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Annual career fair educates students

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Career Services at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls held its annual Career Fair on Wednesday, Oct. 14, and offered free LinkedIn photo headshots for students who attended the event.

LinkedIn is a social medium that is mainly used for professional networking between businesses and persons who are looking for a job. LinkedIn can help students establish themselves in the professional world in ways that other social media sites such as Twitter and Facebook cannot.

For instance, if a student is inquiring about a business, he or she can search for it on LinkedIn and find out what that business is all about. LinkedIn also has a feature where users can enter information about themselves, such as education and skills, which directs the user to job openings in their specific field.

Most of the 92 businesses that attended the Career Fair and the recruiters who represented the businesses have a LinkedIn profile, so having a professional profile picture that is taken specifically for LinkedIn profile is beneficial for the user.

Michael Kline, a senior majoring in agricultural business with an emphasis in marketing communications, has gone to the Career Fair every year that he has attended UWRF due to the clubs of which he is a member. Kline said he has worked hard to get internships with Tractor Central, a northwest Wisconsin farm implement dealer and with AgStar Financial Services.

Kline also advocates the LinkedIn photo headshots because they were a big reason why he got his internships.

“Getting that headshot done really does help and, through LinkedIn, I have met five employers that are interested in me,” he said.

Along with being a student at the Career Fair, Kline also represented AgStar, so he was able to share his experiences and secrets with students who stopped by his table. He made sure to tell students that LinkedIn has led to a lot of his success in finding internships outside of the UWRF campus and that it is important to use LinkedIn professionally.

Melissa Wilson, director of Career Services, said she does not know how many students use LinkedIn, but that most would be wise to have a profile picture that makes the user professional.

“One of the greatest mistakes that students make when using LinkedIn is that they do not put a professional picture attached to their profile,” Wilson said. “If students don’t have a picture attached to their profile they are con-



Tori Schneider/Student Voice

Agricultural business student Daniel Gerlach speaks to Resha Koster and Mike Kline from AgStar.

sidered a ‘ghost’ and a lot of people will not take them seriously on LinkedIn.”

Another common mistake that Wilson sees on LinkedIn is that students use profile pictures that are geared more for Facebook or Twitter. It is imperative to students to have a professional profile picture because that is one of the first aspects that a profile viewer sees.

Career Services partners with the Student Affairs Marketing and Graphics team to take the pictures and then email the pictures to the students or alumni. The photo is a benefit that can make or break a LinkedIn profile.

If students or alumni could not attend the Career Fair, they still can get a professional headshot photo taken. Kathy Helgeson, media

specialist for the University Communications and Marketing Department, takes professional headshot photos for students or alumni. They are required to set up a time to take the photo with Helgeson via email, or they could call Career Services to find out more information about the time slots with Helgeson.

ECOS aims to make campus more sustainable

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With a student-led sustainability campaign emerging at UW-Stout in Menomonie, students at UW-River Falls are re-evaluating the university’s approach to nonrenewable energy.

The Environmental Corps of Sustainability (ECOS), a student organization that spreads awareness about sustainability on campus and advocates for further sustainability efforts to be made at UWRF, will likely take on the Seize the Grid campaign to go along with its current divestment plan, according to ECOS founder Daniel Saunders.

The Seize the Grid campaign, started by the Sierra Club, urges universities across the country that are dependent on nonrenewable sources of energy to transition to using 100 percent renewable energy. Through the campaign, students sign an online petition for their given universities with a goal of 5,000 signatures to encourage administrators to “demand enough clean energy from their utility providers to power the campus with 100 percent renewable energy,” according to the Sierra Club website.

Laura Donovan, alternative transportation student manager and applied social science major at UW-Stout, is heading the campaign for the university in the hopes of gaining student and administrative support. Right now, Donovan said, the campaign’s main focus is getting the word out about sustainability and

collecting signatures for the petition through a social media campaign and tabling events.

Although the sustainability office in UW-Stout already has several initiatives in place to make the university more sustainable, such as the segregated green fee that allocates approximately \$80,000 for sustainability-related projects and an online building dashboard that keeps track of each university buildings conservation efforts, Donovan said that she believes more can be done.

“I kind of feel like a lot of stuff that we do, I see them as little drops in the bucket,” Donovan said. “I think we could be doing more.”

However, the UW-System has statewide contracts that prevent the individual universities from transitioning to 100 percent renewable energy. The state currently contracts for about 28,000 tons of coal, and universities in the UW-System are required to burn a certain amount of it, with the tonnage varying by campus, according to Michael Stifter, UWRF executive director of Facilities Planning and Management.

Through this, according to Stifter, UWRF currently burns approximately 500 tons of coal each year, which is about enough to get the university through the month of January. Natural gas is then burned for the rest of the year. Stifter also explained that the statewide contracts end in 2020, and universities were recently advised that the state of Wisconsin does not plan to pursue a new coal contract.

At UWRF, the ECOS divestment campaign started in 2013 and calls for the university to

completely divest from fossil-fuel companies. According to Saunders, the petition for this campaign currently has about 400 signatures.

Saunders said that with the statewide contracts ending in four years, the Seize the Grid campaign would fit in well at the university.

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“I think it does come at a good time,” Saunders said. “But at the same time it leaves us in limbo for these next four years. But it’s the next four years that are really most important.”

Saunders explained that Seize the Grid is reminiscent of the Carbon Action Plan, a campaign introduced to UWRF and other UW-System campuses by former Gov. Jim Doyle in 2008. The plan called for UWRF to go “off the grid” by 2018, meaning that the campus would have to make more energy than it was consuming.

Saunders said that although UWRF committed to the Carbon Action Plan, the univer-

sity is nowhere close to being “off the grid.”

“If we still consider that document to mean anything, then Seize the Grid would be a great thing to sign off on and say we still believe in this cause,” Saunders said.

Mark Klapatch, sustainability coordinator for UWRF, said that although he believes the university should make the switch to renewable energy, changes will have to be made at the state level.

“If we were to switch to more renewable energy of some form, our plant would have to go through quite a few remodels, and that’s all depending on state funding,” he said. “It really needs to be a state-wide movement where the state is coming down to tell us that we need to use more renewable energy, and then provide us the funding and support for us to be able to make those modifications.”

Donovan said that UW-System campuses have to work together to make changes at the state level, adding that she believes the Seize the Grid campaign has the potential to really make a difference.

“Just imagining the whole entire system transitioning to 100 percent renewable energy, that’s a huge difference,” Donovan said. “Not only for the environment, but for the people that are affected by both the production and consumption of nonrenewable (energy). It’s huge.”

News briefs:

University Theatre presents ‘The Spitfire Grill’

The University of Wisconsin-River Falls University Theatre will present “The Spitfire Grill,” Oct. 29-31 and Nov. 5-7, in the Blanche Davis Theatre located in the Kleinpell Fine Arts building. All performances begin at 7:30 p.m.

“The Spitfire Grill” is an American musical with music and book by James Valcq and lyrics and book by Fred Alley, based on the award-winning film of the same name by David Lee Zlotoff. The story follows the journey of a feisty young woman, Percy Talbott, who has recently been released from prison. Talbott follows a page from an old travel book to the small Wisconsin town of Gilead, and finds herself working at Hannah Ferguson’s Spitfire Grill.

The grill is for sale, but there are no takers for the restaurant in the struggling town, so Talbott suggests to Ferguson that she raffle it off. For a hundred dollars and an essay about why they might want the grill, anyone can enter. Entries pour in, and renewed hope for the future spreads through the town. With its folk and bluegrass tinged score, “The Spitfire Grill” is an inspiring celebration of fresh starts and the power of what one person can do.

The production is directed by theatre instructor Sean Doolley, a working actor in the Twin Cities. The cast, consisting entirely of UWRF students, includes Kendra Yarke (East Bethel, Minn.) as Percy Talbott, Molly Hayes (Anoka, Minn.) as Hannah Ferguson, Corey Fern (Shakopee, Minn.) as Sheriff Joe Sutter, Danielle Bebus (Forest Lake, Minn.) as Shelby Thorpe, Nic Persoon (Mahtomedi, Minn.) as Caleb Thorpe, Emma Johnson (Shoreview, Minn.) as Effy Krayneck, and Ben Heer (Rice Lake) as Eli Ferguson. The orchestra members are Deb McPhetres on piano, Trevor Holien on violin, Jim Wainwright on cello, Donna Byrne on accordion, and Walter Croll on guitar and mandolin. The musical director is Calyssa Hall.

Tickets are \$15/adults, \$12/seniors (60+) and \$5/children and UWRF students with ID. Recommended for ages 10 and over. The box office, located in the Kleinpell Fine Arts building, is open weekdays from 10 a.m. -1 p.m. Oct. 22-28 and Nov. 2-4. The box office opens at 6 p.m. on performance days. Tickets can be purchased in person, by phone at 715-425-3114, or on the University Theatre website.

For more information, call 715-425-3114 or email martha.donnelly@uwrf.edu.

Students present BFA exhibitions

University of Wisconsin-River Falls seniors Rachael Starke, Krysta Fisher, Kristopher Stempel, Timothy David Luedtke, and Risa Matz will present their Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree exhibitions in Gallery 101 in the Kleinpell Fine Arts building Oct. 23-Nov. 2. On display will be ceramics, mixed media paintings, printmaking and bookbinding.

Rachael Starke, of Woodbury, Minn., is a bachelor of fine arts candidate with a primary emphasis in sculpture and secondary emphasis in painting. She utilizes the processes of collage and combustion to develop her work. On exhibit are sculptural oil paintings combining Celtic and Eastern Slavic traditions with Minnesota topography.

Krysta Fisher, of Roberts, is a BFA candidate with a primary emphasis in graphic design and a secondary emphasis in photography. On exhibit are digitally designed book covers with original photography.

Kristopher Stempel, of Cheyenne, Wyo., is a BFA candidate with a primary emphasis in painting and a secondary emphasis in art history. On exhibit are oil paintings on canvas that deal with the idea of social disconnection and barriers within human interaction.

Timothy David Luedtke, of Hudson, is a BFA candidate with a primary emphasis in ceramics and a secondary emphasis in painting. He focuses primarily in slip-cast porcelain. On display are works showcasing design elements connecting the foundations of manufacturing with the expressive aesthetics found in the world of fine arts.

Risa Matz, of Holcombe, is a BFA candidate with a primary emphasis in graphic design and secondary emphasis in printmaking. On exhibit are her digital designs communicating the

need to care for the environment.

An exhibition reception is Friday, Oct. 30, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. Gallery hours are Monday-Friday from 10 a.m.-8 p.m., and Saturdays from 2-4 p.m.

For more information, call the Art Department at 715-425-3266.

Pakistan Dairy Delegation visits UW-River Falls

The University of Wisconsin-River Falls global reach was showcased recently as the USAID Pakistan Dairy Delegation visited Wisconsin for a conference coordinated by UW-River Falls. In conjunction with the USAID Training for Pakistan (TFP) project, UWRF hosted the International Consortium for Dairy Farm Safety Training Program at its Mann Valley Farm Sept. 27-28.

USAID’s TFP project is a four-year project designed to support Pakistan’s development priorities on energy, economic growth, agriculture, health, and education. The project provides training to Pakistani professionals who will apply the new knowledge and skills in their fields and among their home institutions. The livestock and dairy sector makes up 56 percent of Pakistan’s agriculture sector and contributes 11.8 percent to the GDP, but despite its economic importance, the Pakistani dairy and livestock industry suffers from a host of problems, including a lack of technology and modern farming practices.

USAID’s TFP project seeks to address those issues within the Pakistan dairy industry with the World Dairy Expo Tour and Training for Dairy Leaders of Pakistan. UW-River Falls played a key role by coordinating dairy farm safety training for the 17-member Pakistani delegation.

The delegation continued their World Dairy Expo Tour by visiting farms and businesses throughout Wisconsin.

For more information on the delegation’s visit, contact Carolyn Brady at 715-425-0683 or carolyn.j.brady@uwrf.edu.

Prologue to host second annual SPEAK event

UWRF Prologue will host the second annual SPEAK event on Tuesday, Nov. 3 in the University Ballroom A and B sections of the University Center building.

Students, faculty, family, and friends are all encouraged to attend this free event that is open to the public. UWRF students will be reading their creative work, and free copies of the 2015 Prologue issue will be available. Doors open at 6 p.m. for refreshments, and the event begins at 7 p.m.

Prologue is a student organization that produces an annual journal every spring semester. The journal comprises of art, poetry, screenplays, fiction, and nonfiction pieces. Undergraduate and graduate students are encouraged to attend club

Frac sand mining research interests Lt. Governor

meetings and consider submitting for the 2016 journal.

For more information, contact Eli Nord at eli.nord@my.uwrf.edu or contact prologueuwrf@gmail.com.

University of Wisconsin-River Falls Associate Professor of Soil Science and Geology Holly Dolliver is working to evaluate the environmental impact of frac sand mining. Her work drew the attention of Wisconsin Lt. Governor Rebecca Kleefisch, who is touring several frac mining sites in Chippewa and Barron counties.

Dolliver is conducting a five-year research project in Chippewa County on the environmental impacts of frac sand mining. Hydraulic fracturing, commonly known as frac sand mining, is the use of high pressure water to break open underground geologic formations, typically shale, that contain oil and gas. After the shale is fractured, frac sand is used to prop the fractures open to allow for oil and gas extraction. Dolliver’s work focuses on how to best reclaim land used for frac sand mining in central Wisconsin.

During Kleefisch’s visit, Dolliver talked about the importance of soils and stressed the value of science and scientific research. Dolliver and Kleefisch discussed the unique nature of the frac sand mining research and the need for sophisticated resources and equipment. One of Dolliver’s student interns, Emily Sorenson, also attended the event and shared details of her intern experience with Kleefisch.


Dolliver said Kleefisch “seemed surprised and impressed that this magnitude of cutting edge research was being undertaken by UW-River Falls. She was especially impressed with the nature of the partnerships that have formed through this project between the university, local government, and private industry.”

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River Falls Police/UWRF Police Department

Sunday, Oct. 18

- A welfare check was reported at Hathorn Hall at 2:30 a.m.

Monday, Oct. 19

- Sexual assault in South Hall was reported at 9 a.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 20

- Theft was reported off-campus around 7 p.m.

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Physics professor gives talk about exoplanets

Katie Galarno
Falcon News Service

The first of three astronomy talks and observatory viewings for the fall semester, “Earth’s Twin: Kepler-186f,” was presented by physics Professor Eileen Korenic on Oct. 14 at UW-River Falls.

Korenic’s talk focused on the discoveries of NASA’s Kepler space observatory since its launch in March 2009. She said that Kepler’s mission is to find planets that are similar to Earth.

In June 2014, NASA announced that Kepler-186f was the first Earth-like planet to be discovered. By the time Korenic had finished planning the talk and sending out the information to be promoted, Kepler-186f was no longer considered the most Earth-like.

“186f was all over the news, and that’s why I put it in the title, because I thought, ‘I’m going to be so fresh!’” Korenic said. “Since

then, there have been a total of 11 up for consideration as Earth’s twins.”

The planet currently at the top of the list is Kepler-438b. Kepler-186f has dropped to 24th on the list since its discovery. The Kepler mission has discovered 1,031 confirmed exoplanets so far, according to NASA’s website.

Determining what makes a planet similar to Earth consists of four factors that make up the Earth Similarity Index: mean radius, bulk density, escape velocity and surface temperature, according to the Planetary Habitability Laboratory at the University of Puerto Rico at Arecibo. Korenic said that it really comes down to whether the water on the planet is liquid, not frozen or boiled away, and how much energy the planet receives from its star.

“So it could be that it’s the same size but much closer to a much smaller star, but that still counts in terms of energy reception,” Korenic said. “If it’s just the same kind of star as the sun but it’s way bigger than Earth, that

seems not to make it as Earth-like.”

Korenic said that Kepler observes using a transit method, which involves pointing toward a star and measuring the dip in light as a planet passes in front of it.

“That’s like us being able to measure how dim a headlight would get from five miles away if a flea walked across it,” Korenic said.

An estimated 150 people attended the talk, according to Korenic. The final audience members to arrive had to sit on the stairs or against the walls, as the room only holds 90 seats.

“I’m really stunned that there are this many people,” Korenic said on the observatory deck after the talk. “I never quite know what’s going to take people’s fancy.”

UW-River Falls student Dominick Bolden said that he wasn’t shocked to learn that there are Earth-like planets that are not in our solar system.

“Given the sheer magnitude of space, it

wouldn’t surprise me if we found anything out there,” Bolden said, “so it’s really not surprising when you think about it.”

Korenic started teaching astronomy at UW-River Falls in 1999 and said that she has been presenting the talks since 2004.

“After a couple of years, I thought it would be really fun to be offering some things for the general public and to students about current things in astronomy,” Korenic said.

One talk is generally given each month during the academic year. Korenic said that since observatory viewings are offered if the sky is clear enough, the talks have to be scheduled during times when the moon isn’t bright enough to limit the visibility of other objects through the telescopes.

Korenic’s next talk is titled “Well, duh!: The Gravitational Constant Is Constant” and will be presented at 8 p.m. Nov. 17 in 271 Centennial Science Hall.

Registering bikes may help in having them returned

Ryan Odeen
Falcon News Service

The bicycle registration program at UW-River Falls is in its second year of operation and it has not been without its snags. When the program first started last year, UWRF Police turned to Residence Life to help spread the word and register bikes.

At first, students registered their bikes with resident assistants in the dorms, said UWRF Police Officer Tanya Lamkin, who is in charge of the program.

“People got confused, and there weren’t very good directions,” she said. “Because it is a brand new program, so we had some miscommunications and there were some growing pains.”

The bike’s information was written down on paper and handed into Lamkin. She handles a lot the cases of bike theft on campus, using this program to help return stolen bikes to their original owner.

“Our chief really pushed for it because we didn’t have one,” Lamkin said of the program, “and we have a lot of incidents of bicycle thefts.”

This year the registration program has been moved online to the UWRF Police website.

“That cleaned almost all of that up. It’s really easy. You just go to the website, sign up, and it goes straight to me,” Lamkin said.

She said this faster, less confusing process makes it easier to contact the bike owner and

gather any missing information. There is also a place online where users can upload a picture of their bike, which gives police an even better chance of identifying it if it is ever stolen.

“By taking a picture,” Lamkin said, “we can identify a specific scratch or a mark.”

The program cost the police department very little to start up and maintain. The department already had the materials, and the main cost has been the labor associated with the paperwork that usually falls on Lamkin.

The results have been well worth it. Many bikes have been returned to their original owners after they were stolen. Just this last week, three bikes were stolen by individuals who were caught by police, and the bikes were registered with the program and returned.

“It’s really hard to say whether someone was deterred,” Lamkin said. In a few years, the department may have statistics that show the effect of the registration program.

The best way to avoid having a bike being stolen is locking up the bike properly.

“We have people that just lock up the frame, or just lock up the tire,” Lamkin said. “And you can release the tire, so we’ll see tires that are left on the (bike) rack.”

Lamkin said it is unfortunate there are people who steal bikes on campus. However, those who do not lock up their bikes are the most vulnerable to bike theft, she said.

“Even a couple dollar (bike lock) is better than nothing.”

Local vape shops doing well despite on-campus ban

Ryan Funes
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Two new stores have opened on Main Street that cater to the e-cigarette crowd, and both seem to have found their niche, although health officials at UW-River Falls are not so delighted about their appearance.

The shops, known as Big Top Vape and Vape+, opened earlier this year and both offer e-cigarette vaporizers, liquids for them, and accessories. Big Top Vape is downtown at 123 S. Main St., while Vape+ is at 703 N. Main St.

Both stores report they are doing quite well.

“Everybody who walks in the door comes back,” said Taylor Gargulak, manager of Vape+. “It’s definitely been picking up.”

Though both stores opened at about the same time, neither sees the other as an outright challenger in the ring of business. Don Golightly, co-owner of Big Top Vape, said the competition with Vape+ is neutral.

“They are our competition, but it is a free market economy,” he said. “We chose our business model on what we wanted to do and they on theirs. We’ve enjoyed the steady increase in business and hope to continue.”

Gargulak also commented on Big Top Vape, saying that “I like to think that we are more of a community than competition. We all have similar interests and goals, and it’s cool if we can help each other out.”

Despite the businesses doing well so far, health officials at UW-River Falls are concerned.

Alice Reilly-Myklebust, director of Counseling and Health Services, and Keven Syverson, health education coordinator, said they are worried about an increased presence of vaporizers and e-cigarettes.

“There is a concern in normalizing e-cigarettes and what that means to the younger people coming up,” Syverson said. “It’s shown that when they use e-cigarettes or see them, they are more likely to want to smoke.”

Syverson elaborated that because vaping is so new, conclusive evidence is hard to find about e-cigarettes, though what isn’t disputed

is the nicotine found in many of the liquids used in e-cigarettes, which adds to the addictiveness.

“When you are younger and establish habits like tobacco, it is difficult to quit,” said Myklebust. She referenced research done on campus that linked tobacco usage to lower GPAs and how tobacco usage can exacerbate mental health issues that students might have.

“Those are some of the reasons why we care about this subject as a health and counseling service,” she said.

The National Institute on Drug Abuse notes that because e-cigarettes are often marketed for their therapeutic use and often don’t include tobacco, they are not regulated by the federal Food and Drug Administration.

The same research also found that other toxic chemicals such as formaldehyde and acetaldehyde can be found in the vapors the vaporizers produce.

Schools are especially a big concern for many opponents of e-cigarettes. A study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that from 2011 to 2013, the number of middle and high school students in the U.S. who used e-cigarettes went from 79,000 to 263,000, with 43.9 percent saying they had an intention to smoke conventional cigarettes.

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Falcon News Service

October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month and with technology becoming more entwined with people’s daily lives the importance of cyber security becomes more important.

If a person is not careful their information ranging from passwords to home addresses could potentially be stolen. At UW-River Falls a handful of students have been targeted by “phishing” attempts, which often is defined as attempting to gain sensitive information from someone by pretending to be a trusted entity in an electronic communication.

The Division of Technology Services (DoTS) is responsible for making sure that those on campus can safely interact with devices and services around campus without having to worry about information being stolen. Chief Information Officer Stephen Reed explained via an email interview that phishing is a significant national problem, not just a local problem.

Problems like phishing are just one part of a wide range of problems that can occur and DoTS has set up precautions to help prevent these problems.

“We have several technologies implemented to protect data, students and employees at UWRF,” Reed said.

Reed said he believes that DoTS does a good job in protecting data on campus, but it can be expensive.

“Unfortunately, information security is costly and when trying to provide the highest level of security, it reduces flexibility,” Reed said. “It is a fine balance.”

Even with these technologies designed to protect data on campus, there is only so much DoTS can do. According to Reed, the most important part of protecting data is user

awareness, as a majority of breaches that occur are due to user negligence. If a user downloads a malware or a virus there is little DoTS can do to prevent that.

“IT (Information Technology) cannot control what information people provide,” Reed said.

IT is just one layer of protection. Another is awareness. Making sure people are aware of the risks of handing out information online and knowing how to securely do so is important, and is the best way to prevent problems like phishing.

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According to a 2014 BitSight study, higher education institutions rank far below the retail and health care sectors when it comes to preventing security breaches. Reed said much of that is due to financial resources and the right of academic freedom. With the budgets that schools face it can be tougher to invest in cyber security compared to other sectors.

The lack of resources has affected the plans DoTS was pursuing to raise awareness this month. DoTS is using its service center to help raise awareness, though the department was planning on a larger initiative.

“DoTS takes information security very seriously and have implemented several processes to protect data, employees and students,” Reed said. “We have several processes implemented that many other UW campuses don’t.”

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Yik Yak app shows reprecussions of student anonymity

In 2013, a new social media application was launched that allowed people to post updates anonymously and see other’s posts based on location. This app was called Yik Yak, and almost it almost instantly become popular, especially in university towns. Yik Yak is a platform for students to say how they really feel without fear of judgment, to connect with fellow students over classes, common interests, and everything else. And it is also a new and productive way for information to flow through an entire university population. In theory, Yik Yak could be a new and exciting platform in which students can distribute and consume ideas and news in a convenient way that brings together an entire campus.

In practice, however, Yik Yak is not the productive digital message board that one would hope. Instead, one looks at the things that are posted and can’t help but wonder why someone would post such a thing. Looking at a university’s Yik Yak, one will find rude and passive aggressive comments about roommates and classmates, individuals looking for anonymous hookups, and rumors that seem to run rampant. Yik Yak may be unique because of the anonymity, but at the same time, that is the one thing that seems to be leading the app down a path of harassment and ill will.

And when it comes to this kind of behavior on Yik Yak, UW-River Falls is no different. A recent example of this happened a few weeks ago when a member of the Student Feminist Organization posted information about their upcoming meeting on Yik Yak. Someone then commented back with a blatant threat, saying that they would only come to the meeting with a violent weapon. Because it was an anonymous threat, the ability to tell whether or not this threat was legitimate was almost impossible. One comment from an individual hiding behind the promise of total anonymity managed to bring fear to an entire student organization that was just trying to get the word out about their upcoming meeting.

When students come to campus to tour, they are just a touch away from seeing the kind of posts that are produced regularly on our university’s Yik Yak, which can really turn off a potential student, even if they were impressed by the university as a whole.

Freedom of speech is so important, but it is also important for us to look at ourselves and ask if this is really how we want to be seen. At the end of the day, college is supposed to be a place of learning and finding ourselves, not a place to blindly stab at each other, put each other down and not have to face the wounds that we have created through our harsh words. Yik Yak could be a wonderful thing, but it is up to us to make it something that in the end doesn’t hurt our university and the people who call this place their temporary home.

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VIEWPOINTS

Student Senate Update

At the Student Senate meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 20, the Safe Ride Home Allocation and the Resolution Against Campus Carry Act were discussed and voted on.

The Safe Ride Home Allocation, which was introduced at the Oct. 13 meeting, is a motion to allocate \$5,400 from the Senate funding pool to fund a pilot of the Safe Ride Home Program. This program is a service in which a taxi would pick up UWRF students from anywhere in River Falls if they have had too much to drink or generally feel unsafe and make sure that students get home safely.

This program would run from 11 p.m. to 3 a.m. Thursday through Saturday, starting in November and run for 15 weeks, ending in March. This program would utilize the River Falls Taxi Service, using one taxi that would be responsible for taking students back to campus or their homes. This would cost \$30 an hour for extended service hours, equaling \$360 per week and \$5,400 for the 15 weeks. Because this is a pilot of the program, Senate will re-evaluate the effectiveness of it after the 15 weeks and determine if the program should continue into the following year.

When it came time to debate on this motion, former concerns and critiques that were voiced at the last Senate meeting resurfaced. Many members of Senate said that they were worried that this program would be seen as promoting students to drink and that the program would alienate students who don’t drink. Other members said they believed that the money that would go into this program, if passed, would be better spent elsewhere.

After much debate and no clear consensus among Senate about whether or not this motion should be put into place, the Safe Ride Home Allocation was voted on and passed with 10

yes votes, five no votes and one abstained.

Next, the Resolution Against Campus Carry Act was introduced. Moved by Brady Murphy, this was a resolution for Senate to adopt an oppositional stance to the proposed Campus Carry Act, a bill that was recently introduced to Wisconsin State Legislature by Representative Jesse Kremer and Senator Devin LeMahieu. This bill calls to amend the statutes that prohibit people from going into university or college buildings while armed with a firearm.

For the second time that night, the members of Senate seemed to have a difference of opinion when it came to this resolution. Many members thought that this bill, if passed, would compromise the safety of students and faculty at UWRF and other universities in Wisconsin, while others thought that the addition of firearms on campus wouldn’t really pose a problem. Even with a split in Senate, the Resolution Against Campus Carry Act passed, with 10 yes votes, six no votes, and two abstained. Because this resolution passed, a press release illustrating Senate’s opposition will be sent to the appropriate legislators and state and local officials.

All information in this update comes from the Oct. 20 Student Senate meeting and select documents from the OrgSync Student Senate page. It’s very important for all students to stay informed on what is going on with Senate. They meet at 7 p.m. every Tuesday in the Willow River Room of the University Center, and the meeting agenda can be found 24 hours prior on the Senate page. To see the details of what was discussed last Tuesday, go on the Senate page, and read through this week’s minutes document.

Americans should know more about national and world news

After watching one of John Oliver’s segments from his HBO show “Last Week Tonight” last Sunday on the Canadian elections–on YouTube, I don’t have spare money to just throw at HBO – it occurred to me that Americans, okay, the majority of Americans, really have no idea what is going on. At all. Not in their own country and forget about the rest of the world. It’s as if all we look for in news is the weather and turn away as soon as the nightly news comes on to inform us about the world and our country.

John Oliver has ignited an interest in me to find out more about the world through various segments on his show where he often talks (at full volume and with lewd graphics) about issues that everyone should know about but actually don’t. This lack of awareness is a big deal to me. I’m all too aware of it, and it makes me cringe in embarrassment sometimes. (It will be important to note right now that I am not an all-knowing wizard on foreign affairs by any means, either.)

While in French class in high school we had lessons completely centered around French politics, because of how ubiquitous politics are in everyday French life. While I was in France, it was quite impressive to me how much politics were talked about at such a non-aggressive level. Every person in a conversation where the subject of politics came up was able to talk, comment on and respect everyone’s different opinions. Everyone had something to contribute and was able to continue the conversation. Another time during my family stay, my host parents knew an astonishing amount of American politics, knowing different policies and names of prominent government officials, governors and senators and could easily communicate their understanding of our politics by being able to have a discussion about some of our absurd laws and policies, such as our inadequate and expensive health care and our lack of gun laws, the latter of which they thought was some-

thing to worry about, way back when I was in France in 2013.

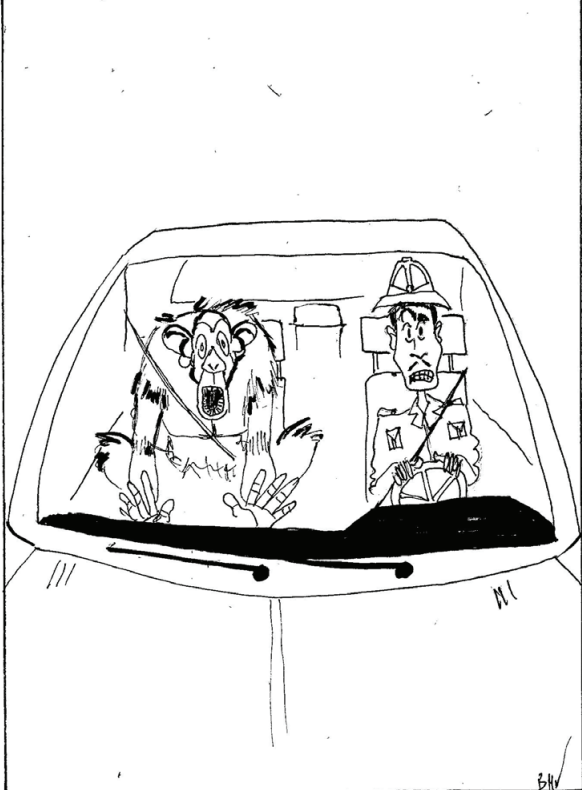
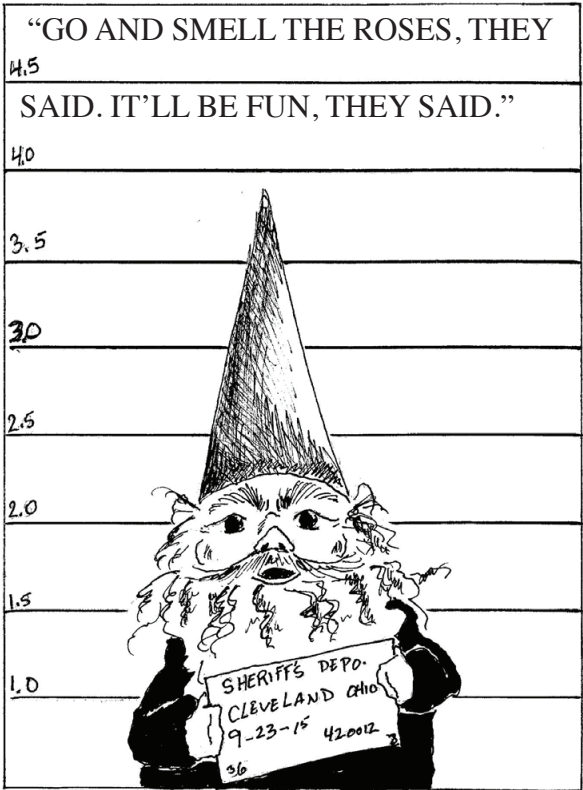
It is really worrying to me that our culture and day-to-day lives are narrowly focused on just local news and, worst of all, non-news, as in celebrity news that really should have no hold on our lives. The American general public, myself included, are missing out on essential information that we need to operate in our society and out in the world. It seems unfairly lopsided to me that the rest of the world is so knowledgeable about the United States, while it seems that most of the time we cannot even identify where so many countries are on a map. The American public should be able to reciprocate the level to which people around the world are involved in our culture, from speaking English, knowing about our politics and enjoying our music, movies and television.

And finally, I am all too aware that people every year in our country vote for a specific person and not for the specific issues that those people stand for. Part of what I have said already, the duty that everyone has of being a well-informed citizen and making well-informed decisions, is one of the most vital aspects of every election and of being a person that is living in the United States. Therefore, with the 2016 presidential campaign almost exactly a year away, now is really the perfect time to finally educate yourself on real news, real issues and real people, so that you can be prepared to make a sound choice for the person who is going to be the president of the country that you live in. I can only cross my fingers and hope that, everyone in Wisconsin at least, has learned their lesson to not unleash another “Scott Walker” on the rest of the country. Please.

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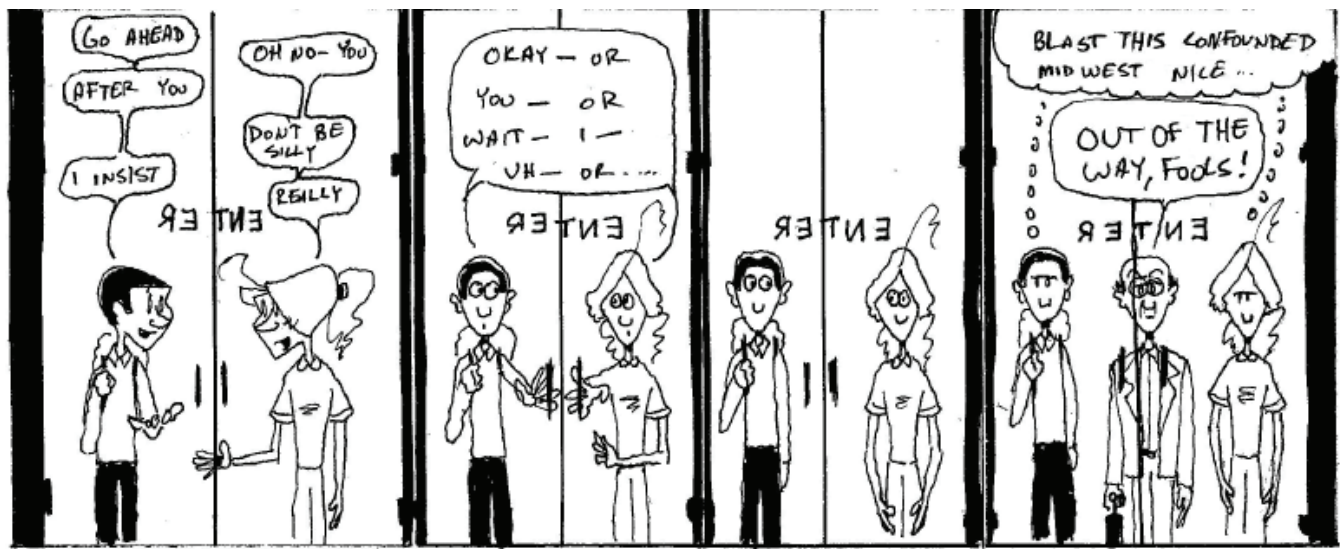
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Swift academic feedback helps students thrive

Melanie Meyers
Columnist

Feedback of academic progress, or lack thereof, is essential to a student’s self-assessment of the successes or failures resulted from the effort put forth to achieve their educational goals. When students are unable to receive timely feedback on their work, they lack the ability to improve upon their mistakes prior to the due date of the next assignment. This is an impediment to student’s learning and should be taken more serious in the future, both by students, who often provide a negative attitude towards professors who are not well-mannered in time, and professors, who find frustration in both the work that piles up, as well as the hounding of students eager to learn of their grade.

Gretchen Toman is a skilled anti-procrastinator. In Intermediate French I (French 201), she is quick to grade exams, essays and journal entries, as well as other class materials, in a timely manner. Toman posts grades on D2L in the same swift fashion. For instance, an exam given at 1 p.m. on a Wednesday was corrected and posted online by 8 p.m. that very same evening. To other faculty members’ credit, the 1 p.m. class of Intermediate French I only has eight students. However, that also may be cause for even more praise given to Toman. She seemed to have acknowledged that, while there was only a miniscule amount of exams to correct, it still didn’t suffice to wait another day. When discussing this matter with Toman, she was informative in that a pile of only eight exams will soon rise to a pile of many, many more if one is to procrastinate. Thus, Toman exemplifies the Kate Spade brand’s “she is quick and curious and playful and strong.”

One way to improve student-faculty communication on the matter is to continue to praise teachers who excel in the area of swift grading, while minimizing the expressions of negative attitudes toward faculty members who lack a successful reputation of punctual student feedback. This movement towards positivity and praise might bring rise to professor’s desires to increase their productivity while cutting down on their procrastination.

Melanie Meyers enjoys Greek Bible Study, Ballet I (Dance 224) and Einstein’s surprisingly well done Americans here at the university. When not in River Falls, she takes great pride in cheering on the Mondovi, Wis. Buffaloes. Meyers is majoring in dairy science and communication studies. However, she also academically pursues a variety of unique subjects including political science and French.

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STUDENT VOICES

What’s the first thing you would do if you were President of the United States?

Compiled by Amara Young



Shannon Forster
Animal Science

“Make sure that every household has a pet.”



Erik Muhlenbruck
Field Biology

“Kick Donald Trump out.”



Justin Moshrefzadeh
Geology

“Stop the oil fracking.”



Elaina Danzinger
Marketing Communications

“Help people in need.”



Mariah Bockin
Communicative Sciences and Disorders

“Work with health care.”

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Falcon football falls to Platteville 56-19

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The Falcons couldn’t continue their winning ways this past Saturday, falling to the UW-Platteville Pioneers 56-19 at Ramer Field.

The #12 ranked Pioneers controlled the game from start to finish, wearing down the Falcon defense for 467 yards of total offense and 5 touchdowns on the ground.

Coach Matt Walker said, “The issue with Saturday was that we didn’t play well anywhere. We played mediocre on both sides of the ball and you can’t allow that against such a strong team.”

UW-Platteville’s high-powered offense came out strong right from the opening drive, taking the ball 72 yards down the field in less than 3 minutes to put the Pioneers up 7-0 early in the opening quarter.

The Falcon’s offense tried to respond, but failed to get much together on offense all afternoon. The Pioneers forced UWRF to three and outs on their first three offensive possessions, and by the time the Falcons did start to have some success picking up first downs, the score was already 28-0.

That could be attributed to the Pioneers ability to capitalize on mistakes and score at an incredibly quick pace. All four first half touchdown drives for UW-Platteville took no more than about two minutes each. Running Back Kyle Whitman and Quarterback Tom Kelly each added rushing touchdowns for the Pioneers in the first half.

But no matter how bad it looked on the scoreboard, the Falcon’s clearly didn’t lack anything in effort throughout the afternoon. This came through when Junior Kyle Semann returned a blocked punt 33 yards for a touchdown to make it 28-6 with less than a minute left in the first half.

The story of the second half came down to turnovers. The Falcons fumbled the ball away on three straight possessions in the 3rd quarter, which UW-Platteville converted into 14 quick points to put the game completely out of reach. The Falcons hung in there and played strong till the end, but it just wasn’t enough to keep the game competitive on the scoreboard.

“It was obviously a frustrating day with us being unable to get anything going on either side of the ball. And even with the special teams scoring two touchdowns we didn’t completely win the kick game because of some other mistakes we made. But I was especially proud of how hard our guys played to the very end even when the game was out of reach. When we see that on film it really shows the level of commitment our guys have,” Coach Walker summarized.

Walker managed to find another positive in Saturday’s game, citing that “A lot of young guys came in late and took advantage of their opportunities, giving us confidence that we will continue to have depth in the coming years.”

But overall, it was definitely a disappointing day for Falcon players and fans alike. However, in the big picture, it only counts as one conference loss. The Falcons are still tied for second in the WIAC at 2-1 and are looking to pick up a big win on the road this coming week. The Falcons are already focusing on learning from their struggles and focusing on the next game.

“Like I told the guys this weekend, we can’t let UW-Platteville beat us twice by being down on ourselves and thinking too much about this loss. We have to learn from this and make a lot of minor adjustments that can make a big impact on what the scoreboard looks like,” Coach Walker said.

The Falcons next travel to Menomonie, WI, to play the UW-Stout Blue Devils. Stout comes in 2-4 overall and 1-2 in conference, coming off a big win this past Saturday 45-12 over UW-Eau Claire. Kickoff is set for 1 p.m.



Kathy M Helgeson/University Communications
Dartagnan Seay, a sophomore defensive back from Temple, Texas runs with the football on Saturday, Oct. 17 at home against UW-Platteville. The Falcons lost 56-19.

UWRF flag football ends season with championship games

Kate Vruwink

Falcon News Service

The UW-River Falls intramural program saw two championship flag football games played on Monday, Oct. 19, at Ramer Field.

The first game of the night had a showdown between the co-rec (men and women players) teams Mean Machine and Big Sacks. The teams were both 5-1 in the season, but in the end Big Sacks won the title in a 10-9 victory.

According to Phill Banken, the captain of Big Sacks, there is a lot of preparation that goes into having a successful team. Before the championship match he talked about how his team scouted out its competition.

“We’ve been watching them for weeks,” he said in a telephone interview. “We’re ready.

We’ve lost to them once and we’ve beat them once.”

Banken also said his team had some form of practice at least once or twice a week.

The second game of the night was between the men’s league teams Washington Redskins and Spartans. The teams were 8-1 and 7-2, respectively, in the season.

However, for both teams it wasn’t an easy task to get to the championships. Robert Flom, captain of the Spartans, said the team faced a number of obstacles.

“Well, basically getting there. We had to run through some obstacles in round 1, 2, and 3 just to get here,” he said. “You know we’re blessed to be here, so we’re going to make the most of it.”

Although the Spartans didn’t end up

winning, they attempted to hold their own in a 13-6 downfall.

All the members of both winning teams won the highly coveted prize of champion T-shirts that get handed out to the winners of every intramural bracket. The teams also get their name and picture added to the Hall of Champions, which showcases previous winners of the T-shirts at UW-River Falls.

However, the players get a lot more out of the games than the satisfaction of winning, according to Ryan Rudesill, director of intramural sports.

“I think it’s a connection for a lot of people back to high school sports,” he said. “A lot of people played one, two, three or more sports throughout their high school career and then you come to college and you lost that because

most don’t play on a college team.”

Both Banken and Flom can attest to that, having both been on their hometown high school football teams. In fact, that experience is what got Banken the captain title.

“I’m the only one on the team with prior football experience being a varsity high school football player,” he said. “I played tight end and defensive end.”

The intramural program also offers sports that students didn’t get to play in high school. Currently broomball and volleyball leagues are being played and still accepting players. Interested students can apply through the intramural page on the UWRF website or contact Ryan Rudesill.



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Left; Hailey Drager, a freshman biology major donates her blood. Right; Shannon Troye, a freshman crop and soil science major gets her blood pressure taken.



Tori Schneider/Student Voice
Alex Murdock, a senior spanish major gets her blood drawn. Pre-health society gave out snacks and drinks to those recovering from giving blood.



Tori Schneider/Student Voice
Left; Mathew Stanek, freshman agricultural business major recovers after giving blood. Right; Rebecca Strickland, sophomore psychology major waits to get blood drawn.

Fargo TV series storyline makes spinoff worth the watch



Ryan Funes

Reviewer

As the winter season rolls in, so rolls in a new season of the critically acclaimed TV series Fargo, which enters a different era of crime in the Midwest but still retains the look and feel of the season and film before it.

It is a first for me, reviewing a TV series rather than a film, but with the quality that television is going for now in its programming it's no wonder why anyone would become more engrossed in it. Writing and direction is going up, standards are higher for acting and actors; it can seem like we are in a golden age right now.

This follows in every kind of way with Fargo so far. The other reason I review this series is because it has not continuity between seasons, taking an anthology approach and doing a different story in a different time each season, or so creator Noah Hawley has stated.

That being said, I am glad that a series like this has reached the level of film quality that allows me to do a review of it like this. And I am ever thankful that it has lived up to my every expectation.

The film Fargo itself is a great film, due in part to how it contrasted the amorality of the criminals in it with the niceness of the people surrounding the events in its setting of Minnesota.

Fargo's first season saw a wimpy insurance salesman be influenced

by a vile and violent criminal to kill his wife and set off a chain of events that brought out the worst in everyone in his town. Many of the themes explored in the first season appear in the TV series.



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Season 1 retained that element of the original film and giv-

ing us a plot that was chock full of violent shoot outs, dirty dealings, and plenty of black comedy. Watching villain of the season Lorne Malvo play everyone against each other made him incredibly memorable and intimidating.

Season 2 of Fargo takes us into the late 70's, where Nixon has resigned, notorious killers and tragedies are occurring across the country, and a powder keg is about to explode in a corner of Minnesota.

The youngest son of a crime family has died, all for trying to make a name for himself. Now he is dead and in the hands of a couple looking to clean themselves of getting involved. Meanwhile, a state trooper in Luverne, Minnesota is investigating the dead son, all while another crime syndicate is looking to take control of the territory.

The first episode of the season packs a lot in, but it's all told entertainingly well. Characters bumble through moments where they should be smart, wry reactions from the police follow the deaths that take place, and suspense is garnered from watching how all these characters lives will intersect.

Watching Fargo's new season is like watching a plane, a train, a bus, and a tank all converging onto one spot and you just can't wait to see what happens when they crash; but it isn't all just wanting to see several bad people collide.

Fargo shows that there is much more to tell beyond one single film, and that there are different elements and motivations to crime that scare us and frighten us to explore. Fargo is a series that everyone should try at least once, and with a new season around that is off to a good start, now is the best time to experience the dark heart of the Midwest.

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