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Collegiate Farm Bureau organization educates, advocates for agriculture: a voice and a vision

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Every spring on the UW-River Falls campus, also known as “Moo U,” tractors and animals take over the middle lawn of the University Center. The display offers a real-life look into the agricultural industry.

The Farm Bureau’s motto of “a voice for farmers, a vision for agriculture” applies directly to the teaching and advocacy work they accomplish on campus and at the local level, said Joelle Liddane. Liddane has been a member of the Collegiate Farm Bureau since 2016.

“The greatest way (to educate) is on Ag. Day, where we take over the middle lawn of the University Center and it’s open to everyone,” Liddane said. “It’s so neat to get to see a girl or guy from the middle of the city, and they get to physically interact with a goat. Then somebody shows them how to make goat soap and that we can use their milk to create cheese. It’s about being able to give them that connection rather than just telling them about it. Seeing it really helps people.”

Ag. Day also follows a theme each year, with last year being “Who’s your farmer?” The UWRF event was almost the same size or larger than UW-Madison’s Ag. Day, which gives organization members a lot of pride.

“(Farm Bureau) is an organization that I’m investing in – something that I will be able to see 50 years down the road,” Liddane said.

The Collegiate Farm Bureau was one of dozens of student organizations set up to answer questions and recruit new members at last week’s Involvement Fair in the University Center.

One common myth, said Agricultural Engineering Professor Sierra Howry, is that agriculture only involves the food you see on your table. Advocating for the many roles that agriculture plays in any person’s daily life is one of the main ways to educate those who don’t give much thought to where their food or products come from.

This is one of the main reasons that the Collegiate Farm Bureau became an organization on the UW-River Falls campus in 2012. Howry has been the adviser since 2013, and she said that the organization is open to a variety of disciplines.

“It’s open to anybody that is interested in agriculture,” Howry said. “Building community is extremely important, and the ag. community is a very tight-knit community. We can continue to build that network because people from all over Wisconsin and Minnesota come to this campus.”

UWRF is one of three UW schools with a Collegiate Farm Bureau, which serves as a subsidiary of the Wisconsin Farm Bureau. UW-Platteville and UW-Madison also started their organizations in 2012.



Photo courtesy of Matt Kortbein

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Ashley Bergsbaken, left, and Matt Kortbein stand on a tractor at the 2017 Ag. Day at UWRF.

To address issues with student food insecurity, UWRF joins forces with community food pantry

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The River Falls Community Food Pantry offers its services to anyone in need living within the River Falls school district. It is located at 222 N. Main St. in downtown River Falls, and residents are encouraged to walk in whenever it is open. They can then present a photo ID and browse the shelves for what they need as if going through a grocery store.

Students at UW-River Falls, so long as they present their student ID, have full access to these services. Not many do, however, said Executive Director Candice Anderson. Either students don’t realize that they count as residents while attending UWRF, or they don’t want to risk the social stigma attached to the food pantry.

“People get embarrassed,” Anderson said, “and it’s understandable. It’s not needed, but it’s understandable.”

One common mentality among students, said UWRF Counseling and Health Services Director Alice Reilly-Myklebust, is that their own food insecurity is not severe enough to warrant a trip to the food pantry because there’s other people who need the food more. There is also the thought that because students can afford college they should be able to afford food.

Sarah Paepke is a freshman majoring in animal science at UWRF. She lives in the dorms and has a meal plan.

“If I couldn’t afford a meal plan,” she said, “I probably wouldn’t go to college.”

College students, however, are not always able to feed themselves as much as they would like. Studies and surveys across the country are beginning to find a surprising amount of food insecurity on campuses, and people from UWRF Counseling and Health Services are beginning to ask questions about how extensive the problem is and how they might help.

Amber Schoeder is a junior majoring in psychology. She currently lives in an apartment off campus and makes efforts to get healthy food like salad, beans, asparagus, potatoes and chicken. Her diet, she said, is roughly what she wants it to be, though on occasion it can be difficult to buy healthy food.

“The price of food to, like, eat healthy is sometimes an issue because it’s expensive to buy salad stuff every day,” Schoeder

said. “It’s really hard to sometimes start with that salad if I can’t afford to get it for that week. But – I try to.”

Schoeder has, in the past, turned to a food pantry for help. She and her mother would go to a pantry in Elk Mound every third Saturday of the month, where they paid 20 dollars and were given access to food that was either close to expiration or expired and frozen. The environment, she said, was very comfortable and helpful, and no one tried to attach a social stigma to the recipients of the food.

“I’m not ashamed to say I would do that,” Schoeder said. “It helps me and my mom get food and we can’t always afford it.”

Food insecurity has not been extensively studied among college students, though Reilly-Myklebust from Counseling and Health Services said that universities are starting to realize that it’s more of a problem than previously thought. The University of Minnesota conducted a College Student Health Survey in 2015 in which they began asking their students about food insecurity. The two questions they asked were:

“Within the past 12 months, I worried whether my food would run out before I got money to buy more.” 17.5 percent of respondents said that this was sometimes or often true. Out of 2,023 respondents, this amounts to 354 students.

“Within the past 12 months, the food I bought just didn’t last and I didn’t have money to get more.” A total of 206 students said that this was sometimes or often true.

Other campuses, Reilly-Myklebust said, have been finding that problems typically arise when students move to off-campus housing where they are no longer required to have a meal plan. Even students in the dorms, however, might be getting less food than they need if cost concerns force them to buy a meal plan that doesn’t meet their needs.

“I think campuses have been surprised at the need,” Reilly-Myklebust said.

As part of the spring National College Health Assessment survey, UWRF will be making an effort to get a better idea of how widespread food insecurity is on campus. The survey will ask two questions on the subject that closely mirror those the University of Minnesota asked.

Beyond the survey, UWRF has been working with the food shelter to figure out a way to help students get enough food.

“There’s been some discussion about having a food shelf on campus,” Reilly-Myklebust said. Creating one from scratch, however, would be a large undertaking. Food shelves involve a lot of legal infrastructure, and staffing would be difficult to maintain over J-term and summer when there aren’t students around.

One potential way to get around this would be to give students ride vouchers to transport them to the food pantry downtown or to establish a satellite outlet of the community pantry on campus. Anderson, from the pantry, said that meeting regulations would be easy if the outlet’s selection were kept small and the food limited to non-perishable items. The pantry is also lucky to be relatively well-stocked, she said, and would likely be able to handle extra demand.

Student organizations could also get involved. Many, like the Honors Program, already conduct food drives. If Health and Counseling Services were to educate them on what sorts of foods the pantry needs most – usually ready-made meals in the case of students – their efforts could be put to better use.

A bigger problem, however, is getting students to use resources that are available to them. UWRF Assistant Director of Health Promotion Keven Syverson said that the social stigma attached to accepting help from places like the food shelter can be especially bad when there’s a general community mentality that students who have enough money to pay for school should have enough money to buy their own food.

“Sometimes that’s an issue,” Syverson said, “to help the community understand that, yes, our students are struggling, they do need food, they do have food insecurity issues.”

Going forward, Reilly-Myklebust added, the challenge will be to ensure that students understand that the food pantry is available for their use. Once the survey gives Health and Counseling Services a good idea of how much of a need there is, they can begin dispelling myths and ensuring students know how to use the food pantry.

“That’s why we’re here,” Anderson from the pantry said. “We want to make sure everybody is eating, because there’s no reason for people not to be able to eat food when they’re hungry.”

News Briefs: Hospital event raises more than \$65,000 for programs, services

The 2017 River Fall Area Hospital Foundation’s Fall Fling raised more than \$65,000 for hospital programs and services, including nearly \$10,000 garnered through live and silent auctions.

The early ‘90s-themed evening celebrated the history of Allina Health in the community, including the move to the River Falls Area Hospital campus 25 years ago. Attendees enjoyed a social hour with entertainment by The Tommy Bentz Band, delicious hors d’oeuvres by Pair*Fection catering, and an opportunity to participate in a silent auction and raffle. Local auctioneer Jack Hines again donated his services for the live auction.

Special recognition was given to those responsible for the hospital’s recently completed history wall. Hospital auxiliary volunteers Arline Taylor and Sue Nelson worked on the project for nearly 10 years; local architect Matt Frisbie contributed time, expertise and in-kind support to the project.

The highlight of the evening was the standing ovation for local stroke patient, Mike Kamm, and his RFAH Courage Kenny rehab care team. Kamm experienced the benefit of having access to the greater Allina Health system and its specialty care providers.

Fall Fling business sponsors included First National Bank of River Falls, Emergency Care Consultants, Hudson Physicians, M & M Anesthesia, McGough Companies, NEI Electric, the St. Paul Radiology Foundation and Twin Cities Orthopedics.

Next year, the River Falls Area Hospital Foundation’s Fall Fling will take place Friday, Oct. 12.

More than 1,000 students from 42 schools participate in annual Science Olympiad event

January 29, 2018--On January 20, the University of Wisconsin-River Falls played host to an event that has doubled in size since its inception only seven years ago – the annual Science Olympiad competition.

Sixty-four teams from Wisconsin, Minnesota, Nebraska and North Dakota high schools took part, with organizers estimating that 1,050 students participated in 30 events.

“Science Olympiad is a national level competition,” said Physics Professor and event organizer Earl Blodgett. “Local competitions like ours are an important way to show students that UWRF is very interested in STEM subjects, right along with our competitors.”

As an example of the importance the UWRF event is rapidly attaining, all four states represented at the event had their defending state champion teams present. Schools from as far away as Lincoln, Neb., and Bismarck, N.D. were represented. Subjects in the Olympiad were as varied as the STEM fields themselves. Students took part in competitions in life science, chemistry, physics, thermodynamics, astronomy, experimental design, engineering and nearly two dozen other categories. “The forensics event was especially fun,” Blodgett said. “Students used chemicals to solve a ‘whodunit’ in a ‘Game of Thrones’ setting.”

More than 100 volunteers were needed to help run the event that sprawled out across campus due to its sheer size, according to Blodgett.

“We get faculty, students, alumni and friends of the university to help us,” Blodgett said. “The best thing about all of it is that some of the volunteer students we get are people I know have been competitors in this event in the past. It does make a difference and it is a lot of fun.”

Originally known as the “border battle” due to its Wisconsin/Minnesota focus, Blodgett notes that the event has grown so quickly that participation rules had to be changed.

“We used to let schools bring lots of teams, but now it’s limited to two,” he said. “We let the junior varsity teams be bigger, so more kids can take part, but we had so many kids, it took us two hours to give out the awards this year.”

In the end, though, the Science Olympiad is about more than a single day’s competition.

“It’s about having a real impact,” Blodgett said. “It’s a way to show that science really is fun and that UWRF cares about STEM programs.”

The seminar is made available through UW-River Falls and UW-Extension.

For more information or to become an event sponsor, contact Blodgett at 715-425-4056 or earl.d.blodgett@uwrf.edu.

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Local American Legion Post sets new record for membership

For the third year in a row, the River Falls American Legion has set an all-time high membership tally, with the Post 121 year-end roster officially showing 526 members.

Post Commander Larry Larson said there is a reason for that track record.

“While we value the common bond of military service, the growth we’ve experienced stems more from what we do than from what we did,” he said. “Our members’ commitment to service didn’t stop with discharge from the military. It continues today with a focus on serving needy veterans and their families, serving youth, and supporting causes in the surrounding communities. In short, we are a post with a purpose. And that keeps our members of all ages involved.”

Those ages represent a wide span of service experience. Roughly 15 percent served during World War II and/or Korea, 45 percent during Vietnam, another 15 percent during Lebanon, Granada and Panama hostilities and another 25 percent show recent service during the Persian Gulf conflicts.

“Those younger men and women, many who are attending UWRF, bring a special enthusiasm and vitality to our post activities,” Larson said.

Some examples of those activities include the Post Honor Guard that provides recognition and comfort at veterans’ funerals, in addition to presenting Colors at a variety of community events ranging from Memorial Day activities to local school programs to sporting events.

“Honor Guard members even accompanied Santa to deliver gifts to four needy veteran families this past Christmas,” Larson said. The post also hosts several Red Cross blood drives each year, and provides funding for a wide range of outreach efforts. Last year that funding exceeded \$27,000 and included more than \$7,500 for needy veterans, over \$2,000 in scholarships and more than \$17,000 in support of various community programs.

Extensive remodeling over the past several years has resulted in a modern facility that not only better serves Legion needs, but also provides an attractive and affordable venue for local gatherings such as weddings and other private events.

Success of the local post has not gone unnoticed at the organization’s higher levels. Larson was recently appointed to a seat on the Wisconsin Legion membership committee.

“An organization needs a purpose that goes beyond camaraderie, and we have one: To serve. While we do a lot, there is always more we can do — and always room to welcome more members,” Larson said.

More information about Post 121 membership, programs, hall rental policies and more is available at www.americanlegionpost121.org or by calling 715-425-7362.

Weekly UWRF Crime Report

Saturday, December 16

- Fraud was reported at Johnson Hall at 4:53 p.m.

Friday, January 5

- A motor vehicle accident was reported at 530 S Main St. at 7:36 a.m.

Tuesday, January 16

- A motor vehicle accident was reported near the Emogene Nelson Center at 6:05 p.m.

Monday, January 22

- All drug complaint was reported at Parker Hall at 11:43 p.m.

Tuesday, January 23

- Theft was reported at Parker Hall at 4:03 p.m.

Friday, January 26

- Police assist reported at Broadway St/ Sycamore St. at 1:27 a.m.

Friday, January 26

- A motor vehicle accident was reported at 530 S Main St. at 12:36 p.m.

Editor’s Note:

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

Looking for advice?

The Student Voice has an advice columnist. To send her an anonymous note, find the Student Voice on Facebook or Twitter and click on the Google Doc link.

Campus Events Calendar:

- **“Dolores” film screening**
Tuesday, Feb. 6, 5-7 p.m.
Kinnickinnic Theatre, University Center
- **Last day to drop classes without ‘W’**
Friday, Feb. 9
- **Frances Cohler Coffee Concert**
Phil Kadidlo, jazz
Friday, Feb. 9 12-1p.m.
Kleinpell Fine Arts

Visit uwrf.edu for a full schedule of events

Student Senate Update: Feb. 2

New student senators were confirmed and sworn into office

Senator Joshua Hanson brought up an issue having to do with veterans that he plans to bring to the Board of Regents to resolve. He would not say in public what the exact issue was.

The monthly UW student representatives meeting will be in Milwaukee this weekend.

Student Senate brought up an issue that arose at Stevens Point recently when the Stevens Point student government denied an organization official recognition due to its political views. The decision was ultimately overturned. There is now a debate within the UW System as to whether this is permissible.

Adviser Gregg Heinselman brought up potential plans for UWRF to partner with the River Falls Community Food Pantry in an effort to address issues of student food insecurity.

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.



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Feel like you’re down a rabbit hole? Then try the Creative Writing Club

Lauren Simenson
Falcon News Service

“I searched for a club where I could express my writing affinity,” says Trevor Heim-Prechter. “I found myself here. I feel like it’s home.”

Heim-Prechter is a member of the Creative Writing Club at UW-River Falls and grew up knowing he wanted to be a writer. He joined the club to seek out a community of fellow writers who would understand his passion for the craft and to increase his exposure to a wider variety of writing styles and writers.

Twelve people attended the first Creative Writing Club meeting of the 2018 spring semester in the University Center’s Eau Galle River Room last Thursday afternoon. The club, which was created during the fall semester in 2014, has 26 members on a closed Facebook group.

At the Thursday meeting, after introductions, the floor was opened to anyone wanting to share their work. Creative Writing Club President Emmett Magnuson was the first to share one of their favorite poems. Secretary Amber Schoeder and Vice President Briana Brasser read pieces they wrote, Schoeder a rhyming poem and Basser an excerpt from a longer piece she is still in the process of writing. After the writers read aloud their work to the quiet room of listening club members, the audience responded with the soft sound of snaps in lieu of clapping.

As is routine for Creative Writing Club Meetings, for ten minutes laptops, ipads, phones and even traditional notebook paper were brought out to write about the prompt, “If you fell down the rabbit hole, what do you think you’d find?” Members were encouraged to share what they took the ten minutes to write.

Various responses from this writing prompt included, “... an infinite blackness, I can’t feel, I can’t hear.” Another piece read, “I imagine it would be beautiful at the bottom.” Rabbits were naturally featured in many of the stories with lines such as, “an underground rabbit society,” and a short story about “a

tiny town of civilized rabbits”.

President Magnuson credits the club for improving their writing and for helping to make lasting friendships. Vice President Brasser echoed Magnuson’s sentiments by giving credit to the club’s commitment to inclusivity and community-oriented values.

Schoeder, the secretary, says of the Creative Writing Club, “I can express myself fully and I don’t have to worry about anyone judging me here.” Schoeder wants to make sure that people know “you do not have to be a creative writing major to fit in and have something to talk about. At any meeting, you will find where you fit in here.”

The club’s friendly and welcoming atmosphere was apparent during the main event of the meeting. Members of the Creative Writing Club discussed the topic of adaptations of books to movies, movies to books and anime to magna. With the floor opened for discussion, members and newcomers alike began an animated discussion about “Game of Thrones,” “Maximum Ride,” how Marvel movies have created more interest in comic books and how greatly Disney movie adaptations differ from their original versions. New and returning members bonded over memories of their favorite book-to-movie adaptations and listened respectively to reviews and assessments of movies such as “Gerald’s Game” and “The Shining.”

The Thursday meeting ended with two rounds of MadLibs and deciding on the topic of discussion for the next meeting – sequels.

The group is a safe space to share work in a judgement-free and constructive environment, said Rebecca Misorski, a five-semester member.

“I was such a nervous person when I first got (to campus),” she said. “I didn’t know anybody so I joined this club in hopes to meet new people, and so far this is the only club I stuck to because I loved the people here and it has helped me to venture out and break out of my shell.”

“I joined because I really liked writing and it gives you a chance to speak out and show who you are,” she added. “The way you write is really who you are as a person.”

Spanish Club welcomes majors, minors and those interested in culture

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Taking advantage of an option offered by the UW-River Falls modern language department, transfer student Ernesto De La Torre hoped to get involved in the Spanish program only for the sake of quickly gaining some additional course credits on his college transcript. However, after a short amount of time spent with the Spanish club last semester, he realized his foreign language skills were good for much more than just the automatic A’s allotted after placement testing.

“I decided I want to get involved,” De La Torre said. “I want to meet people. I didn’t know anybody here, so because I’m Mexican and fluent in Spanish, I thought maybe I could meet people that speak Spanish and like that culture. So I went to the Spanish club and I actually met a lot of really cool people, people that I hang out with now almost every day.”

Seeking to meet more students with intentions similar to De La Torre’s, the UWRF Spanish club was among dozens of other student organizations that were set up to answer questions and attract new members at last Wednesday’s Involvement Fair in the University Center.

Among all the people De La Torre has met in the club, he found a wide range of Spanish skill levels. This gave him the chance to not only meet people as a new transfer student, but also to help people with extra practice.

“There’s so many of them that speak Spanish even better than I do,” De La Torre said, “and there’s some that are just starting and want to get better, so I take every opportunity I can to help them with their pronunciations or vocab.”

This academic year has been a bit of an exception for the club because most of the people attending demonstrate a high level of skill with the language, according to Natalie Johnsen, who is in her third year of serving as president.

With an average attendance of 10-15 students at each meeting, the majority of students tend to be Spanish minors, John-

sen said.

“The majors are more confident,” she said. “They feel like they don’t need to come. Spanish minors come because they want to practice their Spanish and get better at it.”

Regardless of whether they know Spanish, all students are welcome to come, Johnsen said, mentioning that some students occasionally come just for cultural aspects.

Though many of the activities the club engages in are focused on developing skills with the language, there are numerous other activities that are primarily cultural, according to faculty adviser Julie Kovacic.

“They play Scrabble in Spanish and they do Zumba and they’ll put up YouTube dance instruction videos,” Kovacic said. “They just try to pull from a lot of different directions to do something cultural and educational every single time we have a meeting.”

Despite her eagerness to be heavily involved the club, Kovacic’s role as a faculty adviser limits her level of engagement in club activities.

“Actually, the rules are that we’re supposed to be as hands-off as possible,” Kovacic said, “but they do so many fun things that I try to show up as often as I can, so I try salsa dancing, try what they’re eating or go to their movies. That’s my role – be their support, be there to answer questions, approve their budget and all the administrative stuff.”

However, even when Kovacic is unable to attend club meetings or activities, her role as a professor allows her to hear about everything she missed.

“I give my students extra credit if they go to Spanish club meetings,” Kovacic said, “so if I don’t get to go to one, then they tell me what happened in class the next day.”

On occasions when students from her classes don’t attend the club, Kovacic relies on club officers to keep her well informed. She mentioned a Facebook group chat on which she regularly receives messages from the officers, who use it to provide updates as well as share ideas.

School Counseling Student Association practices the inclusivity it preaches by building future leaders

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It’s spring semester Involvement Day, and the upper level of the University Center is filled with student organizations hoping to gain members. One unique organization, however, is missing.

A short stroll from the University Center is the Educational Technology Center in the Wyman Education Building. As the late-afternoon sun begins setting, one would likely find graduate students gathering in groups.

Within these groups are members preparing to support the future leaders of America: the School Counseling Student Association.

This organization is different in that all graduate students enrolled in master’s of science in education for school counseling program are automatically members of the organization.

“Technically, anyone can come to any of our events, but we are so unique in that we’re really just helping school counseling students,” said Caroline Baker, assistant professor for the counseling program and faculty adviser for the organization.

Baker also said that a group of students started the organization nine years ago. It currently has approximately 60 members, 20 of whom are very active.

The organization has six student leaders. These include two co-presidents, liaisons to the Minnesota and Wisconsin school counseling associations, a secretary and treasurer. However, unlike other student organizations, they do not hold elections.

Whoever is interested in becoming a student leader simply steps into that role.

While the organization hosts events throughout the year, many of its events occur during the spring semester. These include activities during the annual National School Counseling Week in February to spread the positive message of school counseling and connect with alumni and friends.

“This year is the program’s 50th anniversary, so the students will host an alumni and friends event on that Saturday (Feb. 3),” Baker said. “We are hoping we have people that graduated years and years ago, professors who have retired, and a lot of different people come. The student group is responsible for helping ensure that event goes smoothly.”

Abbie Williams, co-president, said that one of the goals of the organization is interacting with stakeholders.

“Faculty, friends of the program, current students, alumni — they talk about ways, in general, to help our school counseling program as a whole,” Williams said. “One of the biggest things that they have done for the program, in the past, was bring awareness to the program and really push the fact that the program could use scholarships. We went from having one scholarship to having five scholarships.”

In addition to stakeholders, the main goal of the organization is networking, said Brittany Llewelyn, co-president.

“At our most recent student group meeting we had Dr. Gary Campbell come talk to students, which was beneficial. He is a friend of the program, not an alumni, but he is a school counselor at the middle school here in town. He helps out a lot with practicum and internship supervision and is a part of our stakeholder’s group.”

Collegiate Farm Bureau organization educates, advocates for agriculture

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Their mission is to build up their own knowledge in the agricultural industry and then advocate to people from non-agricultural backgrounds about where their food comes from.

While the club focuses on the many aspects of agriculture, there are many opportunities to get involved for people who might not necessarily come from a production background.

“That’s what’s really great about this organization,” Howry said. “It’s not just about one type of major. In any of the meetings, students can see how it connects back to their coursework because it’s so broad.”

Howry’s classes in farm management are some of the clearest examples of how experiences in the classroom can transfer to the industry. She’s very proud of her students and maintains that she doesn’t run the club. Rather, she lets the students take the lead and acquire skills they will use later in life.

“They may be running a business or a board meeting, and after (getting the practice) it becomes a lot more natural for you,” Howry said. “I help out in any way possible.”

Members take full advantage of the Young Farmers and Agriculturalists conference in the Wisconsin Dells to begin networking with other professionals and farmers from around the state. They also hear from keynote speakers about the platform for their agricultural message.

“That gets them at the state meetings and gives networking opportunities that are beyond just a career fair,” Howry said. “It’s an opportunity to network with other Farm Bureau members at a state level and participate in workshops at those conferences.”

According to the American Farm Bureau’s website, the American Farm Bureau’s student outreach efforts reached 62,620 students last year.

The 40 members come from a variety of ag. backgrounds and have worked hard to get others involved, said Matt Kortbein, a senior who is in his third year with the organization and is now the president of the Collegiate Farm Bureau.

“We can always strive for better, but we’ve seen a lot of growth in the last year and I’m thrilled about that,” Kortbein said.

Kortbein was especially pleased with the way their adviser has helped support the club and allowed for its growth.

“She’s always right there if I need anything, and she comes to all of our events,” Kortbein said. “Our club is definitely very lucky to have her.”

The organization also brings in speakers to their biweekly meetings. The speakers come from a wide range of disciplines and display real-world experience for members. However, one large event on the UWRF campus is probably what most people associate the organization with.

“We have Ag. Day on campus every spring, and we have clubs from all over to help spread the message of agriculture through education and learning,” Kortbein said.

Two of the organization’s officers start planning for Ag. Day in the fall and go all the way through to the event’s completion. The College Farm Bureau sends out letters to many businesses, and a lot of sponsors come on board to make the event successful. Kortbein said they are looking to continue to grow the event this year as well.

The club is open to all majors and meets every other Tuesday in Agricultural Science room 116 at 6 p.m.

The group also aims to encourage counseling program alumni to participate with current students.

“The biggest way that alumni are involved in the organization is by having internship or practicum students. By recognizing requirements that come out of our courses and being willing to give their time back to the program,” added Williams.

While alumni and stakeholders are a major source of support for students in the counseling program, faculty contribute as well.

Llewelyn said that her time in the organization has certainly helped her develop a support network with her professors. “I have been able to develop a different kind of relationship with my professors by working closely with them.”

Both Llewelyn and Williams are devoted to supporting the organization and its purpose through recruiting. “I really love recruiting, so telling people that we have this event coming up and we could use a few extra hands if you’re available,” Llewelyn said.

The organization has also had a personal effect for Llewelyn.

“For me, being the co-president and being able to talk to alumni has really helped me calm down a little about what’s going to happen after graduation,” she said. “I feel more confident knowing that there will be something out there.”

As another semester starts, the organization and its leadership aim to support those who support the future leaders of America as best they can.

EDITORIAL

UWRF directory makes it too easy to access personal information

Most students from UW-River Falls have, at some point during their college career, gotten spam mail on their school email accounts. It comes in the form of job offers, false honor society invitations and loan notifications, and anyone who unwittingly clicks on the links stands the risk of inviting viruses onto their personal computers. Many of these emails look very legitimate and it can be very easy to fall into the trap.

Email is not the only way students are harassed by spam, however. Spam phone calls are not uncommon, but some UWRF students have said that they tend to receive the same calls as their classmates. Last fall, there was a particular incident where a caller was posing as the River Falls Police Department, and would attempt to scare the receiver into paying a “fine”. The real RFPD had to send out a warning to the city to be wary of these calls.

The Student Voice thinks that a main factor in the excessive spam emails and calls students get is the fact that all UWRF students are listed under a public directory. The directory is open to anyone – not just UWRF students – who cares to search for it on the university website, and it not only lists students’ first and last names but email addresses and phone numbers as well. The phone number listed is whichever one a student provided to the university. Often, this will be a personal cell phone number.

This lack of information security can be dangerous to students. Spam callers and emails can be annoying, but they can also be a gateway for identity theft. There is also the possibility that the information provided online can make it easy for a student to be stalked or harassed. With personal numbers available for anyone to find, all a potential stalker needs is a first or last name. From there, the directory offers search options that can narrow down a list of people with that first or last name.

The university has been making efforts to address some of the symptoms of this problem. Student employees on campus are sent through an online training program that informs them on how to identify spam emails. This, however, only encompasses student workers and is mostly aimed at protecting the university’s information. We think that one of the first steps in solving this problem is to make this training mandatory for all students on campus.

A bigger step, however, would be to decrease the availability of the student directory. At the very least, it should not be open to the general public. Requiring that students sign in with their “w” numbers would be a good start. Even better would be limiting student access to only their classmates. This ensures that they can get ahold of classmates for projects, but limits the information from being shared with too many other people.

Students should also keep in mind that they should take care to protect their information in places beyond the campus website, particularly social media sites like Facebook and Instagram. Taking individual care to protect yourself, however, does not do any good if the university is not careful with personal information.

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Trump’s State of the Union address provides disconnect from his actions

Lauren Simenson

Columnist

Tuesday night marked a critical aspect of any new presidency – the State of the Union address. Trump spoke for 90 minutes in a speech that did not sound as though he had any part in writing. The president spoke to America, but he did not speak to me and I am guessing he did not speak to the majority of Americans, who have given the President the lowest approval rating in the history of the office.

President Trump obtained the office on a platform of aggressive language, hatred and divisiveness – however, the message he wanted to spread in his State of the Union address was one of unity. I did not buy into his campaign message, and I am not putting stock into the message of his State of the Union address. A couple of the memorable opening lines of his speech: “A new tide of optimism is already sweeping...” and, “to make America great again for all Americans...” were all laughable lines of falsities to my ears.

Over the past year since he came into office, hate crime rates have risen. According to CNN.com, “The Southern Poverty Law Center found 867 cases of hateful harassment or intimidation in the 10 days after the Nov. 8 election.” This past year since Trump took office, white supremacists have marched. Women protesting for more control in their own health care decisions and seeking justice for sexual abuse and harassment have started huge movements. Immigrant mothers and fathers are being rounded up, separated from their children and are being deported back to countries they have not lived in for decades. He praised beautiful, clean coal, did not mention gun control or climate change, and wants the middle class – already struggling to save for retirement and college- to fund infrastructure improvements.

There is a disconnect from the words displayed on his teleprompter and from his actions. I am not optimistic, nor do I think that America is being

made great for all Americans as he claimed over and over again in his speech. Trump does not speak to me or for me. Trump does not speak for me when he says that America will be safer when families are separated, or when we increase our nuclear weapons, or engage in conflict with North Korea. He does not speak for me when he says we all live under one God. He does not speak for me when he boasts about his eliminations of regulations that protect our environment, our families, our finances or our health.

It seems to me that the America Trump was speaking of on Tuesday was not the America he was actually speaking to. His idea of what America looks like seems to be a Christian, nuclear family. He used words such as, “one people” and, “one nation” and, “faith and family at the center of American life” and, “in God we trust,” which are not words that I would assume could describe all of the range of people in this nation who are currently divided over the state of this country.

He spoke before the address on how being president requires more heart and compassion than he originally thought, and yet I still did not hear those sentiments honestly come across in his speech. Instead, his greasy words were smug, cocky, arrogant and unreflective of the current reality.

I am not the only person who feels that the teleprompter-speech did not speak the truth. Fact-checkers during the state of the union address were quick to point out the exaggerations and the lies, and even members of the audience were vocal about their immediate feelings towards his stance on immigration.

Just because he stuck to the script and said words he thinks we all want to hear does not mean that he is any more in tune with the state of this America than he was a year ago at the start of his presidency.

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No need to fear: you will survive the first week as a transfer student

Miranda Ailport

Columnist

Transferring midway through a school year proved to be a scary endeavor. It seemed like I would be coming four months late to the party. Everyone was already set in their friend groups that they met during welcome week and everyone already knew all the professors and where the bathrooms are in all the buildings. I felt like I might get lost in the expanse of classes and extracurricular activities.

What I’ve discovered is that UW-River Falls isn’t what I expected. People transfer for all different reasons. I transferred here from Century College in White Bear Lake, Minnesota, after completing my associate’s degree. At my transfer registration, I was glad I met many people who were in the same boat I was. We wanted to take the next step in our college story by going somewhere new, and UWRF proved to be that opportunity.

I went to two colleges before settling into my decision to come here. It’s my fifth year of college, yet I still get nervous about almost all of the same things I was nervous about my freshman year. Will I find my classes? Will I find them on time? How am I supposed to eat lunch in between classes and finishing the reading I was supposed to do?

While some things are the same, I can say a lot has changed over the last five years. When I first entered college, I had no idea what it would take to do well. I treated it like

a party with a bunch of people I didn’t know. My classes didn’t go as well as they did in high school, mostly because no one was asking me if I’d done my homework. Five years later, I realized that without my college degree I couldn’t go where I want to go. When I was 18, I felt I could do anything I wanted without taking into consideration the work that I might have to do in order to achieve the “whatever I wanted.” UWRF gave me that chance.

In my first week of classes, my transition went much better than I thought it would. Every student, student worker and faculty member I’ve come in contact with has displayed helpfulness and kindness with all of my questions and concerns. The help I’ve received made this transition that much less intimidating. My professors care about what they are teaching and as a student that makes it easier to learn.

I still have a lot to learn about this school and a lot to learn about myself. This campus has resources that far outnumber any school, secondary or post-secondary, that I’ve attended. My journey to get here has not been easy, but when I find something as scary and exciting as starting at the school I’ll graduate from, I know I have to do it.

I hope all transfer students are settling into their new school and new home here at UWRF. This is an exciting time! I hope no one gets too caught up in the nervousness and can enjoy the beginning chapter of this new book in our lives. I also thank everyone who has made the start of this semester enjoyable and welcoming.

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There still is work to be done in the debate about Net Neutrality laws

Carl Meeker

Columnist

On December 14, 2017, in a 3 to 2 vote, the Federal Communications Commission repealed the Title II Common Carrier regulations for the internet, ending net neutrality. Is it really the end, though?

It has been a little over a month since that day, and the fight for net neutrality has not yet ended. Numerous parties have come forward to fight the FCC decision. Part of the repeal that was passed at the behest of broadband providers prohibits state and local municipalities from passing their own net neutrality laws, laws to protect the privacy of Internet users and a variety other consumer protections.

First: Congress. Within the House and the Senate, there has been a large push to invoke the Congressional Review Act, or the CRA. The CRA allows Congress to review federal regulations by government agencies. This in turn allows Congress to overturn the new regulations and prohibit the agencies from reissuing the regulations.

The CRA, however, must be invoked by a majority vote before 60 legislative days from the time the new regulations have been entered into the Federal Registry. At this time, the Senate has the majority votes needed to pass such a resolution, but it is having greater difficulty finding traction within the House due to the larger Republican majority that is in control. Even should the CRA pass, it would have to be signed in by President Trump, who has been vocal in his support of the FCC decision from last month and is likely to veto it as it comes across his desk.

Second: 21 state attorneys generals and the attorneys general of the District of Columbia have filed lawsuits against the FCC, arguing that the FCC’s ruling was “arbitrary and capricious,” and lacked justification for the changes in regulation. In addition to these attorneys generals, multiple corporations including Facebook, Netflix, Google, and Mozilla have begun to band together and will fight against the repeal as well.

Third: At this time, six states have begun to explore ways to get around the prohibition preventing state governments from enacting their own net neutrality laws. Even a few Governors have weighed in on the issue, going from general support of consumer protections of net neutrality to others issuing executive orders protecting net neutrality.

In the lead up to the repeal, polls across the country showed a large majority of Americans in support of the Title II Common Carrier regulations of broadband, which protect net neutrality. We must begin to question who the FCC serves if it is so free to go against the will of the people that it was established to serve. This is a growing and endemic problem to governmental regulatory bodies known as regulatory capture.

Make your voices heard! There are numerous means to reach out to your state and federal representatives. Let them know that you will not stand for the casual disregard of the people they have been elected to represent. United, we can work together to make our voices known, and to make our great country once more “of the people, by the people, for the people.”

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Horse-oscopes by Beth: the stars are speaking to you

Bethany Lovejoy

Columnist

And thus forth, as we return from the break of great cold, do we find ourselves in need of guidance through the wisdom of the stars so that with great care we may navigate the many perils that befall the ignorant. Lo’, be not worried of what may befall you, for your campus boasts that of great power and sensitivity to thy stars’ many screams.
This week they scream horses.

Aries

It’s been a hard month for you, a long break and a short weekend.

Be not afraid, because in your future I see a tall handsome stranger. One with the longest of manes, the shiniest of coats, the largest hooves that crush the very ground they gallop upon. Ready your heart for thy truest desire, a stallion riding through the night straight into the depths of your desire.

Taurus

You can lead a horse to water but not make it drink; in a similar sense, others can try and force your hand in an argument but not be able to move you.

Physically not be able to move you.

What I’m saying is that you’re going to be blocking a lot of doorways to win arguments.

Mercury for you is blocking Jupiter – a very strange phase for you.

Gemini

There are a great many oats within your trough; approach these with great caution and care. Dysentery can lay within even the most firm of oats.

Cancer

Be wary of breaking your horse bone, the important bone that doth make you gallop.

The one right above your cloppers but nowhere near your jumpy organ.

Also Jupiter is aligned with Saturn for you so, you know, give that jumpy bone some good motion.

Leo

Some people in this world are more prone to winning best in show, but that is sadly not you. The sun bears down hard on your horsey head and thus forth you will suffer greatly in a physical sense.

Buy some Mane ‘n Tail and despair not. Many carrots are in your future.

Virgo

The FFA in life has a great many judges, but you must be aware that these will not only increase your relationship with the riders of your great horse life. There in the future lies a great many oats and carrots that will make your mane soft like silk.

You shall begin the journey to a great pedigree in future years this week. Beautiful stallions and many mares await your life.

Libra

You’re a mule. We can’t all be horses, or really even donkeys. Don’t let this get you down; mules have purpose in life as well as the others. They do things with themselves and, you know, don’t have horsie babies.

Just think about being alone for a bit, Mule Matey.

Scorpio

You know that scene in “Spirit” where they play “Get off of my Back” and the horse just goes savage on those riders? Well, Mars is aligned with your constellation, so you’re about to pull something like that.

Get ready to win some arguments, kick some people and win over some FFA leaders.

Sagittarius

You’re also connected to the movie “Spirit,” but you are most definitely not a horse.

What I’m saying is that you should watch the movie “Spirit,” because not only will it help you reflect on your life choices, but it will also strengthen your relationship with horses and your star sign.

Capricorn

Girl, you got some good stuff coming. Saddle up because you’re about to meet a man with a rat tail who is going to take you on a life journey.

One second you’re going to be down in the stables just taming some mane, but the next second you’re going to be in the back of a pickup truck, holding down a canoe and singing “Save a Horse Ride a Cowboy.”

Shout out to Venus for your new metal life.

Aquarius

Y’all better get used to shovelin’ the hay because you have a lot to get used to. Spin your spurs and get to work. Life is a highway and you have to work on taming your horse enough to run down it.

Venus and Mercury have aligned for you in the put in work formation, so get to it.

Pisces

This week is going to be a good week for you because no one is going to bother you with their problems.

Maybe it’s because Saturn is in position with the North Star, but it’s probably because you’re going to acquire a horse mask and refuse to take it off.

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STUDENT voices

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What’s your favorite class this semester?



Collen Knop (Junior)

“Intro to LGBTQ Studies”



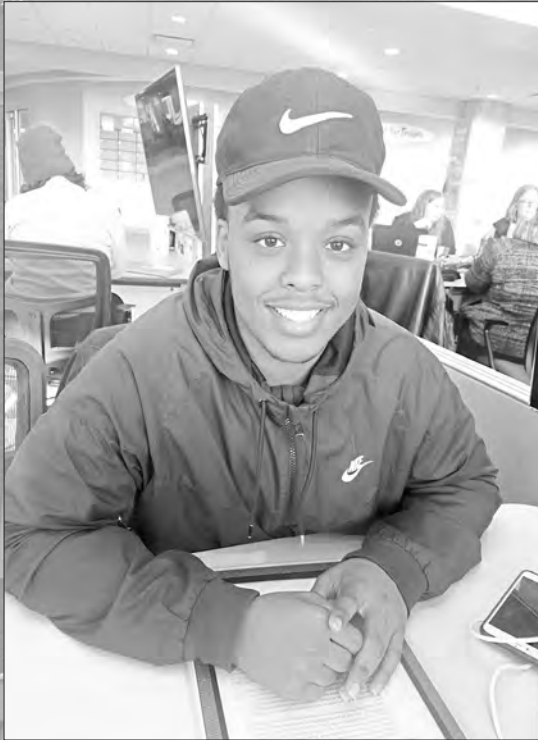
Brooke Hafner (Freshman)

“Astronomy”



Alyssa Depies (Sophomore)

“Astronomy”



Ayan Saleh (Freshman)

“Commucations 101”



Lamah Bility (Sophomore)

“Biology”



Emmet Magnuson (Senior)

“American Literature II”

UWRF’s athlete of the week: Haley Nielsen



Tori Schneider/ University Communications
Defenseman, Hailey Nielsen, for the UW- River Falls Womens Hockey team.

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Haley Nielsen, a junior from Plymouth, Minn., scored two goals last Friday night to help give the UW-River Falls women’s hockey team a 7-5 win over UW-Superior. The Falcons responded by traveling to Superior the next day and defeating the Yellowjackets 5-0. Nielsen has six goals and 14 assists on the year, helping lead UWRF to a 15-4-2 record and the

number five ranking in the country.

The Student Voice sat down with Nielsen to discuss her role as a captain and the team’s improved play.

Q: What led to the offensive outburst against Superior this weekend?

A: I think the biggest thing is practice. We’ve been focusing on getting pucks to the net, especially from a defensive point of view, and getting them low. The forwards have been getting in front of the net, and I think the biggest thing with this year’s team is that every person on the team has contributed in some way by scoring goals.

Q: What led the defense to score a majority of the goals on Friday?

A: We had bodies in front for my goal specifically. For Erica (Schramel), she snuck down on both of hers and had a nice shot. Part of it was just the situation, but I’d like to think we’re getting more accurate with our shooting.

Q: What changed on Saturday to record a shutout against UW-Superior?

A: As a (defensive) core, our main focus was to try to get a shutout, even though we’re not allowed to say that word for superstitious reasons. We focused on defense first and we knew that the forwards would take care of the scoring. It’s kind of hard not to win when you don’t let any (goals) in. We knew we knew we had to focus on a couple of things and make tweaks. In the WIAC, Superior is known for dumping in or chipping behind us when they get to the red line. We needed to close on our gaps and step up, and I think we executed that.

Q: How has your role changed on the team this year from previous seasons?

A: I’ve definitely had to be more vocal than I’m used to. I used to be the person that just sat in the corner and listened to what everyone else said. With the help of the other captains (Carly Moran and Amy Auran), they have helped me come out of my shell and feel comfortable speaking in front of others. It’s been a big change for me.

Q: What has improved since the team suffered a three-game losing streak earlier in the year?

A: That was a rough patch for us. The break helped us a ton, and a week off from hockey got our minds back in the swing of things. Everyone had a fire under them and practices have

been more competitive. We hit another level of intensity, and the mentality of the whole season has changed.

Q: What has been the key to the team’s high-powered attack this year?

A: The past two years we’ve always had that one person that scored a ton of points (Chloe Kinsel, Dani Sibley). The freshmen have really stepped up and we have so many people that can score and make things happen. We have more deadly players and that’s been a really big asset for us. Callie Hoff has had an unbelievable start and she’s a gem. This freshman class is unique and has a lot of talent.

Q: What does it mean to have a goalie like Angie Hall in the net, who’s looking to break the division III record for wins?

A: For me it makes me feel more comfortable with an All-American behind me. She’s truly been the backbone of this team since day one. Starting as a freshman and still playing to this day makes everyone feel a little more confident that you can have a couple of mishaps, but she will be there to stop them.

Q: What does the team need to improve upon to beat top-10 ranked teams?

A: Our team has a ton of speed and we don’t always utilize that. Our biggest thing is moving the puck and sharing it and getting shots on net. We have to stay true to what we know and play our systems, and we’ll be fine. (The losing streak) was a low point, especially for us older girls who understand what it truly takes to get to nationals. We don’t have an automatic bid for our conference. If we keep doing what we’re doing, we will get where we need to be.

Q: What challenges have WIAC teams posed this year?

A: I think it’s the rivalry aspect and we’ve played against these girls a lot. There are only four teams, so you get to know them on an individual basis as a player. I think the biggest challenge for us is not letting them get to our heads. There’s cheap shots after the play or foul language. It’s when you play them so much you, you just don’t like them, even though I’m sure they’re great people. You need to be at the top of this conference if you want to play in the postseason. (WIAC teams) always get in our heads. I guess our biggest challenge is the mental aspect of the game versus the actual physical side of things.

Falcons fall to UW-Oshkosh in rematch of WIAC title game

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The UWRF men’s basketball team fell in a hard-fought contest to WIAC foe UW-Oshkosh 78-57 on Saturday night at Page Arena.

UW-Oshkosh, ranked 19th in the country, led by only three points at halftime but used an early 16-3 in the second half to create a gap the Falcons wouldn’t seriously threaten again.

“We went from down seven to down 16 in a minute and a half,” head coach Jeff Berkhof said. “They blocked a shot and then pushed for transition threes. Transition defense and not getting back was the main factor, but it started with our offense by making sure we get a good shot.”

That crucial stretch created a spark for the UW-Oshkosh Titans, who shot 57 percent on threes in the second half and outscored the Falcons by 18 points after the break.

Falcons guard Clay Seifert made the crowd of 753 fans get off their feet when he threw down a thunderous dunk with 6 minutes remaining to cut the deficit to 13 points, but the Falcons failed to stop the Titans from scoring down the stretch.

“They’re a well-rounded team that has some of the most length as any team in the (WIAC),” Berkhof said. “You combine those things with an experienced backcourt, and when we are a team that likes to get the ball inside, that’s going to cause more problems than other teams.”

The Titans’ 6’8 center Jack Flynn caused problems for the Falcons on both sides of the ball, with Flynn finishing with 14 points and 4 rebounds.

UW-Oshkosh guards Ben Boots and Charlie Noone added 15 and 13 points each and combined for 8 rebounds. The pair have been a mainstay in the Titans backcourt for multiple seasons and proved to be especially challenging due to recent injuries to the Falcons.

UWRF guards Devin Buckley and Matt Timlin have both suffered sprained ankles in recent games. This led the Falcons to have to run a variety of different lineups that haven’t seen much time together on the court with two rotation players missing. However, Berkhof pointed out that injuries haven’t been the problem for this team.

“They’ve missed a game or two, but it hasn’t been a major factor in how our team has played the last two games,” Berkhof said. “The effort is just fine, but if you’re not playing smart and not executing ... you can have great effort and still get beat.”

A 14-point win over UW-Eau Claire and the loss to the Titans showed the two ways that the WIAC season has gone for the Falcons so far. They sit at fifth place in the conference at 4-4, with previously unranked teams UW-Stevens Point and UW-Platteville sitting at the top.

“The emergence of Point and Platteville, who were both towards the bottom last year ... is a surprise,” Berkhof said.



Tori Schneider/Univeristy Communications
Clay Seifert dunks the ball in the second half against UW-Oshkosh last Saturday in Page Arena. The Titans beat the Falcons 78-57.

“Everybody is solid, so if you don’t show up, you’re gonna get beat. It’s always been that way (in the WIAC), but this year more than others.”

UWRF has managed a solid home record, going 8-2 since Page Arena first opened. However, Berkhof said the home-court advantage hasn’t had a huge factor in the conference this year. The Falcons traveled to top-5 ranked Whitewater and won on the road in January but followed that performance with what Berkhof called one of their worst performances of the year in a home loss to UW-La Crosse.

The Falcons have had their ups and downs in the first half of the conference season, but the one consistent factor has been senior forward Alex Herink. Herink is averaging almost 16 points a game this season but finished with 27 points in 33 minutes of action on Saturday. He also made half of the entire team’s field goal attempts against UW-Oshkosh.

“When we have four or five guys right there in scoring,

we are more successful winning games,” Berkhof said. “We usually have a little more balance in our scoring (than on Saturday). When we beat UW-Eau Claire, we had five guys with nine or more points, and ideally that’s how we would like to go.”

The WIAC conference tournament is still a few weeks away, with the winner gaining an automatic entry into the NCAA tournament. Berkhof still sees one specific area of play that can help his team get to the next level.

“Being more consistent on the defensive end and being more focused and locked in,” he said. “We haven’t been awful, but we could be so much better. A lot of good things can happen this year.”

The Falcons will host their next game at Page Arena when they take on UW-Whitewater on Feb. 10 at 5 p.m. for alumni day.

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Coaches vs Cancer game: suits and sneakers



Tori Schneider/ University Communications
Head Coach Jeff Berkhof stares intently during the Coaches vs Cancer game against UW-Oshkosh last Saturday night in Page Arena. Coaches on both teams wore suits and sneakers for cancer awarwness.



Tori Schneider/ University Communications
Alex Herink takes a shot against UW-Oshkosh last Saturday night in Page Arena. Herink finished with 27 points.



Tori Schneider/ University Communications
Austin Moldenhauer drives to the basket against UW-Oshkosh last Saturday night in Page Arena.



Tori Schneider/ University Communications
Matt Keller drives to the basket as UW-Oshkosh guard Ben Boots plays defense last Saturday night in Page Arena.



Tori Schneider/ University Communications
Austin Heidecker rises up for a shot against UW-Oshkosh last Saturday night in Page Arena.

Bernie is the (Jack) black comedy you need to see

Bethany Lovejoy

Reviewer

I love Jack Black.

It's not a joke, as many people may mistakenly believe.

When I was seven, I saw "Nacho Libre" and I knew, deep within my heart, that I loved Jack Black. If given the opportunity in my youth, I likely would have married Jack Black. Unfortunately, there are far more beautiful and talented women in this world, therefore such an idea is only a hypothetical.

But I would marry Jack Black.

When I saw Valentine's Day creeping closer on the calendar, I did not follow the common logic and begin to review romance movies, no.

I followed my heart straight to this dark comedy station to board the Jack Black murdering train.

I did that not only because I love him, not only because I love myself—but also because I love you guys.

Every single one of the four people who read my column.

Bernie is a semi-documentary, semi-mockumentary about a mortician who murders one of his dearest friends. It's based off a real-life case and focuses in on the major babe known as Jack Black.

Jack Black is Bernie, a well-respected cadaver rearranger who lives in the Texas town of Carthage. He is like the Davinci of the dead. Cadavers are canvases and this man is Davinci-ing all up on them.

He loves Jesus and making people smile, which is the type of guy your grandma believes you should take home.

Speaking of your grandma...

So Jack Black begins this friendship/implicit relationship with this older woman.

I say older woman, but it's more like the devil.

This lady is a greedy grandma who is looking for a sweet sinful boy to be her sugar baby.

She cons her siblings out of all this money, runs the bank, devoids people of money and just randomly screams at everyone.



At one point they talk to her hairdresser and ask if he believed it when Jack Black's character says, "She can't come in, she says you take too long and charge too much." (Spoiler: She's dead by then.)

And the hairdresser dude makes a face like, "Yeah? You think she wouldn't?"

Her own sister stops seeing her because she is an eldritch abomination of an elderly adult.

This lady is all mad at everyone, firing people left and right, mad at plants for not blooming fast enough; And then she starts yelling at Jack Black.

Baby freaking Black.

Actual angel sent to us from heaven Jack Black.

And Jack Black is like, "You know what, you're mean and you suck. Pew pew person."

And the lady is all like, "Oh no I have been shot, I am dead."

And then Jack Black is wondering where to put something so horrible in this world and is like, "Oh, the freezer."

So anyway, this lady is dead. Dead with a capital D, Dead.

And Jack Black is wondering what to do, whether to tell the police or what. But then he takes her money and thinks, "I'm going to do good things with this money and be a very good good guy to many good people in this good town full of good opportunities and a good god."

He buys kids swing sets, helps open boot stores. He is the man that I believe the true Jack Black to be.

But he kinda forgets about the adult side of things, that you can not be a financial Jesus and neglect previous responsibilities. This mean a stock broker man decides to act like, "I am going to be mean to Bernie because I am mean and that is my only character trait." And the police begin to look for the mean ladie's mean old body.

And they find her.

Bernie is arrested, as you do, and the policeman tries to get him on premeditated murder. But the thing is, everyone loves Bernie and no one likes the lady, so every single juror they could possibly get is already biased against the case. When Bernie says that this lady emotionally abused him they all nod, because that seems like something she would do. Unfair advances? Nod. Ruined the lives of all those around her? A big nod.

No love is lost between Bernie and the community when they finally find an unbiased jury to decide his fate. They still visit him and sprinkle him with attention as he is in jail.

The movie ends with a beautiful man walking into a beautiful jail cell, but blesses us with pictures of Jack Black in the credits.

10/10 great movie.

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Puzzle of the Week

Lord of the Rings

ACROSS

2

The number of dwarf lords to received rings of power.

3

Capital of Gondor, nicknamed "The White City"

5

The name of Bilbo and Frodo's home in the Shire.

7

Lord Denethor's favorite son

9

The Fellowship's elf member. Walks on snow

DOWN

1

Lord Denethor's less-liked son.

2

Gandalf's trusty steed, known as "The Lord of All Horses"

4

The broken sword that was eventually reforged "Shards of ____"

6

Gollum's nicer alter-ego.

8

The ringbearer who took the One Ring to Mordor

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