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In Kinni River projects, terms like 'restoration' and 'natural' may not mean what many think

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When asked how restoration efforts along the Kinnickinnic River should be handled, students and residents in River Falls answered with roughly the same response: they want the river to be more “natural.” This response, however, leads to a different question: What do words such as “restoration” and “natural” really mean, and do definitions of the words match up with what is actually done to environments such as the Kinni? Abbey Novonty, a junior at UW-River Falls majoring in conservation, said, “I think restoration’s a good idea, and if you can, if it’s possible to restore it back to its natural habitat, I would suggest it.”

Sonja Pearson, a freshman studying exercise and sports science, said, “I think that any sort of nature should be left naturally, because that is how it was meant to be, and when you mess with that sort of natural beauty ... it messes up a lot of other things in nature as well.”

Brian Smolinski, a local trout fisherman and owner of Lund’s Fly Shop, said, “I think a return to natural state is best.” When asked whether he is in favor of restoration efforts that do not support trout habitat, he went on to said, “I think there’s going to be a lot of trout no matter what. Especially if the stagnant parts in town are restored back to free-flowing.”

Advocates from the local Friends of the Kinni group have been using the argument that removal of the dams in town would also remove the “stagnant parts” of the river that Smolinski referred to and create a better environment for trout. The Kinni, however, was not originally one big strip of trout habitat. Long before man-made dams, a different bunch of dam-builders was slowing the Kinni. Beavers, said UWRF associate professor of biology John Wheeler, were once common throughout Wisconsin and the U.S. Their damming tendencies would have created pools of warm water interspersed by cold, fast-flowing water.

“If you could get in a time machine and visit the River Falls

area 1,000 years ago, I suspect that there would have been more beaver and more quiet, still waters on the landscape,” Wheeler said. “The iconic cold-water ‘trout stream’ would have been less common.” Not all trout are native to Wisconsin. According to Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources fact sheets, brown trout are native to Europe and western Asia; rainbow trout are from the Pacific coast of North America. Only brook trout originally lived in Wisconsin pre-human influence, and they would have likely done so only in the cold patches of river between beaver dams.

The WDNR Wisconsin Beaver Management Plan for 2015-2025 recognizes to a degree that beavers have a right to exist



Cody Rajewski, of Bay City, MI, fly fishes on the Kinnickinnic River, August 5.

Photo by Tori Schneider/Student Voice

within the state. Prior to 1990, efforts were mainly aimed at reducing beaver populations and resulted in severe overharvest. More recent plans attempt to recognize the place of beavers in a natural Wisconsin ecosystem, but they also emphasize the fact that beavers can cause economic and property damage to humans. The current policy is to encourage beavers only where they’re useful and not detrimental to humans and to discourage them everywhere else through a trapping season and reduction of preferred food trees such as aspen. This improves trout habitat but is not necessarily the “natural” way to go. Joseph Gathman, an assistant professor of biology at UWRF, said that the public needs to more clearly understand what “restoration” and “natural” mean, especially since the public often indirectly funds projects advertised as “restoration” through tax-funded, government agencies such as the WDNR. In the Mississippi River Basin, a report

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UW-River Falls working to not only recruit, but also reassure inner-city high schoolers of color

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ST. PAUL, Minn. – Lining the school cafeteria with brochures and paraphernalia, college recruiters and representatives eagerly plied students with information related to their institutions last week at the St. Paul Central High School college fair. Among the students who attended the fair was Ahijah Adams, a college-bound junior and African-American who con-

fronted the representatives with questions and concerns that reflected the thoughts that were on the minds of many students at St. Paul Central, which is made up of 63 percent students of color. “Somebody might look at me different just because I got accepted into college, like it’s a surprise or something,” Adams said. “They might seem like they’re nice, but they might try to pick on you just because of your skin tone.” Eager to address these concerns on behalf of UW-River Falls, Pedro Renta, the UWRF multicultural outreach coordi-

nator, shared progress the campus has made in student body diversity. “I know as of last year it was at 10 percent total (students of color) for the university,” Renta said. “Five years ago I think we were somewhere around 7-8 percent. Our incoming freshman classes have been coming in at anywhere between 12 percent and 15 percent over the last few years, so I think that that’s a really big improvement.” Regardless of how many students of color are enrolled at UWRF in a given academic year, Renta believes the students consistently do a good job of making them feel welcome on campus. “I can tell them our students do a great job of friendliness – the community feel, but many of them have to feel that for themselves,” Renta said, explaining why campus visits are so important for the high schoolers. “All students just want to be college students. They want a great experience, and it’s our job to help with that, facilitate that and guide them along in that process.” Renta is currently on a two-week high school tour, during which he is exclusively visiting inner-city schools. “All of the schools that I will visit in the next two weeks are predominantly students of color,” Renta said. “A lot of first generation students, students of color, low-income students.” Despite 51 percent of the student body at Central High being eligible for free and reduced lunch, affordability is another common concern for students of color according to St. Paul Public Schools. This is one of the reasons Adams is highly intrigued by UWRF. “I like how we don’t have to pay for the books. You guys can check them out, instead of buying them,” Adams said. “It’s easier, it’s less to worry about. They make it so all I have to do is check it out and check it back in. It’s like a regular library.” Some of the students at Central High are receiving additional help in college preparation from a class that the high school offers called AVID, which is an acronym for Advancement Via Individual Determination. “It’s just prepping for a life outside of high school,” Adams said. “There’s different (AVID classes). There’s an African-American boys one and there’s a co-ed, so I’m in the African-American boys one, and that’s the only one we have this year for 11th-graders.”



Multicultural Outreach Coordinator Pedro Renta makes the case for why St. Paul Central High students of color should choose UW-River Falls.

Nathan Lukasavitz/ Falcon News Service

News Briefs: UW-River Falls earns UW System VETS certification

The University of Wisconsin-River Falls has earned special designation from the UW System with regard to the institution’s veterans’ services.

On the day before the official observance of Veterans Day, the UW Board of Regents honored UW-River Falls and six other campuses within the system for achieving UW Veterans Education and Transition to Success (VETS) certification.

The announcement was made at Thursday’s Board of Regents meeting in Madison.

“VETS certification means we provide support services for veterans including a welcome environment and a place in university life that exceeds that of many of our peers,” said UW-River Falls Chancellor Dean Van Galen. “We are honored to receive this special recognition from the University of Wisconsin System even as we thank those members of our campus community for their service to the nation.”

In any given year, approximately ten percent of adult students and from three to five percent of the student body annually, are either current or former members of the military. According to the Registrar’s Office, 238 students or 3.9 percent of the current student body have a military background.

UW-River Falls was honored for providing the following services to its veteran population:

The campus Advisory Committee on Veteran Affairs, made up of staff, faculty and student veterans, identifies student veterans in academic trouble before they drop classes and potentially reduce the value of education benefits tied to enrollment.

The campus Military and Veteran Resource Center connects students to the Transition and Care Management program of the Minneapolis VA that provides returning veterans with a wide range of healthcare and disability services.

For more information, visit <https://www.uwrf.edu/News/UW-RiverFallsearnsUWSystemVETScertification.cfm>

Art events and opportunities are in full swing in Nov. and Dec.

In the St. Croix and Mississippi river corridors and their tributaries in Wisconsin and Minnesota there are scores of artistic, hardworking people who have a passion for enhancing their communities through the arts and nature. Often there is

little remuneration for these labors other than a special sense that we belong together.

For instance, there is a new show that opened recently and runs through Dec. 3 in the main galleries at The Phipps Center for the Arts, 109 Locust St., Hudson. As described in the exhibition’s brochure and essay, “In This Place” is a multi-faceted exhibition exploring the question, “What makes a place holy?” Its focus is on the lands of the Qur’an, the Torah, and the Bible, from ancient times to the present, and on the multiplicity of ways people experience these places as holy. The artists come from three religious traditions: Hend Al-Mansour, Muslim; Susan Armington, Christian; and Sylvia Horwitz, Jewish.” The Minnesota Mosaic Guild artists also present a dazzling display of excellent work. www.thehipps.org, 715-386-8409.

Events and opportunities

- Kids From Wisconsin celebrate their 50th anniversary in 2018. For information about this group of student ambassadors for Wisconsin and their upcoming concert schedule, go to www.kidsfromwisconsin.org.

- Thursday, Nov. 9, continuing through Dec. 2, Art’s House presents an exhibition by student members of the UW-RF Art Club. From 4-7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, Art’s House hosts an ArtFul Friday reception at 108 E. Maple St., RF.

- Nov. 17 through Jan. 8, A Gift by the Hand at The Phipps Center for the Arts, 715-386-8409.

- At 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, Community Barn Dance with the Barn Cats, sponsored by the River Falls Community Arts Base at Montessori gym, 429 Maple St., RF. Adults, \$5, children 12 and under, \$2.50. Snacks for purchase.

- Wednesday, Nov. 22 through Dec. 28, ArtReach, downtown Stillwater, Pop-up Shop.

- 5-7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1. Holiday reception at Orange Dragon Gallery, 122 Orange St., Prescott.

- 4-7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8, Art’s House, 108 E. Maple St., RF, Artful Friday reception.

- 5-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12. UWRF Undergraduate Research Fall Gala, Riverview Ballroom, University Center. www.uwrf.edu/URSCA

- Pauly Cudd’s glass studio must cancel the annual open house while he recovers from Achilles tendon surgery. Sales will continue by appointment. www.glassbypauly.com. We wish you well, Pauly.

The following UW-RF concerts are free at Abbott Concert Hall, KFA unless otherwise noted:

- At noon Friday, Nov. 10, Frances Cohler Coffee Concert features Laura Sewell, cello and Ivan Konev, piano

- 7:30 p.m. Nov. 10. UW-RF Piano Festival opening concert featuring two Korean pianists: Michael Kim and Kyung Kim.

- At noon Friday, Dec. 1. Coffee Concert with singer, Jane Wray and Layton “Skip” James, Keyboards

- 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3. Holiday Choral Concert (may be ticketed).

- 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5. Holiday Choral Concert (may be ticketed).

- 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9. UW-RF Swing Dance at Falcons’ Nest, University Center.

- 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 18. St. Croix Valley Symphony Orchestra Holiday Extravaganza, tickets at the door: adults \$8, seniors & students \$5.

- Do you have creative ideas about reconfiguring the Kin-

Campus Events Calendar:

- **Diversity Dialog: Colonialism**
Monday, Nov. 20, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Falls Room, UC

- **November Collegiate Honor Society Meeting**
Monday, Nov. 20, 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
137 Hagstead Hall

- **Weekly Relaxation Practice**
Wednesday, Nov. 22, 3:30 p.m.-4 p.m.
162 Hagstead Hall

- **Thanksgiving Recess (no class)**
Wednesday- Friday, Nov. 22-24

Visit uwrf.edu for a full schedule of events

Weekly UWRF Crime Report

Wednesday, November 8

- Welfare checks were reported at Parker Hall at 10:35 p.m.

Friday, November 10

- Property damage was reported at George R. Field South Forks Suites at 12:35 p.m.
- Lost property was reported at Grimm Hall at 5:12 p.m.

Sunday, November 12

- Welfare checks were reported at Johnson Hall at 7:10 p.m.

Editor’s Note:
Information for this section is taken from the UW-River Falls Police Department incident reports.

nickinnic river corridor? Pick up “City Source,” Fall Issue, from the city of River Falls, 222 Lewis St. (west of Main Street).

- UW-RF alumnus Calyssa Hall is the Artistic Director of the amazing Zephyr Theatre project in downtown Stillwater. For more info about its events and progress, go to www.stillwaterzephyrtheatre.org

For full article, visit: <http://www.riverfallsjournal.com/opinion/columns/4354997-arts-minded-fortunate-gallery-art-exhibitions>

Operation HELP’s Christmas Drive for Kids begins

The annual Operation HELP Christmas Campaign for Kids is a cooperative effort between the organization and sponsors from throughout the community working together to provide gifts for children, from infants and toddlers through high school. The only requirements is that the family lives in the Hudson School District.

Families register to participate and give information about their children including sizes and a wish list. Anyone interested in participating as a sponsor can take a family or just one or two children, depending on what they wish to spend. Sponsors will be asked to provide gifts, warm hats and gloves/ mittens, underwear, and socks for each child in the family. Information about gift needs, preferences, sizes and anything else will be emailed to the sponsor.

In recent years, parents have asked for “the basics” like coats, mittens/gloves, and boots according to the HELP staff and focusing less on toys. Sponsors often go above and beyond to add items to the families’ list at their own discretion.

Registration for families wishing to receive assistance or volunteer to sponsor a family start Oct. 23 and close Nov. 22. Registration can be done online at www.operationhelpstcroix.org or by coming into or calling the HELP office at 901 Fourth St. from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday or 5-6:30 p.m. Thursday evening. Information about the campaign is also available through Hudson school counselors.

Operation HELP also will be collecting new blankets for the families Nov. 4-Dec. 2 at the following locations: Associated Bank, Hiawatha Bank, Hudson library, MidwestONE Banks both in Hudson and North Hudson, Riverfront Athletic, St. Paul’s Episcopal Church (10 a.m. to 1 p.m.), Tangled Spa and Salon, and Wells Fargo Bank.

Toys are being collected at Edina Realty, Viking Electronics, WESTconsin Credit Union, and Edina Realty from Nov. 1-Dec. 4.

Gifts need to be dropped off at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 502 County UU, Dec. 4-5 for distribution to the families. Distribution of gifts to families will occur at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church on Dec. 7.

For full article and more information, visit: <http://www.hudsonstarobserver.com/community/nonprofits/4355705-operation-helps-christmas-campaign-kids-underway>

Wellhaven veteran experiences once in a lifetime trip

Saturday, Sept. 16, 2017, is a day that Robert “Bob” McLawhorn will never forget.

McLawhorn, a Navy and Air Force veteran, recently had the honor of participating in a one-day trip to Washington D.C. He was a military musician, who served overseas during the Korean War. The trip is available to veterans through a La Crosse-based organization called Freedom Honor Flight. The goal of the program is to fly veterans to Washington D.C. to visit the memorials that stand in their honor at no cost. To date, more than 1,800 veterans have participated in the program. McLawhorn’s application for the program was completed by his friend and fellow American Legion member Jim Miller, of Post 121 in River Falls.

“At first, I didn’t know what it was,” McLawhorn explained, “But Jim explained it to me and then I decided to go on the trip.”

On Sept. 15, McLawhorn travelled to La Crosse to meet up with a group of servicemen who were all taking the trip. He was set up with his own hotel room to spend the night. Early in the morning on Sept. 16, McLawhorn and the other servicemen boarded a plane and flew to Washington D.C.

Once there, the group travelled in a handicapped accessible coach bus. There were 100 veterans and each received a personal escort to make the trip as easy as possible. Each veteran was escorted by wheelchair, and pushed by their personal volunteer around the many sites. Visits included the World War II Memorial, Korean War Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam Wall, Marine Corps War Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. McLawhorn’s favorite monument was the Korean War Memorial, as he served during the Korean War.

At each stop, the group of veterans was greeted by different groups of people to show their appreciation.

“Every time we got off the bus, there were people to meet us. There were brass bands to play for us, people applauding us and all that good stuff. Some children would come up to hug you and say thank you. It was marvelous,” McLawhorn added.

The day trip was filled with so many different activities that lunch and snacks were served on the bus and the group ate while driving to the next stop. Following all the sites, the group flew back to La Crosse and McLawhorn stayed the night, returning to Wellhaven on Sept. 17.

McLawhorn is one of nine veterans who currently reside at Wellhaven Senior Living.

For full article, visit: <http://www.riverfallsjournal.com/lifestyle/travel/4355737-wellhaven-veteran-experiences-once-lifetime-trip>

Student Senate Update: Nov. 14

SGA members were encouraged to write up reactions to some of the problems on campus brought up in the campus climate survey, to be presented to the chancellor.

Senate discussed the upcoming lobbying trip to Washington, D.C. They covered, among other things:

- More rigorous applications processes to ensure that the Senate members sent are qualified to make strong arguments
- Discussion of the priorities that the student lobbyists would make on behalf of UW System student representatives like student loan refinancing
- Who to send - James VandenBergh is currently under consideration to go and they will debate whether to send more than one person after applications are made for the event

In future meetings, the Senate plans to bring in experts from around campus to talk about ongoing issues like parking and dining services.

James VandenBergh made a motion to allocate \$200 to the Love Your Melon Crew Project (which would raise money to send towards childhood research/support), but the motion was tabled indefinitely (killed) due to a recent UW System change in what seg. fees can be put towards.

The possibility of bringing in speaker Kevin Hines – who survived a suicide attempt – and creating a larger campus event addressing problems with mental health was brought up. Hines would cost \$3,500 to bring on campus.

The senate voted to cancel their meeting for next Tuesday, due to Thanksgiving break. They also plan to postpone approval of bylaw amendments until after the break.

SGA approved to reinstate the National Ag. Marketing Association as an organization on campus.

The information in this update comes from the minutes posted to the Student Government Association Falcon-Sync page every week and from the live tweet posts gathered by Student Voice staff. The Student Senate meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Willow River Room of the University Center.

Inclusive campus means managing political biases

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Falcon News Service

Last week, the UWRF administration released the results of the 2017 Campus Climate Survey Summary.

Three hundred seventy-eight students responded to the survey and of those, 125 said they experienced bias at UWRF. Sixty-seven said that it was politically motivated — the most of any type of bias.

“The political divisiveness, I think you can expect that in an election year,” said Gregg Heinselman, assistant chancellor for student affairs. “Not surprising, but to kind of be the No. 1 item that students responded to from a climate standpoint — concerning.”

He said it is clear that students don’t feel as if the campus culture is conducive to having an open political conversation without feeling threatened or attacked at some level.

He wonders if we have lost the ability to have a conversation about the political environment.

“The question is then, what obligations as a campus do we have to do something about that?” Heinselman said. “It tells me we need to model discussion on all topics in a way

in which students can learn how to have a conversation and attack an idea or a concept but not an individual.”

Goal No. 5 of the action plan put forward by the administration to change the campus climate is to “foster a culture of healthy argumentation and debate, especially among students.”

The plan states, “Student Affairs will lead a series of co-curricular programming (including through involvement of SGA and use of existing resources such as WRFW) that engages faculty and instructors, or in-house subject matter experts, in a well-moderated forum or open debate format on public policy and social issues.”

The action plan was finalized by the Chancellor’s Cabinet on Oct. 16, and \$25,000 in institutional funding has been allocated to carry out the goals listed in the plan.

Director of Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging Martin Olague is interested to see what ideas come out of the action plan, which is just a starting point for creating an inclusive campus climate.

One of Olague’s roles is handling bias reports, and he will be instrumental in helping with goal No. 3 of the action plan, which is to “create a stronger culture of reporting on campus.”

With this goal, the Bias Education Response Team will promote the web page that students, faculty, and staff can use to report incidents of bias called “Report it.”

The plan states that information about what is and is not protected speech, guidelines for academic freedom and UW System freedom of expression policy will be available on the website.

The Bias Education Response Team also plans to work with the University Communications and Marketing office to run a promotional campaign with information about UWRF campus values and the importance of reporting incidents that do not align with those values.

“I think we’re coming back from so far down that a lot of the things we’re doing, a lot of campuses have already done,” Olague said.

He said that students will be the ones that ultimately create change on campus.

“Students are the biggest driver of anything and the biggest thing right now that students can do is become engaged in conversation,” Olague said.

In Kinni River projects, terms like ‘restoration’ and ‘natural’ may not mean what many think

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from 2016 shows that the National Resources Conservation Service invested around \$1.2 million toward watershed conservation efforts in Wisconsin.

“The biggest concern I have is calling something ‘restoration’ or even ‘rehabilitation’ when you’re actually trying to engineer the system to produce a particular type of thing,” Gathman said. “In this case, it’s mostly about trout habitat.”

“Natural,” he said, can also be interpreted multiple ways. Restoration efforts along the Kinni could be aimed at getting the river back to the condition it was in before urban expansion took off in town. Alternatively, it could aim to return the river to a pre-European state. A step further would be to put the river back to the way it was before humans – including Native Americans – had any influence on it whatsoever.

Trout habitat, Gathman said, is not necessarily a bad thing. Life typically finds a way to continue regardless of human intervention. The argument could also be made that the conversion of a more common habitat (such as a slow-moving stream) into a rarer habitat (such as a cold-water trout stream)

might be justifiable if humans are destroying rare habitats elsewhere and not replacing them.

Kiap-TU-Wish, the local chapter of Trout Unlimited whose name is a combination of the different rivers that the organization protects, puts a lot of efforts into projects around local trout streams such as the Kinni and the Trimble. Over the summer of 2016, they spent time working on the “Red Cabin Project” along the upper Kinni. The primary goal of the project, according to a report released by the organization, was to “improve fishability and broaden the size structure for wild brown and brook trout.” The project cost a total of \$115,199, which came from both the WDNR and from funds that TU solicited from outside companies such as Patagonia.

Tom Schnadt, chapter president of Kiap-TU-Wish, made the point that projects like Red Cabin aim to reduce erosion caused by human influences like crop planting and cattle overgrazing.

“Really what we’re trying to do is bring stability back into the system,” Schnadt said. “We have no illusions that it’s what it was like 100 years ago.”

Red Cabin involved efforts to reduce the steep gradient of

banks so that the water would hit it with less force and sweep away less sediment. The project also armored the banks of the river with rocks and plant cover against erosion and narrowed the stream to make it faster.

Whether any of this is a good or bad thing is more of a philosophical than scientific question, said Gathman, the UWRF biologist.

“You’re asking me for a value judgement. I’m a scientist, and I try to figure out what is, not what should be,” Gathman said. “It’s up to any given community of stakeholders to decide what they think should be.”

Residents and students at River Falls who have strong opinions on how the Kinni River should be handled have a variety of options to state their piece. Kiap-TU-Wish has a “Make a Connection” comment section under the “Contact Us” page on their website. The city of River Falls is also midway through the Kinni Corridor Project, which aims to renovate the section of river that flows through the downtown area of town. Questions and comments can be directed to Project Manager Buddy Lucero, and a calendar of upcoming meetings can be found at kinnicorridor.org.

Are engagement rings really about them, or about you?

Bethany Lovejoy

Columnist

“I made an investment.” My sister’s (ex) fiancée had reassured us of that no more than five times during our Christmas dinner, forcing her to hold up her ring with every single utterance and interrupting my older sister’s enjoyment of stuffing and chicken.

We were never fully sure how much that ring cost, but it was hinted to be closer to the cost of a new car than a semester of community college or anything in the lower thousands. He hinted that it was chosen to be perfect for my sister. This is a great idea and all, but my sister was fairly certain that when she returned it the ring would go to another girl. It wasn’t a representation of love or of my sister as a person; it was a representation of him and the person who he would like to be perceived as.

My sister is a boho chic, tattoos, get married in a field and use mason jars instead of glasses at her wedding type of girl. She bakes fancy cakes, laughs too loud at horror movies and listens solely to psychedelic rock.

He gave her a cookie-cutter engagement ring – the kinds that make mothers happy and fathers feel safe; The kind my sister took off and left on the nightstand before she could do really anything, the kind which she informed one of her friends in a disgruntled tone, “had to be cleaned... A lot.”

“The more expensive things get, the less personal they are sometimes,” my father informed me when my sister’s wedding was called off.

The average engagement ring costs \$5,978. A normal ring of the non-wedding variety? \$20-80. I’m not saying, “Hey don’t get your significant other that \$100,000 ring!” If it’s what’s right for them and actually makes sense, go for it buddy! I’m saying not to gravitate towards a thousands of dollars ring just so you can hold up some poor kid’s hand in front of their family and say you invested in her (or them, him).

Don’t turn to their family and quantify how much their daughter is worth. Because I can guarantee that my price on my sister is not the same as a new car or boat.

If you spend \$20 on an engagement ring; good, I’m proud of you. It doesn’t make you any less, it doesn’t make you any more. If they love you, I honestly don’t think they’re going to care if you got them a 25 cent ring that turns their finger green.

Just don’t try to buy someone’s kid away from them or buy the love of someone.

And hey, you don’t have to go buy an engagement ring because if you still want to spend \$5,978 you can invest in the following:

- 23,912 gumballs.

Go ahead, chew them, throw them away, it doesn’t matter. You have so many gumballs now, like a lifetime supply of (ETHICALLY SOURCED) gumballs that you can eat together until you are both dead, then get buried with the rest.

- 160 lbs of Parmigiano Reggiano.

Go ahead, buy two wheels of cheese; it’s an investment that has an active return. You can literally cook pasta in a wheel

of cheese and live a happy life. Significant other is lactose intolerant? Tell them you want to make their limited cheese consumption worth it with this large amount of fancy cheese. You’ll get so much use out of it and for a cheese-lover, it’s like the most personal gift.

- 149 heated blankets

Is your significant other cold a lot? Probably, the dorms are a chilly place. Show them that you care by getting them an endless amount of blankets. As each blanket costs roughly \$40 and breaks in roughly a year, this is the gift that keeps on giving. You’re literally setting them up to live comfortably for a century. You’ll be lucky if Time Magazine doesn’t name you person of the year.

- 398 four-lb chocolate bars from Trader Joe’s.

You are literally buying them 1,592 pounds of chocolate. There are no downsides, there’s literally no issues with this. Do they want a ring? Bam! They’re gonna forget about that the second you wheel in with palate after palate of Trader Joe’s chocolate. As a general human being, even if you went half in and just got me like 100 pounds of chocolate and ten heated blankets I would be in for it. I’m absolutely gonna marry this wonderful provider of life.

I’m not saying, “hey ditch the engagement ring idea entirely” or “let’s burn the institutions of marriage to the ground” (that’s for another day). I’m saying is a \$3,000 ring really indicative of the person you love and taking into account their personal style and opinions?

Or is it just a way for you to advertise how much you make?

Taylor Swift’s ‘Reputation’ evolves from previous work

Lauren A. Simenson

Columnist

I think I love Taylor Swift’s music again.

The latest album installment, “Reputation,” has finalized Taylor’s evolution from a guitar-toting country music darling to a pop artist who expertly captures her experience in powerful beats. After searching unsuccessfully for services that could stream “Reputation” for free, I conceded defeat and digitally forked over the \$13.99. I listened to the whole thing on earbuds jammed into my ears in the hour break between classes and concluded after just the second song on the lineup that it was money well spent.

“Ready For It?”, especially when listening on earbuds, filled my ears with loud techno thuds that reminded me of the sensation of feeling your heartbeat in your ears. The next song of the album is the only song that features other artists. Future and Ed Sheeran make an appearance rapping on the track called “End Game.” The lyrics of the song covers Taylor’s famous Fourth of July beach parties and a certain ex-love, and they admit to the drama and reputation that precede her. It is so satisfying how transparent her lyrics are in this song. The next tracks, “I Did Something Bad”

and “Don’t Blame Me” are Taylor admitting to bad behavior and not feeling sorry about it. I find these two songs refreshing and finally show Taylor is growing up and owning her experiences.

“Delicate” is one of my favorite songs because Taylor’s lyrics voice all of the straightforward things you wish you could say to someone you are starting to fall for. Some of the lines in this song speak to that intense and delicate time in a relationship when you are both starting to figure the other person out. Some of her most relatable lines are, “Do the girls back home touch you like I do?” and, “Is it cool that I said all that? Is it too soon to do this yet?” These songs are some of the most “real” ones of the whole album for me.

The eighth song on the album is the most similar to music that can be heard on her previous album. “Gorgeous,” with a tiny cameo from Blake Lively’s toddler, is the grown-up and grittier sound of music from 1989. The songs that follow, “Getaway Car” and “King of My Heart,” reflect the evolution of her music from 1989. They also reflect that Taylor, not just her music, has grown up and changed from her first pop album.

The album ends with “New Year’s Day,” a nostalgic song that is immediately in a different category than the rest of the songs on “Reputation.” When I listened to “New Year’s Day” for the first time, it reminded me so much of the last song of Adele’s “19” album. Adele ended her first album with the song “Hometown Glory.” That song similarly has the same

nostalgic and melancholy feel to it that Taylor’s last song of “Reputation” has.

Piano-heavy, and more simple than the rest of the songs, Taylor seems to take less of a sorry, not sorry stance. Instead she decides to use more of a pleading and remorseful tone. If this song doesn’t make you feel even the tiniest twinge of regret or sadness over something you wish you could go back and change, there is something wrong with you. I love how she connects the day after a New Year’s Eve party to the feelings you get when you remember a past love. Taylor perfectly captures that particular feeling of sadness after a party or a holiday is over, which is something I feel every year after Christmas.

My favorite lines are, “There’s glitter on the floor after the party” and “Hold onto memories they will hold onto you.” I love the imagery of these lines because glitter never truly seems to go away and neither do memories. You can try your hardest to get rid of lingering and clinging bits of glitter, but it always hangs around. They’re like memories you wish would leave, but they will always be there with you.

“Reputation” was the satisfying sophomore album of the new pop Taylor. Try as she might, the old Taylor is not dead yet. The old Taylor is still very much there, but like a preteen finally coming into their own, she is able to express herself and her experiences better than ever in this new album. The evolution of Taylor Swift is far from over and I am ready for it.

EDITORIAL

National reporting culture of sexual assault stands to undergo change

Allegations of sexual misconduct recently began pouring out of Hollywood in the wake of accusations of sexual harassment against film mogul Harvey Weinstein. Since October, when the claims were first made, dozens of other prominent figures in the entertainment sector, like Louis C.K. and Kevin Spacey, have been called out on inappropriate behavior towards men and women alike.

This sudden outburst of accusations represents a change in thinking among victims of sexual harassment and assault. Instead of keeping it to themselves and fearing repercussions, these men and women have seen the examples set by others and realized that it is within their power to hold their abusers accountable.

This shift in thinking is a positive one that will work towards dispelling the notion of “victim-blaming” that has, for so long, kept victims quiet. However, this brings up a new question: when there is no evidence one way or the other, whose side do we take?

Roy Moore is currently the Republican nominee in Alabama for a U.S. Senate seat. He was also recently accused by five women of sexual misconduct. This allegedly occurred in the late 1970’s, when Moore was in his thirties and the women accusing him were in their mid-to-late teens.

At this point in time, the issue is more a matter of “he said, she said,” since the stories are nearly 40 years old. So far, most of the investigation has consisted of interviewing friends and family of Moore and the women involved and attempting to match the timelines they give with official court documents. In the 1970’s, however, victims were not encouraged to report instances as they are today, so no solid evidence was collected at the time.

If there were enough evidence to convict or acquit Moore, we would side with the court’s decision. In this case, however, the Student Voice stands by the victims. Alabama statute of limitations on cases of child molestation is two years, so legal action cannot be brought against Moore, but he should be required to step down from the race for U.S. Senate in light of the accusations. To do otherwise would send a signal to other victims of sexual misconduct that they have no power to hold their abusers responsible.

To prevent such a case from reoccurring, we believe that reporting culture needs to drastically change. Victims should be highly encouraged and given every opportunity to report instances of sexual misconduct and harassment, and authorities should jump on these reports as quickly as they come in so that evidence can be collected and more accurate versions of the story nailed down early on.

UW-River Falls is doing relatively well offering victims options to turn to. Reported instances, according to the UWRF Sexual Assault and Harassment, Resources and Services page, are kept confidential. Reports can be sent to university or city police or a sexual assault response team. The Division of Student Affairs will then be able to discuss options with the victim and seek further investigation or disciplinary actions. There is also an extensive support network available through organizations like Turningpoint, a service set up for victims of domestic and sexual violence.

Services like this and outreach events like Week of Action need to maintain their presence on campus, as the issue does not go away after you initially address it. Extensive support and resources need to be constantly available to change how sexual assault victims are viewed in our country.

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On Climate Change and Free Speech

Jack Romanik

Columnist

This article is written in response to an article by Lauren Simenson, titled “Publishing opinion pieces denouncing climate change can be damaging.”

So we’ve gone over the cliff I had hoped to avoid. One side is denouncing the other, in this case, I’d say without causation. Target one, me. Target two, a New York Times columnist. Now, I find the comparison of myself with the New York Times journalist flattering. I thank you for that.

However, side stepping around the accusation that we’re climate change deniers is just plain insulting and dishonest, despite clearly implying it.

Why do I take issue? Simple, I don’t deny that the climate is changing. As I pointed out in the original piece, global climate averages have always changed, long before any industrial revolution. I don’t think it’s any stretch of the imagination or assumption that the change we’re seeing is any different.

So the question then becomes, why don’t we hear more about the counterclaim? Two reasons. Political leftism has adopted climate change as a pseudo religious banner. The zeal which is turned on those that disagree is staggering. Two: there is little money in making that claim. The gross value of funding is exorbitant, in favor of supporting man-driven change. If it comes to the point where man is proven to be a minor power influencing the change, the money would dry up.

Another major issue, Simenson pushed unsupported alarmism. “The reality of what is actually happening is often much worse than what scientists are measuring.” This is laughable, when you do not use specifics. Alex Jones, crazy as he is, at least offers something in support. As well, an article came to my attention recently that many major scientists have come out and said that the models predicted more than was observed in 144 studies of 117, on average of twice the experienced warming. That is not insignificant. The article is found in Nature.com.

To summarize, the claims are broad, preaching catastrophe. Nothing is specific, tangible or offers a realistic solution. I would label this alarmism.

A loose point I failed to explain clearly is the equivalency between Holocaust denial and alleged climate change denial. It’s simple: declaring someone to be a denier gives reason to ignore the arguments they represent. The second someone

Sophia Koch

Columnist

In light of the column submitted to the Student Voice by Jack Romanik and his statements regarding the questionable validity of human-caused climate change, I would like to take some time to stop and look through a handful of Romanik’s claims and provide scientific context.

I will mostly be focusing on the scientific side of the issue and use data provided by federal government organizations like NASA and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Claim 1: We don’t know that climate change is human-driven

Romanik used a very common argument against human influence on climate change: “...Global climate averages have always changed, long before any industrial revolution.” That argument stems from something that is partially true, but it misses a lot of key points.

According to NASA, Earth does regularly go through fluctuations in its global climate. Sometimes it is caused by the earth’s orbit wobbling so that it is hit by sunlight at a different angle; sometimes it is caused by the sun itself changing how much solar energy it gives off; and sometimes it is due to huge burps of carbon dioxide from volcanoes.

Firstly, none of those factors are currently strong enough to result in the sorts of changes that our planet has been undergoing. Based on how much solar energy is currently hitting the planet, we should in fact be cooling down, and the amount of CO2 produced by volcanoes is nowhere near the amount produced by humans.

Secondly, Earth is heating up much faster than it ever did in the past. Normally it takes about 5,000 years for the global temperature to increase by 4 degrees Celsius after an ice age. In the last 100 years, the global temperature has increased by 0.7 degrees Celsius. That’s about ten times faster than the average ice-age-recovery warming.

Regarding CO2’s connection to climate change, Romanik said, “CO2 acts as a greenhouse gas, sure. Now explain why its levels are disconnected with temperature rises and falls. The net growth of ice in Antarctica. The halt in the warming for a number of years.”

If you go to the page: <https://www.climate.gov/maps-data>, which is from NOAA, you’ll find an interactive series of charts labeled “Global Climate Dashboard.” There you can pull up any three graphs showing global data on things like temperature, sea level, carbon dioxide and arctic sea ice. The graphs will appear stacked one on top of the other, and will show you how these different factors have changed in relation to one another over the same period of time.

If you select “September Arctic Sea Ice,” “Global Average Temperature” and “Carbon Dioxide,” you’ll see that global temperature has been steadily rising since 1980, carbon dioxide levels have been rising at about the same rate and arctic sea ice is in decline. In short, they do appear to change in relation to one another.

Furthermore, the “halt in the warming for a number of years,” commonly known as a “hiatus,” results from the CO2 and heat energy being sucked up by the ocean, according

says the Holocaust didn’t happen, the rest of our eyes glaze over like dead birds. We won’t accept their answer, as the mountain of proof is incredible. That doesn’t work here, though, for it’s not well known what is driving the change.

While perhaps some of man’s activities have contributed to the change, it’s foolish to say the science is settled when it most certainly is not. CO2 acts as a greenhouse gas, sure. Now explain why its levels are disconnected with temperature rises and falls. The net growth of ice in Antarctica. The halt in the warming for a number of years. These do not add up favorably towards any single conclusion.

Another point, food for thought: would anyone reading this prefer a degree of warming, or that of cooling? Warming means more arable land, in the northern reaches of the world, while cooling means less. One of many benefits of warming. It’s not so clean cut that warming will lead to catastrophe. There are benefits man can take advantage of, and should. Research will continue towards electric cars, green energy, nuclear power, batteries and further efficiencies. However, the time has not come that these technologies have reached the point where they can stand alone in the market and outcompete fossil energy.

Most of Simenson’s piece is laughable, but when she touches on the freedom of speech, the subject turns deadly serious. Paraphrasing, she questions when free speech become dangerous speech. I’ve heard such equivalencies before, with the left going after hate speech, something protected under the First Amendment as defined by the Supreme Court.

Here again, to their chagrin, we’re protected. This is a dangerous subject matter, because if skeptics could be silenced here, could Pro-Lifers be silenced? The ADF? A hard line should be taken in support of freedom of speech, for there are reasons these fundamental protections were put in place. Just as easily, they can be turned on opponents. Look no further than the senate, where the removal of the filibuster by the democrats has now backfired.

Now, if we’re wrong, provably, then our points should be able to be countered. That’s not the case of what’s occurring here though, or generally occurs anywhere for that matter. All too often it’s pitchforks and mobs, with force or pressure being the weapons instead of reason. Altering the bounds with which freedom of speech stride is a good pathway to tyranny. Only ask any of the nations that felt the oppression of those in power. From the communist and socialist murderers to King George III, destroying the ability to speak freely on any issue is a matter of liberty. This is no exception.

Providing scientific context for the idea of human-caused climate change

to NOAA. This is also, incidentally, why climate change is linked to coral bleaching – excess CO2 raises the acidity of ocean water, which prompts the algae that give coral color (zooxanthellae) to leave. This makes the corals more likely to die out.

Claim 2: The effects of climate change are exaggerated, possibly useful

This is an interesting argument that Romanik makes: “There are benefits (to climate change) that man can take advantage of, and should.” These advantages, though potentially attractive to some, would be uncertain at best and depend on who, what and where you are.

In the Midwest, according to the National Climate Assessment from NASA, climate change will likely result in side effects like extreme heat, heavy downpours, flooding, late spring freezes, unpredictable rain patterns and shifts in pest/disease distribution.

For someone with an office job, this might not seem too consequential, but to someone who lives in close connection with the land – farmers, foresters, fishery workers – these changes will add a level of uncertainty to the job. Agricultural growing seasons might be extended by around two weeks, but extreme heat, unpredictable rain and shifting pest/disease distributions might lead to excess stress on crops that could negate whatever advantage the extended growing season offers.

On a more national scale, climate change has already led to extreme weather patterns that have proved devastating for people living along the coasts. The New York Times reports that this year has already seen 13 named storms, seven of which were hurricanes and four of which were category 3 or higher.

“Only four other seasons since 1995 have had that many by Sept. 18,” writes reporter Maggie Astor. “Just two more by the end of the year would put 2017 in the top 15 since 1851, when reliable records began.”

In the end, perhaps these changes will turn into the new “normal,” and life on earth will adapt. Farmers, perhaps, will develop new crops that can deal with the altered climate and humans will learn that they can no longer live on the coasts. In the meantime, however, things are going to be a bit chaotic.

Claim 3: “Political leftism has adopted climate change as a pseudo religious banner.”

This one I agree with. Very often people believe strongly that climate change is a problem, but have not done the research to back up their beliefs. Instead, they rely largely on hearsay and faith in their favorite news sources.

However, this is largely true of any issue that becomes heavily politicized and it applies to both sides of any argument. Anyone who recounts simplistic opinions on an issue without first doing their own research is acting largely on faith.

For anyone interested in debating the nuances of climate change, I recommend that you delve deep into the literature and data that is so readily available online. Look through government websites, as I did. Look through independent research papers and news articles from both sides of the debate. This issue is far too complex to fully explain in a format that will fit inside a newspaper, and it’s an important one to understand because of the potential effects it could have on our world.

STUDENT voices

“What is your favorite type of pie?”

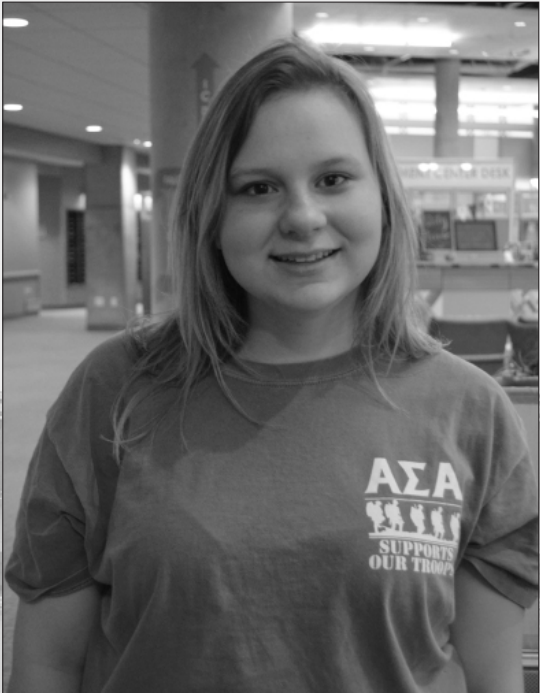
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“If it’s holiday pie, its pumpkin.
If it’s regular pie, its cherry.”



Brent Cunningham (Senior)
“Pecan pie”



Brooke Calaway (Sophomore)
“Rasberry”



Bennett Rynnanen (Freshman)
“Key Lime Pie”



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“Pumpkin”



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“Cherry”

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Rick Bowen court dedication reflects how far UW-River Falls men’s basketball has come

Zach Dwyer

Falcon News Service

Rick Bowen arrived on the UW-River Falls campus in 1986 to look at the job opening for the head men’s basketball coach. According to Bowen, he enjoyed the community within the campus and took the job expecting to be in River Falls for maybe two years before moving on.

“Before the remodel at the Karges (Center), I wouldn’t even take kids on recruiting visits and show them the locker rooms, they were so bad,” Bowen said. “Six (win) and 17 (loss) seasons were the norm, and we usually shared the bottom of the conference with UW-Superior.”

The Falcons are now coming off a school record, 25-win season and two WIAC championships. UWRF also has some of the best Division III facilities in the country with the opening of the Falcon Center.

Instead of a two-year stay, Bowen continued as head coach for 19 seasons and amassed 265 wins. The coach served as athletic director from 2002-2010, allowing him to play a part in the athletic department after his coaching career ended.

Bowen also helped guide the Falcons to their first WIAC basketball championship in 54 years when they completed a 20-7 season in 2004.

The turnaround from a bottom feeder to a WIAC contender led to the dedication of Rick Bowen court at the recently completed Page Arena. The arena saw volleyball action this fall, but the exhibition game against Division II University of Minnesota-Duluth was the first time the team played a live game on the new court.

Page Arena was packed with over 800 fans for the dedication of the court, with dozens of former players returning to partake in the festivities and cheer on another year of Falcons basketball. Bowen’s son Matt is the head coach for UMD, and Bowen’s family was able to participate in the honor. The previous year’s team also received their 2016-2017 WIAC championship rings on Nov. 4, replicating the gesture that Bowen helped fundraise to get his players rings back in 2004.

“It was fantastic to have all the alums back,” current head coach Jeff Berkhof said. “Some of them I hadn’t see in a long time. It shows the admiration they have for Rick (Bowen).”

Berkhof knows Bowen better than almost anyone else around the program after playing for Bowen for two seasons

in 1992-1994 and being named all-conference his senior season. Berkhof was also an assistant on Bowen’s staff for 12 years before taking over as head coach before the 2006-2007 season.

“Jeff has done a tremendous job moving the program forward,” Bowen said. “He’s got a good basketball mind and is hard working ... and I’ve watched him grow so much as a coach.”

One thing Bowen stressed in his job was “recognizing what you’re good at and what you’re not.” For this reason, he had Berkhof draw up out-of-bounds plays and end-of-game situations because he believed Berkhof was better at that aspect of the game.

“A lot of people talk about the conference championship in 2004, but I think I’m most proud of our seven consecutive winning seasons,” Bowen said. “(Coaching at UWRF) has gone from a decent job to a great job.”

Berkhof has used the lessons he learned from Bowen and implemented them in his own program. He described Bowen as a pretty high energy and fiery coach that stressed doing things the right way.

“He always tried to do things in a Division I manner with a Division III budget,” Berkhof said. “We had up-and-down years, but we were always competitive.”

Berkhof especially admired the way that Bowen was able to get his players to play hard for him year after year. This was one of the key things that Berkhof took away from his years as an assistant on Bowen’s staff.

Rick Montreal played for Coach Bowen from 1987 to 1991, right after Bowen took over the program. Montreal is the fifth-highest scorer in UWRF history with 1,795 points. He is also now the head basketball coach at New Richmond High School and is a sixth-grade teacher in the New Richmond School District. He stressed how much of an emphasis Bowen put on education at UWRF.

“(He) hung his hat on the fact that you’re going to be a student and then an athlete,” Montreal said. “He took a great deal of pride in that and for a long time every one of his recruits graduated.”

Montreal said that Bowen recruited him twice: once for basketball and once to return to UWRF to finish his teaching degree. He credits Bowen with being invested in the “student” part of “student-athlete” and looking out for his best interest.

Montreal came into the program at a time when it was going for a complete rebuild. Bowen was able to sell him on the future and through his personality.

“Coach had a way about him that was kind of magnetic,” Montreal said. “He doesn’t mince words and is a straight shooter. You know what he’s thinking, and that’s one of his endearing qualities.”

Montreal was able to attend the court dedication for Bowen and felt very connected to the event.

“He doesn’t necessarily want the limelight or look for that kind of (public) opportunity, but he did a great job,” Montreal said. “He shared the credit with players and his family, and that’s just one of those things that draws people to Rick. It’s one of those memories I won’t forget.”

By the time the 2005-2006 season was over, Bowen was ready to be done coaching. He wanted to leave the program in good shape, while seeing that it would give Berkhof a chance as the interim coach before a final decision was made.

“I was ready to quit when I did and had been coaching for over 40 years,” Bowen said. “But I really enjoyed (the athletic director position). It kept me involved and I didn’t have to recruit.”

Bowen served as the athletic director from 2002 until 2010 and was able to do more with less. Bowen said he especially enjoyed the success he had in being involved with the coaches.

Bowen received numerous awards over the years, including being named to the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2009 and to the UWRF Athletic Hall of Fame in 2015. However, the recent court dedication still had a powerful effect on him.

“It’s overwhelming and humbling when something that big happens,” Bowen said. “You begin to ask yourself, ‘Do I deserve this?’”

According to fan reaction and player and program support, the answer seems to be a resounding yes. After watching the Falcons 61-60 win over his son’s Division II UMD team, Bowen said he thinks Berkhof might have another 20-win team on his hands.

“I hope to see (Berkhof) at UWRF for a long time,” Bowen said. “Maybe in 30 years, they can put his name on the floor.”



Rick Bowen waves to the crowd during the dedication of Rick Bowen Court in Page Arena on Nov. 4.

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Coach Q&A: program-builder Joe Cranston leads UWRF women’s hockey into 19th season

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Joseph Cranston enters his 19th season as the head women’s hockey coach at UW-River Falls for the 2017-2018 season. Cranston has led the team to nine straight 20-win seasons and nine straight appearances in the NCAA tournament, including a runner-up finish in 2016. Cranston is the only head coach in program history and is looking to take his team back to the NCAA tournament after losing in the first-round last season to Gustavus after a 26-3 campaign.

The Student Voice sat down with Cranston to discuss his history at UWRF and what his impressions are of his new team after a 4-1-1 start.

Q: What first brought you to River Falls to coach?

A: I went to school here, graduated from here and was recruited to play hockey here. I got into coaching while I was still in college. It was an ad in the back of Let’s Play Hockey when they were announcing they were hiring for the new UWRF women’s hockey program. I saw that and applied.

Q: What coaching experience did you have before UWRF?

A: I had been a high school coach in Minnesota and Wisconsin for 10 years and coached youth hockey. I coached in Fergus Falls for high school junior varsity for one year, and then I coached the Somerset boys high school team for 10 years.

Q: What has it been like to be the only coach in school history to build this program the way you want?

A: It’s been nice. I didn’t have to follow someone else’s blueprint. Going into it, I didn’t have a vision but to get it started. It was a work in progress, and after my third or fourth year here (2003) we made it to the frozen four in Elmira. That’s what changed my perspective on where we need to be and to set high goals for the program.

Q: What were initial challenges you faced in making the program into a national contender?

A: Just to get somebody to come here. I think of the first 100 kids I called, I didn’t get any. It was really late in the game because I was a February hire. I didn’t have very many recruits on my first team – maybe two. We only won three games that first year and the next year we went to 19-7-1, so that was our biggest jump. It was 90 percent recruiting. I had a really good class after the first year. We still had challenges, like we didn’t have a locker room. But I had a vision and what I wanted to sell, and it must have worked.

Q: How important was playing two top-three teams in the nation to begin the 2017-2018 season?

A: It’s good to know we can play at that level. Today Norwich is ranked number one and we tied them and beat them in a shootout. It’s got to be good for the girls to know we can play with anybody. It’s just unfortunate that we had such a bad showing against Adrian. We didn’t even show up for that game, which is a good lesson too. It was the first time going out and doing that tournament. It’s a lot like the frozen four with the number two, three and four team there.



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UWRF Women’s Head Hockey Coach Joe Cranston holds a puck after UWRF played Norwich in the NCAA Division III Women’s Ice Hockey Championship third place game in 2015 in Plattsburgh, NY.

Q: What has helped the team put up huge scoring numbers this season?

A: We have a more balanced attack. Last year 90 percent of scoring was coming off the top line. This year we’re getting scoring from top to bottom on all four lines. That’s big for us to be able to do that.

Q: Has the defense started to tighten up after allowing five goals against Bethel?

A: We’ve had some defense hurt, and basically three forwards playing defense the last few games. Haley Neilsen was out and Ashley Effertz broke her leg and we’re young back there. Overall, it’s a team effort that they’re just starting to figure out how to play defensively. The best defense is a good offense. When we played UW-Stevens Point last weekend (a 6-1 Falcons win), we outshot them 21-0 in the first period. That’s pretty good defense because they never got across the red line much or had a shot on goal. Our strategy is to always wear teams down, and every year we do that, we score the majority of goals in the third period.

Q: What are the biggest changes from last year’s squad to this year’s younger team?

A: Our overall hockey IQ is much higher this year. It didn’t show against Steven’s Point because we didn’t play very intelligent and blew a lot of opportunities on odd-man rushes. I think this is a hockey team that, as we get more experience, we will be able to make more plays and score more goals than in recent years.

Q: Have the freshmen come along faster than you expected?

A: We pretty much knew what we were in for with this group. Callie Hoff is playing as good as any freshman who has ever played for me. Kora Torkelson has been putting the puck in the net and done some good things. Maddie Illikainen was hurt, but is getting up to speed and going to be a good player for us, which is pretty exciting.

Q: What will be the most essential thing you need to see to get wins against strong teams this season?

A: We want to keep the momentum. That was one of my biggest challenges last year. We couldn’t sustain it and role four lines and not lose momentum in a shift. We need to set the pace early, and if we lose momentum we need the next line to go out and get it back.

UWRF Sports Schedule

November 17 Men’s Basketball vs Baldwin-Wallace in Wheaton, Ill., 5:30 p.m.

November 17 Men’s Hockey vs Finlandia, 7:05 p.m.

November 17 Women’s Basketball vs St. Olaf, 7:30 p.m.

November 17 Women’s Cross-Country at NCAA National Championships in Elsah, Ill., 12 p.m.

November 18 Women’s Hockey vs UW-Eau Claire, 2:05 p.m.

November 18 Women’s Basketball vs St. Norbert, 3 p.m.

November 18 Men’s Hockey vs Northland, 7:05 p.m.

November 18 Men’s Basketball vs Depauw or Wheaton, 5:30 p.m. or 8 p.m.

November 21 Women’s Basketball vs Bethel, 6 p.m.

November 21 Women’s Hockey vs St. Olaf, 7:05 p.m.

November 21 Men’s Hockey at Hamline, 7:15 p.m.

November 21 Men’s Basketball vs UW-Superior, 8 p.m.

November 25 Men’s Basketball vs Hamline, 5 p.m.

November 28 Men’s Basketball vs Carthage, 7 p.m.

November 30 Women’s Basketball at Gustavus, 7 p.m.

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Sports Recap

Football

The Falcons were blown out in their season finale, losing to UW-La Crosse 56-7 at Ramer Field on Saturday. UW-La Crosse receiver Drew Holcomb had 11 catches for 253 yards and five touchdowns, helping the Eagles get out to a 42-0 halftime lead. The Falcons fought back in the second half by scoring on a Michael Diggins receiving touchdown in the third quarter. UW-La Crosse continued their scoring attack in the fourth quarter by adding 14 points to give the Falcons no hope for a comeback. Diggins ran for 108 yards on the afternoon to achieve his eighth 100-yard rushing performance out of ten games and rush for almost 1,300 yards this season. Sophomore linebacker Max Praschak also finished with the most tackles in the WIAC with 91 total tackles and 55 solo tackles. The Falcons end their season at 4-6 overall for the third consecutive season and end conference play at 2-5 in the WIAC.

Women’s Cross Country

UWRF finished an impressive 6th place at the NCAA Midwest Regional in Rock Island, Wis., this past Saturday. Abby Fouts finished in 10th place at the meet with her fastest time of the season, qualifying for the NCAA National

Championship on Saturday. Nicole Jurik and Linsey Tolkkinen also put in personal bests for the season, finishing in 25th and 28th place.

Men’s Hockey

UW-River Falls earned their first point of the season after tying Concordia Moorhead 3-3 on Saturday after falling to the Cobbers 3-2 on Friday night. Eddie Matsushima dominated the game on Saturday as the junior forward scored a hat trick to add his first three goals of the season to earn a tie. Each goal came in a different period, and the UWRF defense held strong to not allow any goals in the third period for the first game this season. Peter Karavos also assisted on all three goals for the Falcons. Goalie Zach Quinn had a solid game on Saturday as well, allowing only two goals and saving 34 shots. Cayden Cahill and Max Doner added goals on Friday, with Matsushima picking up an assist in the 3-2 loss. UWRF was outshot 37-27 on Saturday, but still held tough to stop any Concordia Moorhead chances. The Falcons now stand at 0-5-1 on the season. They host Finlandia and Northland College at Hunt Arena this weekend.

Women’s Hockey

The #5 ranked Falcons took down the #8 ranked St. Thomas Tommies 6-2 on Tuesday night. Senior forward Carly Moran scored two goals in the first eight minutes before freshman forward Madi Nolan added two goals of her own to put UWRF up 4-0 only a minute into the second period. The Tommies fought back to close the gap to 4-2 at the end of the second period, with momentum starting to slip away from River Falls. However, the Falcons finished just as strong as they started. Forwards Maddy Illikainen and Amy Auran both scored within the final eight minutes of the game to give the Falcons an impressive 6-2 lead over a top-10 opponent. UWRF tied number-one ranked Norwich earlier in the season, and have scored at least five goals in their last four games since the 3-0 loss to Adrian. The Falcons were actually outshot 32-30 in the game, but made the most of their opportunities. They now sit at 4-1-1 and 1-0 in the WIAC. They host UW-Eau Claire in a big game at Hunt Arena on Saturday, a rematch of last year’s WIAC championship game.

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Creamed Corn of Romance Movies: ‘Fifty Shades of Grey’

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Reviewer

I’ve been threatening to review “Fifty Shades of Grey” for a while now, and have finally gotten around to it.

I watched this movie in a room with my three roommates and ate pancakes during it, so maybe that has affected my emotional response to it. Keep in mind that my senses may have been dulled by pancakes and people.

“Fifty Shades of Grey” is actually based off a “Twilight” fanfiction called “Master of the Universe” (I have a very long history with fanfiction), so I was emotionally prepared for this. I watch the “Twilight” series every November, as you do, and still hold many of their excellent soundtracks on my Spotify account. So with this being far enough into November that I had definitely rewatched, I was ready for this mess to begin.

Anastasia Steele is a graduating literature major, the major that movies automatically assign to anyone who is supposed to be intellectually stimulating but sheltered from the many evils of the world. She has a sick as heck roommate who is a journalism major and probably needs this to graduate or something, therefore must go in her place to interview the uber-sexy master of the universe, Christian Grey.

Only he’s not the master of a universe, he’s just rich.

I wasn’t quite sure what he was rich for, but I immediately assumed that it was probably weapons manufacturing or something else. To be honest though, it has to be something morally sound and boring because Ana did not care what this man was about.

After the two have some sensual interviewing and sensational elevator riding, Anastasia (who is just going to be referred to as Ana for the rest of this column) goes home and eventually to work.

She works at a hardware store – it might have been Lowe’s or the Home Depot? I think Lowe’s and the Home Depot did not want to be involved in this movie adaptation, however. Therefore, it is just the hardware store. Christian shows up to her workplace, having stalked her in a very, “I-probably-manufacture-weapons-for-dubious-clients” way.

Christian is like, “I would like to buy some zip ties, and rope, and tape. You know? Maybe just a gun or something on top of that.”

And Ana is all, “Ha ha, that doesn’t sound like you’re going to go murder hitchhikers on the road.”

Very suddenly, Christian is all, “Do you wanna get coffee?”

Ana replies, “I mean, sure?”

Christian says, “Haha, too bad, I’m too wicked evil for you. Lol, bye loser.”

You think I’m kidding but that’s basically what happened behind all the awkwardness.

Ana graduates from college and gets crazy drunk. Her trademark friendzoned guy friend is hanging all over her.

“I love you, also I wanna have nonconsensual intercourse



with you,” Friendzoned Guy Friend™ states.

But if there’s one thing Fifty Shades is about it’s about legal consent. Christian shows up and basically says, “Whoa hey, rape is bad and you suck, I’m taking her home where I will not do the do with her until she is able to properly consent.”

I like Christian because Christian has basic human values.

Ana wakes up in Christian’s home and is still a virgin. Christian basically says, “I do not love you but I would like to do the doodlybop with you. Please sign these pleasure papers that legally protect me.”

And Ana is like, “Oh, but I’m a virgin! Fresh and clean as virgin snow!”

Christian does this creepy thing where he licks his lips and goes from like a ten on the 1-10 creepy scale to an eleven, “Even better.”

So Christian takes her to his playroom, which does not, in fact, look very fun.

I didn’t know there were numerous types of some of these things, but now I’m kind of like, “Christian, once you’ve seen one whip haven’t you seen them all?”

They do the doodlybop.

Or at least I think they did.

It was just a lot of extreme panning close-ups of several different body parts, basically. At one point there was an ear.

It was very exciting in the, “maybe this plot will limp along more” kind of way.

So, Christian becomes a total sugar daddy and buys Ana all

this stuff, like technology and transportation. The things that a freshly graduated student wants but doesn’t technically need. He could have just spent that money on loans and this movie would have become so sensual to the college crowd.

And Ana’s like, “I want you to meet my parents. I want to make love!”

“I only do the doodlybop,” says Christian, gruffly.

Ana goes home to see her mother like halfway across the country with the money that a recent graduate of college has.

But then suddenly, Christian.

Christian shows up and does the doodlybop? Makes love? Maybe he just does the turkey tango, but I don’t know man.

Christian’s actor is a literal brick of a person. He has two emotions: anger and arousal. They probably could have subbed him in for an actual brick with a face drawn on it and changed the eyebrows periodically. I wouldn’t know the difference.

Ana comes home to do some more stuff with Christian’s butt.

Christian is sad, however, because he believes that he is a sexual deviant and can never love. But despite having lost the place in his heart capable of love, he still feels it for Ana.

Ana, trying to understand this guy is like, “Man, show me how you would punish me.”

And Christian is all like, “Okie dokie, drop your trousers.”

And he hits her butt many times with his belt. Gross.

I sat there and reflected how my life had gone this downhill as it happened.

Eventually she gets upset at the hitting of her butt and basically says that he is a monster.

Christian is all wrong for her and she hates him, so she leaves.

Christian is alone and slowly puts his belt on (gross).

This movie was supposed to be the be-all, end-all of movies, the absolute cream of the crop of romance.

Really this movie is more like a can of creamed corn.

Maybe I would have been more about it if the characters weren’t a brick with a face on it and a weakling from Home Depot, but it was boring.

The pace moved at the speed of an eight o’ clock lecture and the setting seemed to be gothic art deco hellscape.

The promos made the playroom look cool as heck, when really it was just a room painted red. Also someone had to install some of his more prominent pieces in the room, which makes me think of a forty-year-old man shaking the hand of this twenty-something as he directs all of these men with wives and children to place the bipbop flipflop table over by the swing of sensuality.

Did I hate it?

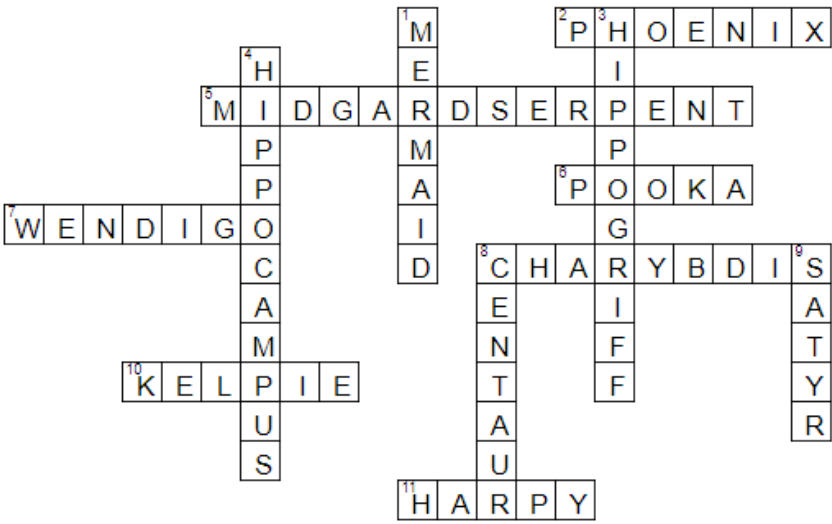
No, I’m definitely going to see the next few movies before I decide that.

I guess just give it a 2/5 because it had promise but was weird.

Bethany Lovejoy enjoys chicken tenders, trips to Aldi with her mom, and pasta.

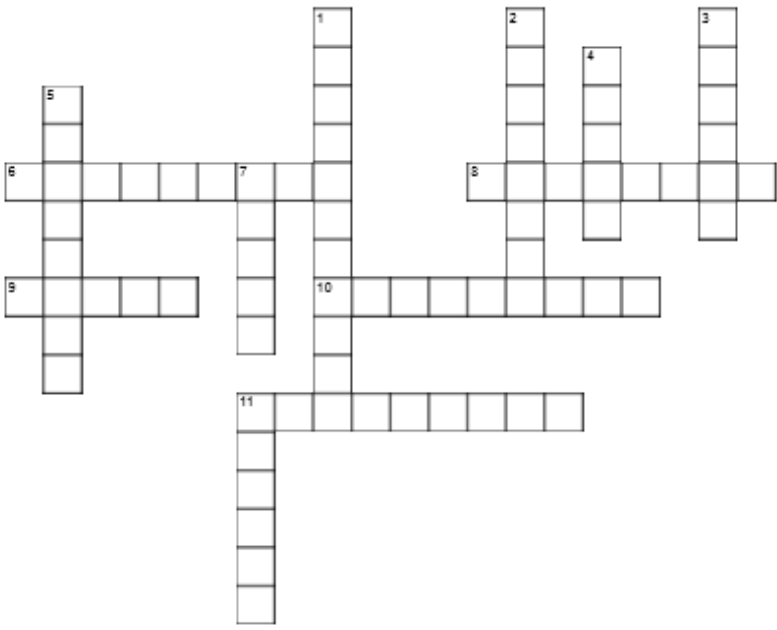
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Mythical Creatures



Puzzle of the Week

Game of Thrones



- ACROSS
- 6 Disease characterized by skin mutation followed by madness.
 - 8 White-barked, red-leaved trees found in the godswoods.
 - 9 Southernmost kingdom in Westeros. The sand snakes are from here.
 - 10 House that always pays its debts.
 - 11 House whose sigil is a three-headed dragon.
- DOWN
- 1 Undead, humanoid creatures with blue eyes.
 - 2 Mother of dragons, daughter of the mad king.
 - 3 The biggest of the three existing dragons.
 - 4 Rulers of Winterfell, lords in the north.
 - 5 Each Stark child got one at the beginning of the series.
 - 7 First name of the mad Targaryen king.
 - 11 Nicknamed the "imp."

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