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# Annual colt sale at UW-River Falls marks 40th anniversary

Paul Langfellow  
Falcon News Service

The 40th annual Colts in Training Sale, featuring 53 two-year-old horses, is scheduled Saturday, May 7, at UW-River Falls.

This year, UWRF will be selling 10 of its own colts that have been raised through the university’s horse breeding program. As with colt sales, the revenue will go back to the horse breeding program.

Most of the horses that are for sale are quarter horses. In the past, buyers from around the country and the world have showed up for the sale.

The colt sale gives students the chance to showcase their skills learned from the Principles of Training Horses class taught by Nathan O’Connor, an associate faculty associate in the Department of Animal and Food Science.

“It creates a great tie with the horse industry and the horse community in the region and the nation,” O’Connor said. “And it’s a great way to give students real life experience in the industry because in the colts in training class a majority of the assignments in the class are actually marketing projects.”

The 10 colts being raised as a part of the university program include a new horse named Galaxy, born March 26.

Galaxy was raised as a part of the Equine Reproductive Techniques class by a group of students in order to learn more about the process of how horses are born. Student Janelle Mishler said there have been some challenges but it has also been rewarding for her also to be in the class and learn new skill sets.

“I definitely like the hands on,” Mishler said. “I don’t think anywhere else you can find something like this in the Upper Midwest... I feel very comfortable with it.”

The colt sale, which is widely known to those in the horse industry, drew more than 200 bidders in 2015 for horses and in the previous year the gross sales for the colt sale were around \$200,000. Jennifer Weinert, the barn manager at the UW-River Falls Campus Farm, said that many potential buyers tend to preview the horses leading up to sale in order to better understand what types of colts will be available.

“In these last couple of weeks before the colt sale we will have a lot of industry people that will come here to watch the classes, try the horses and get a look at them before the sale,” Weinert said.

The event, which is managed and organized by the UWRF Department of Animal and Food Science, begins with a preview at 11 a.m. on May 7 at the UW-River Falls Campus Farm, 1475 S. Wasson Lane, River Falls. For more information, visit the event’s website, [www.uwrfcoltsale.com](http://www.uwrfcoltsale.com).

# UWRF names six students as Chancellor’s Award recipients

Natalie Howell  
Falcon News Service

Six students at UW-River Falls have been honored with the 2016 Chancellor’s Award for Students.

The Chancellor’s Award for Students serves as recognition of UWRF students who have made significant non-academic contributions to the university. To be nominated, participants must be an upper-class or graduate student, must have good academic standing, and must have demonstrated service to the university and exceptional leadership skills, according to the university website.

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The recipients for the 2016 Chancellor’s Award are Mohammad Battah, Jessica (JJ) Knapp, Marie-Morella Kponou, Angela Ludvigsen, Madeleine Pemberton and Emma Sweet.

Beth Schommer, executive assistant to the chancellor and chair of the Chancellor’s Awards selection committee, said that 19 students were nominated for this award, and through the nomination and interview process, it was difficult to narrow down all the recipients’ applications to announce the finalists.

“To get that many nominations and really see all of the amazing things that our students are doing, it’s just such an uplifting and wonderful project to be involved in,” said Schommer. “I think they are wonderful, we got six really great recipients this year.”

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“To have two students who are serving our campus community through their commitment to sort of the same types of topics was interesting, and I think personally wonderful,” said Schommer.

Sweet is a senior biology and Spanish double major and co-chair of the Gender and Sexuality Alliance. In her three years at UWRF, she has also been involved in Residence Life, the Student Feminist Organization, Hall Council and the Sexual Assault Coalition.

Nominated by one of her professors, Sweet said that she was overwhelmed with emotion when she heard that she

had received the Chancellor’s Award.

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Although Sweet only has a few weeks left as a student at UWRF, she said that she will not soon forget all of the memories she has made being part of student organizations. One of her fondest memories comes from organizing the drag shows that are hosted once a semester at UWRF.

“We go through all this work to make them happen and we’re very, very stressed out and then the shows are always an overwhelming success,” said Sweet, who said every time they are surprised that the event is pulled off and didn’t fall apart.

Schommer said that the Chancellor’s Award for Students accurately displays the university’s mission statement to produce engaged, committed citizens and that it is important to recognize and encourage students who become involved in the non-academic side of UWRF.

“That’s what this award really tries to speak to, is that demonstration that even here on campus our students are showing that they’re going to go out into this world and be wonderful citizens,” said Schommer.

A reception to honor the recipients of the Chancellor’s Award for Students was scheduled Thursday evening in the Riverview Ballroom in the University Center.

# International students study business at UWRF



**Jeremy Adam and Rashmi Magnani, two students from India studying business in the UWRF graduate program, work together on homework in the Involvement Center Tuesday, April 26.**

Jacob Rogers  
Falcon News Service

Two students from India are taking a different path en route to getting their graduate education. Jeremy Adam and Rashmi Magnani made the 23-hour trip from India to UW-River Falls to earn their master’s of business administration degrees.

Before deciding to come UWRF, Adam and Magnani attended Seshadripuram Academy for Global Excellence (SAGE) in India. SAGE has a partnership with UWRF where students like Adam and Magnani complete their first semester in India, and come to UWRF for the final three semesters of the MBA. SAGE has ties to two other institutions in the United States, but for Adam and Magnani, picking UWRF was an easy choice.

“We had options to go to a couple of universities in Oklahoma,” Adam said. “Concerning the fact that the business school in UWRF had the better accreditation, we chose River Falls.”

The College of Business and Economics is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, said the director of the MBA program, Leanne Van Allen.

“Any employer seeing that a graduate has an AACSB-accredited MBA program on their résumé knows that it is a high quality program,” Van Allen said. “It gives our graduates and our students a competitive advantage.”

Along with liking the accreditation of the MBA program at UWRF, Magnani is adjusting to the practicality of U.S. education as opposed to the theoretical nature of Indian education.

“In India, we are supposed to read a lot of books,” Magnani said. “Here, we do a lot of projects and a lot of assignments, and here we get to interact with people that have work experience.”

Attending class with students who are over the age of 30 was a big surprise to Magnani because she said that, in India, people do not go back to school once they are 30 or older.

Having course flexibility at UWRF was a nice surprise for Adam because he was not used to the course options that are available.

“We have amazing class flexibility in the U.S.,” Adam said. “Back in India, they decide which courses I have to take during summer, fall and spring, but Indian education empowered us to come here.”

If it were not for their Indian education, Adam and Magnani would not be at UWRF.

“The reason why we are here today, is because of the Indian education, and I respect that,” Adam said.

Attending class from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and sometimes Saturday is what Adam and Magnani were used to back in India. When they found out they would be attending class during the evening on just Tuesdays and Thursdays, they felt relaxed. Adam and Magnani now have more time to study or get an on-campus job than they did back in India, and they are both taking advantage of the out-of-classroom time. Back in India, they would not be able to have a part time job or have as much time for studying as they do now, Adam said.

After completing the MBA program, Magnani’s ultimate goal is to work at Google in the United States for at least one year, and then go back to India to share her experience with her friends and family. Adam shares the goal of working at Google with Magnani, but his ultimate goal is to head back to India.

“From the time I was a little boy I was interested in the field of management, and the dream company that I want to work at has branches in India,” Adam said. “I certainly believe that UWRF will empower me to get where I want to be.”

For most people, traveling halfway across the globe to a different country would present some challenge, but for Adam and Magnani, the challenges have not been as prevalent as they thought they would be. Before coming to River Falls, people in India warned them to expect racism, but on the first day in River Falls, Adam said he realized that racism would not be a factor during his time at UWRF.

“When I came here, the first morning I had to come to orientation in South Hall, and I was walking down the road and then somebody just crossed by me and said ‘Hello, good morning,’” Adam said. “We do not do that in India, and this place is so loving and they make me feel welcome.”

Magnani is involved in a lot of the on-campus events that happen at the University Center. For instance, Magnani enjoys going to the fitness classes that are put on by UWRF’s Campus Recreation Department and she enjoys sense of community at the UC on Friday and Saturday nights.

Back in India, Adam’s and Magnani’s friends and family are curious about UWRF and want to know more about the education and lifestyle at UWRF, Magnani said.



# News briefs:

## UWRF Collegiate DECA students find success at conference

Amid more than 1,300 competitors, five students from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls DECA chapter placed as a top 10 international finalists at the Collegiate DECA International Career Development Conference (ICDC) in Washington D.C. April 16-19.

In the Business to Business Marketing event, DECA-UWRF had two student teams, Andrew Davis and Alfonso Tolbert, both marketing communication majors, and Megan Beasley, marketing major, and Courtney Kanipes, marketing and communication studies major, that earned a place as a top 10 international finalist.

Additionally, Davis was one of 10 runner-ups that each received \$100 in the International Sales Challenge, a special ICDC event.

Agricultural business and animal science-equine management student Brianna Ahrndt earned a place as a top 10 international finalist for the Retail Management event. In addition, in the preliminary round of competition, she won ribbons for having both a top test score and a top role play score.

Thirteen members of the UW-River Falls DECA chapter qualified for and competed at the international conference. Marketing major Logan Lennertz and management major Amanda Bauer competed as a team in the Entrepreneurship – Starting Your Business competition. Marketing students Brooke Amann and Miranda VanDell teamed up in the Event Planning competition. The team of Angela Doherty, a marketing major, and Katie Grymala, a marketing communications major, competed in the Sports and Entertainment Marketing event. Management major Teresa McCullen competed in the Restaurant & Food Service Management individual category and Cody Vander Hayden, duel major in accounting and criminology, participated in the Professional Sales individual competition.

“This is our first year as a DECA chapter, and I am incredibly impressed by everything the students have accomplished. This is their organization, and they have created something of which to be proud,” said DECA-UWRF Adviser Stacy Vollmers, a professor in the College of Business and Economics. “They’ve worked extremely hard, and whether they placed in an event or not, competition at the regional, state, and international level has given them valuable experience. I am so pleased for them and tremendously proud of them.”

For more information about DECA-UWRF, call Vollmers at 715-425-4706.

## UWRF students present undergraduate research at conference

The University of Wisconsin-River Falls sent 56 students to present their undergraduate research, scholarly, and creative projects at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) at the University of North Carolina Asheville April 7-9.

UW-River Falls participants presented a wide range of topics including “Greenhouse Rain Garden” (research poster), “Optimization and Testing of Flow Cytometry Methods for ED50 Establishment for Novel Phosphoinositide 3-Kinase Inhibition as a Potential Drug Target in Plasmodium falciparum Using Wortmannin and Rapamy” (research poster), “Bringing Nature-Based Learning Into Elementary Classrooms” (Powerpoint oral session), “Put it Away” (live performance), “The Effect of Foot Inclination Angle on Lower Extremity Kinematics and Ground Reaction Forces During Running” (oral presentation), and “Observation of the Cosmic-Ray Shadows of the Sun and the Moon with IceCube” (research poster).

“NCUR is a wonderful opportunity for students of all disciplines and academic levels to educate their peers about a topic that they are passionate about,” said UWRF senior Molly Patterson, a dairy science-management, food processing technology major. “This was my second year participating in NCUR. The most rewarding moment during this conference for me was when a group of students recognized me as the ‘cheese person’ from the poster I presented on Asiago Style Cheese last year. They told me that my project was their favorite and most memorable presentation of 2015.”

Patterson’s NCUR experience included informative interviews with campus representatives at the graduate school fair, allowing her to weigh options in pursuing her passion through industry and plant management positions or moving more immediately toward a master’s degree.

“I am so thankful for the support that has been provided to me by UWRF and the guidance that I have received while conducting my research,” Patterson said.

NCUR 2016 featured undergraduate research presentations from a wide-range of disciplines, including the arts and sciences, agriculture, business, and education. More than 4,000 undergraduates showcased their best work in a dynamic three-day series of poster sessions, gallery talks, live performances, and Powerpoint presentations. Presentations describe project background, research methods, materials, and outcomes to an audience of fellow students, faculty, and administrators from campuses around the nation.

“This event taught me all about presenting in a professional setting,” said Casey Beck, a first year student majoring in fine arts/ceramics at UWRF. “I got to see how others present their artwork as well as receiving great feedback from my presentation. It would be great to present new research at this conference in the following year.” Beck’s well-attended gallery talk gained him a strongly enthusiastic recommendation to apply to a prestigious nearby summer program in ceramics.

NCUR provides an important venue for students’ professional and personal development. Students learn project and time management, develop presentation skills, and gain confidence from their public speaking experiences. The opportunity to dialogue with other scholars in and out of their field provides perspective on the high quality of their own work, and broadens their intellectual foundation through cross-disciplinary exposure. The graduate school fair, plenary speakers, and student interest sessions all offer students a more developed understanding of the opportunities ahead.

“NCUR is a chance to both share and celebrate research, both to my peers and to my prospective Ph.D. mentor or employers,” said UWRF senior Beck Hite, a biotechnology major. “This is the one event a year where networking on multiple platforms has a direct impact on my future. It is because of NCUR and the URSCA Office that I have secured both a job for my future and ignited a light in my heart for research.”

UWRF senior Madeline Foy, a communication sciences and disorders major, said “NCUR was an amazing opportunity to further my research experience as an undergraduate student. URSCA allowed me to not only create my own project, but to carry it out all of the way to dissemination. I was able to supplement the clinical experiences and coursework within my major with the research skills I learned during this project. This experience was unique, and something that is not readily available to students at other undergraduate universities. I feel that graduate schools took particular interest in me because of my extensive research experience and presentation skills.”

Students were accompanied by faculty and staff members Lissa Schneider-Rebozo, Elizabeth Jordahl, Paul Budde, Joe Blum, and Brett Kallusky. UWRF Chancellor Dean Van Galen and Timothy Lyden joined the contingent on the second day of the conference.

NCUR, under the auspices of the Council for Undergraduate Research, promotes undergraduate research, scholarship and creative activity through the sponsorship of an annual conference for students. NCUR was attended by nearly 4,000 students and administrators from across the nation.

For more information, contact URSCA Director Schneider-Rebozo at elizabeth.schneider-rebozo@uwrf.edu or call 715-425-3902.

## UWRF Dairy Team earns first place at competition

The University of Wisconsin-River Falls dairy team earned a first place award in the North American Intercollegiate Dairy Challenge (NAIDC) held in Syracuse, N.Y., April 7-9. This was the 15th year of this international competition, which in-

volved 128 students from 32 different universities.

Students in the team from UW-River Falls were Brian Fessenmaier of Spring Valley, Meghan Connelly of Rochester, Minn., Kyle Rentmeester of Glenbeulah, and Dylan Nelson of Edgerton. The team is coached by Sylvia Kehoe, associate professor of dairy science. In addition to a recognition plaque, each team member received a \$200 scholarship.

The NAIDC is a two-day competition where teams evaluate a well-managed dairy farm business and recommend management enhancements to a panel of judges comprised of industry and academic professionals. The 32 participating teams are randomly assigned to one of four farms, for a maximum of eight teams per farm in head to head competition. Teams are provided with herd data necessary to analyze the farm operation and their herd management practices. They must analyze the data and prioritize the farm areas that need a detailed examination. Each team is then allowed a farm visit and short question and answer sessions with the farm manager. Teams complete their evaluation and prepare their presentations that same day, then deliver their presentations to the judge’s panel the following day. Time limits are set and strictly enforced for each activity to simulate real world on-farm consulting.

The NAIDC event also includes a Career and Innovation Fair, opportunities for informal networking with industry sponsors and some fun activities, which this year was a Minute to Win It contest. The NAIDC is committed to developing tomorrow’s dairy leaders and enhancing the progress of the industry. Industry sponsorship helps cover the travel, lodging and meals expenses for teams and provides the scholarships.

For more information, email sylvia.kehoe@uwrf.edu.

## UW-River Falls stage and screen arts students win Crystal Pillar

University of Wisconsin-River Falls Stage and Screen Arts students won big during the 2016 NATAS (National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences) Upper Midwest Student Production Awards held April 10 at the Radisson Blu Hotel at Mall of America.

UW-River Falls students Sydney Howell and Dan Mariette both walked away with a prestigious Student Production Crystal Pillar Award from the Upper Midwest Emmy® NATAS Chapter for their non-fiction short, “The Dam Decision,” a documentary film that outlines the dam removal discussion happening in the city of River Falls.

“I am very proud of all of our students and the hard work they have put into their film projects,” said Joe Blum, UWRF stage and screen arts instructor, who attended the event. “Sydney and Dan did an incredible job making a documentary that fairly represents the different sides of an issue that greatly affects this community.”

“The Dam Decision” was created in part with an Undergraduate Stipends and Expenses Grant issued by the Office of Undergraduate Research, Scholarly and Creative Activity. Blum was Howell’s faculty mentor for the USE Grant.

This year, the NATAS Upper Midwest Chapter received more than 260 entries from 40 different high schools and colleges/universities from across the region. UWRF Stage and Screen Arts had six nominations this year in the categories of fiction, non-fiction and editing.

NATAS is a membership organization dedicated to excellence in television by honoring exceptional work, past and present; providing professional development and outreach; and nurturing the next generation of television professionals. NATAS is the only professional association representing television professionals from all disciplines of the industry, serving as the common meeting ground for individuals dedicated to advancing the art and science of television.

For more information about the UW-River Falls Stage and Screen Arts program, email robin.e.murray@uwrf.edu.

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Wednesday, 5/4

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### River Falls Police/UWRF Police Department

#### Friday, April 22

- An animal complaint came in around 7 p.m. on spruce street.

#### Saturday, April 23

- Police responded to an intoxicated individual at Parker Hall at 2 a.m.

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# Wisconsin DNR launches new, broad website

Lisa Erickson  
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The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources launched a new website last month aimed at making it easier for residents to get outside with Go Wild. The website offers key licenses and registrations in what DNR officials say is a user-friendly, modern format.

**The new program has been popular with younger people who like to use their phones. Since the launch, Rappe said, more than 30 percent of the DNR’s customers are making purchases from a mobile device, which surprised officials and confirmed the need for updating the portal.**

The Go Wild site acts as a portal to help plan activities with links to more information on outdoor adventures. The site is part of a bigger campaign where customers can get other kinds of information, such as maps and educational content for bird watching and hiking, according to the DNR.

“Go Wild was in the making for over five years,” said Mike Rappe of the DNR’s Bureau of Customer and Outreach Services. Early on, the leadership from the DNR met with stakeholders, asking what kinds of changes they would like to see. The new system is part of a larger goal to reach a broader base than just hunters, Rappe said.

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purchases from a mobile device, which surprised officials and confirmed the need for updating the portal.

Regional Tourism Specialist Drew Nussbaum from the Wisconsin Department of Tourism said he was glad to see the DNR’s system updated. More and more people are using social media to search for places to go and things to do, and with easier websites, it benefits everyone, Nussbaum said.

The Go Wild site allows customers to create an easy-to-remember username and password which they manage themselves. No longer will they have to look for documents to find numbers to access accounts. People can download the information to a mobile device, according to the DNR’s website.

However, not everyone is impressed with the new system and the process. Johanna Barrett, a student at UW-River Falls and a former hunter, said she has many friends and family who have or will use the the new site.

“My grandpa hates it,” Barrett said, adding that he was upset that he now has to carry around a big piece of printer paper as a hunting license, instead of the old way when a tag was pinned to the back of a hunter’s coat. Barrett noted that if a person loses the printed copy of a license, they can just print another one — which is a plus.

Her younger friends and relatives who are big-time hunters, Barrett added, will find the new mobile-friendly site much easier to use, especially if they can store more than one license on their phones.

The new system has experienced some issues and there has been a backlog of registrations, but the DNR officials said they hope to be caught up with processing soon.

“Decals and registration cards are being mailed to customers by the end of April,” Rappe said. Registration sticker decals have not changed and still need to be applied to all vehicles. Customers will need to show proof of licensing either on their mobile device or have a paper copy on their person,

reminded Rappe. Originally when the new site launched, it was flooded with people trying to register.

“Since the system launched... we’ve sold more than 528,000 products and conducted more than 140,000 transactions,” Rappe said. During turkey hunting tag sales, the DNR was processing nearly 7,500 transactions per hour. In the next couple weeks, the DNR will be concentrating on adding additional technology improvements and fixing software to help make the system easier to use, Rappe said in a press release.

The DNR is now processing registrations for boats, recreational vehicles and snowmobiles and issuing temporary operating receipts. Customers who submitted payment by mail will be provided temporary operating receipts within the next two weeks, according to a DNR press release.

“With the March 31 registration expiration for boats and ATVs, and as part of the changeover to the new Go Wild system, we had more than 95,000 customers send in their registrations via mail during the transition period. The DNR is now processing those and will be issuing temporary operating receipts,” Rappe said.

Customers can still purchase licenses and permits through DNR customer service centers and at more than 1,000 vendors statewide. Customers are being encouraged by the DNR to use Go Wild to register boats, ATVs/UTVs and snowmobiles because the online system is fast and will provide the temporary operating receipt immediately that people can print out at home.

The Go Wild website is found at <http://gowild.wi.gov>.

# UW System President Ray Cross visits UWRF



*Tori Schneider/Student Voice*  
**UW System President Ray Cross listens as UWRF junior Ashley Rosana expresses concerns about diverse student leaders’ responsibilities on campus during a lunch meeting that involved Rosana and other students of diverse backgrounds.**



*Tori Schneider/Student Voice*  
**Ray Cross laughs with Moises Almanza, Mohammad Battah and Chancellor Dean Van Galen during a lunch meeting with Cross and students Wednesday, March 27 in the Chippewa River Room of the University Center.**

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EDITORIAL

Students should maintain respect, decency in online interactions

In this day and age, online harassment and abuse has grown significantly in its prolificacy as is fairly apparent.

One recent example came out just a few days ago. “Just not Sports,” a sports podcast, released a video April 25, where men were brought in to read tweets to sports reporters Sarah Spain and Julie DiCaro in person. The purpose behind the video was to show harassment that people can face online with no true reason, ending with the message “We wouldn’t say it to their faces. So let’s not type it.”

Such things happen to anyone, anywhere, including on our campus. Places like the mobile app Yik Yak and “confessions” pages on Facebook. There’s no real problem with anonymous people discussing other unnamed people, but a problem develops when people are named. One person wrote “Watched [name] take 4 dicks in less than 2 hours over the weekend...” Others developed rumors regarding one person running for Student Senate president on Yik Yak. This sort of occurrence is where things get dicey and are taken too far.

Writing things specifically with the purpose of embarrassing, hurting or ruining the image of other people behind the mask of online anonymity is a terrible thing to do; it says a lot about a person who does this for no other reason.

Online harassment is far more easily avoided than what people can face in person. A popular response to complaints of internet abuse is telling the recipient to turn off their computer or not to go on whatever website these messages are coming from. And that is true, absolutely, but that doesn’t change the fact that the person who should be changing what they are doing is the harasser.

As student together at university, it is hugely important to us and to prospective students to have a campus community which supports itself and whose members look out for one another. Online harassment, calling people out, spreading false statements about people to hurt them: these things all achieve nothing besides damaging our community. We encourage everyone to be respectful, friendly and considerate of others to make our campus as good as it can be.

As the academic year closes out, we encourage students to support one another and wish them the best of luck in their finals. Remember that mental health trumps getting a perfect score on one’s test.

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Instructions not included for losing father at age 21

Originally published on readunwritten.com

Samantha Decker

Columnist

I never thought my father would die. In fact, I always thought dads wore an invincibility cloak and death only occurred at an older age. I felt deep sorrow when someone my age lost a parent. I told myself, “That will never happen to me.”

On March 28, 2016, my father suffered an unexpected heart attack. After three days of endless praying in the hospital halls, he was removed from life support. What was never supposed to happen in my life was happening and there was nothing I could do to stop it.

I always pictured my father cheering the loudest when I graduated college and pestering me about when I’ll start applying for my first job. Eventually he would walk me down the aisle then give me away after the father daughter dance. Maybe, even later, he would be wildly grinning ear to ear while holding my first-born child. I thought of him as an elder and seeing him and my mom grow old together. I imagined them sitting on the porch in the backyard under the tree, happily in love. I was never going to leave his side and I know he was never going to leave mine, but life had a different plan.

The day my dad passed was the day I knew my life was changing forever and it was going to be the most difficult change I would ever encounter. I am 21 years old, in college and living away from home. It has only been three weeks since my father has passed, but I’m already learning where my challenges will be for the rest of my life.

You don’t get a “how-to” guide with losing a parent. I’m not one to follow instructions word for word anyways, but during this time I have found myself reaching for every form of comfort and grasping on to every hopeful bit of advice. There is no step by step process out there on the best way to cope with the loss of a parent and it’s frustrating as hell. Not being able to see how one day we will reunite is challenging and sometimes makes my head feel like it’s going to burst, but then something hits me. My father’s most favored advice to give my siblings and I was, “Don’t memorize it, understand it.” I was raised under a Catholic roof and I have found myself routinely asking God, “Why did you take my father from me, why now?” I have challenged myself to apply his quote to our faith in hopes that someday I will find a way to

understand some of these burning questions. The comfort of applying the words my father said almost every day to my thoughts gives me strength to carry on and to find peace in the unknown.

I’ve also learned quickly that what I am experiencing is a grey area to many. The loss of a parent isn’t uncommon, but at the sweet age of 21 it’s pretty scarce. Don’t get me wrong, my friends are all great and have shown nothing but support and I don’t doubt they will ever stop. But I can feel the raw weight of the baggage that I now hold and how it creates a bubble of uniqueness to my college experience and personal life story. People tip-toe around the words “father” and “dad” and steer away from talking about their times with their fathers. However, hearing these terms and stories doesn’t necessarily hurt me; it just reminds me that from here on out my stories won’t be the same and that’s OK. An older friend recently told me, “Your baggage doesn’t make you any less than the rest,” and he is right. What I am carrying is a cut created by the loss of a loved one. Even though this cut is deep, rigid and sometimes feels ugly, it is the most beautiful scar I’ll ever carry.

Lastly, in this short (but yet seemingly long) time without my father, I have learned that I am afraid of forgetting who he was. How am I supposed to remember everything we have done together from childhood to 21? How am I supposed to grow older and remember so vividly the memories I hold of him today? I can hardly remember what I did yesterday. The thought of losing such valuable memories is frightening. Every day I wake up with the mindset of, “OK, Sam, let’s just get through this half hour.” During every one of those half hours, he never leaves my mind. I know I will never forget the man who raised me to be the woman I have become, so I should never fear it. When I look in the mirror I can’t help but see his eyes staring back at me. I will always be afraid without my father here in person, but I know I am a cookie cut-out of him and that makes it not as scary.

This world is full of unexpected events. Life truly is a riddle and that is something my father guided me through every day. It’s difficult riding these waves without him but no matter what the strength of the wave is, I know I am his daughter and he has prepared me for the rest of my life, even if it’s without him.

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# STUDENT ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT



Jessi Conklin and Hailey McCollum  
Active Minds

**Q: How long have you been involved with the org and why did you decide to get involved?**  
A. Jessi: 2 years. I got involved with Active Minds because I wanted to find a place to feel comfortable being myself.  
Hailey: 3 years. I co-created the organization to make the UWRF campus more inclusive, and the organization does great work to reduce the stigma around mental health.

**Q: What are three things you want people on campus to know about your org?**  
A. We are not a support group, but we give people resources to receive the support they need.  
We strive for inclusiveness among members no matter how they identify.  
We want to eradicate the stigma surrounding mental health.

**Q. How can other students get involved in your org?**  
A. You can get involved by coming to meetings! However if you cannot join us for meetings, be sure to check us out for our on campus events such as tables in the UC. We also have a Facebook like Page.

**Q. What do you think makes a person a good leader?**  
A. We believe that a great leader must be open minded, have a willingness to communication and adaptability to change because things will always happen in life and you have to be prepared for it.

**Q. When and where does your org meet?**  
A. This year is every Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Willow River Room in the UC, but next year is 6:30 p.m. in the same day and place.

## STUDENT *voices*

What are you looking forward to doing outdoors this summer?

*Compiled by Samantha Decker*



Katelynn Ogunfolami  
Freshman  
“Work at summer camp.”



Rachel Rosemore  
Sophomore  
“Hiking and going to the beach.”



Emma Gehring  
Freshman  
“Days at the lake and time at the race track.”



Matthew Harrigan  
Junior  
“Geocaching.”



Emma Croone  
Senior  
“Paddleboard.”



Carys Fisher  
Sophomore  
“Climbing Mount Fuji .”

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# Falcon football works hard in off-season

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Coming off their best season in years, Falcon football is now attacking the spring season to make a difference before training camp and their season opener on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Falcons have been practicing at Ramer Field three times a week for the entire month of April. Division III allows sixteen practices over five months in the offseason, but UWRF is only trying to get in twelve practices before finals week and when academics take precedent. Head Coach Matt Walker said, “We can’t use pads or even wear helmets in these practices. Our goal is to improve on the little things and tinker with our schemes because of players being in new positions.” Beyond just making tech-

nical decisions, the coaching staff uses spring practices to build up team chemistry. Working in transfer players and new recruits can have major benefits when training camp comes around. “These practices bring a new team dynamic and gives leadership roles for new guys. This revolves around building relationships, even if the guys don’t even realize it, because it kind of just happens,” Walker said. The Falcons have great leadership and veteran presence returning for the spring season. Only seven players are gone from the 2015 team, with numerous starters returning on both sides of the ball. For the first time in years, numbers aren’t an issue for UWRF. Walker said, “Big numbers is a good sign for our program and shows it’s going in the right direction. Having too many capable players is

a nice problem to have, with depth not being much of an issue.” The Falcons now focus on working in new players and coaches into the mix through their spring practices. The Falcons strength in 2015 was definitely their defense, which held opponents to negative rushing yards on three separate occasions last season. A few games got away from the team at the tail end of the season, but injuries kept the Falcons from finishing strong. With four-year starting quarterback Ryan Kusilek lost to graduation, the offense will look for a new leader under center. Freshman quarterback Ben Beckman received important experience down the stretch against UW-Oshkosh and UW-Whitewater after Kusilek suffered an ankle injury. Only time will tell if this experience can lead to

big results in the upcoming season. No matter what, the coaching staff will look to work in every player where they can make an impact. Walker said, “I’m a big believer in having equal emphasis on both sides of the ball and altering your schemes to fit your personal. We try to get the best players and fit our schemes to work to their strengths.” Leading rushers Rance Ashley and Michael Diggins also bring depth to the backfield for next season, with Nicholas Studer returning as the leading receiver with four touchdowns. On the defensive side of the ball, eight of the ten leading tacklers return for the 2016 season. This returning core of Falcon players has had to deal with adversity in the past, with many outsiders questioning the team’s direction after a 0-2 start last year. But the team responded by

winning four of their next five games and reaching as high as second place in the WIAC. A difficult finish left the team at 4-6 and fourth in the WIAC, but the experience will only strengthen this team and make them hungry for more. Walker said, “You’re going to find a lot of disappointed players if we’re not playing meaningful games in November. We took a big step from last year and would be awfully disappointed if we’re not playing for something big.” UWRF will have to come up with answers for the big three in the conference of UW-Oshkosh, UW-Whitewater, and UW-Platteville to make a run at a WIAC title. But if there’s a team that may be able to do it, Walker believes it may be this one. “This is the best team I’ve ever had here on paper and definitely the best recruiting

class. There’s not a lot of people on the outside who give us a great chance, but there are a lot of people here who believe we can win this thing.” With spring practices almost over, the team will next turn its attention to the season at hand. The Falcons report to camp in August, and have their season opener at Coe College on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. UWRF opens up their season at home when Southwestern University travels from Texas to take on the Falcons on September 24<sup>th</sup>. Expectations may be higher than they have been in years at UWRF, but the team seems ready to step up to the next level. When fall comes around, expect the Falcons to push hard to achieve their first winning record since 2000.

# Dual-sport athletes at UW-River Falls never out of season

Kate Vruwink  
Falcon News Service

Whether athletes, especially young ones, should specialize in one sport or compete in many remains open to debate. On university campuses such as UW-River Falls, most student athletes specialize, but a handful compete in more than one sport. The most common dual-sport combination is football with track and field, because football is a fall sport and track and field is during the spring. UWRF sophomore Tim Rixmann takes on both sports because he was a four-sport athlete in high school. “I just like to compete,” Rixmann said. “I’m really competitive. I just want to be as big of an athlete as I can, so for me, that’s being in as many sports as I can.” Rixmann competes in a variety of track and field events and also is a defensive back for the football team. For him, that experience can be summed up by looking at his schedule. “I’m never out of season,” he said. Junior Benji McRoberts used to also compete in both sports,

but only does track and field now due to injuries. McRoberts echoed Rixmann’s explanation of the schedule for a dual-sport athlete, and viewed it as a positive. “I love being productive and busy, and when you’re a multi-sport athlete you’re forced to be both of those,” McRoberts said. For McRoberts, the biggest challenge was the strength and conditioning aspect for both sports. Athletes are trying to get their bodies to peak condition for track and field, he said, whereas in football they’re trying to maintain the work they put in during off-season. However, football’s “off-season” happens during track and field season, providing a difficult overlap. “The strength and conditioning aspect of being a multi-sport athlete is complex,” he said. “I don’t want to call it impossible, but it’s definitely something everybody could learn a little bit on.” That’s not the only challenge. “I feel like I don’t get as close of a bond with the team, and then during the summer I always have to catch up on what the football team learned while I was in track season,” Rixmann

said. “So I’m always playing catch up.” Despite the challenges faced by dual-sport athletes, there are rewards. McRoberts found his time as a dual-sport athlete beneficial and said sometimes he misses it. “From the amount of fun you’re going to have just doing the two sports, if that’s not beneficial enough, it’s all the support you’re going to get from your teammates (and) your coaches, because they want you to have the best life after all the sports your in,” he said. Both McRoberts and Rixmann also said they would highly recommend the lifestyle to other interested future student athletes. “I would say give it a try,” Rixmann said. “The worst thing that’s going to happen is you’ll have too much on your plate, you can’t handle it, and you’ll just have to take a step back. But, if you don’t try you’re just going to have regret.” For him, avoiding the idea of regret is a big reason why he continues with his busy schedule. “I don’t want to regret anything,” he said. “I want to do as much as I possibly can. I’d rather do too much than not enough.”



Russ Gamache/UWRF Sports  
Tim Rixmann competes in the long jump event at a UWRF track meet. Rixmann, a sophomore from River Falls, WI is also plays football at UWRF as a defensive back.

# UWRF athletics hosts Don Page Memorial Tournament

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For the 31st consecutive year, the Don Page Memorial Golf Tournament will be held at the River Falls Golf Club on June 20 to raise money for the UW-River Falls Athletics Department. The tournament is centered on teams of four, and includes lunch, gifts, dinner and prizes. The invitation is extended to all levels of golfing experience. To submit a team, a \$500 fee is required, or \$125 per person. For the second year in a row, according to a brochure advertising the tournament, a special invitation has been extended to all former members of women’s athletic teams, their guests and fans of women’s athletics. According to members of the Athletics Depart-

ment, the tournament committee has never had a women on it, and the push to get more women involved has been noted. The tournament honors the late Don Page, who worked at UWRF from 1957-1992, initially as head basketball and baseball coach and ultimately as athletics director. Page died in 2010. David Page, son of Don Page, said he wants more women involved in the golf tournament and that organizers have tried in years past to increase interest. “Actually I decided to do it a long time ago,” Page said, “and it was actually (former UWRF Chancellor) Ann Lydecker, during her comments at the podium at a golf tournament, that encouraged my dad (Don Page) to encourage more women to participate. “It made me angry because Dad

would never turn down anyone’s check. So the next year, I sponsored a foursome of women and I paid for them all, under the stipulation that the next year they each get their own foursome, and we would have at least 16 women’s golfers up there,” Page said. “And those guys didn’t come through, and they came with their hands empty so I said okay, and I paid for them again.” Page said the golf tournament is not just about making money for athletics, but a way for old friends to come together and enjoy a day of golf. “It’s a way for people, like the old timers, to keep in touch,” he said. “I think the Falcon football team has one, I think the golf team has one, the hockey team has one. It is a social setting, it is a way to keep in touch with people.” According to the tournament bro-

chure, if one does not wish to golf, they may buy dinner for \$50. Holes on the course may be sponsored for \$100. The Falcon Club established the event 31 years ago as a way for friends and alumni of UW-River Falls to create a tax-deductible contribution to Falcon Athletics. The booster club serves intercollegiate athletics by providing funding for special projects, events and the enhancement of UWRF athletics not available through traditional funding sources. Page said that in recent years participation in the tournament has decreased. “Well, it isn’t pocket change (to participate),” Page said. “The numbers are down a bit. Back when my dad was running it, it was not uncommon to see 144 golfers and have two foursomes on 18 holes.

He was kind of a Pied Piper and he was in contact with people all over the state.” Page said the event has the possibility of dwindling to its demise if the numbers continue to fall, but he said he wants to see the event continue to be held each year. Some of the things the Falcon Club assists in are VIP parking for home football games, Falcon canopies at home events, post-game socials following selected home events, equipment for teams and coaches, Karges Center championship banners and other Falcon pride activities. The Don Page Memorial Tournament will begin at 11:30 a.m. June 20 at the River Falls Golf Club, 2120 E. Division St., River Falls. The dinner is set to start at approximately 5:30 p.m.

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# Irish sea coast is highlight of an international semester

Lauren  
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Columnist

I have now hit that point in my grand tour abroad where my remaining time in Europe is running through my hands like melted gelato. How can a trip I have been preparing for for so long almost be over?! There are so many places I have yet to see, places I want to return, and places I did not have time to see... So maybe I should not be agonizing over how little time I have left in Europe, but instead begin the planning for the next time I will get to come back here.

Since the time I last wrote about my experiences in Berlin, I have traveled to four more cities in Germany, all over Northern Ireland, Dublin and Nice, France. And now, with four days left in Europe, I plan to see as much of Amsterdam as I am able before I board a plane for a final flight back the to United States.

But do not get me wrong, I am savoring every moment – and making sure that I am “present” in all these moments while I am still in Europe. Northern Ireland was my first destination during the two week break from the rest

of my International Traveling Classroom group. After one uncomfortable flight later on Ryan Air I found myself in an alien territory of green, with no glass skyscrapers in sight, completely different from the cities I had just left. Riding in the backseat of an Irish native’s car I road tripped up to the North of Ireland with plenty of Maud’s honeycomb ice cream and candy floss (cotton candy) to keep me company. Soon even the little towns fell away to reveal long stretches of green pastures with dots of white sheep sleeping away in the fields, while a very familiar “farm smell” wafted in through my open window. We were definitely getting farther and farther “up north.”

While I did not have nearly enough time to explore Northern Ireland as I would have liked, what I was able to

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see was incredible. Incredible, because everywhere you turn in Northern Ireland you see amazing views, crumbly castles and miles of bright green rolling hills. There just is not a bad part of Ireland I believe, so whatever you are able to see will be well worth it. Some of my favorites from my time up North include Mussenden Temple which, as the name suggests, is this little temple sitting all by itself on the edge of a cliff hanging over the Atlantic Ocean. It overlooks a stretch of impeccable golden, sandy, beach. The temple is not nearly as impressive as the views but it is well worth the trek out to see it, just hold on to your hat. Up along the Irish coast, there is nothing but you and the temple to prevent the winds from ripping at you and your belongings! I also really recommend a trip to the very famous and iconic Giant’s Causeway. The Giant’s Causeway is a freak of nature, but in the best possible way. Not even the multitude of tourists clambering over

the basalt rock formations can detract from the immenseness of this natural phenomenon borne of a volcanic eruption.

This huge outdoor playground of salty waves, grassy hills, and slippery rocks stretches for miles up the Irish coast and I plan to come back to walk the entire coast line along where these formations exist.

But you cannot stay in paradise forever, and now sitting in a hostel in Dublin I am instead surrounded by the smell of boys’ sneakers, little piles of dirty socks and for some reason a pink lei. If I concentrate hard enough I can just smell what is left of some pizza left in a cardboard box underneath a bed across the room from me. But when I close my eyes and smell my jacket, I can still smell the salty air of Northern Ireland. That is the smell I want to take home with me in four days and hope that it remains in my memory until I return to the beauty of Ireland. To paradise.

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# ‘The Machete Season’ brutally depicts genocide

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In the course of 100 days in 1994 as many as one million Tutsi people were brutally murdered in one of the most horrific genocides in modern human history.

The book “The Machete Season” by Jean Hatzfeld is an account of not the victims of this genocide, but the perpetrators. The author interviewed a group of men who were convicted of murdering countless Tutsi people. The novel is a chilling account of how one day a group of average people can turn into mass murderers.

The Rwandan genocide was the mass murder of the Tutsi people by the Hutu. The Tutsi were favored by the Belgian colonizers, and the Hutus had always felt slighted. After independence there were many civil wars and conflict between the two ethnic groups but none so fearsome and deadly as the genocide in 1994. After Rwandan president Juvenal Habyarimana was assassinated when his airplane was shot down, allegedly by Tutsi rebels, the Hutu majority began systematically killing all Tutsis. In the book, the killers mention how

they did not have a deep hatred for the Tutsi people until one day, all of the country was killing them and so they grabbed their machetes and began to hack men women and children to death.

A striking feature and the reason for the name of the book, is that most of the murders were done by machetes, as few men had guns and machetes were seen as honorable. To the Hutu people who committed these atrocities, it was seen as a chore like any other, wake up go to work killing Tutsis go home relax, and head out the next day and do the same thing. It is chilling to read how these men and women were so callous and uncaring in their murders of their once neighbors. One of the killers, a man named Leopold says this of his first murder: “... This gentleman I killed at the marketplace, I can tell you the exact memory of it because he was the first. For others, it’s murky- I cannot keep track anymore in my memory. I considered them unimportant; at the time of those murders I didn’t even notice the tiny thing that would change me into a killer.” It is a chilling account by a man whose indifference to the mass murder will shock the reader to the core. The book is set up in such a way that each chapter cov-

ers a different topic: the organization of the whole affair, the looting et cetera with a preface written by the author explaining the circumstances and results followed by interviews with the group of killers.

For me, the most frightening part of the book is that the people it covers are a group of men who have been friends their whole life. They ate together, played soccer together, relaxed together and one day, simply because everyone else was, this group of friends killed together. It is shocking to read about the brutal efficiency of these murderers.

While many of the murderers were later punished for their crimes, the fact of the matter is that there were far too many guilty parties to punish them all. To this day those same men who killed a mother and child with a machete still tend their family farm. This book is a testament to the depravity of man and the hate that can be found in all of us. I would recommend this book to only those who can handle such books, as the content is obviously not suitable for the weak of stomach.

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