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UWRF corpse flower blooms in time for the new semester

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The resident corpse flower plant at the UW-River Falls greenhouse bloomed on Friday, Sept. 9, and did so when no one was around to see or smell it.

“It started opening around 2, 3 o’clock in the afternoon,” said Dan Waletzko,

The titan arum is a native of the tropical island of Sumatra in Southeast Asia. It was named for its peculiar smell, which resembles the scent of rotting flesh in order to draw in pollinators such as beetles and flies.

manager of the greenhouse. “And continued to open up until probably midnight or 1, and then started to close up. This year’s a little atypical. It took longer for it to bloom, and when it did it didn’t open fully like in years past.”

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“I could actually smell it outside the greenhouse, walking past it,” said Molly Bartel, a fifth-year horticulture and agri-

culture education student at UWRF, and also a student worker at the greenhouse. “In the greenhouse, when I was walking up from the back, I could smell it probably about the second set of rooms...and that was before it was open.”

Waletzko acquired the corpse plant as a seed in 2001. It was given to him by UW-Madison as part of a plant swap between members of the Association for Education and Research Greenhouse Curators (AERGC). Members, he said, often trade plants that they consider important or unique, usually for the purpose of conservation or educational benefit.

“If you have interesting things in your collection that you think are a good teaching model for a particular class, you go ahead and bring them, share them,” said Waletzko.

Keeping the plant also serves to shelter the species. The corpse plant was listed as an endangered species in the 1997 publication of the IUCN (International Union Conservation of Nature) Red list of threatened plants, and keeping specimens preserved in university greenhouses serves to lend the species a degree of protection should anything happen to those growing in the wild.

Now that the current bloom is over, the flower of the UWRF titan arum will die back, leaving only a 55 pound lump of compressed stem material (called a ‘corm’) that lies buried beneath the soil. After about six months of dormancy, the corm will produce a single leaf that looks like a green, eight-foot tree, which will remain standing for a year before dying

back down to a corm once again. It will do this multiple times before it sends up another flower which, in the wild, can take anywhere from two to 10 years and be difficult to predict.

The UWRF titan arum has been flowering on an oddly regular, three-year cycle (two years producing a leaf, one year producing a flower), which is likely due to

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the fact that it lives in a controlled environment with no threats from pests, diseases or erratic weather. This is not to say that it will definitely bloom again in three years, but the chances are good that it will and anyone looking to see the next bloom should keep that timeline in mind.

The current bloom is still in the process of decaying. The signature smell is no longer present, but those wishing to see what is left of this year’s flower can visit the greenhouse from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday.



Shepherd leaves UWRF position for new Minnesota job

Zach Bares
Falcon News Service

Paul Shepherd, the UW-River Falls director of student involvement, is leaving the university. Shepherd will become the new system director for student development with the Minnesota State System office in St. Paul.

Shepherd will be working closely with more than 50 schools in Minnesota. The schools are a mixture of community and technical colleges along with four-year institutions.

His main focus will be helping those schools create student involvement initiatives on their

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respective campuses. Minnesota State used to be known as the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system until earlier this year.

Shepherd said that he sought after the position once he knew that it was available.

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Despite the financial strain that the UW system has been under the past few years, Shepherd didn’t cite it as one of his main reasons for leaving UWRF.

“It’s been tough here for a few years now, but I’ve been in this system my whole career and it was very difficult to make the decision to move on from that,” Shepherd said.

Shepherd said he thinks because the Twin

Cities are so close to River Falls that there are a lot of people who go back and forth. Many institutions on the Minnesota side of the St. Croix River are well within driving distance of River Falls. Shepherd plans to remain liv-

“I’m proud of the programs we’ve started with incentives for students like Falcon Five and the Pick One program,” Shepherd said. Throughout the year, Student Involvement sponsors certain events where students can



Paul Shepherd held the position of director of student involvement at UWRF and is leaving to take a job as the new system director for student development with the Minnesota State System office in St. Paul.

ing in River Falls for the time being.

Before coming to UWRF, Shepherd worked at UW-Eau Claire and UW-La Crosse. Shepherd has been with UWRF for the last seven years and was also the staff advisor for Student Senate.

swipe their IDs and earn rewards.

Shepherd had a large role in getting the TEDx event started on campus as well.

There really weren’t any overriding regrets Shepherd had when asked about what he leaves behind. The one thing he did mention

was that it would’ve been a huge deal to him if the Involvement Center in the University Center didn’t get redone.

Someone will have to fill Shepherd’s shoes, at least for the time being. That person will be Gregg Heinselman. He will be overseeing a team effort until a plan is in place to start a search for candidates.

Heinselman’s official title is associate vice chancellor for student affairs, but he is involved in numerous efforts on campus and abroad including being the Title IX coordinator and serving on the budget committee.

Student Body President Chris Morgan and the rest of Student Senate worked closely with

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Shepherd. Morgan isn’t concerned over the transition.

“Gregg is very familiar with what we do and he will be beneficial to us,” Morgan said.

Morgan did say what will be missed about having Shepherd is his helpfulness and willingness to be there as a guide. There was a lot of trust built between Shepherd and Student Senate. But, Morgan is confident in his team and positive about the future.

Shepherd’s last day at UWRF was scheduled to be Sept. 19.

Democratic senators push legislation to solve national student debt crisis

Molly Kinney
Falcon News Service

Student loan debt has become a national crisis, but U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin (D-Wisconsin) says her “In the Red” legislation could fix the problem.

The national student debt total is now over \$1.2 trillion, according to Baldwin. She and U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Massachusetts) held a telephone press conference on

Wednesday, Sept. 14, with student journalists from around the country.

“Degrees will push you forward, but debt will hold you back,” Warren said during the conference call. “There is legislation that could be put into effect immediately to lower the cost of college and eventually make debt-free education a reality.”

Baldwin introduced the “In the Red Act” in March. Among the co-sponsors are Warren and Minnesota’s two Democratic U.S. sena-

tors, Al Franken and Amy Klobuchar. The bill was referred to the Senate’s Finance Committee. A similar bill was introduced in the House of Representatives in April by Rep. Tammy Duckworth (D-Illinois) and also referred to committee.

The measure calls for community and technical colleges, as well as minority-focused higher education, to make two-year programs free through tax increases on those at the very top of the tax brackets, Baldwin and Warren

said during the press conference. The legislation also would make refinancing existing student loans more possible, and would increase the amount of federal money available for students based on how much tuition is each year, rather than stagnating.

Baldwin called the legislation reasonable, and said it needs to be passed to insure hope in future generations of college-goers.

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News Briefs:

U.S. News names UWRF a best regional university and top public university in the midwest

U.S. News & World Report has named the University of Wisconsin-River Falls a Best Regional University-Midwest, Top Public University-Midwest and Best Undergraduate Business Program for 2017. UWRF’s most recent ranking appears in the U.S. News & World Report’s 2017 edition of Best Colleges, released earlier this week. The annual survey, released Tuesday, assesses more than 18,000 U.S.-based colleges and universities, of which 1,374 are ranked. The institutions receive rankings based on some 15 measures of academic quality, including retention, graduation rate performance, faculty resources, financial resources and alumni giving. The U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges Rankings are available at <http://colleges.usnews.rankingsandreviews.com/best-colleges>. The UW-River Falls profile is available at <http://colleges.usnews.rankingsandreviews.com/best-colleges/uw-river-falls-3923>. For more information, email beth.schommer@uwrf.edu.

Gillen receives Wurtz Award for Teaching Excellence at UWRF

Professor Mark Gillen, interim associate dean in the College of Education and Professional Studies, department chair of Counseling and School Psychology and program director of the School Counseling Program at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, has been named the recipient of the 2016-17 Dr. Keith G. Wurtz Award for Teaching Excellence. “Truly, Dr. Gillen doesn’t just teach classes. He isn’t just a great teacher. He weaves together a skillful and detailed mosaic of collaboration, innovation, and best practice across multiple levels of program administration and instruction,” Caroline Baker, associate professor of counseling and school psychology at UWRF said in her nomination letter. “All of this is done for the preparation of quality school counselors, and it shows through our reputation, high number of applications and a solid rate of employment for our graduates. This big picture approach, while maintaining the details, is why Dr. Gillen deserves the Keith Wurtz Award for Teaching Excellence.” The award recognizes outstanding and innovative teachers who have made exceptional contributions to the university and to the community. Recipients have displayed innovative approaches to teaching, scholarship of teaching and learning, innovative use of technology, curriculum development, assessment approaches and outreach and partnerships with collaborators on or off campus. “As I have shared with many others, being nominated by my fellow faculty members and a for-

mer student/peer means more to me than I can describe,” said Gillen. “I am proud that our program has accomplished so much by collaborating with hundreds of school district employees while impacting untold numbers of students, parents and community members. This award is representative of all of the fine work that we do in the counseling program to prepare students to interact with these groups on behalf of UWRF.” Gillen, of Minneapolis, joined the College of Education and Professional Studies faculty at UW-River Falls in 2005. He received a Ph.D. from the University of Arkansas in 2004 and taught at the University of Chattanooga before coming to UWRF. For more information, email mark.gillen@uwrf.edu.

UWRF Safe Ride Home Program expanded with support from City Council

The University of Wisconsin-River Falls newly modified Safe Ride Home Program was approved by the River Falls City Council last month to provide an expanded schedule of services for UWRF students and the community. The initial pilot program was created to provide students a safe form of transportation during winter weekend nights. Due to the overwhelming success of the initial effort, both the UWRF Student Senate and the River Falls City Council voted to provide additional funding to the program that will allow for a permanently established service running from September to May. “From the beginning, the hope for this project was to empower students to make safe decisions by giving them the services to do so,” said Christopher Morgan, Student Senate president. “I look forward to seeing this program grow and mature at UWRF and I extend my appreciation to all who have assisted the project to date.” The Safe Ride Home Program was created by a vote of the 78th Session Student Senate in late 2015. This program utilizes the River Falls City Taxi service, which employs professionally trained drivers who have gone through rigorous background checks. The initial program was launched as a pilot to assess its effectiveness and need. After examining ridership during the winter months, it was determined that the program not only provided a significant resource to the students at UWRF, but that the general public was also taking advantage of the extended taxi hours during the weekends. While the program continues to remain free for UWRF students, the general public is also welcome to take advantage of the taxi’s extended weekend hours by paying regular fare rates. “We are pleased to join with UWRF in expanding the Safe Ride Home Program,” said Julie Bergstrom, assistant city administrator for the City of River Falls. “This program benefits both students and the general public, illustrated by ridership results from the 2015-2016 academic year. The program is just another example of the City’s valuable ongoing partnerships with UWRF.” For more information about the Safe Ride Home Program, email christopher.morgan@my.uwrf.edu.

UWRF to offer Entrepreneurial Training Program

The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls will be offering an Entrepreneurial Training Program beginning Oct. 12 to prepare potential entrepreneurs to start their own business and owners of existing businesses to improve or grow their business. The ten-week program will be held Wednesday evenings at the UW-River Falls Hudson Center, 2501 Hanley Road, Hudson. Topics will include the Lean Start Up method, business plans, finances, record keeping, legal issues, marketing, social media and human resource topics. Sessions will last from 6-8:30 p.m. and will include subject specialist guest speakers, instruction and coaching. At the end of the ten weeks, students will be prepared to write a comprehensive business plan. The Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation is offering qualified applicants a grant to cover 75 percent of the cost of the course, reducing the cost to \$250 for those that meet the grant requirements. To register for the course and begin the grant application process, visit <http://www.wisconsinsbdc.org/riverfalls/attend/etp>. Applications must be completed at least two weeks prior to the first class session. For more information, email SBDC consultant Katherine Fossler at katherine.fossler@uwrf.edu or call 715-425-0620.

Campus Events Calendar:

Homecoming Weekend Schedule:

- Finding Dory: Students, family and alumni are all welcome to attend this viewing of the film.**
Friday, Sept. 23, 7:30 p.m.
Kinnikinnick Theater, University Center
- Falcon’s Got Talent: Watch your fellow Falcons showcase their talents.**
Friday, Sept. 23, 8 p.m.
Falcon’s Nest, University Center
- Homecoming Parade: Bring a bucket for candy and watch UWRF show its school spirit.**
Saturday, Sept. 24, 10:30 a.m.
Main Street
- Football Game: UWRF vs. Southwestern**
Saturday, Sept. 24, 1 p.m.
Ramer Field
- Bingo: Hope that luck is on your side while trying to win!**
Saturday, Sept. 24, 7 p.m.
Pete’s Creek, University Center

Visit uwrf.edu for a full schedule

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Weekly UWRF Crime Report

Saturday, Sept. 10

- Suspicious activity was reported at the Melvin Wall Amphitheatre at 1:44 a.m.

Sunday, Sept. 11

- A drug complaint was filed at Parker Hall at 1:27 a.m.
- A theft was reported at the intersection of 2nd Street and Cascade Avenue at 3:22 a.m.

Monday, Sept. 12

- Police assistance was requested at Parker Hall 1:36 a.m. and 11:35 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 13

- A drug complaint was filed at the Melvin Wall Amphitheatre at 10:42 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 15

- A theft was reported at South Fork Suites at 9:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 16

- A theft was reported at Johnson Hall at 2:15 p.m.

Editor’s Note:

Information for this section is taken from the UW-River Falls Police Department incident reports.

UWRF surplus sale draws hundreds looking for bargains

Tori Schneider
Falcon News Service

The latest monthly surplus property sale at UW-River Falls drew record attendance and required school officials to extend the four-hour event due to a large amount of inventory, including items such as snowshoes, couches, ice augers and computers.

In all, 297 shoppers spent five hours at the Sept. 9 sale in Rodli Hall.

The sale was also the first that saw participation by the Department of Residence Life, which oversees the campus residence halls. In the past, Residence Life has held its own sales but has now joined with the Surplus Property Program to streamline the cash handling process of selling surplus property on campus.

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Klapatch and Nathan Beeman, UWRF inventory control supervisor, are the main university employees in charge of coordinating the sale each month.

“In addition to our monthly sales (on campus), we run online auctions for larger ticket items and we have sold everything from automobiles, a bus, a water tower from up at Pigeon Lake and a Zamboni from Hunt Arena,”

Beeman said.

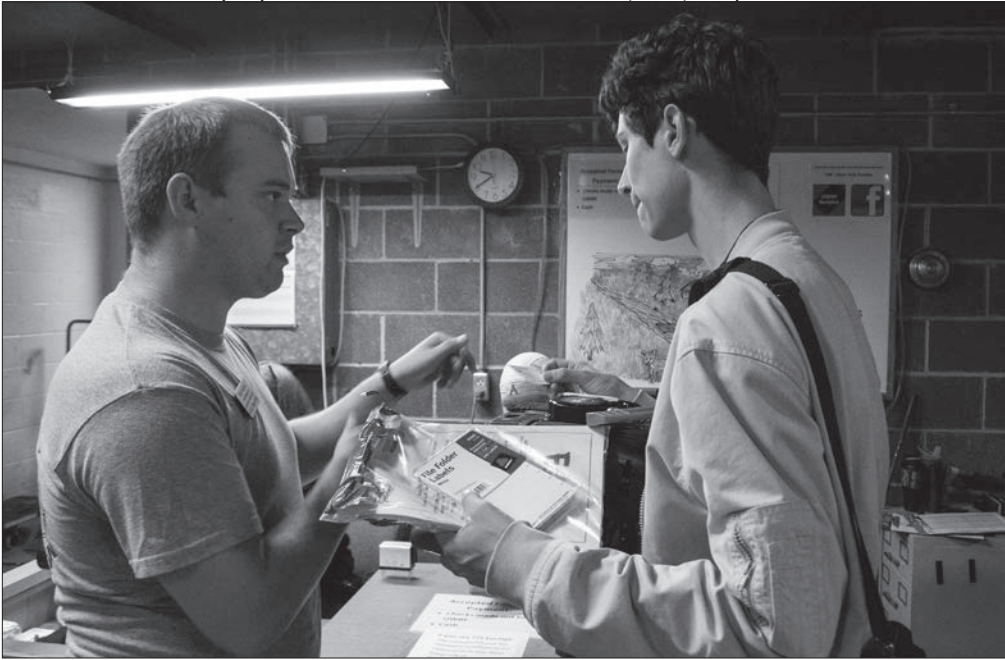
Beeman also said that people come from all around the area to attend the sale. This included Tim Erickson, who came to the sale from his home in Hammond and purchased a tripod.

“We have a lot of people from the commu-

“We’re trying to get more student involvement. We get a lot of faculty and staff members,” Beeman said.

The sale is responsible for diverting waste from landfills and repurposing items back to campus whenever possible before being sold.

In 2015, 102,770 pounds worth of material



Zachary Kroening, junior, tries to negotiate a price for an ice auger with Mark Klapatch, sustainability and custodial supervisor, during the Surplus Property Sale Friday, Sept. 9.

nity. The fire department (and) school district are our regular customers,” Beeman said. The program made an extra effort to attract more students to the September sale by sending flyers to each student living in the residence halls and by setting up an informational table in the University Center on that morning.

was sold and in addition to that, 9,900 pounds of material was given back to other departments on campus instead of being sold.

“For me, that’s the biggest aspect of the surplus program is diverting items from landfills. The other component to that is that we can generate revenue for the campus in a time

when budgets are tight. Any revenue that can come back to campus departments really just helps out overall,” Klapatch said.

In general, 70 percent to 80 percent of that revenue goes back to the department that no longer needed the items.

“Really we track items that come to us from the General Program Revenue account, so (that includes) the University Center, Hunt Knowles or the Falcon Center, Residence Life. The rest of the general academic buildings, the money all stays in surplus, but that money is used to support campus-wide initiatives... We’re also using that to pilot two refuse and recycling projects right now,” Klapatch said.

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The sale is held on the second Friday of every month all year in Rodli Hall, but it may not always be that way. Due to the pending Rodli Hall renovations, the surplus property department will need to move to a new, undetermined location after this academic year.

According to Klapatch, after the renovations in Rodli are complete there will be vacancies in Hagestad Hall, North Hall and South Hall.

“We do not know where we will go, but I’m sure we will go somewhere,” Klapatch said.

For further information about UWRF surplus property sales, visit the program’s website at <http://bit.ly/2cPn0QG> or Facebook page at [facebook.com/UWRFSurplus/](https://www.facebook.com/UWRFSurplus/).

UWRF Student Senate plans to focus on safety, inclusivity

Matt Clark
Falcon News Service

With the new school year, the UW-River Falls Student Senate is ready to pick up where it left off last spring.

Senate members recently laid out a list of nine objectives and priorities they hope to accomplish throughout the school year, including a greater focus on policies that improve the safety and well-being of students and becoming a stronger advocate for inclusivity on campus.

The senate has now teamed up with the River Falls City Council to make the program accessible throughout the school year for students and community members.

on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. The program was used more frequently by community members than UWRF students, according to Gregg Heinselman, associate vice chancellor for student affairs. From Decem-

Last year, the senate started the pilot program, Safe Ride Home, providing a free taxi ride from downtown River Falls back to campus for students and the community

ber 2015 through March 2016, a total of 280 students and 337 community members used the service.



Amara Young/Student Voice Student Senate President Chris Morgan

The senate has now teamed up with the River Falls City Council to make the program accessible throughout the school year for students and community members.

In addition to providing a safe way for students to return to campus, the senate is also doing work to raise awareness of sexual assault on college campuses through the It’s On

Us campaign. Launched by President Barack Obama in 2014, It’s On Us is a national initiative to stop sexual violence on college campuses.

Student Body President Christopher Morgan is coordinating with the It’s On Us field office in Washington, D.C., as well as the UW System Student Representatives organization to bring a national summit to campus in February. The summit will bring together UW student body presidents and vice presidents, White House officials and sexual violence experts to talk about sexual assault and endorse state-wide preventative policies and initiatives.

“To have it here, with students who are so diverse and so unique, as well as having the student body president and vice president of all 26 UW campuses coming here at the same time to devote themselves to this issue, that’s really important,” Morgan said.

Student Senate has also been involved with the creation of a new Inclusive Campus Engagement Office, a move by campus officials to refocus inclusion efforts. The new office separates the once combined Multicultural Student Services and Student Support Services (SSS), which serve different purposes for a wide range of students.

“SSS is a program that hosts a lot of multicultural students but it’s a separate program, it has federal requirements and they have 200 students they’re working with. Dealing with

that and everything and all of the things multicultural students on campus needed — all the sorts of outreach and diversity programming we want to do, it’s just a lot to handle at once,” Michael Graziano, UWRF’s multicultural outreach specialist, said.

Originally in the basement of the campus library, the Multicultural Student Services lounge has now been moved into the Involvement Center of the University Center in order to better include those students with the rest of the campus.

All aspects of the office are planned to be moved into Rodli Hall, once the building is finished being renovated. UWRF’s administration is currently interviewing potential directors for the new office.

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“This measure is multi-generational,” Baldwin said. “It focuses not only on refinancing, but offers hope that in the future, students will be able to get higher education debt free, through increasing (Federal Pell Grants) during times of inflation, and accountability so that institutions don’t simply raise the cost of college without accountability. And lastly, for students looking towards higher education, we need to create a new reality for kids who too many of whom will say, it’s simply not worth it.”

Natasha Horsfall, a sophomore environmental science major at UW-River Falls, said s she worries how realistic paying back all her loans right away will be after graduation.

She doesn’t have time to save money during the summer months, as she’s saving for the next semester’s tuition not covered by aid.

“My parents aren’t able to help me, so I’m in charge of paying for all that,” Horsfall said. “It’s hard to work during the school year, so I’ll have to make the majority of the money afterwards to pay back my loans.”

Though tuition at UWRF is lower than the national average, students are still strapped for the cash to pay for it out of pocket. Because of that, most students (about 75 percent) at UWRF have some type of loan, a small fraction of the 42 million students nationwide who have debt after graduation.

The average federal monies awarded to a River Falls student is around \$3,919 per year, according to UWRF financial aid data. At UWRF, 20 percent of students are receiving state aid, which amounts to \$1,702 per year on average. UWRF students typically have about \$6,747 in student loans each year.

Horsfall said that the debt issue should be more widely discussed and acted on in Congress.

“I think that it should be a top priority,” Horsfall said. “If you want society to function in the future, you need to have the backs of the youth.”

Garrett DeBuse, a senior studying history and philosophy, has money saved to pay back tuition when he graduates. He plans to take out student loans for graduate school. However, he said he thinks education is a human right and it should be more accessible to everyone.

“Education is one of those things that should just be a human right,” DeBuse said. “We’re naturally curious and naturally want to better ourselves. So putting road blocks, making it so you have to be qualified to get a higher education, doesn’t make a lot of sense. You’re limiting not only yourself but your country, your state, because now you have less educated people.”

Warren criticized Republican leadership in Congress for “denying that this is even a problem.”

“Higher education should be a path to prosperity, not a path into suffering debt,” she said. “Republican leadership must schedule a vote on the ‘In the Red Act’ immediately.”

U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson, a Republican from Oshkosh who serves alongside Baldwin, was not available for comment, nor were his legislative aides. However, in previous years, Johnson has been quoted in numerous settings saying he believes the federal government is in fact the reason for the student debt crisis, and that much less tax money should be allocated for federal student loans.

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Johnson is facing former U.S. Sen. Russ Feingold, a Democrat, in the November general election.

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EDITORIAL

Healthier food options on campus are a must

UWRF’s food provider, Chartwells, is heading into its second year of its seven-year contract. In June of 2015, Chartwells took over dining services from Sodexo. With the exit of Sodexo came the loss of many healthy food options for students.

Before Chartwells got here, Noodles and Greens was a transfer meal option in The Rapids. Students could walk up to the counter and fill out a slip to custom order salads, wraps and noodle dishes. A protein was allowed and so was a set number of vegetables. It was easy to pop in between classes, grab a salad and go. When this option disappeared, returning students who used to regularly order customized salads to take on the go for lunch came back to much less satisfying options.

Now, the University Center is full of bread and starches. The Rapids, the transfer meal area next to Riverside Commons, now holds three places: Sono, Rustic Range and Chef Jet. Sono is home to things like burritos and quesadillas, mirroring Chipotle, the popular but calorie-ridden food chain. Rustic Range has all of one’s fast food desires, including burgers, fries and cheese curds. Chef Jet, which replaced Noodles and Greens, has Asian-inspired dishes covered in a variety of sauces. Currently, pasta is being served at Pete’s Creek. Many of these foods are delicious. However, many of these food options are seriously lacking in nutritional value. Erbert and Gerbert’s also has tasty options, but again, lots of bread unless one goes for soup instead.

It’s not as if salads no longer exist on campus. Freddy’s C-Store still offers salads, and sometimes they are available in The Rapids from 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. on weekdays, but they can’t be customized to one’s liking. Someone with a quirky craving for dried cranberries and croutons is out of luck. Riverside Commons is always an option as well, because a full salad bar is available. However, according to the ala carte pricing document on the university’s website, it costs an adult almost \$8 for lunch and over \$9 for dinner if one is paying with cash and not with a meal plan.

The ‘Freshman 15’ is a real concern for many students, and the lack of healthy options offered by the university makes living a healthy lifestyle a difficult task. So please, Chartwells, give us back our salads.

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Ask Colleen: Just friends or more?

Colleen Brown	Question: I’m not sure if I should go to grad school or if I should take some time off from school and work first. I don’t want to feel like I’m behind but it’s also a big financial and time commitment. What do I do?
Advice Columnist	

– Indecisive

Dear Indecisive,

This question runs through my mind daily and I am sure the minds of a lot of different students.

Let’s not even stop at students, this is something people ask themselves all the time. What do I do next?

The good thing about this question is that it seems as though you have many options. First off all, congrats on getting your undergrad. That is an accomplishment in itself. It’s funny how 25 years ago obtaining an undergrad degree wasn’t very common. Now, going to college and getting your undergrad is almost expected. Societal norms can often put the pressure on recently graduated students. But what’s normal anyway?

The day before classes started this semester I decided to change my major. I’m in my senior year of college and this whole time have been going to school for education. It was terrifying. I’m not going to lie, I was worried what people would think or even ask. I was so indecisive that I even made a pros and cons list, which honestly just made me even more indecisive. It was as if I was having a debate against myself and I was defending both sides. But I knew I had a decision to make. It didn’t come down to something I wrote on a list, but it came down to how I felt. I had been having second thoughts on becoming a teacher. For me that was enough to make the switch.

You say that you don’t want to feel like you are behind, but who or what are you exactly behind? Remember this is your life and you are only “competing” against yourself. I wouldn’t worry about being behind. If right now in your life it would be too much of a financial and time commitment, then there is nothing wrong with working. But if you feel like grad school would benefit your future career goals, then it might be worth the risk. I don’t think it’s a matter of what the “right” choice is. It’s about what will ultimately make you happy now, the rest will work itself out in time. Jobs will always be available and grad school isn’t going anywhere.

Any time I’m contemplating a decision I usually have my mind made up, but I wait until I get reassurance from someone else. Well I’ll be your reassurance, no matter what you decide

Student Health and Counseling Services: How to adjust to college life

Mark Huttemier	Advice to freshmen: Stay in town the first few weekends of college.
UWRF Personal Counselor/ Training Coordinator	Switching gears effectively for college requires a certain level of commitment from you to make it work.

The first commitment is that you be present. During the first three weekends you will be exposed to a new culture with new rules, a new social system and new opportunities. In the first few weeks there are many new opportunities to explore on campus as you move into your new college life. A rhythm is established over these first four weeks and three weekends that doesn’t stop until the end of your college career. So take advantage with your presence, be aware of your desirability, and exercise your choice. Warning: You are also very vulnerable during this time.

While I recommend you staying around college to pick up the rhythm and the culture of what you have committed to, I also feel the need to remind you that so much free choice comes with some vulnerability. Here are four rules to follow while you set the pace for your college career. By the way, they are the same rules you would use if you first visited, Las Vegas, New York City or Paris for the first time.

Rule 1: Do new things with people you know and keep account of one another. Your overall level of personal comfort

that will be the right choice for you.

Question: Dear Colleen,

Can I hang out with a boy who isn’t my boyfriend? I have a guy friend who I like to hang out with. However, I have a boyfriend as well! Some people ask me if my boyfriend is okay with it and while I think I’m not crossing any boundaries, other people seem to think I am just by hanging out with him! Please help me out, Colleen!

Sincerely, a boy’s friend

A boy’s friend,

Yes, I think you can hang out with a boy who isn’t your boyfriend. A friend’s a friend and can simply just be that. Understandably, the unfavorable comments toward this guy friend can change your own perspective of either relationship. Those comments have probably made you question if there was anything more than a friendship with this guy, and it could possibly make you question your own loyalty towards your boyfriend. Don’t let their criticisms impact your mindset towards either relationship. Playing into other people’s perceptions just leads to useless questioning and makes things more complicated than they need to be.

The bottom line is that the people who are questioning your relationships really have no place in saying anything at all. Your relationship with your boyfriend is between the two of you, not anyone else. That goes for any relationship, really. Don’t you think it would be hard to make judgments on a relationship you are not a part of? I sure think so. How do they know what boundaries are set in your relationship with your boyfriend? They don’t. Their comments may come from a place of concern, but either way you don’t need to justify your actions to them.

Have you talked to your boyfriend about this friend? Does he seem to mind that the two of you hang out together? Does he think boundaries are being crossed? Either way, as long as you and your boyfriend can discuss openly and honestly about situations like this, then I see no problem. And if you guys haven’t talked about this, maybe bring it up if it’s still bothering you.

A friend can just be a friend. Honestly, these thoughts probably wouldn’t have come to mind if someone else didn’t bring them up first. So don’t get too worried about it. Remember *you* are in the relationship, not anyone else.

Summer break does not always have to be an adventure, can be relaxing

Lauren A. Simenson	friends, celebrities and total strangers are doing right that second. And sometimes I hate that it is that easy. I am currently taking a break from posting on Instagram for this very reason.
Columnist	

As the sweltering heat of August gave way to an even warmer September, I was in a continual state of sweatiness that had nothing to do with the weather. Typically, I do not dread the beginning of school, especially now when I love the classes I am enrolled in. Lately, however, I have come to dread the question, “So how was your summer?” It’s a question which I am pretty sure has to be the most repeated one on every campus at the start of a new school year. Before you ridicule me for being frustrated with what I realize is an innocent and friendly question, let me explain. For me, summer is a time of secret solitude, a break, and by answering this harmless query it almost feels that my summer is no longer *my* summer anymore.

Again, let me explain. In a time where almost nothing is private or secret anymore there is hardly any opportunity for something to be just yours and yours alone. All I need to do is simply check Facebook, Snapchat and Instagram to keep up with what my

Question is an honest response to what I actually did this summer, or didn’t do, people will inadvertently think I am... boring. Sometimes I dislike the “What did you do this summer?” question because I do not want to answer a question that makes me feel that I need to have other people validate the choices I have made for myself.

This all sounds a bit hostile, and perhaps you cannot understand why anyone would feel so strongly about not sharing something as innocuous as what they did during their summer vacation. I want to stress I bear no ill will if you want to tell me every detail of your summer, or if like me, you also wish to not say anything at all about your own break. What I am really trying to say is that I just plainly want to make a case for holding onto this summer state of mind that I feel gets lost as the bright heat of summer fades into the chill and gloom of fall.

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‘Don’t Breathe’ leaves audiences breathless with suspenseful plot, brings tension back to horror

Nicholas Weninger
Columnist

Three teenagers have done several small robberies before but aren’t really making enough to make a difference. When they learn that there is an old man who is sitting on pile of cash around six figures, they think that it will be an easy target, one last job so that they will be able to start over and get out of their awful lives at home.

Man, are they wrong. This is by no means an easy job and soon it turns into a nightmare. This older man, who also turns out to be blind, is not going to give up that money willingly or without a fight.

Ninety minutes of pure tension. This was a non-stop suspense ride that was so much fun! I’ve been waiting for this movie for a long time and I was not disappointed at all! ‘Don’t Breathe’ doesn’t feel like a modern day horror movie because it is very different from modern horror movies. Most horror movies today are filled with jump scares that aren’t really scary at all but make your heart skip a beat. A bird flying out of nowhere, nothing in the frame and then when the camera pans over in that area again something is there and so on, are examples of these cheap techniques that add horror to a film. ‘Don’t Breathe’ is genuinely scary because of the situation that these kids are in. It is terrifying to think about what if you were in this situation and what would you do.

One of the best aspects of the film for me was its sound production and the aspect of light and darkness. The aspect of sound and silence were very similar to a movie on Netflix that I have reviewed called ‘Hush’ (highly recommend if you haven’t seen). In that case it was a deaf woman and in



this case a blind man. In ‘Hush’ there was really the absence of sound and in ‘Don’t Breathe’ it was very similar. There were a lot of really quiet moments when the characters and the audience don’t even breathe to break that stillness and the suspense of the situation. When it came to the lighting of the movie, I loved it. There is this one scene where these characters are in the basement with the old man trying to find them when it is pitch black. This was fantastic and one of my favorite horror movie scenes in a while. So when it came to these aspects of sound or no sound, light or the absence of it, these moments only heighten the situation and make it even more terrifying to watch.

These brilliant and suspenseful scenes were brought to life by writers Fede Alvarez and Rodo Sayagues, and then directed by Fede Alvarez. They really did an awesome job with the characters. Jane Levy, Dylan Minnette and Stephen Lang all were fantastic and the best thing about them and the writers were that they were smart! Smart characters in a horror movie? That can’t be correct. Yes, I know, I was surprised too! They really were smart though and it was refreshing to see. Kudos to the writers and actors for really making some well-rounded characters.

My only real complaint is that it should’ve ended a scene earlier. You’ll know what I mean when you see it. Overall this was a very well done horror movie and one that was actually scary! It will not let you down and you’ll be at the edge of your seat in suspense for the entire film.

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STUDENT voices

What is one thing that happened to you this summer that surprised you?

Compiled by Samantha Decker



Sonia Jibicho
Sophmore

“I went to Portland, CA and it was my second time traveling.”



Erica Hillard
Junior

“I took a road trip to CA that I was super nervous about but it turned out to be a great experience”



Rhiannon Johnson
Sophmore

“While working on campus in admissions, after my first tour I received a great thank you note back from a visitor student.”



Tyler Theyerl
Graduate
(Alumni)

“I was supposed to wait tables all summer but ended up being a zipline guide in Door Country, WI”



Pat Solberg
Graduate
(Alumni)

“I never win anything but I got 3rd place in a Euchre tournament during Prescott Days”

Do you have something to say?

Write a letter to the editor.

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UWRF athlete takes her talents abroad

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While most UW-River Falls athletes spend their summer away from competition, one Falcon basketball player experienced the trip of a lifetime while playing with the most talented Div. III basketball players in Brazil.

Junior forward Taylor Karge was selected to the USA Div. III Women’s Basketball Team for its Brazil tour that ran from July 19-28 this past summer. She was joined by nine other Div. III players who set off for stops in Orlando, São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro.

The team came together with little time to prepare and learn each other’s strengths and weaknesses. Being in such a new situation and adjusting to international rules were challenges Karge knew the team would have to overcome.

“I became a better rebounder and learned to play with different personalities and talents,” Karge said.

“The last time I had to be in a new situation was [at UWRF] a couple of years ago,” Karge said. “I was nervous about meeting other personalities and how, with so much talent going down [to Brazil], I didn’t know how I would fit into the group, but everyone meshed really well.”

The team left Orlando after two days and were on their way to São Paulo, Brazil. Having never left the United States before, Karge said that she definitely experienced a culture shock once arriving in the Portuguese-speaking country.

“They do things very differently down there. We had a translator along though which helped a lot, because otherwise I wouldn’t have been able to even order my own lunch,” Karge said.

Even though the sights were unfamiliar, there was still basketball to be played. The USA squad first squared off against a selected U-22 team from the São Paulo area. However, the 10 U.S. players soon realized this wasn’t the same style of basketball played back in the states.

“They play a very physical style of basketball down there. The NCAA tries to make the game as ‘unphysical’ as possible where anything is a touch foul, but these teams were really athletic,” Karge said.

The language barrier was also a factor, with players unable to discuss calls with refs unless they wanted to get responses in Portuguese. The U.S. team dropped their first game by ten points, but rebounded to win two of their last three games

UWRF Sports Schedule:

- 9/23 Women’s Volleyball @ Cornell College 7 p.m.
- 9/24 Women’s Cross Country @ Roy Griak Invite 9 a.m.
- 9/24 Men’s Cross Country @ Roy Griak Invite 10 a.m.
- 9/24 Women’s Volleyball vs UW-Platteville 12 p.m.
- 9/24 Women’s Soccer vs University of Minnesota Moris 4 p.m.
- 9/24 Football vs Southwestern University 1 p.m. (Homecoming)
- 9/24 Women’s Volleyball vs U of Chicago 2 p.m.
- 9/28 Women’s Soccer @ St. Scholastica 3 p.m.
- 9/28 Women’s Volleyball vs UW-Eau Claire 7 p.m.

Home games in bold

on the trip.

By the second game the team seemed to be coming together, and they took down a top professional team in Brazil by two points. And while these professional teams definitely are not like the teams U.S. fans are used to seeing, they were still talented teams.

“Three of the teams we played were really good and would match up well against WIAC teams. I was amazed how good the inner-city Rio team we played was, considering the neighborhood the whole team came from,” Karge said.

Besides basketball, the team had the chance to enjoy Rio in the days leading up to the Olympic Games. Holding the Olympic torch and being down the street from the Olympic beach volleyball stadium were some highlights, but none compared to the Christ the Redeemer landmark for Karge. When asked to describe it, her response was simply, “breath-taking.”

As the trip of a lifetime fades away and a new Falcon basketball season approaches, Karge now has time to dial in and reflect on what this trip did for her skills. Although the trip was only 10 days, she’s already seeing aspects of her game that have improved for the upcoming season.

“Always my main priority [at UWRF] has been scoring, but with this new team I had to learn to impact the game in other ways. I became a better rebounder and learned to play with different personalities and talents,” Karge said.

This experience can only help build on an already impressive career with the Falcons as Karge returns as the team’s leading scorer. Coming off a magical 23-6 season and losing only one key player in senior captain Richell Mehus, the Falcons now are looking to make the next step.

Karge said, “No one was expecting us to be good last year and we kind of came out of nowhere. Now we know we have a target on our back and we can’t take anything for granted.”

With practices getting underway in a little less than a month, another season is just on the horizon. One advantage for Karge compared to her Brazilian trip will be this: she will at least be able to speak the referee’s language. Karge and the Falcons open their 2016-2017 season Nov. 15 at Carleton College.



Photo Courtesy of Taylor Karge
Taylor Karge, junior, holds the U.S. flag while in Brazil playing for the USA Div. III women’s basketball team.

UWRF Athlete of the Week: Karli Helland

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Karli Helland, a sophomore tennis player from Menominee, Wisconsin, had a breakthrough performance in Stevens Point and Oshkosh this past weekend. Helland won her singles match 6-2, 1-6, 7-5 in a tightly played contest in which the Falcons barely lost 4-5 against UW-Stevens Point. Helland responded the next day by winning her singles match 6-2, 3-6, 10-8 in dramatic fashion and teamed with Aliza Doherty to win 8-4 in doubles against UW-Oshkosh. Helland was the only Falcon to individually win a set against the Titans. The Student Voice sat down with Helland to ask her about her performance and the tennis season as a whole.

Q: When did you start playing tennis?
A: I started playing my freshman year of high school because one of my friends convinced me to go out for it.

Q: What made you want to play tennis at UWRF?
A: I really liked the sport and it’s a good way to make friends and start the college career off right.

Q: What’s the difference between last year’s team and this year? What has improved?
A: We have four recruits playing this year compared to three freshmen last year. It’s also our coach’s second year here and we all have a better grasp of what our ultimate goal is. The team’s also growing a lot in the direction that we want it to.

Q: What will it take for the team to breakthrough for a victory?
A: Almost pulling through that match [against UW-Stevens Point] was a big victory for us even though we didn’t win. Making less unforced errors would’ve pulled us through but it was a pretty even match-up and we looked forward to playing them because they’re good competition.

Q: What clicked this weekend to go 3-0?
A: I am really determined this year to keep my spot in the lineup. Prior to this weekend I was having a rough week, so I wanted to bring it back and secure my spot.

Q: Do you have more confidence as a sophomore with experience playing these teams before?
A: It’s nice to know what to expect out of each team because you can hear things from your teammates, but it’s totally different once you get out there. Coming on the court as a freshman you have no idea how it works. In high school you play singles or doubles and you usually don’t play both, but in college you play both typically. Getting thrown out to play doubles was totally new but I’m getting the grasp of it.

Q: What is your greatest strength on the court?
A: Using the whole court in singles and mixing it up by hitting drop shots and using my angles is my greatest strength. My forehand is also stronger than my backhand.



Photo courtesy of Karli Helland

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River Falls on path to add Glen Park Suspension Footbridge to national list of historic places

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Residents of River Falls may see a favorite local spot become more popular if it gets listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The River Falls Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) recently completed a Historical and Architectural Resources Survey of notable buildings and structures in the city. The “Swinging Bridge” over the Kinnickinnic River, also known as the Glen Park Suspension Footbridge, came out on top of places for the city to consider for historic preservation.

“Tourism is a big deal,” said Tony Steiner, River Falls city planner. Having more places on the National Register of Historic Places could bring more people to River Falls.

Four sites in River Falls are already on the National Register of Historic Places. Two are buildings on the University of Wisconsin-River Falls campus (South Hall and North Hall), one is a private residence known as the Freeman House on North Third Street and another one is the Glen Park Municipal Swimming Pool.

HPC members recently decided that they would move forward with adding the bridge to the register.

“I looked up the other remaining footbridges in the U.S. and one of those bridges may have been torn down since the survey,” said Steiner. The survey revealed the Glen Park Suspension Footbridge may be only one of two similar types of footbridges left in the United States. The other bridge is in Copper Falls State Park in Ashland County. The bridge was originally built in 1925 by the Minneapolis Bridge Company and was rehabilitated in 1986.

“We are a certified historic preservation community and have been since the ‘90s,” added Steiner. The goal of the survey was to help the HPC identify places and properties

and then apply for grants to help preserve those places. Most communities don’t have a lot of money for historic preservation, he said.

It’s not uncommon for many communities across the United States to have multiple places on the National Register of Historic Places. According to the National Park Service website, almost every county in the U.S. has at least one building on the register.

Many sites were listed as potential historic places on the survey, but the bridge, which connects pedestrian traffic north of Cascade Avenue to Glen Park, garnered the most attention by HPC members. Having a site on the register helps with keeping that structure preserved and allows for tax credits.

Heidi Heinze, the chair of HPC, said the process to get on the register is an arduous one and the HPC needs help.

“This isn’t costing the taxpayers anything,” said Heinze. The city applied for a grant from the Wisconsin Historical Society to hire a consultant to help with the process of getting the bridge on the register, Heinze added. She anticipates the bridge will be added by this time next year.

The bridge is also part of a bigger historical project. The city has been working on an online walking historical tour that people will be able to access with a smart phone, tablet and computer.

“I think it’s really cool,” said Tyler Galde, a UWRF student, referring to the online tour. He has been working on the project as an intern with the City of River Falls. Galde also said he thinks the bridge is a great piece of history to officially add to an already historic town. Galde is majoring in field biology with minors in geographic information systems and conservation.

The online walking historical tour of River Falls will be done late this fall, according to Galde. The tour will help guide people to the most notable historic sites in River Falls. In



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The Glen Park Suspension Footbridge is under consideration to be added to the National Register of Historic Places.

addition to the walking tour, the city has been creating old-time postcards.

“We have been handing out the postcards that tell the story about the bridge along with a historic picture of it on the front,” said Jeff Bjork, a lifetime River Falls resident and HPC board member. Bjork is also excited about the online walking tour and said he hopes more can be done. Bjork and generations of his family have been residents for more than 150 years. He would like to see more places highlighted to generate more interest in River Falls. The HPC has been creating a new postcard highlighting a new historic site every year for the last few years.

Dan Giester, local resident and unofficial historian, said the Swinging Bridge of all the historic sites in River Falls makes the most sense to get on the National Register. Giester, who has lived in River Falls his whole life, can recall many memories and time spent in Glen Park. He said the bridge is a place that many locals young and old have fond memories of. He is also glad it will be on the online walking tour.

According to the National Park Service, many more sites in cities near River Falls are registered as historic places. For more information about historic sites in Wisconsin, go to www.nps.gov/nr/.

With proper planning, voting as a student can be simple

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With the presidential election coming up on Nov. 8, some UW-River Falls students will be heading to the polls for the first time. Students may be unsure how to register to vote, where to go or what to bring. The Deputy Clerk for the City of River Falls, Bridget Hieb, has answers.

Q: How do I register to vote?

A: Wisconsin has a statewide voter registration application that anyone in the state can complete. Visit the My Vote Wisconsin website for all things elections. We suggest registering to vote well in advance of the presidential election. If not, expect to wait in line to register to vote.

Q: What do I need to have in order to register?

A: An acceptable form of proof of residence. The list of acceptable documents is listed on the back of the voter registration application. Typically for students that live on campus, the easiest form of proof of residence is a voter verification form that they can obtain from a link on their eSIS account. I believe it is toward the bottom on the right hand side. For students that live off campus, they should reference the list on the back of the voter registration application. They can also use eSIS, but they have to enter their ‘local’ address into their account first.

Q: If I’m already registered to vote at home, where should I vote?

A: Students have a choice. They can remain registered to vote at their ‘home’ address and either go back home to vote or request an absentee ballot from their municipal clerk. Wisconsin residents can request an absentee ballot through the My Vote Wisconsin website. Out-of-state residents would need to look up their municipal clerk and find out what the procedure is to request an absentee ballot or travel back home to vote.

The other option is for the student to register to vote in River Falls. By doing this, it would cancel any registration they have in Wisconsin or any other state. You can only be registered in one state and one municipality. To vote a ballot in Wisconsin, the voter must have an acceptable form of photo ID. The most common is a Wisconsin Department of Transportation-issued driver license or WI DOT-issued identification card and a passport. UWRF student IDs do not conform to the law, but students can obtain a special photo ID specifically for voting. I believe they can get this ID at the same office on campus that they get their student IDs.

Q: When will the polls be open for the presidential election this November?

A: Polls will be open from 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

Q: If I live on campus, where should I go to vote?

A: Four of the dorms vote at the River Falls High School at 818 Cemetery Road: Johnson, May, Prucha and Stratton. The rest vote at the University Center (UC). Off-campus student polling locations will depend on their address. They can verify where they must vote at the My Vote Wisconsin website.

Q: What do I need to bring with me when I go to the polls?

A: If you do not register to vote ahead of time, we suggest having your application filled out and ready for the election inspector to check and approve. You will need to bring a copy of your acceptable proof of residence or be prepared to show it electronically. If you are registered in advance of the election, all you need to bring is an acceptable form of photo ID.

Q: How do I get a voter ID?

A: Wisconsin has a website with great information on Photo IDs and how to obtain them, Bring it Wisconsin. As I mentioned above, students that do not have an acceptable form of photo ID can obtain a special photo ID for voting from the campus office. If they use this special photo ID, they will need to also bring a document verifying their enrollment at UWRF (class schedule, tuition bill, voter verification form, etc.). The Registrar’s Office can help with enrollment documents if students cannot find something on their eSIS account.

Q: I registered to vote here last year and went home over the summer. Is my voter registration still valid?

A: First, I would suggest the student visit the My Vote Wisconsin website to check their voter status. If a voter has had a change of address since the last time they voted, they must complete a new voter registration application. This includes changing dorm rooms or apartments.

Q: Under what circumstances should I consider voting early or absentee? How would I go about doing that?

A: You do not need a reason to vote absentee in Wisconsin. The presidential election will be busy. Various times of the day are worse than others, but the busiest time starts at 4 p.m. and goes through 8 p.m. You can vote an absentee ballot by mail or in person. To vote by mail, a request in writing is required. This can be done using the Application for Absentee Ballot found on the My Vote Wisconsin website. Once this is completed, mail it to your municipal clerk along with an acceptable form of photo ID. To vote an absentee ballot in person, the voter should check with their municipal clerk for available voting times.

Q: Are there any reasons for which I would be unable to vote?

A: Many voters wait until the last minute to check on their voter status, to register to vote or check on what they need in order to register and vote. Some voters are frustrated that they need additional documentation or don’t have the correct documentation for registration or voting and give up or run out of time. The key is being prepared. Get everything in order at least one week before Election Day. Just because you voted in the last presidential election does not guarantee that you are still registered to vote.

Q: If I have any additional questions, how can I have them answered?

A: Voters should contact the municipal clerk where they will be voting. Wisconsin voters can find their clerk information online at the My Vote Wisconsin website.

Q: Where can I find more information?

A: Voters can visit the My Vote Wisconsin website at <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/> or the Elections Commission website at <http://www.gab.wi.gov/> or Bring It Wisconsin website at <http://www.bringitwisconsin.com/>.

City of River Falls voters are encouraged to like our page on Facebook or visit our website at www.rfcity.org.

Q: Is there anything else you’d like people to know?

A: We are looking for people to help us out on Election Day. We need volunteers to help direct voters to the ballroom in the UC, workers to help out with voter registration and volunteers to be Greeters. Directing voters and the Greeter position are volunteer positions and registering voters would be a paid position. If anyone is interested, they can call my office at 715-426-3419.

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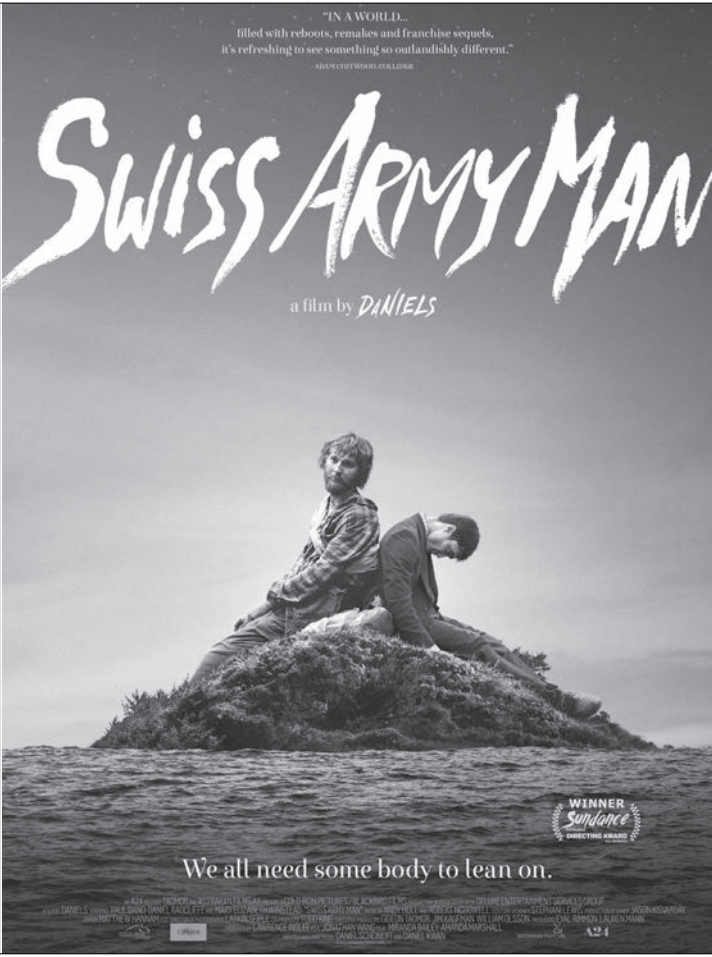
Top five summer movies

Nicholas Weninger

Reviewer

Hello everyone, I hope you had a great summer filled with great movies! In case you missed some over the summer, here are the five best films that came out. Of course, everyone is entitled to their own opinions but these were the films that I enjoyed the most.

5. **‘The Conjuring 2’:** The first Conjuring film was one of the better horror movies to come out in the last several years. It was actually scary, it had great tension, great acting and directing, and much more. ‘The Conjuring 2’ followed up with that and added all of those qualities and more. One of these qualities was the excellent plot that focused



on much more than just horror. This film takes time to further develop its characters and grow them into people that you really care about. When they are in trouble you are tense and waiting to see what happens. This is something that a lot of modern day horror films fail to accomplish: well-rounded and interesting characters. Definitely check it out if you are a horror buff.

4. **‘Nerve’:** ‘Nerve’ really surprised me and I mean that in a good way! When I first watched the trailer months ago, I thought that it was a really unique idea but nothing more. I was really surprised because I was really wrong about this film! I really enjoyed the uniqueness of ‘Nerve’ and thought that it was a very interesting story that has a lot to offer. For those unaware, it is about an online/app game that comes around once a year and people sign up to do dares that are harder and harder for money. Along with an interesting plot, ‘Nerve’ had some great suspense and some fantastic visuals to go with it. Everything is very colorful and full of the city lights and neon. Equally electrifying as the lights was the great soundtrack throughout.

3. **‘The Nice Guys’:** Every now and then a movie comes along that really makes you admire film making. We live in a day and age where Hollywood seems to be more concerned about quantity over quality, so

whenever a good quality film like ‘The Nice Guys’ comes around, it is a breath of fresh air. ‘The Nice Guys’ had all the ingredients that add up to not only an entertaining movie, but a very well done movie as well. Great acting from Ryan Gosling and Russel Crowe, fun action, lots of humor, a very well written script that engaged audiences and kept you guessing, and an awesome late 70’s vintage feeling. ‘The Nice Guys’ should have done a lot better and received more recognition but was overlooked because of ‘Neighbors 2’ and ‘Angry Birds.’

2. **‘Sing Street’:** Ever see a movie that when it’s over, you just feel invigorated and full of hope? Well that is the feeling that ‘Sing Street’ gives you. A story about a group of boys who form a band because one boy named Conor was trying to impress a girl. One thing leads to another and soon a band and real friendships start to form. I very

rarely ever say that a movie is near perfection but this movie just might be. Everything from the writing and directing, the amazing performances of these young kids and to the ideas and themes that take hold in the film was all fantastic. One of the best coming-of-age movies I have ever seen. Please go check this one out!

1. **‘Swiss Army Man’:** Where to begin with this movie..... I honestly don’t know where to start so I will just start by saying that this was the greatest nonsensical movie that I have ever seen. It was so much fun! Believe me, I was confused about what was going on and that really is the point. It really isn’t made to make complete sense at first and it is made to keep you in a state of

wonder. This state of wonder was so much fun and you are just along for the ride and seeing where it will take you. Beyond the obvious weirdness of ‘Swiss Army Man’ are some really deep themes that will leave you pondering this film for days. This has become a cult classic and is a movie that I will never forget.

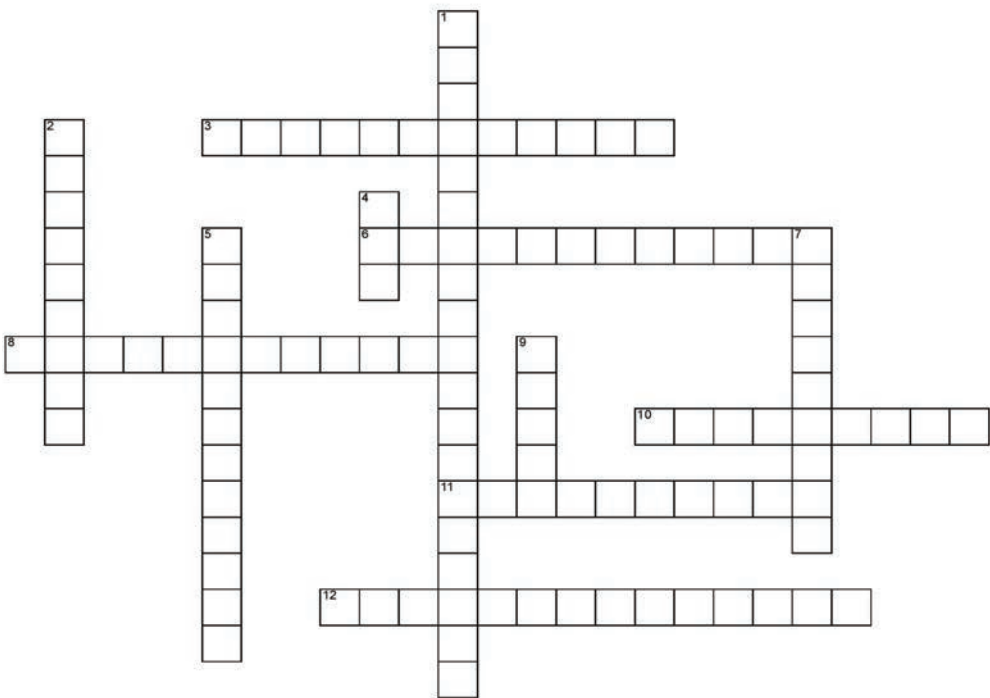
Honorable Mentions:

- ‘The Neon Demon’: ONLY for “film enthusiasts.” Really messed up movie but cinematically brilliant.
- ‘Eye of the Sky’: Suspenseful for the whole run-time and dealt brilliantly with the morality of modern day warfare.
- ‘The Shallows’: A good shark attack movie starring Blake Lively.
- ‘Hell or High Water’: A slow-building modern day western that was probably the best quality film overall. However not for everyone.

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Puzzle of the Week

Getting to know UWRf



- ACROSS
- 3 Go to the second floor if you want silence or tons of books (2 words)
 - 6 Named for our mascot Freddy, this building opens in 2017 (2 words)
 - 8 Attached to Hagestad Hall, watch our basketball and volleyball teams play here
 - 10 UWRf’s oldest building, was destroyed by a fire and rebuilt in the 1890s (2 words)
 - 11 _____ Science Hall
 - 12 If you have an 8 a.m. class here, start defrosting your car early because it’s 2.5 miles from River Falls (3 words)

- DOWN
- 1 This building holds everything from a planetarium to food processing plants (2 words)
 - 2 Home to journalism and math (and the Student Voice!) (2 words)
 - 4 If you’re studying art, you basically live here (abbreviation)
 - 5 If you live in Johnson, you can make awkward eye contact with people who exercise here without leaving your room
 - 7 This building used to function as the University Center (2 words)
 - 9 Education building, also holds the university preschool

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