St. Croix Lanes is planning on having some student nights that encourages college students to go bowling. Meyer explained that in the past they tried marketing through a UWRF organization but it did not turn out well. St. Croix Lanes haven’t found a good way

to market their discount to students or the college yet.

Foster Sports is another store in River Falls that is here to help students save money. Foster Sports offers a 10 percent discount to students, but unlike St. Croix Lanes, students must show an ID. The way that Foster Sports markets its discount to the students is by having signs in the windows at the beginning of every school year.

Foster Sports also has a red t-shirt that is hung up for all to see when walking into the store, which reads: “UWRF students 10 percent discount.” The reason that Foster Sports markets this way is because it has tried to market through the university before.

“It never seemed to bring much in and then over the years I said ‘well, might as well just give it a word of mouth,’ as a discount for students,” said Craig Foster, owner of Foster Sports.

All around River Falls there are places here to help college students save money. Although these businesses don’t have huge, bright, flashing signs that say “we have discounts.”

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EDITORIAL

Running for Student Senate is important

Every UW-River Falls student should have received an email March 25 in regards to running for 2015-2016 Student Senate, and the Student Voice is calling for students to step up to the plate and submit applications.

In recent years, Senate election turnout numbers have been extremely low and that is worrisome, because Senate has a lot of power over the student body. A good portion of Senate members will be graduating in May, and it’s important to fill their shoes.

In the Oct. 8, 2010, edition of the Voice, four students were asked if they voted in the Senate elections. The responses were very telling, here’s why:

“I didn’t know where to vote.”

“I’m a freshman and I didn’t even know what is was about.”

“I didn’t feel like it, and I didn’t even know enough about it.”

“I didn’t know anything about it.”

Three years later, only 113 students voted in the 2013 elections. There’s something wrong with this picture. Students don’t seem to recognize that Senate even exists until the student organization they belong to is affected by Senate.

Senate and the Allocable Fee Appropriation Board (AFAB) distributes money wherever it feels fit, giving extreme power to a small group of students.

Great power equals great responsibility, and we hope that the student body realizes that running for Senate, and possibly winning an election, could mean a giant step in the right direction for a specific group of individuals on campus.

Senate needs to fill seats for the upcoming academic year, and it would ideal if students from all colleges and a variety of majors took the vacant spots.

The Voice feels that it’s important for Senate members to be aware of not just a handful of student organizations but all student organizations, as well as be wary of the needs of students from a variety of backgrounds or circumstances.

While Senate has successfully gutted the Voice’s budget, we still recognize the difficult situation it was put in. Money is tight, we get that. It cannot be easy to sift through nearly 100 student organizations and single out a choice few. However, a good portion of the Senate regime will be moving on in a couple months, so, if you feel like Senate doesn’t have your interests in mind then run for a seat. Applications are due by April 3, and each applicant needs 50 signatures.

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Spring break presents new opportunity

Cristin Dempsey	Well everyone, spring break is now over and we are unfortunately swamped once again with homework, projects and tests.
Columnist	For most, that just meant venturing from

hometowns back to River Falls, putting aside sleeping in and watching Jerry Springer all afternoon and getting back to rigid schedules. For others, it meant jetting back from warm and tropical destinations to the returned winter weather.

And yet, for others, it means coming back with extra knowledge, experiences, and memories that they never could have imagined having. That’s why spring break is an important week to keep in the school year.

Many groups and organizations use the week of spring break to do mission work, whether in a different region of the U.S. or abroad. This is obviously one of the most fulfilling experiences to have, because students are reaching out and helping less fortunate people live a better life.

Several UW-River Falls students this past week ventured to areas such as Texas, Kentucky, Michigan and Mississippi to work towards ending world hunger, building homes or helping in schools.

Of course when anyone thinks of spring break, they think of wild partying on a beach all week. It’s not to say students serving on mission trips don’t have fun, but they do at least get to say they made a difference in someone’s life.

Even if you weren’t part of a mission trip through the university or elsewhere, there are still many other benefits to spring break. One important benefit is that it combats common stereotypes about an area. Obviously this includes stereotypes about a different country’s culture, people and landscape, but it also very much includes stereotypes about other states and regions within the U.S.

I experienced this myself last week. I went to Arizona, which is probably less than exciting to most people since it is a spring break hot-spot right behind Florida. Before I arrived, I pictured Arizona just as most people might: a huge

sand desert with cacti, plentiful tumbleweeds, and cowboys whipping their lasso atop their horse.

And, of course, it’s not to say that parts of Arizona are not like this. Of course there are areas of the state that perfectly fit the stereotype, but what I saw is what one might picture finding in Colorado or Minnesota in the summertime. When I finally arrived, all I saw was a sea of green: green grass, fully bloomed trees, and yes, cacti (but not as much as I initially pictured). Despite being warned that it is extremely dry there, it does rain. Not much, but enough to make it green.

But the plentiful lush green was nothing compared to the landscape and inhabitants. As we ventured more and more north to make our way to the Grand Canyon, we found mountains. Yes, mountains. Tall mountains, snow-capped mountains, and vast mountain ranges were plentiful in northern Arizona, and even near Phoenix. Anywhere you turned, you could look at a mountain. They were just as majestic and beautiful as any other mountain in the world, which is what completely changed my opinion of Arizona.

As for the inhabitants of Arizona, they’re just like anyone else you would find closer to home. There aren’t cowboys and Mexicans escaping to the U.S. everywhere you turn. They are just...people. People like you and me, people who understand our language and culture.

Yes, there were mannerisms that differed from what I have typically been exposed to from living in the Midwest. But I never felt like I was out of place or wasn’t welcomed because I wasn’t a “local.”

Wherever you go, it is important to just go. Traveling to different parts of the country or the world, whether for spring break or just a trip, is an experience of a lifetime, and our 20’s is a perfect time to go before being bogged down by countless responsibilities.

Whether you are helping a community in need or simply experiencing a new place and throwing away old stereotypes, it is difficult to feel disappointed by the decision to see the world. You never know what a city, state or country is really like until you experience it for yourself and come home with a story to tell.

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Liberal, conservative students differ on budget cuts

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Gov. Scott Walker’s proposed \$300 million cut to the UW System have naturally prompted very different responses from the UW-River Falls College Democrats and Republicans, two of the four political party student organizations on campus.

The proposed budget cuts were announced on Jan. 27 and incited much speculation among students and faculty. Chancellor Dean Van Galen held two town-hall style meetings the week of Feb. 2, where he gave an overview of what was known about the potential cuts at the time, and how they may possible be absorbed.

On the UWRF faculty page, there are multiple links to documents regarding the budget cuts. A PDF file shows a graph of how much the funding percentages between the state and student tuition have been affected. In 2002, the state funded 61 percent of the university. After these cuts are put in place, student tuition would make up 71 percent of the funding.

A PowerPoint Van Galen used in these meetings is available for the public too. One slide of the PowerPoint highlights exactly what the transfer from ‘public authority’ to more individualized campus control would mean. In general, the shift in power would mean that the Board of Regents would have

the ability to set tuition rates instead of the state legislature, campuses would have more control to go about constructing facilities more freely, and less scrutiny and state micromanaging over all UW campuses.

Increased campus control is one of the main reasons why those in favor of the budget cuts, such as the UWRF College Republicans, believe there will be a more positive rather than negative impact at UWRF and the 25 other campuses throughout our state.

Tony Sumnicht, Food Science major, UWRF Student Senate president and member of the College Republicans, was mostly optimistic about what the future of our university will be after these cuts are put into effect, as most policy making will fall to the Board of Regents instead of the state legislature.

“We know the cuts should be negotiated, but there are inefficiencies in the system that need to be addressed,” Sumnicht said. “Right now, part of the state UW statute even has regulations about how parking has to happen on campus and a whole bunch of other regulations that the state legislature should just let the system take care of on its own instead of putting its hands into everything going on.”

Mark Struble, a member of the UWRF College Democrats, said quite the opposite.

“I am totally against the cuts the governor has proposed. It

will have a definite negative impact on the university and the UW as a whole,” Struble said. “It’s hard to say who will be most impacted by the cuts, but the students will definitely be affected by higher cost of education eventually. The UW System will end up cutting staff or removing important programs needed. This is just a stupid idea on balancing the deficit.”

Neither the College Democrats nor Republicans have planned actions to have their voices heard on this matter.

Dan Saunders, Biology major and student organizer for UWRF’s branch of the “Better UW Initiative” talked about what this organization is trying to do. It was created within days of Walker’s proposal, working to have the cuts at least negotiated to be lower, if not stopped altogether.

Saunders said in an email that there is currently a day of action being planned on all campuses statewide through this organization for April 2. He said that it is crucial for students to protest the cuts on this day, as class selection will decrease dramatically for next fall, and many staff members will be negatively affected following various cuts.

If protests do not happen and get the budget cuts at least reduced, even Sumnicht, who is in favor of the cuts, admitted that: “Regardless of what happens, we’ll have a different UW System after this year.” Students need to take action in order to maintain the UW System that they want for the future.

Honors Program adds new course offerings for next semester

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The UW-River Falls Honors Program will have a new set of topics for the Fall 2015 Freshman Honors Seminar, according to a post in the “Falcon Daily” electronic newsletter.

Director of the Falcon Scholars and Honors Program Kathleen Hunzer said that when selecting course subjects, she looks for topics that will be interesting to a variety of students.

“When I choose them, I try to select one from the sciences, one from the humanities and one from more of the social sciences so that we embrace a variety of differences across campus,” she said regarding selecting honors courses.

Hunzer accepted proposals via email until March 23. After reading them and deciding on course topics, she will contact the instructors, who will decide whether to offer the topics and when. The topics and meeting times will be announced and available on eSIS in time for advising for next semester. The courses must be approved by the chairs of the necessary

departments, but any academic staff member can teach them.

The current course topics for the Spring 2015 semester are “Finding Bigfoot,” “The Tao of Personal Leadership” and “Myth, Folklore and Legend.” In the past, course topics have covered “The Hunger Games,” controversial issues and topics, literary utopias, the films of Stanley Kubrick, cold cases and freedom of speech in the U.S.

Each course will be worth one credit and meet for 50 minutes each week. Completing one section of the course is required for students in the Honors Program, but the course is not limited exclusively to first-year students.

Students in the program can take as many topics of the course as desired.

UWRF sophomore Resident Assistant Ellie Kriese is enrolled in the Honors Program. She took a section of the course that focused on Irish studies during her freshman year.

“We went from basically the very beginning of where the Irish civilization started up to modern day, and we kind of just learned about different political events that went on, and we

went through different literature and movies,” Kriese said.

Kriese added that she would be interested in taking a second topic of the course even though it is not required to complete the program. This is Hunzer’s first year as director of the Falcon Scholars and Honors Program. She said that she wants to make the Honors Program focused on competency instead of courses. This would focus less on a course being called “Honors Service Learning” and more on how the students engage with the community.

“I think that we’re very fortunate to have this because this is what I focus on,” Hunzer stated. “I’m not as restricted as other people who have had this job.”

The Honors Program currently has approximately 220 students enrolled, and half of them joined the program this year.

“I think it’s important to know that the Honors Program on campus has a lot of support behind it now,” Hunzer concluded. “The administration has recognized the value of having a strong Honors Program, not only for our current students but also for recruitment.”

STUDENT VOICES

What are you looking forward to this spring?

Compiled by Amara Young

Left:
April Mootz, sociology, freshman:
“That it is one step closer to summer!”

Right:
Josh Wehner, physical education, freshman:
“I’m looking forward to no more snow.”

Left:
Eliza Huther, math education, sophomore:
“I’m looking forward to starting lacrosse season.”

Right:
Snowman, weather, 141st-year senior
“Spring? HA, good luck with that!”

USA Today pitches mobile app for campus student media

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A new digital app for smart phones and tablets may be coming to campus that will change the way students read the news.

On March 3, Mary Ellen Couture, a regional sales manager for USA Today, came to a UWRF Student Senate meeting and pitched the USA Today app called “The Buzz.”

This app is an extension of the USA Today Collegiate Readership Program, in which USA Today delivers newspapers to campuses that wouldn’t normally be able to get such a variety of news.

However, Couture said in a phone interview, because many universities are outside of the geographic delivery system, it has become more and more difficult to offer print versions to a variety of schools. Because UWRF cannot get many printed papers that are available through the readership pro-

gram, USA Today decided to offer just the digital app.

USA Today beta tested the app at 12 universities, including UW-Oshkosh and UW-Stevens Point, according to a USA Today press release.

USA Today held off for about a year in order to gather information and feedback, according to Couture. Now USA Today will be offering the app to 50 campuses around the country by this fall.

The app includes several features, including four banner ads that are controlled through the university. This can be used to advertise events on campus, important dates, and student newspaper stories. For UWRF, that would include the Student Voice.

Other features include changing the app to display the university’s school colors and logo. The individual user will also be able to customize which news they want to specifically look at, according to Couture.

Changes that are currently being made to the app are a possible multi-publication fee, in which USA Today would stream several Gannett-owned newspapers through the app as well as newspapers that are partnered with USA Today through the readership program, according to Couture. However, it is unclear how much the multi-publication fee will cost along with the original \$12,000 it costs each university to acquire the app.

UWRF Allocable Fee Appropriate Board (AFAB) Chair Dylan Asp said that Senate is excited about the idea of the USA Today app coming to UWRF.

“It will increase readership for the [Student] Voice, so I think that’s really good for the Voice and everyone involved in that. I also think that it’s incredibly sustainable,” Asp said. “Printing and stuff like that, we’ve been trying to cut back on it everywhere on campus, in our office, office of Student Life, everywhere. So

I think it’s much more sustainable, because then we’re not printing as much paper. And it’s also cost effective. The cost to print the paper yearly is \$20,000 approximately, according to the budget, and this would only cost \$12,000.”

But according to Jack Tuthill, editor-in-chief of the Voice, the USA Today app replacing the printed edition of the Voice is not something, at least at this point, that the student organization is interested in.

“I don’t think it’s feasible, nor do I think it’s necessary,” Tuthill said. “We already have a responsive web design for the Student Voice and we are working on getting a better product out there on the web every single day.”

Tuthill also said that he doesn’t know why Student Senate is looking to pursue this app after cutting the Student Media Committee’s budget from \$4 to \$3 per student per semester in February and cutting the Voice’s overall budget down to

\$14,000 on March 24.

“We were a little confused, especially with how much it costs, why they were approaching us with this possibility,” Tuthill said.

Tuthill is worried that the USA Today app would use up nearly the entire Voice budget, while USA Today would make money and gain readership while using the Voice’s original content.

The talks with USA Today are still in their early stages, according to Asp, and there are still many things to still be discussed, including where the \$12,000 would come out of the budget and how this app would affect the Voice.

“My next step, personally, as the one kind of trying to lead this, is to get in contact with Student Voice as much as I can,” Asp said. “This can’t be done without them, even USA Today knows that. We know that it has to be done in collaboration.”

Women’s hockey places third nationally

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It seems like deja vu for the UW-River Falls women’s hockey team, as the Falcons have yet again taken third place in the NCAA Frozen Four this past weekend for the second straight year.

After hosting and winning the NCAA Tournament quarterfinal against Lake Forest College out of Lake Forest, Illinois, the team packed its bags and headed off to Plattsburgh, New York, for the Frozen Four for the second straight year in a row to take on Elmira College of Elmira, New York.

Going into the game, the Falcons hadn’t lost since December 10, 2014, against non-conference rival Gustavus Adolphus College of St. Peter, Minnesota, and were looking to extend its streak from 17 games to 18 against Elmira.

The first period was all Falcons, as sophomore forward Dani Sibley won the face-off in the Elmira zone at 6:37. The puck would go to senior captain defenseman Sam Greeley who ripped a slap shot past the Elmira goaltender to give the Falcons a 1-0 lead.

The Falcons would have the hot hand in the first, scoring its second goal at 14:36. Freshman forward Carly Moran made a nice play from behind the net, feeding the puck to Sibley who was able to bury the pass and give the Falcons a 2-0 lead.

Game play in the second period became more physical as there were six penalties between the two teams. The Falcons were able to prevent its opponents from scoring for the majority of the second period until Elmira snuck a goal past the Falcons freshman goaltender Angie Hall with one second remaining in the second period.

Going into the third, the Falcons tried to maintain the lead but struggled as an Elmira player scored the tying goal seven minutes into the third period.

Elmira would score the go-ahead goal at 10:22, which would be the eventual game winner as the game finished 3-2.

Head Coach Joe Cranston was



The Falcons celebrate a goal against Lake Forest College in the NCAA Tournament quarterfinal at home on Saturday, March 14.

very pleased with his teams performance saying, “I’m very proud of the team and we’re going to be ready for a big game on Saturday.”

The Falcons were able to shrug off the loss on Friday to Elmira and looked to take on Norwich College out of Northfield, Vermont, for the third place game. The team was off to a hot start in the first period after Moran scored her 15th goal of the season to give the Falcons a 1-0 lead.

Going into the second period, Norwich was not going to back

down that easily as Norwich was able to tie up the game off a deflected shot coming from the point. Norwich had the hot hand in the second period scoring two more goals, one coming from a two-on-one rush, and the other from a wrist shot in the high slot.

The Falcons came back with a goal of its own from sophomore forward Emily Stark to bring the team within one at the end of the second.

Momentum in the game had shifted come the third period as the

Falcons looked to make an impressive comeback to win the game. Eight minutes into the 3rd period freshman forward Amy Auran was able to make a play of her own, beating the Norwich goaltender on a move and tying the game. It was Auran’s second goal of the season coming at the most important time of the season.

The game was neck and neck until senior defenseman Kendall Evenson was able to score the game winner with just under three minutes to play. She was assisted

by Sibley and Moran. The Falcons were able to hold onto the lead and win the third place title for the second straight year.

Sophomore defenseman Paige Johnson was named to the NCAA All-Tournament Team for her outstanding play.

“Paige was just a dominant player in the tourney,” Cranston said.

Johnson is the second player in school history to win the award, as junior forward Chloe Kinsel won the award last season.



Left: the Falcons pile on each other after a big win against Lake Forest College in the NCAA Tournament quarterfinal.



Right: junior forward Chloe Kinsel looks for a way around two Lake Forest defenders.

UW-River Falls softball team plays 10 games in Florida sun

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The UW-River Falls softball team was able to catch some sun as well as softballs over spring break as the team traveled to Orlando, Florida, to play 10 games.

The softball team managed to split its games as they finished the trip with five wins and five losses. There were two games everyday with one off day. Playing so many games in a short period of time can be difficult and tiring, but Head Coach Faye Perkins was pleased about the way things turned out.

“It’s a jammed packed eight days,” Perkins said. “I am happy about the way we played, but there were a couple of games that I think we could’ve done a lot better.”

The Falcons faced off against the number one team in the nation Tufts University out of Medford, Massachusetts. Going into the game, Tufts pitcher Allyson Fournier had an 7-0 record and had not given up an earned run all season. But in the sixth inning, senior Abbie Morris cracked a double to right

center field and Hannah Zurn scored. The Falcons ended up losing the game 2-1, but Perkins said that she was pleased with the team effort.

Perkins said she loves to play games in Florida, in part because of the weather as well as some of the experience some of the younger players get playing at the college level.

“It’s always interesting to see some of the first year players get an opportunity to play in Florida,” Perkins said.

A few freshman stepped up for the Falcons and Perkins said she was very happy with their performance. Freshman outfielder Shannan Borchardt hit .417 with a home run during the ten games. Freshman outfielder Aiyana Ledwein started a majority of the games in the outfield and batted .375.

While the Falcons were in Florida the team stayed in condos, each condo housed seven players. This provided players with additional time to get to know each other.

“It’s great for the team to get to know each other — the team chemistry, the bonding that happens when you’re living together for eight days,” Perkins said.

Perkins said that of the 22 players, 16 brought their families

along for the games. Perkins said that they all had a great time and that they had a few pot lucks, where everyone feasted and laughed.

You might assume that in-between games that the Falcons were frolicking in the sun or driving around looking at the attractions, but Perkins said that there was not a lot of time for that.

“We focus on softball,” Perkins said. On their off day Perkins let the players do what they wanted, some laid out by the water or went shopping or looked at tourist attractions.

A few team goals that the Falcons have this season is to have a batting average above .300, and the team currently has a .295 average. Defensively the Falcons want a fielding percentage better than .960, and it currently sits at .943. Perkins expects the numbers to get better as the season progresses.

Perkins is optimistic that the weather will allow the Falcons to play a pair of double headers before its WIAC home opener against UW-Whitewater on April 3.

Men’s hockey reflects on championship season

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The UW-River Falls men’s hockey team had a fitting end to its season: the Falcons won its first ever WIAC Commissioner’s Cup by beating the UW-Stevens Point Pointers on the road, 3-1, on March 7.

However, the Falcons had a long road to get to the WIAC championship as the team had an up and down season. To start its season off, the Falcons won 13 straight games which broke a school record for the most wins in a row for the men’s program.

But then the team started to struggle as it started conference play in January after a short winter break, and the Falcons started putting together losing streaks instead of winning streaks. Yet, the team kept going.

No matter how far the team got down it kept fighting and taking the games one game at a time.

The team went into the WIAC playoffs ranked third in the WIAC standings which meant it had to hit the road. The Falcons first headed to UW-Eau Claire, where the team won 4-3 and lost 2-4, and then won the “mini-game” 2-1 in overtime to get to head out to Stevens Point and ended up taking home the Commissioner’s Cup.

“I thought we had a really good year. We ended up getting the trophy at the end of the year for the WIAC playoffs, so anytime you can come home with hardware it’s always good,” said sophomore forward Taylor Burden. “Unfortunately we didn’t make it into the tournament, which sucks, but at the end of the day we did have a good year and it’s something to propel us into next year.”

Throughout the season there have been multiple players to have big moments in big games, but there wasn’t one key big-time scorer for UWRF this season.

All season long there had been players that stood out that were just doing the small, everyday things. The team didn’t consist of just one star, instead it consisted with a whole team of stars day in and day out.

“As the season went on we used a lot of different players in different kinds of roles but guys kind of picked up on it and were able to realize they don’t always have to score a lot of goals or be in the newspaper or something like that to be recognized as a good player,” said Head Coach Steve Freeman. “We try to really put a lot of stock on that on a daily basis, complementing the guys on how hard they



Top: the Falcons celebrate a goal against Adrian College at Hunt Arena on Saturday Jan. 10. Bottom left: sophomore forward Christian George eyes the puck as the Falcons battle Adrian. Bottom right: sophomore forward Danny Hamburg takes a shot on Adrian’s goal.

play, doing the little things behind the scenes that don’t show up in the newspaper or on the score sheet and things like that whether it is playing great defensively or blocking shots or playing extremely hard coming back to the defensive zone. It’s things like that the average fan doesn’t see but I think we were a true team as far as we were able to use our whole lineup. Even in a championship game on the road everybody played and that was our strength.”

This year the team was a very young team that overcame adversity and worked well together. The team only had two seniors, forwards Tom DeBace and Blake Huppert, whose careers ended with winning the Commissioner’s Cup.

“The day it ended you wish it could keep going and I can’t wait to get started again next year,” Freeman said. “It’s going to be a very strong team and we have high goals set for ourselves and we will start working on those right away and some of the off-season things but I can’t wait to get started and see if we can take another step.”

UW-River Falls spring intramurals ready to begin play

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Spring intramurals are just around the corner at UW-River Falls, including ultimate frisbee, soccer and softball.

Each league’s registration date ended at 5 p.m. on March 21, but teams can still sign up until the captains meetings on March 31, while the tournaments vary. There are team fees for each league with softball and soccer being \$35 per team and ultimate frisbee being \$25 per team. Each of these leagues can be registered for online at the intramurals website.

Alongside these leagues, there are tournaments throughout the spring semester includ-

ing kickball, indoor soccer and an ultimate Falcon challenge.

David Voller, a campus recreation manager who has been in that position for a year, talked about the upcoming spring season for intramurals,

“Usually by next week when the captains meetings get started, that is when we are going to see an increase in teams,” Voller said. “Softball will be different this year, we had softball in the fall as well and had eight teams, and we have eight currently with captains meetings coming up. In ultimate, we usually have 12 to 14 teams, but only two teams are registered right now.”

Snow and bad weather has been of concern in recent years for spring intramurals, and

Voller and the campus recreation team have a plan for such issues.

“We try to reschedule when we can, we send an email out if games are cancelled or rescheduled by 3 or 4 p.m. of the day of the games, it kind of depends on the time of the year so if it is the end of the semester we sometimes cannot reschedule games,” Voller said. “If weather or the fields get unplayable then ultimate will be moved inside, soccer will likely not be moved inside, and softball would be rescheduled or cancelled.”

Along with intramurals, tournaments are held at various times throughout the spring semester which includes a kickball tournament on May 8 which has a \$10 fee, and an ultimate Falcon challenge on May 2 which

each participant has to pay a \$5 fee.

The ultimate Falcon challenge is a challenge sort of related to an obstacle course in the mud or what some would call the “elements.” There is no captain meeting for this event unlike the rest of the recreation events this spring.

Campus recreation also takes part in Falcon outdoor adventures, trips and events. These events include a rock climbing trip on April 24, a horseback riding trip on April 25, as well as a canoe and camping trip on May 9-10, and a backpacking trip on June 4-7. These events can all be registered for on the intramurals page online.



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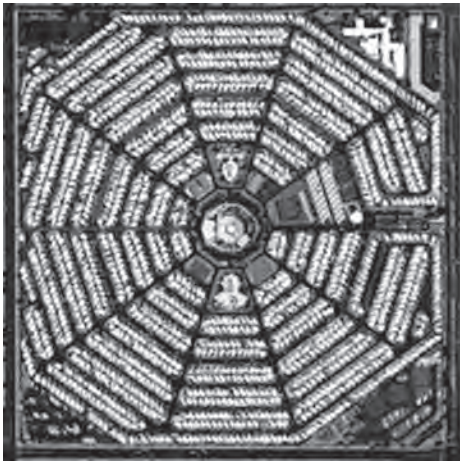
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Modest Mouse returns with a pristine, sundry sound

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Reviewer



Modest Mouse, the six-piece alternative rock band from Issaquah, Washington, best known for the 2004 smash hit “Float On,” released its sixth studio album called “Strangers to Ourselves” on March 17 after an excessive eight-year hiatus.

The band has not only become strangers to themselves, but after an eight-year absence Modest Mouse has likely become strangers to the entire music world. It’s been 11 years since “Good News for People Who Love Bad News” debuted at number 18 on the Billboard 200. That wacky, unmerciful and delectable album featured 16 tracks, including singles “Float On,” “The World At Large,” and “Ocean Breathes Salty.”

Modest Mouse then released the under-rated “We Were Dead Before the Ship Even Sank” in 2007 to moderate reviews, despite debuting at number one on the Billboard 200. “Dashboard” and “Missed the Boat” were among the band’s best work to date, yet suddenly Modest Mouse seemed to slowly disappear following the 2007 effort.

And eight years later, the band returned with arguably its best album. “Strangers to Ourselves” is a 15-track album with twists and turns and three of the best songs Modest Mouse has ever created.

“Strangers to Ourselves” is not a flawless album, mainly due to the intolerable rap effort “Pistol,” which doesn’t mix well with the other 14 tracks in the least.

“The Ground Walks, with Time in a Box,” however, is a six-minute riot that is reminiscent of Modest Mouse’s earlier work, which dates all the way back to 1996. The track has a funky feel, similarly to Arcade Fire’s “Refraktor,” and lead singer Isaac Brock’s vocals seemingly carry the listener into a different dimension altogether, and the lyrics match the feeling: “Bang us together, see what sort of sounds we make right now. The world plays music, playing skin on teeth inside of the mouth. What sorts of sounds? What lovely sounds come about.”

“The Best Room” is Brock’s attempt to make sense of 1997 UFO sighting in Phoenix, Arizona, where Brock’s plane was held in a holding pattern for over an hour, according to stereogum.com, while authorities tried to make sense of hovering, bright lights in

the sky. After landing, Brock’s hotel was surrounded by police tape and “The Best Room” sheds light on the feeling in Phoenix that night: “The best room they have, is the last room you want. The bathroom’s outside, police tape is tied to the doorknobs of rooms, nine through 32. These Western concerns, we beg while we chew.”

Modest Mouse has aged quite a bit since hitting the Washington music scene 20 years ago, and it shines through this album. It’s opening track, effectively titled “Strangers to Ourselves,” opens with wind chimes and a sedated drumbeat before Brock softly sings: “We’re lucky that, we’re lucky that we slept. Didn’t seem like we realized we’d be stuck in traffic.”

Modest Mouse, after 10 years of touring and five albums, found itself stuck, and emerged eight years later with a new, aged sound that sounds like a beautiful sigh of relief. Modest Mouse is back, rejoice!

The last track, “Of Course We Know,” is easily one of the best songs on the album. As mentioned earlier, “Strangers to Ourselves” opens slow and soft, and “Of Course We Know” captures the feel of the album and the state of Brock, Modest Mouse and nearly everyone on earth: “Well, of course, of course, of course, of course, of course we just do not know. What in the hell are we here for? We just do not know.”

This album certainly ranks near the top. The band that graced the music world in 2000 with “Third Planet” is long gone, but that’s not necessarily a bad thing. While certain tracks like “Lampshades On Fire” sound like the type of music Modest Mouse would have created 11 years ago, the Vaudevillian piano and shredded guitar riffs on “Sugar Boats” and the acoustic “Coyotes” reminds us that a different Modest Mouse has emerged in 2015.

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Fans served well with last installment of ‘Naruto’ films

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Reviewer



Though it may have been a while after the fact, “The Last: Naruto the Movie” still lingers as an enjoyable film experience.

For the many who may not know, the Japanese comic and eventual television show “Naruto” has come to an end after years of action, plot twists, confusing motivations, and one overstretched final story arc.

This ninja series has seen fans come and go, and gone through a torrent of cheers and jeers, but it finally ended last November and put most of itself to an OK conclusion.

But one thing that still got left out is exactly how our headstrong hero Naruto got to marry the series wallflower Hinata, whose affections for him lingered for over 500 chapters unresolved. Turns out you can make one more movie on that question alone in “The Last: Naruto the Movie.”

The plot is simple. It’s two years after the series ends. Our hero Naruto is the town hero after saving the world and he’s enjoying his fame. The quiet Hinata wants to finally show him how she feels. However, a new villain tied to Hinata’s past kidnaps her sister to lure her into a trap that will ensure him the destruction of Earth’s moon. Naruto, along with some friends from the series now must track down this new enemy and bring his plans to an end while Naruto comes to terms with Hinata’s for him.

If that doesn’t sound like an original plot, then don’t fret much. “The Last: Naruto the Movie” is not so much about the plot but really a set up to the eventual will-they-won’t-they reveal we all know is going to be resolved. It’s incorrect to assume that people saw this film for that exact result. That leads to a big point about this film: only people aware of Naruto will go see this movie. In that regard, it makes it a tough film to refer anyone to unless they are aware of the comic series.

As far as the film goes aesthetically, it still looks nice, like every one of its previous movies. It delivers on the action scenes, even if it should go for even stupider action given its title as the final Naruto movie we will see.

The film lives down its title more by not

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including many series staple characters that have been around for a long time. Even fan favorite Sasuke only appears for about 10 seconds. All of this pours into a plot that is not emotionally invested.

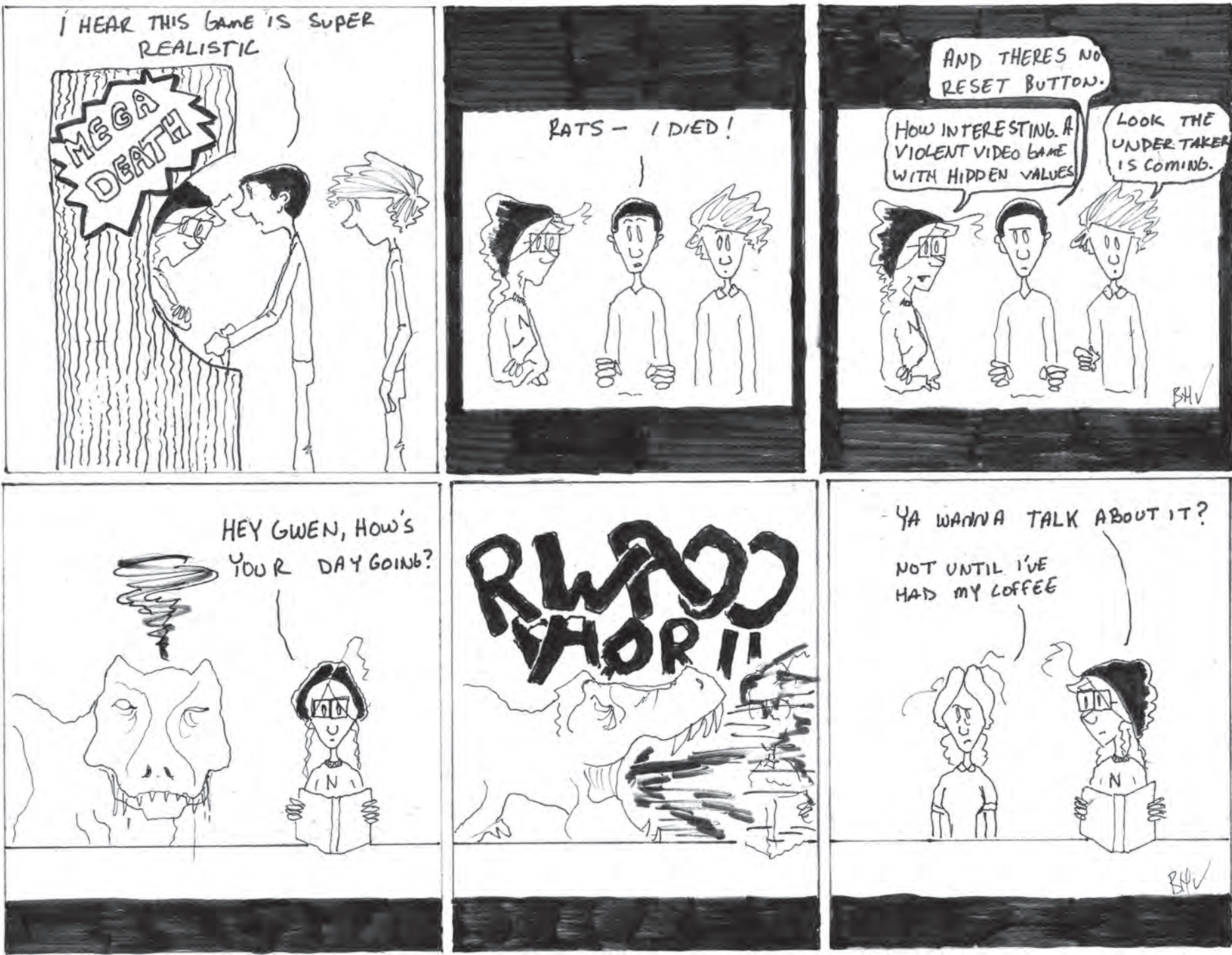
The movie draws in the viewer with exactly what it offered: the relationship between Naruto and Hinata. You really do begin to want these two to get together as this film goes on. Even though fans were stiffed for so long in the comics, a viewer will get a lot of feeling from seeing them talk and connect.

This was one of the best theater experiences I’ve had in a long time. Almost every person in that crowd was a fan of Naruto (my group notwithstanding) and was thoroughly enthralled by the whole experience. They screamed for the film to start and cheered for the character moments; even I let out a heartfelt “Finally!” as the penultimate scene occurred.

That is why I cannot bad mouth the final Naruto film. It gave me a good experience of fans finally getting their dreams recognized, and even though I may never see this again unless it gets dubbed in English, “The Last: Naruto the Movie” is entertaining enough to rowdy fans and non-fans alike and should be acknowledged for at least finalizing one of the fan communities most desired relationships. If love is all people wanted from this film, then I’d say all is good.

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