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## UW Board of Regents extends tuition freeze

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At its Oct. 7 meeting, the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents voted unanimously to extend the system-wide tuition freeze into its fifth year.

Lisa Erickson, the UWRF student on the Board of Regents, said that this decision was the Regents’ way of taking back control of setting the tuition for the UW System from the Wisconsin Legislature and Gov. Scott Walker, who created the four-year tuition freeze in 2013.

The Board of Regents also approved plans on raising tuition up to the rate of inflation, which is about \$100 per student, for the 2018-2019 academic year.

“Extending the tuition freeze is very good for students, of course. It’s benefited me, it benefits students as a whole, it helps them in the long run,” said Erickson. “However, I realize, and I know the majority of the board members realize this, at some point you have to raise tuition.”

While the tuition freeze has helped with college affordability for students, universities within the UW System have found themselves in a tough spot as state funding has significantly

gone down. In the past five years, the state funding for the UW System has been cut by \$362 million, with \$125 million being cut from the 2015-17 biennium budget.

In the latest UW System budget cut, UWRF saw a \$2.87 million cut, leading to the reduction of 55 state/tuition-supported positions, including 18 permanent layoffs or non-retentions.

In the 2017-19 Biennial Operating Budget Request, the Board of Regents is requesting a \$42.5 million increase in state funding.

When it comes to the university gaining state funding, Erickson said that between other needs in the state such as rising healthcare costs and infrastructure costs, there is no right answer as to what is a priority.

“There’s no simple, easy answer. It is a very complex situation,” said Erickson.

UWRF Chancellor Dean Van Galen said that he is hopeful that the Wisconsin Legislature will support the state funding request. While he said he welcomes the decision by the Board of Regents to extend the tuition freeze, he has major concerns if state funding in the UW System does not increase.

“I think [state funding] is critical because there are serious compensation needs, not only on our own campus, but

throughout the UW System,” said Van Galen.

Van Galen said that the lack of compensation for faculty and staff is one of the biggest problems facing the UW System right now. On average, UWRF faculty earn 18 percent below its national peers. This has led to many UWRF faculty and staff leaving the university.

“I think compensation is a major factor in faculty and staff who choose to seek employment elsewhere,” said Van Galen. “We’ve lost a significant number of staff and faculty to Minnesota, for example, and in many cases that’s based on compensation concerns.”

Erickson said that compensation for faculty and staff is a major issue for her. She said that the reputation of the UW System relies heavily on the quality of faculty that the universities employ.

“I wish there was some way to compensate people for the job that they are doing,” Erickson said. “People here do an excellent job. I’m so proud of UW-River Falls. I’m very proud of what we do here and I’m very proud of the professors and staff. I haven’t met anybody that has been nothing but giving their best here.”

## UWRF hosts local candidates for discussion on local issues

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Local candidates for the Wisconsin 2016 State Legislature gathered last Tuesday, Oct. 18, at UW-River Falls for a forum-style discussion on issues pertaining to the Pierce and St. Croix County areas.

“Both organizations [River Falls Chamber of Commerce/Tourism Bureau and UWRF] are nonpartisan and have organized this forum as an opportunity to inform and educate the community about the issues that may affect our region,” said Tom Pechacek, moderator of the event. About 60 audience members attended, only a handful of whom were university students.

On the stage there were five people, two of whom were competing for the positions of State Senate District 10 Representative: incumbent Sen. Sheila Harsdorf (R-River Falls) and Diane Odeen (D-River Falls).

The other three were competing for a place as the State Assembly District 30 Representative: Scott Nelson (D-Hudson), Aaron Taylor (I-River Falls) and Shannon Zimmerman (R-River Falls).

According to Whitehouse.gov, the State Senate and State Assembly are the two halves of a bicameral legislative system. The Senate positions are fewer in number and typically have longer terms (four years in the case of Wisconsin senators).

By contrast, the Assembly positions are more numerous (there are 99 compared to the 33 Senate positions) but have

a shorter term length of two years. Together, they create laws pertaining to issues such as taxes, budget and impeachment.

During the forum, the five candidates were questioned on the policies they would support should they be elected to their respective positions. The questions were designed to represent issues that directly affect the St. Croix/Pierce County area, and included subjects such as:

- Higher education
- Workforce attraction and retention
- Voucher schools versus public schools
- Transportation needs
- Tourism/recreation
- Small business growth
- Supporting presidential candidates

Each candidate responded to the questions from a unique perspective: Zimmerman as a local businessman, Harsdorf as a current senator, Odeen as a heavily involved local community member, Taylor as an independent and as a recent graduate of UWRF and Nelson as an Air Force veteran and the fire chief at River Falls. The contenders were not allowed to debate with one another on the issues that were brought up, and they each had two minutes to convince the audience that their policy ideas were the best.

“I heard similar concerns to what I hear when I knock doors or talk to people across the district,” said Odeen in an interview following the forum. She stressed her focus on supporting higher education, not only by keeping it affordable through

state funding but high-quality as well. Harsdorf made similar comments during the forum itself, centering her views around improving the time it takes to graduate and keeping college affordable through the tuition freeze.

Mai See, a junior double majoring in communication and psychology at UWRF, said that she found out about the event through her professor, who offered the event as extra credit for those who attended. The forum, she said, was valuable.

“I’ve never been to this kind of thing before. It was very interesting, and I saw a lot of things I really agreed with and some things I kind of disagreed with,” See said.

See said that she would have liked to hear the candidates’ thoughts on minimum wage, particularly the discrepancy that exists between Minnesota and Wisconsin (Minnesota’s is higher by 50 cents).

“I think that’s a really big concern,” she said. “Especially if you’re losing jobs or if you’re losing people here in Wisconsin.”

The entire forum was broadcast live by the UWRF campus radio station WRFW 88.7, and was video-recorded for later publication on the River Falls community television channel website (Channel 16).

It is important, Odeen said, for people to pay attention to local elections such as these, “because those are the people who are responsible for the day-to-day stuff that you see around you.”



Katelyn Anderson/Student Voice  
**Legislative candidates come together to discuss important topics at UW-River Falls Tuesday, Oct. 18. Two candidates are from Senate District 10, which encompasses the UWRF campus.**

## Kinnickinnic dam issue affects more than just river, city

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The Kinnickinnic dams are holding back more than water, according to River Falls city officials.

Officials recently learned they missed out on a grant worth \$1.2 million for a paved trail that would have connected some of the paths already in place along the Kinnickinnic River and Lake George.

“It’s a bunch of pearls as they say, connecting them all together. This was another gem we’re trying to do,” said Buddy Lucero, River Falls community and development director, referring to the existing walking paths.

Two dams on the Kinni have been the focus of discussions between the city and a grassroots effort that is urging their removal. Eliminating the dams, supporters say, would restore waterfalls on the Kinni, which could improve the environment

and boost tourism.

The city has already obtained a grant for more than \$600,000 to extend a pathway along the Kinni to Heritage Park, which will be done in 2017. Part of completing that grant was to apply for another one, according to Lucero.

The idea for the latest grant was to use pylons left over from the railroad system along the river to connect the paths to the downtown area. This is why the city needs a good plan in place for the river and the dam corridor, Lucero added.

“It’s very difficult for people to look at or consider giving the city funding, if the city doesn’t have a complete plan of where the city is going to go,” said Lucero. “It’s been kind of a patchwork. Things are connected.”

Having walking trails is one aspect of making it easier for people to live healthy lives, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The CDC encourages community design with mixed land uses.

For many reasons, walking paths matter to people who live in River Falls.

“I walk on the trails three times a day,” said Ruth Danielson. She has lived in River Falls for 55 years and said the paths are a very important part of River Falls. She sees the elderly walking on them and having the paths paved is important.

When the Rotary Club was deciding how it could invest in local parks with a grant, it decided on kiosks that have information about the trails and where they lead to, said Cindi Danke, city parks and recreation director. Walking paths also are important to people who visit River Falls, added Danke.

In 1980, Danke thought no one would use the trails after the city put the first one in. She was very wrong, Danke said. That trail now is a focal point for many events like Art on the Kinni.

According to officials, the objective is to develop the Kinni Corridor Plan.

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# News Briefs:

## UW-River Falls to host Bob Dylan musical tribute

The community is invited to a free celebration of the works of Bob Dylan, America’s most recent winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature, on Thursday, Nov. 3, beginning at 3:30 p.m. in the second floor breezeway of the Davee Library. Space is limited and seating will be available on a first come, first served basis.

Dairy Science Professor Dennis Cooper, known on the local musical scene as the lead singer in The Roqonteurs and as the Doq of Roq, will be speaking, singing and playing guitar as he presents a brief celebration of the life and works of Dylan. Cooper is known for punctuating his musical performances with his deep knowledge of the music and the musicians and has long been influenced by Dylan.

“Dylan spoke to my generation about the times we were experiencing in the 1960s,” Cooper said. “And he still speaks to us today.”

Dylan was born in Duluth and grew up in Hibbing, Minnesota, on the Mesabi Iron Range. He transformed the art of folk music, his lyrics creating a whole new body of poetry with a wholly American voice. He has been compared to the nonconforming great American poets Walt Whitman and Emily Dickinson.

The event is sponsored by the UWRF English Department. For more information, email [marshall.toman@uwrf.edu](mailto:marshall.toman@uwrf.edu).

# UWRF makes the Princeton Review’s list of environmentally responsible green colleges

UW-River Falls has made The Princeton Review’s annual free guide to the most environmentally responsible green colleges.

“The Princeton Review’s Guide to 361 Green Colleges: 2016 Edition” profiles colleges with the most exceptional commitments to sustainability based on academic offerings and career preparation for students, campus policies, initiatives and activities. The profiles in the guide give college applicants information about each school’s admission requirements, cost and financial aid, as well as student body facts and stats.

The free 160-page guide is downloadable at [www.princetonreview.com/green-guide](http://www.princetonreview.com/green-guide). It includes detailed green facts including the school’s use of renewable energy, recycling and conservation programs to the availability of environmental studies and career guidance for green jobs.

As part of its many commitments to sustainability, UWRF utilizes its two campus laboratory farms and the Kinnickinnic River watershed to provide resources and opportunities for hands on education and research. UWRF has implemented many sustainable practices in its operations including storm-water management, solar panels and waste minimization. UWRF faculty and students offer distinctive sustainability-infused experiences through service-learning, civic engagement and targeted research activities such as the student-driven regional climate summit and the KinniConsortium boundary organization.

A recently implemented sustainability effort at UWRF is the Student Educator’s Program where students in the Sustainability Office serve as peer-to-peer sustainability educators both in and out of the classroom. UWRF continues to enhance existing sustainability programs and initiatives as well as pursue new ways to further their efforts.

“Pursuing a more sustainable lifestyle in our personal lives as well as on campus and beyond is part of our moral obligation to ourselves and each other,” said Mark Klapatch, UWRF sustainability and custodial supervisor. “We live on a planet with finite resources, and we need to be diligent and innovative in our efforts to be more sustainable. UW-River Falls students, faculty, staff, and community members have proven time and time again that sustainability efforts are important and we are proud to have made the list of green schools.”

Among nearly 10,000 teens who participated in the 2016 College Hopes & Worries Survey, 61 percent said that having

information about a school’s commitment to the environment would influence their decision to apply to or attend the college, according to Robert Franek, the Princeton Review’s senior VP-publisher. The Princeton Review strongly recommends the schools in this guide to environmentally-minded students who seek to study and live at green colleges, he said. A complete report on that survey is at [www.princetonreview.com/college-hopes-worries](http://www.princetonreview.com/college-hopes-worries).

The Princeton Review chose the colleges based on Green Rating scores, from 60 to 99, that the company tallied in summer 2016 for 640 colleges using data from its 2015-16 survey of school administrators. The survey asked them to report on their school’s sustainability-related policies, practices and programs. More than 25 data points were weighted in the assessment. Schools with green rating scores of 80 or higher made it into the guide. Most of the 350 schools in the edition are in the U.S. Ten are in Canada. One is in Egypt.

For more information about the sustainability practices at UWRF, email [mark.klapatch@uwrf.edu](mailto:mark.klapatch@uwrf.edu).

# River Falls is first in Wisconsin and fifth in the nation for customer participation in renewable energy

River Falls Municipal Utilities (RFMU) and the River Falls community recently received national recognition for leading the nation in renewable energy participation.

The Department of Energy’s National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) evaluated the green power programs of utilities across the nation and released lists of the top 10 utilities in four categories. RFMU ranked first in Wisconsin and fifth in the nation in the category of Green Power Participation Rate. It was also ranked eighth in the nation in the category of Green Power Sales Rate.

The Green Power Participation Rate is determined by the percentage of customers who participated in a utility’s renewable or green energy programs. In 2015, 8.58 percent of RFMU

customers participated in the green block program. The Green Power Sales Rate compares the ratio of a utility’s renewable energy sales to total sales. In 2015, 3.76 percent of RFMU’s sales were renewable energy sales.

“It’s an honor to be recognized nationally for our renewable energy programs,” said Kevin Westhuis, RFMU director. “And, we are grateful to River Falls’ residents for recognizing the value of green energy through their participation and support.”

RFMU offers several renewable energy programs. The Renewable Energy Block Program, for which NREL recognized the utility, provides customers with an affordable option to buy 300-kilowatt hour (kWh) blocks of energy generated from sustainable resources, such

as wind, solar, and biogas. Customers can choose to purchase enough blocks to cover some or all of their energy usage each month, and know that by doing so they are reducing the amount of energy generated by coal, oil, and natural gas.

River Falls is also the first municipality in Wisconsin to pilot a community solar garden program. Local residents and businesses subscribe to shares of the solar garden and, in return, receive a credit on their energy bill for the amount of energy their share generates over the next 20 years. Customers can also apply for the utility’s Renewable Energy Finance Program, which assists with the purchase of shares in the community solar garden and energy efficiency improvements.

NREL is the U.S. Department of Energy’s primary national laboratory for renewable energy and energy efficiency research and development. NREL is operated for the Energy

Department by The Alliance for Sustainable Energy, LLC. River Falls Municipal Utilities (RFMU) is a locally owned and operated, not-for-profit utility. RFMU provides electric, water/sewer and wastewater services to approximately 5,800 customers.

For more information, contact Mike Noreen, 715-426-3467 or [mnoreen@rfcity.org](mailto:mnoreen@rfcity.org).

# Student Senate Update: Oct. 25

The Student Senate did not meet this week.

*The information in this update comes from the minutes posted to the Student Senate FalconSync page every week. Student Senate meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Willow River Room of the University Center.*

# Campus Events Calendar:

- **University Theatre: “Little Shop of Horrors”**  
**Friday, Oct. 28 and Saturday, Oct. 29, 7:30-9:30 p.m.**  
**Kleinpell Fine Arts**
- **UWRF Haunted Lab**  
**Saturday, Oct. 29, 5-8 p.m.**  
**Centennial Science Hall 258, 266, 271 and 275**
- **Haunted Hall**  
**Saturday, Oct. 29, 8-10 p.m.**  
**Grimm Hall**
- **SPEAK: A Reading and Exhibit by UWRF Prologue**  
**Tuesday, Nov. 1, 6-8:30 p.m.**  
**Riverview Ballroom, University Center**
- **(Being) Sex & (Doing) Gender: The Difference and Why It Matters**  
**Wednesday, Nov. 2, 4-6 p.m.**  
**Fakon’s Nest, University Center**
- **Mock Interview Day**  
**Thursday, Nov. 3, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.**  
**Riverview Ballroom, University Center**
- **Bob Dylan Nobel Prize Celebration**  
**Thursday, Nov. 3, 3:30-4:30 p.m.**  
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**Kleinpell Fine Arts**

Visit [uwrf.edu](http://uwrf.edu) for a full schedule of events

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## Weekly UWRF Crime Report

### Tuesday, Oct. 18

- A threat was reported in the Regional Development Institute building at 9:30 a.m.
- Found property was reported in South Fork Suites at 10:19 p.m.

### Wednesday, Oct. 19

- Found property was reported in Johnson Hall at 5:24 a.m.

### Thursday, Oct. 20

- Fraud was reported to have happened Oct. 19 in the Regional Development Institute at 3:45 p.m.
- Property damage and a motor vehicle accident were reported at the Emogene Nelson Center at 5:09 p.m.

### Friday, Oct. 21

- Vandalism and criminal damage to property was reported to have happened Oct. 19 at 550 S 6th St. at 8 p.m.

### Saturday, Oct. 22

- A drug complaint was reported in Grimm Hall at 1:35 a.m.
- A welfare check occurred in Hathorn Hall at 2:17 a.m.

### Sunday, Oct. 23

- A drug complaint was reported in McMillan Hall at 1:16 a.m.

### Monday Oct. 24

- A theft was reported to have happened Oct. 22 in Hathorn Hall at 6:40 p.m.

### Editor’s Note:

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



# Kinnickinnic dam holds back more than just water, stalls development

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The dams have an impact on the whole corridor and things connected to it, like paths and storm water runoff. “We just don’t drop this,” said Lucero. City officials will re-apply for another grant or a similar one at a later date. They

will look at what needs to change or what new information is needed. When a city doesn’t receive a grant, there is an opportunity for the city to find out why, added Lucero.  
The River Falls City Project Team recently met and came up with a two-year

river corridor steering plan. The city is planning to host a public meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, in the River Falls Public Library. People will be able to see maps, talk to officials and submit their own ideas for the corridor.



*Tori Lynn Schneider/Student Voice*  
**The hydroelectric dam that separates Lake George and Lake Louise has been the subject of much debate in the City Council and within the community.**

# New first year program designed to keep freshmen at UW-River Falls

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UW-River Falls has been focusing heavily on retention of students, and a new program called First Year Adventure (College of Arts and Sciences 101) implemented this semester seems to be taking off quite well.  
Cyndi Kernahan, assistant dean for teaching and learning in the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), said that the program tries to ensure students stay at UWRF for their sophomore year. Faculty who developed the program also wanted the courses to be focused specifically on critical thinking, constructive teamwork and information literacy.  
“What we’re interested in ensuring is that students stay freshmen to sophomore year,” Kernahan said. “One thing that’s shown to improve retention is classes like this. It’s partly an introduction-to-college course, but also featuring interesting content. And we have some very cool classes.”  
The program is specific to CAS. Freshmen enrolled with a major in CAS are required to take one of the 10 courses offered. The UWRF website describes the program as “experienced faculty engaging first year students in a shared process of inquiry in seminar-style classes.”  
“What that means is bringing students along,” Kernahan said. “Instead of the traditional, ‘I lecture to you and you pull in this content,’ it’s about involving students in the problem solving. Things that will allow them to test out of some of those higher order skills that are frankly more meaningful, and be able to answer questions like, ‘What is art?’ And we wanted the courses to be small enough that you know everybody’s name, you can talk, and everyone can be a part of solving some larger question.”

Course titles range from “What is Art?” to “The Universe in 14 Weeks,” and many other subjects.  
Casey Maude, an adjunct professor in the English Department, is teaching a course called “99 Problems But This Class Ain’t One.” He said the class allows him to try teaching methods he may not get to otherwise.  
“As I started going through the application process, doing this was about things I wanted to try in English classes that just didn’t quite fit,” Maude said. “They were either too complicated, or I couldn’t justify them because they weren’t specific enough to English composition.”  
“So what we’re trying to do in the class is tutorial-style learning,” he added. “Students are researching together separate topics, but ones that have enough in common that we can discuss them together. I can ask, ‘What did you learn?’ and they’ll come and inform me about it. That’s the semester-long project.”  
Maude said that a particularly interesting project two students are working on surrounds police issues. One student is focusing on the tension between American communities and police forces, while another is looking at the influence of pop culture and the movement of athletes kneeling during the national anthem.  
“These topics are different, but there’s something they share,” Maude said. “I’m hoping they can do the traditional research, but also get to know and engage with each other, and practice the teamwork component of this program.”  
He is also incorporating a community-based problem-solving project into the course. This will hopefully allow students to get better acquainted and at home in River Falls, another big part of

retaining students.  
Maude said he’s enjoyed working with the students and teaching this course so far.  
“We’re doing this academic-type thing, but it’s also a community thing,” Maude said. “So they do feel invested in this university. Therefore, less likely to transfer. I hope it will create that community here for them. This is the only class I’ve taught that’s had the chance to do that... It’s real exciting. It’s benefited not just this class but my teaching as a whole.”  
Jake Till, a physics and engineering major, is in Maude’s class. He said that the course isn’t what he thought it would be.  
“It’s pretty interesting stuff, really,” Till said. “It’s not typical. It helps us look at problems on and off campus in different ways.”  
“We have a lot of reading that actually reflect the real world, which makes it more interesting,” he added.  
He said his semester-long project is an interesting component of the course, too.  
“We’re getting to take a world problem, analyze it, and think about how we could solve it, what needs to be changed or fixed. I’m working on stuff around nuclear fission, issues surrounding that,” Till said.  
Tricia Davis, a sociology professor and associate dean of CAS, said that students in the program are being studied to see what the outcome of the program’s first semester really is.  
“It’s on the books for any student that started this year, so we don’t see ourselves canceling it,” Davis said. “We’re doing research, following students and looking at a lot of different factors. We’d like to see how they compare to students who haven’t taken these courses.”

# UWRF receives anonymous letter referencing 2014 ‘Ides of October’

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On Oct. 28, UW-River Falls received an anonymous letter referencing a past threat to campus, according to a UW-River Falls Police Department campus safety alert.  
The recently received letter references another anonymous letter that the university received in fall 2014, which stated: “Beware the Ides of October, the time is nigh and the bullets will fly.” This prompted increased security on campus and a warning to the public to remain calm and take safety precautions during that time.  
Although Oct. 15 (Ides of October)

came and went without incident, many students, faculty and staff members were shaken by the letter, with many classes being canceled at the university.  
The “Ides of October” letter was investigated by the River Falls Police Department and the UW-River Falls Police Department. In late October 2014, the then River Falls Chief of Police Roger Leque disclosed to a UWRF journalism class that a person of interest had been identified. However, no one has been officially charged with making the threat.  
Although the letter references the 2014 incident, the safety alert states that it does not contain a specific threat to campus and does not target a specific group or individual, or mention a specific date.

Although the safety alert states that the UWRF Police Department has no reason to believe that anyone on campus is in danger, they ask the public to remain aware of their surroundings and be alert for any suspicious activity or persons. If anyone notices suspicious or unusual behavior or activity, they are encouraged to call 911.  
UW-River Falls Chief of Police Karl Fleury declined to comment on the contents of the letter and the ongoing investigation. River Falls Chief of Police Gordon Young could not be immediately reached for comment.

# Alumni Spotlight: Wesley Chapin

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*Kathy Helgeson/University Communications*

This week’s featured alumnus has led many students abroad over his two decades of teaching at UW-River Falls, and will be leading two study abroad trips to Germany in the spring semester.  
Wesley Chapin is currently serving as the Associate Chancellor of Academic Affairs and Graduate Studies, a position which overlooks faculty development, honors programs, graduate studies and other university functions. A professor of political science, he has worked for the university since 1997, and also has a daughter who attends the school.

Growing up on a farm in Wisconsin, Chapin’s interest in agriculture and business led him to choose UWRF, initially majoring in agricultural economics. He said that his first experience as an undergraduate was typical, like what most students experience today.  
“I made some friendships that I still have to this day,” Chapin said. “And throughout my time as a college student, we’ve remained in touch.”  
While living in McMillan Hall, Chapin interacted with many of his fellow peers throughout his time as an undergraduate, going to events like Minnesota Vikings games (ironically, he was wearing a Green Bay Packers tie during his interview), and getting involved in intramural sports and student government. He said that it was a good place to meet people who were different from the people in his hometown.

During his undergraduate studies, Chapin took a semester off due to financial reasons, which gave him time to rethink his major. During this period, he said he became more interested in learning economics than agriculture.  
“I spent a lot of time thinking about what made sense for me,” he said. “And for some reason, the idea of being an economics major was very intriguing.”  
Upon returning to UWRF, Chapin went on to be elected as Student Body President, which led to him to become more involved with political issues on campus, even some issues at the state and federal level. As his political interests grew, he began taking more political science classes, which would eventually lead him to becoming an intern for U.S. Sen. William Proxmire in the District of Columbia. By his senior year, he was able to graduate with a double major in economics and political science.

While he was an intern, he got a call from a former student affairs worker named Carell Ryan, who informed Chapin about a new study abroad program called “Wisconsin in Scotland.” Despite being unsure about whether he could pay for the experience, he would later appreciate his experience studying in Europe.  
As one of the first students to participate in the program, his experience studying abroad in Scotland taught him more about international issues. Later, it would also influence him to help lead his own study abroad programs, where he has taken students for short-term and semester-long experiences all over Europe.

“I thought that it was a type of experience that benefited me that I liked to provide to other people,” Chapin said. “I really believe people not only learn more about themselves and develop confidence, but they can really get good academic experiences that can potentially make them more marketable when they’re looking for jobs.”  
After graduating from UWRF, he went on to study at Marquette University, where he earned his master’s degree in international affairs. He decided to focus more on political science as he concluded that political decisions were driving economics. After a short period of time working in retail management, he went on to the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign to complete his Ph.D. in political science in 1996.

After another short period as an adjunct professor in Eau Claire, he would eventually apply for a position back at UWRF as a political science professor. Despite the competitive job market during the time he applied, he said that his combined experience with international, domestic and economic politics fit the qualifications for the position.  
What Chapin said he enjoys about UWRF is the diversity of the students that attend, specifically low income, first generation students. With his education that he gained attending River Falls, he was able to get the right knowledge and training he needed to follow his career path.

“I really think it’s critically important for the state, the democratic system we’re in and for people generally to have quality institutions of higher education,” Chapin said.  
Chapin said that the importance of education contributes to the “Wisconsin Idea,” which is the impact “from the borders and beyond,” and “making that impact for all groups in Wisconsin.” He said he feels that this idea aligns with the school’s mission of offering a high quality education at an affordable price, which allows more people to have access to a college degree.

In regard to students, Chapin’s advice is to take advantage of all of the opportunities on campus, like attending concerts, doing undergraduate research or studying abroad.  
“It will serve you well. You’ll grow as an individual, and you’ll create opportunities for yourself down the road that you may not even be able to imagine today,” Chapin said.

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# EDITORIAL

## Friendly reminder: Have fun but stay safe this Halloween weekend

Halloween is quickly approaching, and many students at UW-River Falls are planning their transformations into a wide variety of characters this weekend. Dressing up, referencing your favorite aspect of pop culture or just getting a laugh out of people is a fun way to spend the weekend. However, remember to be respectful this Halloween by not dressing in costumes that may incite violence or make others feel unsafe.

Don’t use the current increase in clown fear by going out as a clown. Recent reports have said people dressed as clowns around the country are doing everything from looking in residence halls windows to carrying real weapons and chasing people. These circumstances are terrifying for some, and the playful fun of Halloween costumes should not be used to make people truly fear for their safety.

Similarly, make it clear that any weapons that go with your costume are fake. Foam swords and water guns with fluorescent caps on them should be easy enough to distinguish, but actual nightsticks or water guns designed to look like real pistols are a different story. Imagine being out at the bar and seeing someone whip out what appears, especially to someone who has been drinking, to be a real gun. Panic might ensue, or the person with the fake gun might be attacked. Surely, the police don’t want to receive a bunch of calls from frightened bar patrons when nothing serious is actually happening.

Speaking of the police, here is a friendly reminder that impersonating an officer is a crime. If you do dress as one, don’t act like you’re really an enforcer of the law. Stopping strangers on the street simply for a laugh is unnecessary and annoying. Additionally, don’t carry a weapon. You can have fake handcuffs and still get the message across without carrying a real baton.

All this being said, don’t get violent or aggressive with other people because of their costumes. The current presidential election has brought about strong emotions for many, which is not necessarily a bad thing. However, if you see a political mask of a person you don’t support, that does not give you an adequate reason to harass the person behind it. Similarly, if you see a woman dressed in a revealing costume, leave her alone. Just because she’s dressed as a “sexy pirate” doesn’t mean you’re entitled to catcall her or receive any attention from her whatsoever.

All in all, just be a decent person when you’re out this Halloween weekend.

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# Student Health: Returning to former hobbies offers break from reality

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Do you have a passion? Is this passion a hobby of yours? Do you frequently get lost in pursuing this passion? I hope so, because for many of us, passion is the ingredient that has been missing from our lives.

Some people feel that they are too busy to pursue a passion. Being too busy to do what you are passionate about should be a big warning sign that you ought to look at what you are doing with your life. Passions play a special part in grounding us. They make us feel safe and centered when we would otherwise might feel pulled in a million directions.

So what is your passion? Chances are, if you don’t have one now, you did have one when you were a child. In fact, we are so ambitious when we are children that we may have had many passions that we pursued. Try to remember some of the more long-standing hobbies you had and ask yourself why you moved away from them. If you are completely lost, ask a parent, grandparent or older sibling what it was that we seemed to get a charge from when we were a kid.

Of course, some of our passions may seem rather childish

# In and outside of the classroom, taking risks makes all the difference

Reo Ford

Columnist

Earlier this week, for one of my classes we were given the task of partnering up with someone else and going out into River Falls for one hour and taking a selection of different types of photographs.

On first thought, it sounded really easy. I figured my partner and I could walk along the outside of North Hall and capture some really nice stereotypical “fall photos.” Maybe I could stand by a tree with some vibrant red leaves, and she could crouch down and angle the camera upwards at me. Well, that’s not exactly the plan that my partner had.

We ended up driving five minutes over to Glen Park, which upon immediate arrival didn’t seem all that bad. That is, until she stepped out of her “student” shoes and laced up her “professional photographer” ones.

It started out as a harmless photo session on the bridge, where we figured we could capture some great “perspective” shots by snapping pictures looking down at the River. And we did; for a split second I felt like my photography skills exceeded the usual selfies and Instagram edits that I do.

Just as I thought we had gotten what we needed, my dear partner got the splendid idea of making the trek down to the river and taking our one hour fairly simple assignment to the next level. Before I knew it, I found myself sliding, mostly, down a man-made path on the side of a hill. It was in that

to us now, but ask yourself what past spirited participation in those endeavors (like Play-Doh, baseball, the Easy Bake Oven, piano, Lincoln Logs, a Chia Pet or water colors) says about you. What was budding there?

Just so you know, I am a convert to this idea. You see, when I met my wife I didn’t think about my non-work passions. I had many things that I used to love to do when I was a kid, but I thought hobbies were long behind me. I also didn’t think having passionate pursuits outside of my work was a efficient way to use my time; television or internet was better.

However, when I was challenged by my wife to get a “hobby” in my life I found that I could easily reconnect to my past joys. I always loved exploring the great outdoors, and I also loved fiddling with the camera. I combined the two. I now do nature photography. This passion/hobby comes so natural to me that I can take it up at anytime I want and be immediately immersed in it. An instant break from reality.

Good luck pursuing your passion, and I hope that it can give you a needed break from the stresses and strains of your daily grind.

moment that I almost slipped on a muddy rock and plummeted to the river’s edge that I regretted wearing my Vans. In fact, I was so frazzled that I regretted even buying them altogether!

When I finally managed to make it down to where my partner was standing, I caught my breath and I looked at her. She was trying to decide whether or not the sun would cast our shadows nicely over the rippling water.

Seconds later, she suggested that we stand on a log that was lying halfway on a shallow rock bed. Just as I was about to resist, I noticed how much fun she was having trying to find creative ways to take pictures. Although we weren’t standing on the edge of a cliff or stepping into shark-infested waters, the fact that she was willing to get her shoes a little dirty to accomplish something that she is passionate about was admirable.

Driving back into St. Paul after class, I started to think. I’m not sure if it was a mixture of the beautiful day that it was and the sound of a classical piece by Paul Cardall, but I began to think about our little adventure philosophically. I connected our adventure that we had experienced to “life.”

Unintentionally, my partner taught me that sometimes you have to step off the beaten path, even if it seems like the safest route, in order to get the shot that you want.

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# National Pizza Month is one of America’s best excuses to chow down

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It is finally the time of year for Americans to celebrate the best holiday of all. No, not Halloween, National Pizza Month!

According to [pizza.com](http://pizza.com), this faux-holiday began in 1984 when Gerry Durnell, pizzeria owner and founder of Pizza Today magazine, assigned the month of October as the time to celebrate pizza because that is the month that the first issue of his Pizza Today magazine debuted. Durnell used the holiday of National Pizza Month and his new pizza magazine to promote not only his own pizzeria, but also to help boost the pizza industry in the United States.

Let me be clear: I appreciate pizza as much as the next person, but I think like many of the national holidays the United States has, National Pizza Month is a bit superfluous. I would also add that Pizza Month may also be a bit alarming to me due to the pizza statistics I found on [statisticbrain.com](http://statisticbrain.com), a site that I stumbled upon while researching just how pizza-obsessed people in the United States are.

Statisticbrain.com says that Americans spend \$32 billion annually on pizza sales, that we have 70,000 pizzerias in the United States and that 94 percent of Americans eat at least one piece of pizza every month! If those facts do not cause you enough pause, did you know that 350 slices of pizza are eaten every second? EVERY. SECOND.

As wonderful as pizza is, I can reasonably conclude that we are all past the stage that we need to promote pizza anymore. So, sorry Gerry Durnell, but it is clear that America has gotten, and eaten, the pizza message, and that maybe we no longer need a national holiday promoting a food that we are most likely devouring right now anyway.

Ultimately though, I know pizza is an important necessity for a happy life, so please excuse my critiques of a silly holiday so that I may serve up a piping-hot slice of pizza recommendation to you. If you are like most people in the United States, you probably are on your way to get your own pizza fix, so let me suggest that for the sake of National Pizza Month you take a break from your regularly scheduled pizza programming and try out a new place.

Steve’s Pizza Palace is a long-time resident of the River

Falls downtown scene, a place my mother went to growing up, and my dad’s go-to “recipe” whenever he feels like “making” dinner. A nondescript exterior with a large, glowing rectangle is all that denotes this pizza palace from the rest of the store fronts on main street. During business hours, that extend well into the night, the wafting smell of hot bread and cheese baking and the sight of pizza dough being stretched right in the front window will get even the wariest through the doors.

The small dining space is often packed with college students, senior citizens and families with small kids who you can often see bounce around on the deep emerald leather booths. Hungry diners crowd around scratched white tabletops when they see their food being delivered by wait staff who deftly squeeze through the small space to lay a giant pizza, just baked, onto your table.

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While you scramble to get to the glass shakers of Parmesan cheese and red pepper flakes before the rest of the table gets their hands on them, take a look at how the pizza is cut. A signature of Steve’s Pizza Palace is to cut all their pizzas not into slices, but into little squares, which means that there are four perfect crispy, basically-all-crust pieces you will want to grab before your seat-mate has the chance to.

If I really was going to give top-notch pizza advice, and I think this special holiday demands it, I would say to any and all that will listen: Do yourself a favor and order an extra-large Steve’s Special that comes with their homemade sausage. On each square, green peppers and onions on a pizza big enough to confuse as a table cloth.

Steve’s is well worth a visit any time of the year, but with the October drawing to a close, do not waste any time in celebrating National Pizza Month with pizza, pizza and more pizza.

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# What Breast Cancer Awareness Month means to me

Marissa Jo Chamernick

UWRF Odyssey

For many people, the month of October is just that, October. You may think Halloween, costumes, colorful leaves and cold weather. But for me, for my family and for many more, October isn't just another month. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and I will always view it as that.

It's a month to not only raise awareness about the fact that one in eight women in the United States will develop invasive breast cancer, but to also praise women for fighting it and remember the ones we have lost because of it.

Unfortunately, I have seen too many of my loved ones have to battle the beast we call breast cancer, and have even seen the worst it can bring. But the women I know who have fought for their lives, and all women out there who have fought or are fighting breast cancer, are the most courageous women I have ever met. Even though they may feel absolutely terrible, they are full of love and life and beauty, and they are so admirable.

To me, breast cancer awareness month is another reminder of the what my family has gone through. Losing a family member to such a terrible monster is the most heart-

breaking thing you might ever imagine, and no one can replace what we have lost. I was young when my aunt was diagnosed with breast cancer; I wasn't sure what it was or how any of it really worked, so my reactions were very dull and emotionless.

She fought such a hard fight, one that I wouldn't wish upon my worst enemy in any situation. Countless surgeries and doctors appointments crowded her life, and although we knew how much she wanted to give up, we could only hope that her fight would make a difference and she would come out of it with only stories to share.

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Nothing could have prepared us for losing her, but unfortunately cancer ran its course and decided to take her life; it had spread throughout her bones and was a painful, mean thing. So this month means that we can

think about her a little more often than usual, and remember how bravely she lived while she could.

Although I wish I could go back and change everything that happened, I am also lucky enough to say that I know amazing women who have fought and prevailed against breast cancer's wrath. And I am happy to say that this month is a month to cherish those who have survived and let them know how loved they truly are.

Last year, one of my mom's best friends was diagnosed with breast cancer. Fortunately, it was caught at a point where she could have a double mastectomy. I remember seeing her posts on social media and praying that it would be something good instead of something bad.

After her surgery, she was told that she was cancer-free and did not have to go through radiation, a terrible thing that makes any cancer patient feel sick and sad. This woman is such a bright and beautiful person and I am so lucky to know her and to know her story; she has made me appreciate life a whole lot more!

As I have grown up, I have realized how important it is to tell those around you how much you love and appreciate them, and also reflect on how much this disease really affects people.

Both of the women I have mentioned mean so much to me and I am grateful to have both of their souls in my life. Their stories are dif-

ferent, but the impact is the same. They are, or were, strong women who deserve to be recognized every day of the year and not just for one month.

So, what does breast cancer awareness month mean to me? It's so much more than I could ever explain. It's the love and happi-

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ness that every woman who has ever been diagnosed holds in her heart even though she is in pain, it's the that families have to watch helplessly as their loved one goes through such a life changing time and it's being able to love people who have been affected and knowing that they will always be in your heart.

I could never say enough words to describe what this month means to me, but what I can say is this: I hope that every woman who has or ever will have breast cancer can understand that there are millions of people out there to support you and stand by you. Perfect strangers are praying for you every day, including me.


# STUDENT *voices*

What is your current favorite song?

*Compiled by Samantha Decker*



Hanah Schmit  
Senior  
"Closer" - The Chainsmokers



Amber Schmit  
Senior  
"Some Kind of Drug" - G-Eazy



Elijah Anderson  
Sophomore  
"I Got Five on it" - The Luniz



Sunmin Kim  
Junior  
"Sugar" - Maroon 5



Jiyoung Hwang  
Junior  
"Lucky" - Jason Mraz

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# Falcon hockey teams prepare for new year under seasoned coaches

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The UW-River Falls men’s and women’s ice hockey teams are preparing for the start of the 2016-2017 season.

The women Falcons finished second in the country last season after losing in the NCAA Div. III National Championship against the Plattsburgh (New York) State Cardinals by a score of 5-1. Joe Cranston, UWRF women’s hockey head coach, said the team does not have to worry about excess pressure after the championship appearance.

“I don’t think so. I always downplay it and we just move on,” said Cranston. “As a coaching staff, it’s nice to get to that championship game so you can learn from it... But no, we just start over and take it one day at a time.”

At the start of a season, teams are allowed only two weeks of formal practices. A lot goes into those weeks. Cranston said he likes to focus on the fundamentals more than anything.

“The first and foremost thing I need to do is get (the players) up to speed,” said Cranston. “That’s more important than learning systems, because if we’re not up to speed and we’re not moving our feet, then we’re going to struggle.” Practices are just starting up for Cranston’s team.

Cranston’s Falcons are projected to win the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) for the fourth consecutive year even with the departure of Chloe Kinsel. Kinsel, who graduated last spring, led the team in goals (26), assists (21), points (47), shots (135) and game-winning goals (6). It is no easy task to replace that type of production on any team.

“You can’t replace a kid like that,” said Cranston. “As a team, we just have to step it up.” Kinsel departed UWRF as the second-most leading scorer of all time.

Although the Falcons lost their leading scorer, they bring back junior goalie Angie Hall. The Falcon netminder out of White Bear Lake, Minnesota, brings back nearly two years of experience. Hall has played almost 99 percent of the minutes over the past two seasons, according to Cranston.

“She’s a seasoned veteran and she looks awesome right now in practice. She looks a lot better than she ever has,” said Cranston.

Cranston, the only coach in the program’s history, will be eyeing a ninth consecutive NCAA tournament trip with the end goal being another National Championship berth.

The men’s team, coached by Steve Freeman, is also predicted to finish atop the WIAC standings coming into the new season. Last year ended at the hands of future national champions UW-Stevens Point in double overtime of the WIAC Playoff Championship (also known as the Commissioner’s Cup).

Before the season started, Freeman was inducted into the Wisconsin Hockey Hall of Fame.

“It’s really an honor. When you think back on it, it really makes you think of the past,” said Freeman. The upcoming year will mark Freeman’s 21st season as the head coach of the Falcons. He has been a part of five National Championship appearances and has received 11 Coach of the Year awards as well.

The Falcons will be without Tanner Milliron, the team’s goalie all of last year. Milliron posted 1.83 goals against average and recorded 632 saves, both good enough for first place in the WIAC. With the loss of Milliron, the Falcons will turn to junior Goalie Alex Okicki.

“We’ve seen Alex Okicki now for a couple of years and he’s waited his turn, just like Tanner did,” said Freeman. “He’s ready to take that step and step in. I feel very confident that he’s going to have a good season.”

Freeman said the team’s style of play will benefit any goalie on the ice.

“We play a very structured defensive style. We try and take away the middle of the ice as much as we can, and keep shots to the outside,” said Freeman.

Okicki started, and won, two games last season (both against Finlandia University) while posting 25 saves with no goals allowed.

With a large senior class, Freeman emphasized the importance to having that leadership.

“When you have an older team the younger guys kind of mesh and the older players kind of teach them how to play,” said Freeman.

The Falcons return nine of their 10 points leaders from a year ago.

The men’s team starts its season Oct. 28 at home against St. Scholastica, and the women’s team begins its campaign on Oct. 29 in St. Paul versus Bethel.

# Athlete of the Week: Tyler Halverson

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Kathy Helgeson/UWRF Communications

Tyler Halverson had a huge day at receiver for the Falcons in their 50-28 win over the UW-Stout Blue Devils. Halverson, a junior from Big Lake, Minnesota, had six receptions for 156 yards and a touchdown, averaging 26 yards per catch. His 57-yard touchdown reception in the second quarter helped kick start a Falcon offense that put up over 500 yards of offense against the Blue Devils for the second straight season. The Student Voice sat down with Halverson to ask about the dominant performance and the huge strides made by the Falcon receivers this season.

**Q: What made you want to play football at UWRF?**

A: In high school, it was one of my favorite sports to play. Senior year I ended up having a really good season. I got quarterback of the conference and offensive player of the year and I thought I was getting a lot better. The coaches recruited me to come here, and I just thought I could get better with them and the team as a whole could have a shot at winning the WIAC.

**Q: How has the program evolved over your first three seasons here, with an 0-10 season before your freshman year?**

A: We have a lot more team chemistry and everyone’s going into the games assuming we’re going to win, and it doesn’t matter what opponent we’re going against. As the years have gone by we have more buy-in from the guys. The coaches are still putting in the time and effort which helps us succeed more on and off the field.

**Q: How have injuries played a role in the receiving corps this season?**

A: To start the year we were at full strength and had a good core six to eight receivers who could play at any time. Then, as the games went on, it’s kind of taken a toll on the receivers with reps in practice and reps in the game. It’s always great to play a lot but we went from our top six receivers to only having two of us left. We had a lot of guys fall off which makes a lot of pressure to perform and push yourself without the competition.

**Q: Have you been impressed with the next-man-up mentality of the receivers?**

A: I think as a whole our receiving corps has gotten a lot better from last year to this year. Especially we’ve had some young guys step up. We’ve had Alex Hohenstein play a good role for us in the slot and Trenton Monson who started in the slot and moved to the outside receiver and he’s done a great job. It’s been a big role of guys stepping up at all positions.

**Q: What is your past relationship with playing with Trenton Monson in high school?**

A: I played quarterback and he played receiver, and he was a grade below me. My senior year he played a little bit at slot and AJ Sandford on the team played receiver, too. His senior year he had a really good season and I kind of talked to him and told him to look here and what the coaches and team has going for us. We have a good chemistry and are always having fun at practice. We also had a good chemistry in high school playing football, baseball and basketball together.

**Q: What did you exploit in the UW-Stout defense to make big plays on Saturday?**

A: It was a combination of game plan by the coaches on what to do and just how to get receivers the ball and how to get the running backs in space. There’s just something about Stout. It’s kind of a rivalry game for us, so we want to win at all costs and there’s a little added incentive against them.

**Q: Do you see this team as more of a passing team, running team or balanced attack?**

A: It kind of depends on the game but we’re probably about 60 percent to 40 percent run to pass. But we can easily flip that and the run really opens up our pass game.

**Q: What can the offense do to capitalize early in the game against a talented UW-Oshkosh team?**

A: You got to make plays right away and receivers have to win those 50-50 catches. Running backs have to hit the hole hard and get something rolling on first down. If we can get some good yards on first down it really opens up what we do. If we can get to second and five we can really do anything we want. We need to approach them [Oshkosh] like they’re any other opponent and don’t worry about their name, but play hard and don’t hold anything back.

**Q: What can this team still accomplish this season?**

A: We can accomplish a lot. Coming into the season we were supposed to be in the middle of the pack but we can set ourselves up to the top with our last three games against Oshkosh, Whitewater and Stevens Point. There’s nothing that says we can’t beat them, so I think it’s a big end of the season coming up.



Tori Lynn Schneider/Student Voice  
The hockey season starts at the renovated Hunt Arena vs. St Scholastica on Oct. 28.

## Sports Recap

### Women’s Soccer

The Falcons won both games this week to improve to 7-8-2 and 3-3-1 in conference as the WIAC tournament approaches. UWRF took down the UW-Stevens Point Pointers on Saturday 1-0 on Carrie Anderson’s seventh goal of the year. The Falcons continued their successful week by dominating UW-Superior 7-0 with five different Falcons scoring goals.

### Women’s Tennis

UW-River Falls finished up their fall season in the WIAC tournament this past weekend. Brittany Asfeld had the best individual finish for the Falcons by finishing fifth in the number one singles tournament. Kelly Mendel and Karli Helland also finished in fifth place in the number five and number six singles tournaments. The team also had some success in the doubles tournament with a fifth place finish by the number three team of Taylor Norby and Hannah Address. The tennis team will next play in April when they start their fall season against St. Norbert College.

### Women’s Volleyball

UW-River Falls had a tough week by losing at UW-La Crosse 0-3 and at Minnesota Morris 1-3. The Falcons now sit at 15-14 overall and 1-4 in conference as they close out their WIAC season with two home games in a fight to secure the final seed in the WIAC Playoffs.

## Sports Schedule

**Oct. 28: Women’s Volleyball vs. UW-Oshkosh 7 p.m.**

**Oct. 28: Men’s Hockey vs. St. Scholastica 7:05 p.m.**

**Oct. 29: Women’s Soccer vs. UW-Platteville 11 a.m.**

**Oct. 29: Men’s Cross Country at WIAC Championships 12 p.m.**

**Oct. 29: Women’s Cross Country at WIAC Championships 1 p.m.**

**Oct. 29: Women’s Volleyball vs. UW-Stevens Point 1 p.m.**

**Oct. 29: Men’s Hockey vs. Northland College 7:05 p.m.**

**Oct. 29: Football vs. UW-Oshkosh 2:35 p.m.**

**Oct. 29: Women’s Hockey at Bethel 7 p.m.**

**Home Games in Bold**



# Falcon football soars over the competition during annual breast cancer awareness game

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UW-River Falls kept its perfect record at home alive this past weekend as an explosive offense led the Falcons to a 50-28 victory over UW-Stout during the annual breast cancer awareness game.

UWRF responded in a huge way after a tough road loss to Platteville the previous week. Offense has been a struggle for the Falcons in the first half of games this year, with Saturday being no exception as the two teams were scoreless after the first quarter.

The entire game changed early in the second quarter when Quarterback Travon Hearn threw a 57-yard touchdown pass to Junior Wide Receiver Tyler Halverson to go ahead 7-0. The UW-Stout Blue Devils quickly responded by evening up the game at 7-7, but Michael Diggins put the Falcons up 13-7 on a 9-yard rushing touchdown that would give UWRF a lead they wouldn't relinquish the rest of the way.

Head Coach Matt Walker said he still has no idea why his team has had difficulty getting off to quick starts.

"It would be nice if we played well the whole time on both sides of the ball, but we've made good adjustments in game and nice adjustments at half. Our pattern has been our defense is really good to start the game and our offense has been atrocious early," Walker said.

However, he notes how their early struggles may eventually lead to second half success. The average fan may not be able to see this, but the ability to run the ball can start to get the Falcon offense moving.

"We have physical running backs and we try to get them to the safeties to turn into big plays. Safeties are still making tackles in the first quarters, but we've eventually worn down almost every team we've played because of our style of play," Walker said.

This physical running game served the Falcons well on the afternoon as Rance Ashley totaled 76 yards on 11 carries and Michael Diggins added his second 100 yard rushing game of the year to slowly take a toll on the Stout defense.

The game stayed close throughout the third quarter as the teams traded touchdowns to keep it tight at 22-14. The game wouldn't become a blowout until a huge surge by the Falcons in the fourth quarter.

A 10 play, 87-yard drive that bridged the end of the third quarter and the beginning of the fourth created huge momentum for UWRF. A 13-yard touchdown pass from Quarterback Sawyer Moon to Evan Verhota extended a lead that was built upon by Hearn and Diggins touchdown runs that put the game out of reach.

Moon has seen significant improvement from his entire offense over the course of the season.

"We're meshing together as a unit rather than playing separately. We have young guys stepping and playing well so it's mostly been the development with our young players," Moon said.

WIAC Defensive Player of the Week Albert Itula's 30-yard interception return for a touchdown managed to seal the deal

for the Falcons in the fourth quarter. Itula also had six tackles, two tackles for loss, and one sack in the game. The big play solidified the Falcons could keep their undefeated home winning streak alive at 3-0.

"We definitely have a home field advantage. We love our stadium and playing at home," Moon said.

UWRF managed to put up over 500 yards of total offense for the second straight year against the Blue Devils, with over 350 yards through the air and almost 200 on the ground in this season's match up. However, Walker doesn't attribute this success against Stout to a single factor.

"Our performance against them was more coincidental because they've caught us on a couple of good days. It's more us executing than who we're playing because they're a good team," Walker said.

Winning against Stout is even more exciting for UWRF due to the rivalry that has built up between the two teams.

"They're the closest team in proximity, and we don't like each other. It's the game you really want to win for recruiting and controlling this area," Moon said.

The wide receiver play was at its peak again on Saturday, with Tyler Halverson and Trenton Monson both recording 156 and 110 yards, respectively. Adding three touchdowns through the air helped balance this strong Falcon offense.

"Our wide receiver play has exploded on offense the past few weeks. Our balanced attack has created that for us the last couple of weeks and I'm proud of the young wide receiver group," Walker said.

The game also had special meaning because of its significance as the annual breast cancer awareness game. With multiple players on the team having relatives who have battled cancer, the Falcons gave another big performance on the field that may have had some extra motivation. However, more went into the game than just the title.

"We sold shirts and bracelets to raise some actual capital to donate to the American cancer society. We also wear pink to create awareness for the situation," Walker said.

The Falcons improve to 3-4 with the win and 2-2 in the WIAC. UWRF next hosts the #5 ranked UW-Oshkosh Titans at 2:35 p.m. on Saturday. Contrary to popular belief, Walker doesn't think the game is as mismatched as most may believe.

"One thing that has happened in the program is we've caught everyone from a talent standpoint and now we're trying to take that next step. The last two, three years, we've separated from the bottom half and put ourselves in position to chase down the big three (Whitewater, Oshkosh, Stevens Point)," Walker said.

Walker said he knows there's a very simple way to compete with the Titans, a team he described as, 'From a talent standpoint this may be the best team in D3 in the country.'

"We have to keep believing that we belong with these guys. We've closed the top of the league on talent and now need to make it happen and execute," Walker said.

The Falcons will look to take their first win from the Titans since 2005. A win would certainly make UWRF a program to watch out for as a contender in the WIAC this season and going forward.

some might think, especially with the early success of the program.

"I said I would be the advisor, but the students put together the constitution and pretty much ran with it," Vollmers said. She said she gives all the credit to the students in the organization.

Vollmers, who is also an associate professor in the College of Business and Economics, travels with the chapter to all of its events.

"I missed nine school days last spring," Vollmers said. "That part can take its toll on my classes, but I knew what I was signing up for."

She said it's all worth it to see all the growth the organization has made in the short time of its existence.

"Watching them go to these competitions and develop their confidence and their speaking skills has been a lot of fun," Vollmers said.

Tolbert does a lot of the recruiting for the organization by going to classrooms and speaking about DECA. He said some students tend to think it's just for business majors or for communication majors, but it's not.

"These are skills that will help you no matter what you're doing in your career," Tolbert said. He said he always has to remind students that the organization is open to any major.

Vollmers said one of the biggest challenges with any student organization is transitioning leadership. The UWRF DECA chapter hasn't faced that transition yet, but Vollmers is confident that the foundation is solid enough that it shouldn't be that great of an issue when the time comes.

"They've handled everything well up to this point, so I'm not that concerned about it," Vollmers said.

# UW-River Falls narrows search for next chief information officer

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Officials at UW-River Falls are moving closer to filling the top technology management position.

UWRF has been without a chief information officer (CIO) since Steven Reed left in April for a similar position with Metropolitan State University in St. Paul. The position is in charge of all technical aspects of the campus including the operation of the Division of Technology (DoTS).

To fill the position, the UWRF Faculty Senate created a search and screen committee to seek and vet potential candidates. After narrowing the applicant pool down to four candidates, the committee is now looking for input from the campus.

"The CIO touches every aspect of the university from the student to the president and every branch and every organization in the university," said Dan Paulus, chair of the CIO Search and Screen Committee. "Therefore, I think it would be wise to get some feedback from those constituents — which is everybody — and hopefully get another perspective than that of the committee itself."

To elicit response from students, faculty and staff, the committee is hosting open sessions for the candidates to present on any topic related to technology. The presentation will be part of a longer interview process that each candidate will participate in with other campus officials. Sara Solland, one of two co-interim CIOs and a member of the search and screen committee, said the candidates have a wide range of backgrounds.

"It's a very diverse group of people who applied for the position — many different industries, not just higher education, that had applied for the position," Solland said. "Usually there's more of a technology generalist experience that gets people ahead in the pool because they've had different experiences with different areas within a technology division."

Currently, the responsibilities are shared between Solland and Co-Interim CIO Jason Winget, while balancing the demands of their primary campus technology-related positions. Solland said finding a consistent CIO is essential to the advancement of the campus.

"I would say it's important to have a CIO because they're really the interface between all that technology does and serves, or the services we provide the students, and the administration on campus or different governance groups on campus so it's a very political type of position," Solland said.

Once the open sessions and interviews are over, the search and screen committee will review each candidate and will eventually recommend one of them to Interim Provost Faye Perkins, who will make the final decision. However, Winget said feedback from students will make a strong impact on the final decision.

"I think it's extremely important for students to come because one of the things that is obviously important for us is the student input because what we look at as needs from students, this is a great opportunity to find someone that may be setting the course for what future students are looking for," Winget said.

Open sessions were scheduled to start on Monday, Oct. 24, and will take place on select dates until Nov. 4.

DoTS is also looking to fill six other positions including a teaching and learning technology manager.

# DECA chapter at UWRF, despite being young, does well in competitions

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The UW-River Falls DECA chapter got off to a surprisingly good start in its first year of competition in 2015. The team placed five individuals in the top 10 at an international conference in Washington, D.C.

The chapter had 13 members qualify for the Collegiate DECA International Career Development Conference after placing in the top three at the state conference.

The national DECA organization was founded in 1946 and formerly was known as Distributive Education Clubs of America. The organization is active in high schools and universities across the country.

Stacy Vollmers, the UWRF faculty advisor for DECA, was pleasantly surprised with how the first year went.

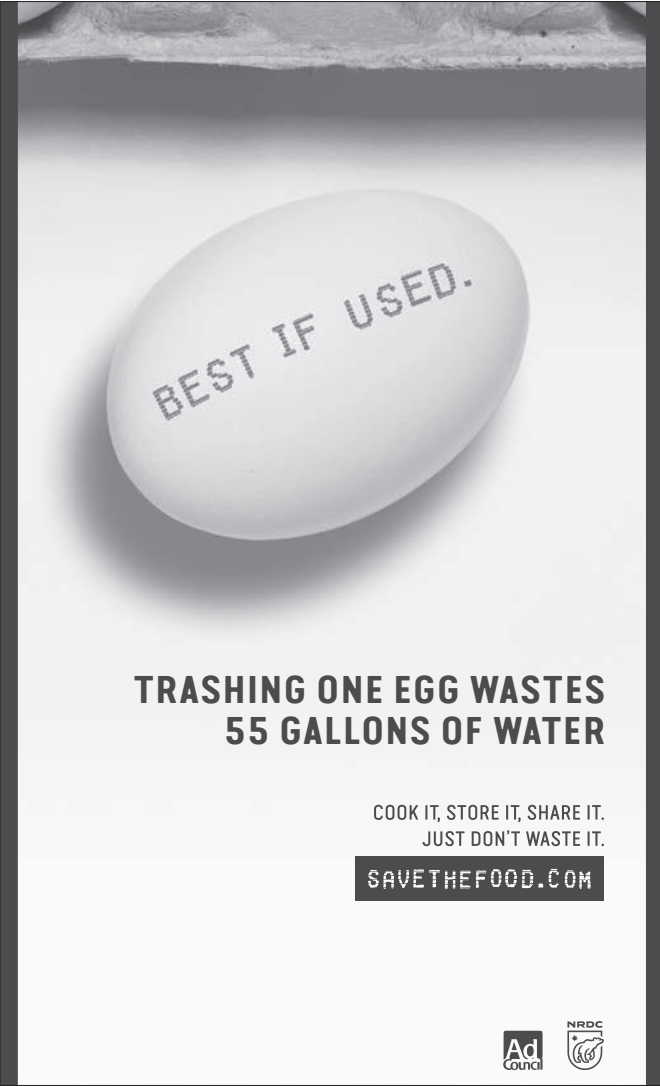
"We went to the state conference just trying to get a feel for how everything works and did really well," Vollmers said.

DECA is for students who have an interest in developing leadership and entrepreneurial skills and competing. The competitions have four main categories: business management and administration, marketing and communication, hospitality and tourism, and finance and accounting.

Chapter President Alfonso Tolbert competes in the marketing sector. He and his team put together ad campaigns prior to the conference and are judged against other teams. Tolbert has found a lot of value in his experience with DECA.

"I think it's helped me think quickly on my feet, think under pressure and still come up with a good presentation or a good result to show to someone," Tolbert said.

Vollmers said she hasn't really played as big of a role as





# ‘Ouija: Origin of Evil’ offers nothing new, but executes elements of horror incredibly well

Wesley Sigsworth

Reviewer

I recently read the 1971 horror classic “The Exorcist” and was absolutely riveted and horrified by its story and atmosphere. It scratched a certain itch that I have for quality horror, horror that doesn’t give meaningless gore or countless jump scares, but treats us to something that digs into the core of our human psyche.

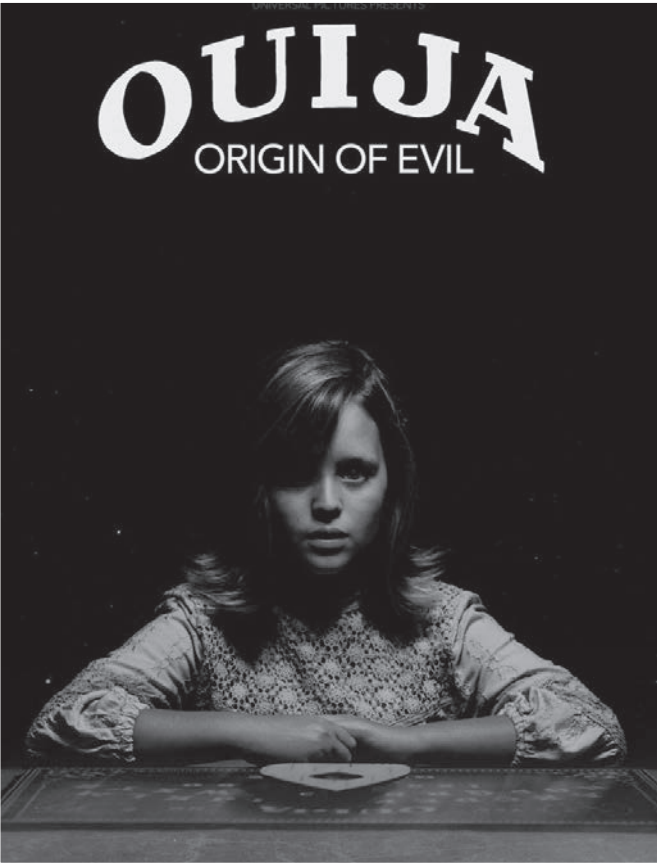
“Ouija: Origin of Evil” does a spectacular job of scratching that same itch and has its foundation firmly planted in the roots that “The Exorcist” dug decades ago.

This film is a prequel to “Ouija” (2014), which I didn’t see but have read about and heard that it was pretty terrible. If you saw it and didn’t enjoy it, or didn’t see it at all like me, I can assure you “Ouija: Origin of Evil” really has no significance in regards to the original “Ouija” movie. The only real connection is that both movies take place in the same house but in different time periods.

“Ouija: Origin of Evil” revolves around a widowed mother and her two daughters as they operate a seance scam business out of their home. The mother decides to purchase a Ouija board to further add to the seance act. There are three rules that the board comes with: Don’t play alone, don’t play in a graveyard and always say goodbye.

It doesn’t take long at all for the youngest daughter Doris to take interest in the board and begin to use it at night. This incites the dark forces that are hidden in the home’s sinister past to manifest into Doris and begin wreaking havoc on the family.

There are many parallels to be drawn between this movie’s story and “The Exorcist.” At one point I was about ready to call it a carbon copy (if you’ve read the book or seen the movie adaptation, you’ll see it) but at a certain point the story takes a sharp left into its own original plot and does its best to make the subject of demonic possession its own. It takes a little push from its inspiration but then is able to progress



forward into a more original story that does a great job wrapping itself up in the final act.

The scares in this movie aren’t solely based around making you jump. Of course they do, but you are given ample warning with a noticeable shift in music or a slow camera pan. Each scare instead comes from what you are actually seeing rather than what you are anticipating. The sight of some of the contorted faces and rolled back eyes will be in my memory for a long time.

There are a lot of scares that come from things happening in the background: A figure veering out of frame, a face mocking a character over their shoulder or glowing eyes standing in the darkness. Some of these you only see for a

brief second before the scene cuts away, making you wonder if you actually did see something.

Effects in the movie are a little jarring upon first viewing. In other words, they’re honestly a bit odd to look at. Then again, how would some of the ghouls or possessions actually look? It’s really the use of these effects that makes them work because they’re not overused. Doris isn’t white eyed and evil looking the entire time; instead, her face changes when it needs to, usually when something terrible is about to happen.

Character-wise, everyone in the film has their own distinct personalities and roles. Alice, the mother of the family has recently lost her husband and is working to support her two daughters. The oldest daughter Lina is a high school student who becomes the character to take charge of the situation as she begins to see the changes her younger sister Doris undergoes following her use of the Ouija board. The young actress that plays Doris (Lulu Wilson) does a phenomenal job of ramping up the creepy factor and embodying a sinister evil even when her appearance is normal. Even the smaller characters like the priest or Lina’s boyfriend end up serving their own roles and are acted really well.

The mid ’60s setting that the movie is based in also adds a really great flavor to the setting and story. Something about having a movie, especially a horror movie, take place in that time period just adds something special. “The Conjuring” (2013) made great use of its time period and this film does the same.

“Ouija: Origin of Evil” is a movie that I think will be divisive. On one hand, it is a well-paced horror film that uses characters and events to affect the audience on a deep level. It builds up to its scares rather than throwing them in your face all at once. On the other hand, some people might think the first act to be a little slow and the effects to be odd or even cheesy looking.

Either way, it is a great horror movie to see this Halloween season and I will definitely be going back to see it again in theaters.

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# ‘The Good, the Bad and the Ugly’ is a classic Western film worthy of being watched again and again

Nicholas Weninger

Reviewer

This is a throwback review of one of my favorite movies! “The Good, the Bad and the Ugly” is a story about three men who are all out to find \$20,000 in gold that a Union soldier has buried. Each one of these men are experienced gunslingers who both go up against each other and also help each other at times to get closer to the gold.

The Good (Clint Eastwood) is a man who is just out to earn a buck any way he can, the Bad (Lee Van Cleef) is a hitman for hire and the Ugly (Eli Wallach) is a criminal trying to get rich. Taking place during the Civil War, these three must figure out where exactly the gold is buried and try to survive in the process of getting there.

Considered one of the best Western films ever made, the 1966 “The Good, the Bad and the Ugly” is truly a historic film throughout cinematic history. Ranked in the top 100 films ever made by Times magazine, 47 out of the 301 greatest films by Empire Magazine, 9th on IMDBs top 250, a 97 percent on Rotten Tomatoes and one of my favorite movies ever made, it is universally accepted that this movie is a classic.

There truly aren’t enough good things to say about this movie. If you haven’t seen it before, then do yourself a favor and carve out a night to watch it. Even though it is almost three hours long, it is well worth your time to do so.

One of my favorite things about this film are the three main characters. Each one of these characters are perfect. Blondie, the Good, is this gun slinging, ruggedly handsome

badass who you can root for. Angel Eyes, the Bad, is this stone-hearted hitman who makes for a fantastic “villain.” Then we have Tuco, the Ugly, who is by far my favorite. He is this criminal who is very likable. He has some fantastically funny lines that will have you laughing throughout the entire film. One might overlook him and say that he is an evil guy. Yes, he might do some evil things, but does that make him an evil and ugly guy through and through?

There is this one scene with Tuco and his brother halfway through the movie that really allows you to look into his past to see what made him the way he is. It is a heartfelt and emotional scene that really makes you think about what it was like to be them and live their lives.

As I mentioned before, these men all want the same thing, trying to kill one another one minute and working together the next (especially the Good and the Ugly). These two men form this really interesting friendship, bond, or even more of a co-dependence upon one another throughout the three hours that really feels like a journey. It really is something neat to see.

Along with the fantastic story and characters, it also does an excellent job of showing you the horrors of the Civil War and the desert. “The Good, the Bad and the Ugly” is known as a spaghetti Western. This is because it wasn’t filmed in the U.S. but rather in Europe, places such as Spain, Italy and Little Hollywood. It was also written and directed by Italians as well and has the original title of “Il buono, il brutto, il cattivo.” In one scene, it depicts beautifully the senseless loss of life during the Civil War.

They are fighting way off in the west, where no other forces are even close to this area to defend a bridge. Why? Because higher ups said so. Each side keeps throwing death at each other until there is nothing left. This shows really well how brutal and sometimes senseless battles have been

throughout history.

Now, even though this movie wasn’t filmed in the U.S., it still does an excellent job of showing how brutal the desert is. Excellent makeup is done on the actors to really make it look as if they really are wilting away in the sun. “The Good, the Bad and the Ugly” is a great movie to see in a historical sense.

Now, if you still aren’t convinced on whether or not you want to see it, this movie has one of the most memorable soundtracks ever written. It builds so much tension throughout that it only amplifies an already amazing scene. I have downloaded the soundtrack on my iPod, and every now and then I feel the urge to listen to it. It’s that good!

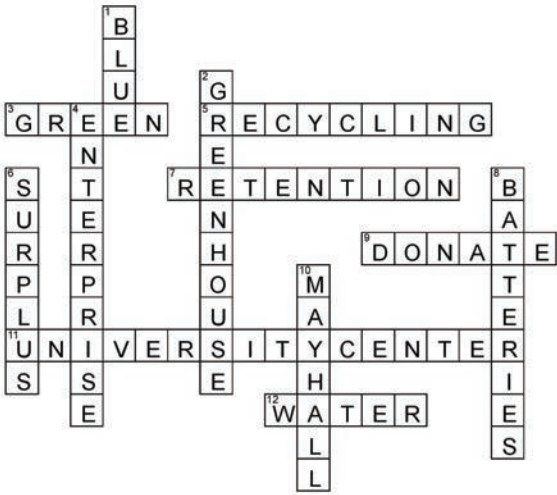
Not only does the film have an amazing soundtrack, but it has amazing cinematography as well. The final shootout is shot so brilliantly that it is my favorite movie scene of all time. If you don’t feel you want to watch this movie, then please at least watch the final shootout at the end of the film. I promise that it will be worth it.

These are just some of the many great things “The Good, the Bad and the Ugly” has to offer. It is a staple in cinematic history, and it needs to be watched if you call yourself a movie buff. Like I said, do yourself a favor and carve out a night to watch it, and let me know what you think of it if you do watch it!

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## Last Week’s Answers

Campus Sustainability Month



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

The first person to report the find to [editor@uwrvoice.com](mailto:editor@uwrvoice.com) AFTER 10 a.m. Friday wins!

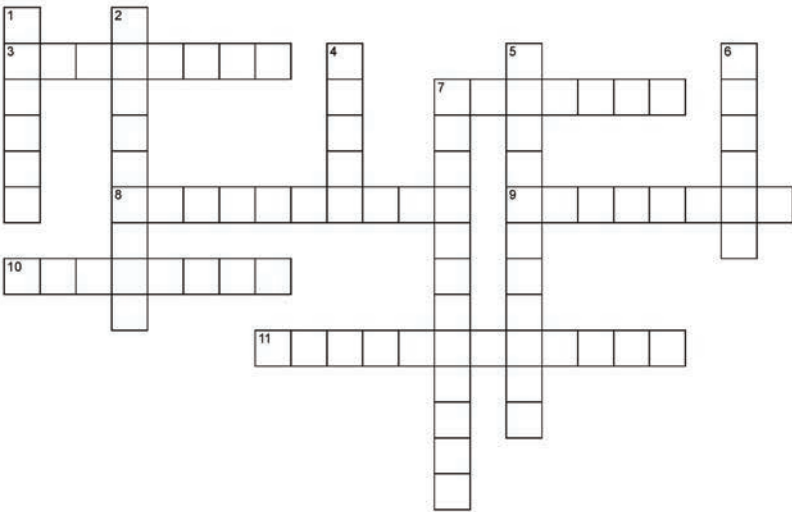
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## Puzzle of the Week

Halloween Jams



ACROSS  
3 "I don't wanna be buried in a pet \_\_\_\_."  
7 "The devil went down to \_\_\_\_."  
8 "Aaooooooo! \_\_\_\_ of London!"  
9 "It's close to midnight and something evil's lurking in the dark."  
10 "Let's do the \_\_\_\_ again!" (2 words)  
11 "They're altogether ooky, the \_\_\_\_." (2 words)

DOWN  
1 "\_\_\_\_ Killer, Qu'est-ce que c'est."  
2 "This is \_\_\_\_, everybody make a scene."  
4 "I put a \_\_\_\_ on you, because you're mine."  
5 "It was a graveyard smash." (2 words)  
6 "Come on baby, don't fear the \_\_\_\_."  
7 "Who ya gonna call?"

Puzzle created at [puzzle-maker.com](http://puzzle-maker.com)