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UWRF Faculty Senate votes 'no confidence' in UW System President, Board of Regents

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The UW-River Falls Faculty Senate passed a resolution of no confidence in UW System President Ray Cross and the Board of Regents at its meeting on Wednesday, May 4.

The resolution, which passed with no objections and one abstention, followed the passing of the same resolution by UW-Madison's Faculty Senate on May 2. The resolution stated Senate's dissatisfaction with changes to tenure policy and shared governance in Wisconsin and said that it holds no confidence in Cross or the Board of Regents regarding commitment to defending the Wisconsin Idea.

Discussion before the vote included no statements disagreeing with the proposed resolution, as faculty senators and audience members voiced their support. From the audience, John Heppen, chair of Geography and Geographic Information Science, said that standing with UW-Madison and encouraging Cross and the Board of Regents to work with the universities is an important action for UWRF to take.

"The faculty at Madison is committed to being unified with all the other faculty in the UW System schools," Heppen said. "So I think it's very, very important that we show solidarity with them and support them, because they have decided to stick with us."

Sen. Doug Margolis said during discussion that the resolution was due to what he called a leadership failure from Cross while the state of public education is being threatened.

"I think more important, still, is the whole idea that public education is under attack right now, and we have no leadership who's voicing out a consistent and clear message that public education is important and matters," Margolis said. "That's why I support this motion and hope you do, too."

Sen. Mialisa Moline said that she read a quote from a UW-Madison professor about how letting fear stop faculty members from speaking openly about their concerns makes them lose their academic freedom. She said that she would not live her professional life in fear of speaking out. Her comments were greeted with applause from the audience and her fellow members of Senate.

When it came time to vote, several faculty senators stood in addition to raising their hands in support of the motion.

However, not everyone was pleased with the decision. UWRF student Lisa Erickson,



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who was officially appointed to the Board of Regents on May 1, said she was upset that the resolution passed and did not see its benefit.

"I just think it's incredibly selfish," Erickson said. "I think it's very faculty-based, and I don't see how it benefits the students at all. I don't see how it benefits the UW System. It's extremely frustrating."

Erickson said that she does not see what else Cross and the Board of Regents could

possibly do, because they do not have much control over the decisions that are being handed down to them.

"We're only doing what we've been dealt with, and so it seems difficult when you look at it from that perspective," Erickson said. "We're only doing what we've been asked to do, but yet we're feeling the brunt of what we've been asked to do by the governor and (legislators)."

Next week, Erickson said that she hopes to meet with Governor Scott Walker to talk about the concerns she's heard from people on campuses and ask why the budget cuts to the UW System have been made.

Other universities in the UW System, including Milwaukee, Green Bay and Superior, are expected to vote on the same resolution later this month.

Horse riding program gets support from UWRF connection

Molly Kinney

Falcon News Service

A lot of people like to lounge in bed on Saturday mornings, but riders, volunteers from UW-River Falls and horses at Walk On Therapeutic Riding Programs are geared up and ready to go at 10 a.m. sharp.

Ken Giske, co-founder and president of the nonprofit organization, is also the instructor of most of the horseback riding lessons at Walk On, located at 1469 County Road J northeast of River Falls. He and his late wife, Katy, bought the land where the program takes place and called it Double K Ranch. They opened for their first lessons on September 10, 2001, making this Walk On's 15th year of operation.

Many stables and riding centers are found in Pierce and St. Croix counties, but Walk On is the only of its kind in the region. Those who take lessons at Walk On are almost all disabled, and the stable serves as a place for riders to have an equine experience in a safe and fun way.

Walk On is under the direction of the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH) guidelines, according to the program's website. Giske decided to get his certification to teach therapeutic riding after many years of working in adaptive learning, he said.

"I've been doing this all my life," Giske said. "Back in high school I did athletic training, in college too, and I wanted to get into physical therapy. I worked in that, taught adaptive swimming, and it's the same kinda stuff. I knew this kind of program existed so I looked into it and... now we're here."

Riders come to the barn for just over an hour each week for their lesson, including the time it takes to get the horses groomed and saddled up. Though they have UWRF student volunteers at their side if they need assistance, the riders are completely in charge of their horse.

The lesson itself lasts about 30 minutes. Despite each rider's

level of ability, Giske said that the lessons don't differ much from lessons people of higher physical or mental ability might take.

"To tell you the truth, there's not much difference. If you got on a horse and she got on a horse and she got on a horse, you'd all ride differently. Doesn't make any difference who, what, when or why, you're all different," he said. "So what difference does it make? If all five of us got on a horse, and I was the teacher, you'd all ride differently, regardless of ability. If you all jumped in a swimming pool, you'd all swim differently, too. So that's my job as a teacher: to figure out how you all are gonna do this."

Giske continued: "We just have to ask, 'What do we need to do to have Jamie ride a horse?' We have to throw in some sign language. The other boy, we have to remember that he likes consistency. It's not so much tolerance as just being adaptive. Asking 'What do I need to do at this moment to teach this rider this skill.'"

Parents, personal care assistants or guardians are allowed to sit on the side of the arena and watch. May Ross of New Richmond has been bringing her daughter Jamie to Walk On for a number of years, and said the therapeutic riding has positively affected her daughter's life.

"Jamie rode when she was a teenager, and she's 46 now, but getting back on a horse has been so motivating for her," Ross said. "It's a healing bond, I would say. She loves horses, just being near them is awesome for her, she just loves it. She's totally bonded with this horse. She's not intimidated."

Margi Miller, whose daughter Shea is another rider at Walk On, said the program has made her daughter more confident in her abilities, physically and mentally.

"Certainly she's become more confident and independent. You know, this is her thing that no one else does. She's really proud of that and she should be. She rides solo sometimes, and I almost need (a defibrillator)," Miller said. "So much of

her life is supervised and controlled by others, and trying to articulate what assistance she needs, but she can just do it. That makes this huge for her. It's such an opportunity.

"And, it's a hard workout," Miller added. "It takes a lot of strength to sit up like that. She'll go home and take a shower and just be done for the entire evening after horseback."

Therapeutic riding is an area of study in the equine science program at UWRF and is discussed in a number of courses. What makes UWRF unique is that students can become PATH certified through the university. According to Giske, this is offered at only five colleges in the nation. Most equine programs only prepare students to become PATH certified elsewhere. This gives UWRF students a huge advantage, if therapy riding is a career they'd like to pursue, he said.

One of the student volunteers at Walk On is Becky Lyons, a sophomore equine science major with a management emphasis. She said that being at the facility gives students an opportunity they can't have on campus.

"It's definitely very hands on, and very involved, and you really get to know the horses, the volunteers, the riders. You get to see the positive changes first hand and that feels great," Lyons said. "It would be hard to recreate that on campus. All of the riders are really passionate about the horses and look forward to it every week, so it's just really authentic."

Though only equine studies students can become PATH certified through the university, Giske said students from all areas and majors at UWRF have volunteered in the past, and all are still welcome to. In the end, Giske said, the volunteers are really what make programs like Walk On possible.

"This program could never exist without the wonderful volunteers," he said. "They're a key component to this program. If it wasn't for them, this wouldn't be happening. We've been really fortunate to have built this partnership."

Police Beat: UWRF student blames trauma of breakup for allegedly beating up his ex

Phil Pfuehler
River Falls Journal

Tyler D. Hall, 19, a UWRF student from Plymouth, Minn., for substantial battery, felony intimidation of a victim, and disorderly conduct at 816 Sycamore St. Saturday. The alleged victim is Hall’s ex-girlfriend, a 19-year-old UWRF student.

The woman said she’d recently broken up with Hall in order to be single again. Late Friday night and into Saturday morning, both were at a college party at the Sycamore Street address.

The woman claimed that Hall kept pestering to leave with him but she refused. She said he finally grabbed her by the neck and chest and slammed her to the ground, saying ‘Just listen to me.’

The woman replied that Hall had just physically hurt her. He allegedly said, referring to the trauma of their breakup, ‘Well, you just

hurt me so bad.’

When the woman tried to get up, she said Hall again slammed her back to the ground. He allegedly climbed on top of her to keep her pinned while she screamed for help.

Two female friends came outside to separate the two and get the woman on her feet. The woman returned to her dorm and then went to River Falls Area Hospital. Her doctor allegedly said the incident had given her a mild concussion.

After that the woman went to the police station with a friend to report her version of what happened.

Officers then collected more evidence, including text messages and phone conversations between Hall and another female college student.

Late Saturday afternoon, they went to Parker Hall to find and arrest Hall. He was found sitting in the lounge area. He allegedly said, ‘For the record, I didn’t mean to hurt her.’

Hall was taken to Pierce County Jail in Ells-

worth. After being booked in, he refused to answer any questions without a lawyer.

The case was sent to the district attorney.

Emily In Kyung Nelson, 20, a UWRF student from St. Paul, for battery, marijuana and drug paraphernalia possession at Spring and Fourth streets after 3 p.m. last Wednesday.

Police responded to a 911 call about two females fighting. Both were found in the middle of the intersection. They appeared to have been fighting. At the approach of an officer, they stopped and pointed at the other.

Nelson and the other female, a 28-year-old Hastings, Minn., woman, had argued and fought about sharing information for a minor accident that involved their cars.

Nelson was said to still be irate; the other woman had blood on her face and bruising near her eyes. She claimed Nelson punched and kicked her, and that she was forced to cover her head for protection.

Police say there was a strong marijuana odor from Nelson’s car. After permission to

search was given, they allegedly recovered some pot and drug-related items inside.

The pot, weighing 17.6 grams, was found in a mason jar that was inside a purse.

The other woman refused any help from the EMS, including an ambulance. She later admitted herself to the hospital.

Nelson was brought to the police station for booking. She allegedly said she allows her friends to smoke pot in her car. She was warned about the legal implications of doing so.

Nelson couldn’t give specifics on the fighting but said she felt the need to defend herself. She said she would contest the battery charge in court.

Nelson was given citations totaling \$750 with a 2:30 p.m. June 1 Municipal Court date. After her release and because of the rain, police gave Nelson a courtesy ride back to where her car was parked.

News briefs: UWRF Police: spring bicycle clean up notice

Campus Police would like to remind everyone to take their bicycles with them when leaving campus for the summer. Any bicycles left after move out on May 15th will be scheduled for removal. Bicycles removed by the Campus Police Department that go unclaimed will be considered abandoned and entered into the Surplus Sale. Contact the UW-River Falls Police Department at (715) 425-3133 with any questions.

The 2016 Spring Undergraduate Research, Scholarly and Creative Activity (URSCA) Day at UW-River Falls was Wednesday, May 4, from noon-2 p.m. in the Riverview Ballroom of the University Center.

More than 200 UWRF students presented their work through posters, artwork, interactive displays, short films, and Power-Point or Prezi presentations at this free spring showcase.

Visitors were able to have their heart rate monitored while they listened to music that studies showed soothed companion animals; interact with a functioning robot; examined a student-built drone and 3D printer, and much more. Falcon Foods ice-cream cones and coffee were served.

For more information, call Lissa Schneider-Rebozo at 715-425-3902 or visit <https://www.uwrf.edu/URSCA>.

Six UW-River Falls students honored with Chancellor’s Award

Six University of Wisconsin-River Falls students received the 2016 Chancellor’s Award for Students and were honored at a ceremony on campus April 28. The Chancellor’s Award for Students is the highest non-academic honor a student can receive at UW-River Falls.

First awarded in 1980, the Chancellor’s Award for Students is presented annually to a small group of juniors and seniors for distinguished leadership and service to the campus and external communities during the course of their time at UW-River Falls.

During the ceremony, UWRF Chancellor Dean Van Galen congratulated the recipients and challenged them to continue their commitment to service.

“Here in River Falls, you are part of campus and a broader community,” said Van Galen. “Over the course of your life,

you will likely be part of many communities, and in each place you will have the opportunity to lead -- to, if you will -- exert strength.”

Students receiving the 2016 Chancellor’s Award were Mohammad Battah of Hudson; Jessica Knapp of Chippewa Falls; Marie-Morella Kponou of Cotonou, Benin (Africa); Angela Ludvigsen of St. Paul; Madeleine Pemberton of Minneapolis; and Emma Sweet of Hartland.

Battah is a senior majoring in biology in the biomedical option. He has established himself as a true leader on campus, eagerly serving the campus community during his time here. From RHA president, to ambassador for the Disability Advisory Committee on the Student Senate, from president for the Pre-Health Society to president of the Muslim Student Association, Battah’s influence has made a difference campus-wide, according to his nominator.

UW-River Falls student Lisa Erickson spoke briefly at the ceremony and conveyed her congratulations to the group. Erickson will replace Regent Nic Harsy as the non-traditional student on the UW System Board of Regents in June.

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Yanny honored as UW-River Falls 2016 Wisconsin Distinguished Agriculturist

Michael Yanny, owner of JN Plant Selections and Senior Horticulturalist at Johnson’s Nursery in Menomonee Falls, was honored as the 2016 Wisconsin Distinguished Agriculturist by the UW-River Falls College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences (CAFES) at their 50th Annual Scholarship and Awards Banquet April 21.

His name may not be familiar but gardeners will likely know of his work. The Firebird® Crabapple, Redwing® Highbush Cranberry Viburnum and Pink-a-licious™ Spirea are some of the many plants Yanny has selected, named and introduced over the course of his career.

Yanny credits the late Herbert Trautman of Trautman Nurseries for teaching him the propagation and plant selection skills he has used throughout his career. Based primarily on Trautman’s recommendation, Yanny was hired by Johnson’s Nursery in 1980, at only 23 years of age, to start a propagation department. He spent 30 years as the head plant propagator at Johnson’s before transitioning to senior horticulturalist and starting his own company, JN Plant Selections, LLC. His focus is on developing commercially viable cultivars of native species or “nativars,” with wider adaptation, stronger growth rates and added ornamental characteristics.

At the banquet, Yanny spoke about the beginning of his passion for horticulture, noting that he couldn’t remember a time he wasn’t growing plants. From helping his grandparents grow food for his large extended family from the time he could walk, to being given his own garden space by his mother when he was a second grader.

“Horticulture is a wonderful profession,” said Yanny. “You get both exercise and mental stimulation. It’s a balanced lifestyle in the natural life system.”

Yanny is a frequent speaker traveling around the nation to give presentations at industry association conferences, and he incorporates his own poetry and photography into the presentations to better convey his messages. He concluded his comments at the banquet with one of his poems, “Plant People.” For youth groups, Yanny becomes “Seedman Superhero” and extols the benefits of seeds, plants and the environment.

He works with many nurseries and his plants are in different nationally branded plant programs. He is a key contributor to the Chicagoland Grows® plant introduction program and is working with the HGTV plant brand and their woody shrub lines. In 2014, he received the Invader Crusader Award from the Wisconsin Invasive Species Council for helping to build bridges between the nursery industry, regulators and the conservation community.

“Michael’s impact can be seen throughout Wisconsin and the nation through his well-adapted plants, advances he has made in plant propagation techniques, his service in organizations that promote the use of appropriate plants for environmental stewardship, and through the many students and colleagues he has mentored over the years,” said David Zlesak, associate professor of horticulture, who nominated Yanny for the award. “I am very excited to have this opportunity to honor Michael and celebrate his many accomplishments through this award.”

The Wisconsin Distinguished Agriculturist Award was established in 1970 to recognize individuals who have provided leadership, service and other contributions to the broader agricultural community. A charcoal sketch of each honoree hangs in the Agricultural Hall of Fame in the Agricultural Science building on the UWRF campus.

For more information, visit www.uwrf.edu/CAFES/Awards.cfm.

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Friday, April 29

- A theft was reported at 630 S Third Street around 2 a.m.
- A theft was reported at Johnson Hall around 6 p.m.

Saturday, April 30

- A theft was reported at Parker Hall around 2 a.m.

Sunday, May 1

- Property damage was reported due to a motor vehicle accident near Hagestad Hall around 1 p.m.

Editor’s note:
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UWRF student earns second victory with powerful speech

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Falcon News Service

For the second year in a row, a UW-River Falls student has received the Japan Airlines Award for giving a speech in Japanese during a regional contest in Chicago.

Kevin Leor, a junior French and Spanish major originally from Mexico, is fluent in seven different languages. He won the 30th Annual Japanese Language Speech Contest.

Leor said that he thinks of learning new languages as a hobby.

“You learn not just the language,” Leor said, “you learn from other cultures and you learn to appreciate other people’s perspectives, and that’s what my speech was about.”

Leor’s speech focused on the topic of sexual orientation and how people in the LGBT community from Mexico may fear that they won’t be accepted by their families. The speech triggered an emotional response from the audience, which included Leor’s mother visiting from Mexico. Leor said that, after not looking at her for the entire speech, he had to stop three lines early because he noticed that his mother was crying.

“I couldn’t finish it,” Leor said. “I forgot about everything, and then I was like, ‘I’m sorry. I can’t do this,’ and I said it in English.”

Other audience members, including one of the judges, approached Leor after the contest to tell him how much they liked his speech. As he was leaving the building, a woman tapped Leor on the shoulder and said that she recorded parts of his speech to show her son. Leor said that made him happier than he was about the possibility of winning an award.

“I felt really good. I felt like I made a change,” Leor said. “Even if I didn’t win, I would be way happier with this outcome.”

The Consulate-General of Japan in Chicago sponsors the contest, which took place on March 26 of this year, in an effort to promote learning Japanese in the Midwest. Instructor of Japanese Magara Maeda said that she has been encouraging her students to participate in the contest for years, but students have not done so until last year.

Maeda said that students typically speak about topics like Japanese culture and their own experiences with their host families, so she was not sure how a topic like Leor’s would be

received and felt moved when she heard that it had seen such a response. She said that Leor’s speech was a success both because of Leor’s ability to give the speech and answer questions in Japanese and because of the message behind it.

“That was really amazing that, in the foreign language, he did it and touched the native speakers’ heart, so I think it’s a great accomplishment,” Maeda said.

Learning about other languages and cultures, Maeda said, provides an opportunity for students at UWRF to question their own cultures. She said that she encourages students in her classes who question why things are done a certain way in Japanese culture to ask themselves the same thing about their own. On a campus like UWRF, where some students come from rural Wisconsin towns and have never been out of the country, Maeda said that this is particularly important.

Last year, Leor won the contest with a speech about violence in his native Mexico, according to a UWRF press release. Leor said that he will likely compete in the contest again next year, even though he will be finished with his Japanese courses.

Sustainability official suggests UWRF could do better with trash, recycling

Sophia Koch
Falcon News Service

UW-River Falls has earned recognition for its sustainability practices in the past, but there has been talk on campus of improving the university’s trash and recycling program.

UWRF recently earned another silver STARS (Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System) award for its sustainability efforts, the fourth year in a row. However, Mark Klapatch, UWRF sustainability and custodial supervisor, would like to implement a student-funded effort to improve the university’s trash and recycling systems.

“There’s a lot I know we can be doing differently,” Klapatch said. The current trash and recycling receptacles on campus are a bit of a patchwork system — bins were bought as the university found funds for them and are very non-uniform — and though every building on campus has both recycling and trash receptacles, many are not labeled sufficiently and recyclable materials tend to end up in the trash.

“Ultimately, there’s a lot ending up in landfills that doesn’t have to,” Klapatch said.

Figures from the annual recycling report indicate that in 2015, the commingled recyclables — including metals, glass, plastics and paper — from UWRF totaled about 180 tons. This number did not include materials used in maintenance of buildings such as batteries, waste oil or light bulbs, all of which the university recycles. The amount of materials thrown into the trash in 2015 was over four times that — about 830 tons that would ultimately end up in a landfill, according to Klapatch.

Sarah Daggett is a senior field biology major at UWRF preparing to graduate this spring, and she practices a wide variety of methods that reduce the amount of waste materials she produces. She buys clothes at Goodwill, composts food waste,

and even drives materials that aren’t recyclable in Wisconsin to other states where they are.

“If there was anything else I could do,” she said, “I would.”

Daggett echoed Klapatch’s words in that a lot of material that could be recycled often ends up in landfills.

“Everybody throws everything in the trash,” she said, “so I think the recycling could probably be improved.”

Increasing the ratio of recycling to trash receptacles is one change Daggett said she’d like to see: For every trash can, have a recycling bin right next to it so that students do not simply throw everything away. Klapatch made similar suggestions. One method he proposed involved removing trash cans from the classrooms entirely, and replacing them instead with receptacles in the hallways that are uniformly accompanied by recycling bins.

Labeling is another problem that both Daggett and Klapatch agree on. Oftentimes confusion as to what can and cannot be recycled prompts students to throw recyclable items in the trash, and part of Klapatch’s plan to renovate the waste management system at UWRF is to provide labels for each receptacle that clearly show what items go where. Daggett further suggested labeling the trash bins as “landfill” rather than “garbage” or “waste”, which would serve as a reminder of where things go after being thrown away.

This project and others related to sustainability would be funded through a “green fee,” a segregated fee of \$8.75 per student per year that would be put towards a collective pool. Anyone like Klapatch wanting to start a project related to sustainability could write a grant and potentially be awarded funding from this pool.

Student Senate has not yet officially proposed the concept of the “green fee,” but if and when it does, the issue would be put up for a student vote.

A cap and gown doesn’t necessarily mean graduation for some at UWRF

Ryan Odeen
Falcon News Service

When it comes time to apply for graduation, UW-River Falls students sometimes run into roadblocks that do not necessarily hold them back from participating in the commencement ceremony, but when they shake the chancellor’s hand, there is no degree handed out.

These students may be required to complete graduation requirements during a separate term after commencement in order for them to fully earn their degree.

The Registrar Office’s at UWRF is in charge of approving applications for graduation. When it receives the initial application, the first thing it does is analyze the student’s degree audit report (DAR) to be sure they have completed all requirements.

“I think it’s just constantly looking at their degree audit and checking in with their advisor periodically,” said Kelly Browning, assistant registrar at UW-River Falls, on how to avoid not completing a degree.

Certain exceptions are available, however, particularly for transfer students. They could have completed courses that are similar to courses offered at UWRF, however are not exactly equivalent. This is handled on case-by-case basis by the dean of the particular college.

“I look at the requirements that we have within in our own general education. Like what are the goals that are supposed to be being met for that area, and does that course seem to meet that goal,” said Tricia Davis, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. She handles exceptions for students in the college.

“We encourage them to work with their advisors, the constant checking of the degree audit,” Browning said. “But it’s ultimately up to the students to take responsibility over their degree program.”

Davis suggested all students do one key step before their potentially final semester at UWRF: “After you register for classes in what you think is your final semester here, run your degree audit. Make sure you have pluses, and OKs in front of all the requirements.”

Davis also suggested students should carefully look at their DAR every semester. However, since changes were made in certain general education requirements, she says there are fewer program exceptions that are given out in certain cases. Exceptions made within a major are handled by department chairs. For the general education requirements, those exceptions are handled by the deans of the respective colleges.

With fewer general education requirements, students earn the non-negotiable 120-credit minimum quicker than before. However, without a minor requirement as part of the degree, there is less of a focus point for students.

Davis said this change in general education should be favorable to students looking for a quicker track to graduation, however, she wishes there was more focus for the credits that students take outside of the general education requirements and their major.

Students are allowed to participate in commencement after the semester in which they applied for graduation if they have the minimum 120 credits. However, if the student has not completed all their degree requirements, they must first finish them before being awarded the degree.

Davis said she has dealt with UWRF alumni who have found out 25 years after the fact, when they are up for a promotion, that they never actually earned their degree.

UWRF’s commencement this semester is scheduled Sunday, May 15, at the River Falls High School.

Summer festivals bring wide variety of music to Wisconsin’s north

Ryan Funes
Falcon News Service

Summer is getting closer and with it comes a handful of music festivals being hosted across northern Wisconsin and covering a wide range of musical tastes.

The first one coming up will be Northern Invasion, set May 14-15 at the Somerset Amphitheater in Somerset. The festival features metal music artists from across the nation, including big names such as Disturbed, Rob Zombie, Korn and Babymetal.

For more information, visit the festival’s website, northerninvasion.com.

The Blue Ox Music Festival, from June 9-11 in Eau Claire, features bluegrass, roots and Americana music genres played by artists such as Blitzen Trapper, Tin Can Gin, Sam Bush and Railroad Earth.

Information on tickets and how to get to the festival grounds at 5024 Crescent Ave. in Eau Claire may be found on the official website, blueoxmusicfestival.com.

If roots and bluegrass don’t sound appealing enough, July will bring two more big concerts. Rock Fest, held in Cadott, revolves around rock and heavy metal music, featuring big name artists like Slipknot, Five Finger Death Punch, Alice in Chains and Marilyn Manson.

Rock Fest runs from July 14-16 at 24447 County Highway S in Cadott. Information about the festival is found on the website rock-fest.com.

Country fans will be able to get in on the festival fun from July 21-23 with Country Jam in Eau Claire. The festival will feature an array of country music artists, among them A Thousand Horses, The Cadillac Three, Jason Aldean and the Eli

Young Band.

Further information about Country Jam may be found on the website countryjamwi.com. The festival will take place at 5024 Crescent Ave. in Eau Claire (the same location as the Blue Ox Music Festival).

A spokesperson for Blue Ox and Country Jam said that each concert brings a great experience to people and allows for moments such as musicians playing for extended periods of time with no interruptions.

The last of the big music festivals of the summer is Eaux Claires, scheduled Aug. 11-13 at Foster Farms, 3443 Crescent Ave., Eau Claire. More than 50 musical acts are slated, including Lucius, Har Mar Superstar, and Nathaniel Rateliff & The Night Sweats.

Details about the festival are available on the website eauxclaires.com.

Throughout the summer, the Chill on the Hill concert series will be a series of events held in River Falls and sponsored by UW-River Falls and the city. Held on Tuesdays from June 14-Aug. 9, the series is intended to bring students staying over the summer and people in town to come together and enjoy some music acts outside at the Melvin Wall Amphitheatre on campus.

Director of Student Involvement Paul Shepherd said Chill on the Hill will feature many acts, with the biggest one being The Kids From Wisconsin, an entertainment group that performs 1980s classics, Motown, country, Broadway and other musical styles.

The concert series has remained quite popular, Shepherd said, adding that it has gotten consistently good attendance and despite recent funding problems still has still enough money and sponsors supporting it to continue.

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EDITORIAL

‘No confidence’
vote from faculty
senate highlights
unease at UWRF

On Wednesday, May 4, 2016, the UW-River Falls Faculty Senate passed a resolution of no confidence in UW System President Ray Cross and the Board of Regents. Through this action, the Faculty Senate condemned the weakening of tenure and shared governance in the UW System and called for them to recommit themselves to the Wisconsin Idea. Considering that the Faculty Senate at UW-Madison shared the same sentiments earlier this week, it’s clear that something is wrong with the way that the UW System is being run, and students and faculty are the ones that are paying the price.

After everything that has happened in the UW System in the past few years -- the budget cuts and the changes to tenure to mention a few -- it’s fair to say that the actions of the Faculty Senate accurately reflect the frustrations of the students at our university. Experiencing the difficulty of enrolling in classes as courses become fewer, feeling the quality of education diminish and noticing the hidden panic in our professors as they no longer feel secure in their home at UWRF offers a defeating message that students can’t ignore: higher education is no longer a priority in Wisconsin.

Things feel bleak on campus, and with good reason. Feeling secure is of huge importance for students as well as for faculty and staff. The crushing worry that comes with wondering and not knowing what the next blow will be to our college system, and whether the next blow will be the one that upheaves one’s life is, of course, a huge detriment to the ability to enjoy and take advantage of our university, as a student or employee.

In these stressful times, everyone should remember to support one another. As trite as it sounds, our community on campus and in the city of River Falls is what holds everything together, and that has always been the case. No small part of the struggle the UW System is going to is the hopelessness that seems to be ubiquitous among those in the know. When it feels like there is nothing to be done it can be hard to bother trying, but that’s exactly what we need.

What we hope to see is for those with the power to change what is happening with the UW System to work over the summer and come back with new ideas for the next academic year. The onus, after all, is on those who have power, and it becomes increasingly so the further up the chain of command one goes.

Students should remember that what they say also matters; they should try to make sure people higher up the chain in the UW System know what the lifeblood of its universities think. At the same time, students should not be responsible for fighting to keep their university functional; that lies on the people who are paid to do just that.

Without change, things seem grim for the future of education in Wisconsin, and without determination for improvement and a renewed focus on the betterment of Wisconsin’s university system from the state government, Ray Cross and the Board of Regents, there will be no change for the better.

As students, we don’t know all the answers. How could we? We don’t know how to bring back the Wisconsin Idea or reverse the damage that the budget cuts have had on our university. As students, we need people in our corner that will fight for us as we spend sleepless nights studying for tests and broadening our minds through that class that has nothing to do with our major and that we never thought that we would ever take. Right now, Faculty Senate’s actions accurately describes the feeling that can be felt throughout the university, the feeling of ‘no confidence.’

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Lauren Abroad: the end of the journey

Lauren A. Simenson
Columnist

A cue that my semester abroad had come to an end was the sizable amount of legroom that I enjoyed on my flight home. After many cheap flights on tiny European flights, I was very excited to fly home with Delta. How could I ever have thought that Delta flights were cramped? Sitting in my seat, with my legs stretched out and not touching the seat in front of me, I still did not quite believe that I was actually leaving Europe. After a whole semester of living and breathing “Europe” I had fully adjusted and acclimated to many new environments. I had thrived in Europe and then all of a sudden I had to leave. To be honest, I was a little mad. Mad because this amazing opportunity was coming to an end, and mad at myself for feeling like I did not want to see my family or my home. Was I only one that felt like this?

Over this past semester I learned more than I could have ever learned had I just been sitting in a regular class on campus. When you study abroad you are able to have a total and comprehensive learning experience. I learned how I react in stressful situations, what I am like in a leadership position, and that I may not be as introverted as I once thought. I had the opportunity to enrich my education by absorbing every word of a fantastic teacher and leader whose unique perspective on the world was instrumental in shaping my learning process while exploring Europe. I even learned practical skills for traveling around Europe, namely using public transit systems, new languages, and how to interact properly with locals. However, the most important aspect of the trip

focused not on European culture but on the members of my group. Some may cringe and shy away from the very thought of group travel, and I will be the first to admit that not every moment with a large group is easy. Throughout my semester abroad experience I learned so much about the nineteen people that were complete strangers to me just three months ago. When you spend every moment with a group of people you are able to peel back everyone’s “layers” in a very fast fashion. I became very accustomed to who snored, talked in their sleep, or who would always share their food. I knew who I could count on to always be on time, or who always knew where they were going. We all got to the point where we knew who was coming down the hallway just by how that person walked. This experience was a phenomenal way to see Europe but an even better way to see people. I feel so privileged to have experienced all ranges of emotions, idiosyncrasies, and the beauty of each person on my trip. Now, with two group travel experiences under my belt I tell everyone I meet that group travel is worth it, all of the time. I know how difficult it can be sometimes, but both of my trips with groups we started as strangers and left as family. If there is one thing I learned on my most recent trip to Europe is that I will always say yes to Europe and yes to meeting new people through group travel.

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Campus groups bring dogs, free food to campus, help students beat finals stress



Tori Schneider/Student Voice
Taylor Hammersley, a sophomore, gets a kiss from a dog at Theta Chi’s Puppy Petting Zoo which they put on as a philanthropy event with Lucky Paws. Students were asked to donate \$1 to enter and be able to pet the dogs.



Tori Schneider/Student Voice
Teresa Ginn, administrative director of Journey House and FCFS prepares the pizza to be given out.



Tori Schneider/Student Voice
Abby Soderholm poses as her friend takes a photo of her with an uncooperative dog.



Tori Schneider/Student Voice
Professor of Music Thomas Barnett, a member of UWRF Fellowship of Christian Faculty and Staff (FCFS), takes a pizza out of the oven. The group gave out pizza for free on campus to promote their block party event on Thursday.

STUDENT ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT



Samantha Straley
UWRF Block and Bridle

Q: How long have you been involved with the org and why did you decide to get involved?
A: I have been involved in Block and Bridle for three years now. I chose to get involved in Block and Bridle because I grew up showing beef cattle and was very active in the animal agriculture industry and from what I heard that was what Block and Bridle was all about. As any freshmen I wanted to be around other students that liked what I liked, and enjoyed the same past times that I did.

Q: What are 3 things you want people on campus to know about your org?
A: You do not have to show any kind of livestock to be a part of the club. Block and Bridle is about promoting the animal agriculture industry. So no necessary knowledge of showing or being involved in any sort of animal agriculture is necessary. We hold a jackpot show for hogs, sheep, goats and swine every May. Livestock exhibitors come from Wisconsin and Minnesota to show. It is the biggest event that Block and Bridle holds, and is an all year around project. It is a perfect time to develop leadership skills. We do a lot of fun events in Block and Bridle! The officer team works hard to strengthen the club from leadership activities every month, to attending the National Block and Bridle convention, and fun outings such as Skyzone and roller-skating.

Q: When and where does your org meet?
A: Our club meets on every Tuesday in the Agriculture Science Building in room 114 at 7 p.m.

Q: How can other students get involved in your org?
A: Students can become involved by just dropping in on a meeting, liking our Facebook page, or emailing myself.

Q: What do you think makes a person a good leader?
A: I think what makes a person a good leader is being able to ensure that everyone in the club is involved, in some way shape or form. Being in a club is so much more than just attending the meetings. Members come to the meetings because they want to be involved but most times are afraid to speak up when a chance arises. I feel as a good leader you need to search out members and talk to them one on one or in a small group about helping out with a certain project. Majority of members won't tell you no in that situation and you as a leader in the club can begin to know their members more and have an understanding with what they are willing to help out with in the club. One of my favorite quotes about leadership is by Dwight Eisenhower: "Leadership is the art of getting someone else to do something you want done because he wants to do it."



STUDENT *Voices*

What is your favorite studying for finals snack?

Compiled by Samantha Decker



Natasha Horsfall
Freshman
"Double-stuffed Oreos and milk."



Warren Taylor
Senior
"Coffee."



Alex Jurgenson
Senior
"Girl Scout cookies."



Evan Markhardt
Junior
"Cool Ranch Doritos."



Taylor Moen
Sophomore
"Apples."



Ray Beech
Sophomore
"Tempeh (fermented soybeans) for all the vegetarians out there!"

Find Freddy’s lost feather in this issue of the Voice and win two free movie passes to the Falls Theatre!

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Now Playing: Captain America: Civil War

UW-River Falls mascot, once deemed scary, brings fun to campus events

Jacob Rogers
Falcon News Service

You see him on Saturdays at Ramer Field and you see him roaming the UW-River Falls campus. Freddy Falcon brings a positive attitude and he puts pep in people’s step no matter if it is a UWRF football game or if it is a normal Tuesday afternoon.

While the 5,958 students and the faculty and staff today can call themselves Falcons, it has not always been the case. In the fall of 1930, the *Student Voice* held a contest to give the athletic teams a name, and student-athlete Harry Roese won the contest by coming up with a Falcon, according to de facto Freddy Falcon historian and Director of Alumni Relations Dan McGinty.

“Harry Roese was on the football team and his idea, the Falcons, won him the prize of \$3,” McGinty said. “The name Falcons won 433 out of the 547 total votes.”

Since its debut in 1930, the Falcon as undergone four transformations, but the eight characteristics that made the Falcon the winner in 1930 have not been altered.

“The name Falcon was chosen because the falcon designates swift-ness in flight, leadership, accuracy, fearlessness, intelligence, sports-manship, nobleness and strength,” McGinty said.

The concept of Freddy Falcon was introduced in 1970, 40 years after the Falcon was introduced to UWRF. One decade later, Student Senate purchased the first Freddy Falcon suit for \$600, but it was changed later due to an unusual reason.

“The Freddy Falcon suit that was purchased in 1980 had to be adjusted because it scared some people, and UWRF couldn’t have a mascot that scared people,” McGinty said. “The current Freddy Falcon was sketched by Jim Krom in 1987.”

After Krom sketched the current version of Freddy Falcon, Barry



Freddy Falcon has be the UW-River Falls mascot for 46 years. The identity of the person in the Freddy suit is a mystery. *Tori Schneider/Student Voice*

Pinske carved a wood statue of Freddy out of 150-year-old Scotch pine. The statue was placed on the UWRF campus, and was later donated to former Chancellor Don Betz by the students, according to McGinty. The statue is now located in the University Center

Many people wear the Freddy

Falcon outfit, but according to McGinty, the individuals play the role of Freddy Falcon are not allowed to talk while wearing the suit and they are not supposed to reveal their identity.

As the director of alumni relations, McGinty is in charge of setting up more than 60 alumni events

per year. McGinty said that Freddy Falcon makes an appearance at some of the alumni events like the St. Paul Saints baseball game on Saturday, June 25. During those events, people who work in the University Advancement department wear Freddy Falcon.

Susan Walker, manager of Uni-

versity Communications and Marketing, said her office takes reservations for Freddy Falcon. For UWRF student organizations, faculty and staff, the Freddy Falcon suit is available to be reserved for events. For hot and steamy days, an ice vest is available to keep the wearer cool.

Falcon Center construction continues ahead of schedule

Trenten Gauthier
Falcon News Service

The UW-River Falls campus has been aching for a new athletics facility, and the new Falcon Center is now ahead of schedule.

Mike Stifter, executive director of Facilities Planning and Management, said the building has been in works for many years, with early stages of planning beginning around two decades ago.

The construction that both students and community members have seen in the past year will not end soon, but the light is at the end of the tunnel.

UWRF Athletic Director Roger Ternes said some areas of the building are already nearing completion.

“Some of the areas that are up now are the addition to the training room, locker rooms, strength and conditioning fitness center areas. Those have a good chance of getting completed by fall, even though we might not have them furnished or be in them, those areas will be relatively done,” he said.

The \$63.5 million Falcon Center construction also includes updates to Hunt Arena, including the ice hockey rink the hockey teams play on. Ternes said extensive work has been done and the university plans for the 2016-17 season to be on

Hunt Arena ice.

“By the end of September, they will have Hunt Arena done,” he said. “We can imagine we will have ice by the end of September. (It) will take a lot of effort on behalf of the construction team.”

The Hunt Arena roof is currently being put back on, and Ternes said the project has seen few delays with only minor roadblocks. He added that the possibility of large-scale issues are past, and that the construction team is working full steam ahead.

“We think we are past that point, that ‘Take a deep breath moment,’” he said. “It was when they peeled back the roof of Hunt Arena when we passed that, because you never know (if) some 40 years ago if they used some asbestos. Even though we had not found any in the pre-construction design, that maybe someone left it off some documents. We didn’t find any, which helped it go very smooth.”

Once the Falcon Center is opened, Karges Center and Emo-gene Nelson Center are to be demolished.

“Nelson and Karges won’t see any changes next year,” Ternes said. “Karges’ demolition is scheduled in the summer of 2018. It will give us a chance to move out at a modest pace.”

Despite recent lower student enrollment at UWRF, Ternes

does not expect an effect on Falcon Center use.

“(The) enrollment picture this fall is very exciting, enrollment trends are up, housing contracts are up,” he said. “There was a dip for a while in high school graduates, and the economy. Now we are seeing an upward trend. The uptick on that (Falcon Center) will just be tremendous. The usage of this space will be in high demand.”

According to Ternes, the Falcon Center is kept on a weekly updated budget, and has a contingency of about 4 percent, just in case something may go wrong. With the upward trend of students at UW-River Falls starting in the fall semester, Ternes said it will really give the university something to be proud of.

“We want to attract new students,” he said. “We recruit the metro area a lot, and they will see River Falls and notice something special, and the commitment we have. It really is a user-friendly facility. We want everybody to be able to be able to host things in a facility that is really state of the art. You look at what we even have now — our softball field may be one of the best of all in Division III.”

Ternes said the best-case scenario for the Falcon Center is to have it ready to go by July 30, 2017.

One thing’s for sure: Both male and female athletes get hurt

Kate Vruwink
Falcon News Service

An athlete’s worst fear is hearing they have to sit out their sport due to an injury. Whether it be a minor contusion, or a severely torn ACL, both men and women athletes are not immune to getting hurt.

But doctors and trainers — including one at UW-River Falls — disagree about who gets hurt more.

According to Dr. Robert H. Shmerling, faculty editor for Harvard Health Publication, a gender gap exists in the com-monality of injuries.

“A female athlete can be just as fit (or more so) than her male counterpart, yet there appear to be different vulnerabili-ties among men and women for certain athletic injuries,” he wrote recently.

Shmerling attributes this to a variety of reasons, ranging from a women’s greater ability for flexibility to a greater like-lihood of inadequate calcium and vitamin D intake. However, other studies contradict Shmerling’s claims.

One study, conducted in 2009 and published on the U.S. National Library of Medicine National Institutes of Health website, found that men were more susceptible to injury. In a 12-month study, researchers observed 574 cross-country

skiers, swimmers, long-distance runners and soccer players ranging from 15 to 35 years old.

The study concluded “more men reported at least one acute injury” and “more male than female runners reported at least one overuse injury.”

With around 350 athletes at UWRF, there are no shortage of injuries. But Head Athletic Trainer Andrew Baker isn’t sold on the idea that gender plays a role in the likelihood of injury.

“You’re going to find a lot of research that says either way,” Baker said. “From clinical experience, I don’t really see a dif-ference.”

Baker explained that each sport comes with its own inju-ries, but that’s not necessarily indicative of a gender being more susceptible to an injury. What really plays into an athlete being more likely to get hurt is improper preparation.

“Our biggest ally in sports medicine is a great strength and conditioning program,” he said. “We don’t necessarily want soccer players doing the same workouts that football players are doing because they have different demands of the sport.”

However, Baker found one difference between the genders in terms of injuries: Female athletes tend to have longer re-covery from concussions than male athletes.

“Their recoveries tend to be a little more complex and a little longer than male counterparts,” he said.

Regardless of their recovery time, a concussion itself isn’t more predominant in males than females because a sport’s demands typically determine the chance that one can suffer from a concussion based on the amount of contact that occurs.

With all the injuries that do occur, there have been recent breakthroughs to try to minimize the occurrence, and that’s through something called sports analytics. The premise of it is to monitor an athlete’s workload to determine their perfor-mance.

Athletes wear monitors during practice that watch their heart rates, work rate, how much energy they’re expending, and much more. The data is processed and then a decision is made based on their workload whether an athlete can practice that day. Although it is very beneficial, it comes at a price.

“Obviously it’s a very expensive thing and you need people and you need money to be able to monitor that data,” Baker said. “You also need coaches that will agree to that.”

Baker went on to say there is a possibility that one day UWRF could see this type of equipment implemented, espe-cially because it is so beneficial.

“It helps athletes to be in their prime condition,” he said. “There will still be injuries, but it’s a step in the right direc-tion.”

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