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Texas fistfight brings Canadian hockey player to UW-River Falls in time for Year of Canada

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Hockey players at UW-River Falls commonly choose to play for the campus for reasons such as the new \$63.5 million sports facility, recruiting efforts and/or the winning tradition of the women’s hockey team, according to both head coaches. However, for Canadian student Rowan Savidant, his decision to play hockey at UWRF came as the result of a fistfight he had in Odessa, Texas, in 2016. “The puck went to our net; the goalie covered it, and Charlie, being a hard-nose player, went to the net and tried to poke

at the puck,” he said. “I gave Chuck a shove, he gave me a shove, you make eye contact, and you know you have to stand up for your goalie.” Savidant, who has dual citizenship with the U.S. and Canada, spent three years playing hockey full time in Canada’s Junior Hockey League following his senior year of high school. After developing relationships with various hockey players in Canada, an opportunity arose for him to play for half a year in Odessa. When taking the opportunity, Savidant did not realize the aggression he displayed on the ice there is what would lead to a major life decision as well as a new best friend. “We both dropped our gloves, punched each other in the

head a couple times and both of us went tumbling down on the ice,” Savidant said. “For him, he was probably trying to get some energy going for his fans and his teammates.” Despite his belief at the moment that the fistfight was fully necessary, both Savidant and his rival, Charlie Singerhouse, landed themselves in the penalty box, where they decided to strike up a friendly conversation. “We both went to the box, and we were shootin’ the breeze,” Savidant said. “We weren’t really mad at each other, so we were just joking around, and we’ve kept in contact, and now he’s one of my best friends here.” Sometime after the fight, Savidant’s new friend Singerhouse chose to attend UWRF to play on the hockey team, and he convinced Savidant to join him in doing so. With Savidant being the only Canadian player on the UWRF men’s team, he hopes next year’s Year of Canada theme will bring more excitement to the game of hockey for both fans and players.



Photo courtesy of Rowan Savidant
Falcon hockey players Rowan Savidant and Charlie Singerhouse at the Drewiske Memorial Arena in Hudson on April 21.

“I think Americans as a whole are a lot better at skating than Canadians,” Savidant said. “They stress power skating a lot more in the United States. But people as a whole in Canada are a lot more passionate about the game.” Also wanting to see some Canadian-style passion brought to the game at UWRF, Head Hockey Coach Steve Freeman recalls some observations he made during a circle tour around Lake Superior with his wife a few years back. “It’s a religion up there,” he said. “People live and die with their hockey teams up there. The passion people have for the sport and the pride they take in any success the players might have, it’s something that they get really involved with and very excited about.” Women’s Hockey Coach Joe Cranston would also like to see greater excitement, but he primarily hopes the Year of Canada brings more opportunities to face off against Canadian teams. “It would be fun to play a Canadian team,” he said. “This year we played the South Korean Olympic Team here for the Year of South Korea. That was really fun to see the different cultures and have dinner with the team afterwards. This year we have one exhibition game that we still need to fill, so we’re looking to maybe do something like that. That’d be cool.” Regardless of whether the Year of Canada brings Canadian teams for the Falcons to face, it will for sure bring another Canadian member to the women’s team, according to Cranston, who has had only one other Canadian player in his 19 years of coaching at UWRF. Though the team has lacked Canadian players, Cranston expects the Falcon Center will attract more to come in the future. “You get the ‘wow’ factor,” he said. “When you bring a new recruit out here and you walk them around so they can see the Page Arena and the Hunt Arena and the weight room, it’s a big part of it – it’s pretty impressive.” Though Savidant gives full credit to Singerhouse for being the influential factor that convinced him to play for UWRF, he remembers his initial fondness for the sports facilities on campus and says it might have also been a factor in his decision making. “It’s hard not to marvel at how nice the facilities are, both Hunt Arena and the Falcon Center,” Savidant said. “Everything was really first class, so it was a no-brainer to commit here.”

UWRF to feature ‘Year of Canada’ in 2018-2019

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As the 2017-2018 academic year on the University of Wisconsin-River Falls campus comes to an end, so does the Year of South Korea. For those still not quite ready to say goodbye to the Year of South Korea, there is still one last event to enjoy. From May 21 to June 8 there will be a photo exhibition of Jeju Island at the River Falls Public Library. This upcoming school year the UWRF campus will shift its focus from the country of South Korea to our neighbor to the north. For the 2018-2019 school year, the UWRF The ‘Year of’ Strategic Implementation Committee has decided to feature the country of Canada. The selection committee is made up of the Provost, the director of the library, director of student life, director of global connections, a food service representative, chair of student senate and two or more faculty or staff from the University. Donavon Taylor, the department chair and professor of soil science, is also currently the chair of the Implementation Committee. He and his fellow committee members use a specific set of criteria to narrow down which country will be chosen to feature for the ‘Year of’ program on campus. Some of this criteria includes: What resources and what experts do we know or have access to that are from that country, the country’s impact politically and economically in the world and what impact the cultural and further learning about the country can have on students and the community. The International Program Committee, which helps to select the ‘Year of’ country, also uses results from surveys sent to faculty and academic staff of the university to select the year’s country. Countries are selected two years in advance. Unlike South Korea, Canada seems to be so familiar to Americans, and especially to border states like Minnesota and Wisconsin. But how well do we actually know Canada? That was one of the main reasons that the country was selected, ac-

cording to Taylor. “We think they’re just like us, but they’re not. We could raise awareness of their importance to the United States as a trading partner and long-standing ally in many ways. But also the culture can be really quite different,” said Taylor. “There are a lot of significant differences that we, students, faculty and staff may not be aware of that makes this a great educational opportunity.” Some of those differences were brought up by Fulbright

faculty representative on the ‘Year of’ committee and English professor Marshall Toman during his initial proposal for the ‘Year of’ program to focus on Canada. Toman cites the French language, which is a large part of Canadian culture, their different currency (their Canadian Dollar is even made out of plastic) and different customs as reasons why UWRF needed to select Canada.

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Lauren Simenson/Falcon News Service
‘Year of Canada’ Implementation Committee Chair, Donavon Taylor, in his office in the Agricultural Science Building.

News Briefs:

Possible threat reported in Prescott school

By Sara Tischauser/River Falls Journal

A possible school threat in the Prescott School District was reported Friday, April 20 around 5:20 p.m.

According to Prescott Interim Police Chief Rob Funk they received a report that a juvenile had made some type of threat while he was out in the community. Funk said both Prescott police and Pierce County Sheriff’s Office responded and followed up on the threat.

Prescott School District Superintendent Dr. Rick Spicuzza said all possible threats to the school are reported and looked into.

“Recent, legislative actions at the state level require all incidents to be reported to the police regardless if they are valid or invalid statements by a student,” Spicuzza said.

Funk said the school district was notified and worked with the police and sheriff’s department on the matter. He said everyone worked together for the safety of the district.

“A safety plan was put in place,” Funk said. “Parents were notified.”

At this time, Funk said they are finishing the investigation and will finish the report which will be sent to Pierce County Human Services for a possible referral. However, at this time Funk said they believe students and staff are safe to go to school.

“No indication at this point that there was any ability to follow through with the plan,” Funk said about the alleged threat.

Spicuzza agreed that the incident did not pose a threat to students and staff.

“We complete a risk assessment internally and address internal concerns based on information we gather and then receive from law enforcement,” Spicuzza said. “[There] was no direct threat to others or to students on Friday.”

Funk said as always this was a cooperative effort between the Prescott police, PCSO and the school district to keep everyone safe.

UW-River Falls to host seminar on marketing livestock

Experts from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls and the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection will present a seminar focusing on effective ways to market livestock May 18-19 at the UWRF Mann Valley Farm in River Falls.

With a focus on beef and pork, highlights of the seminar include:

- carcass evaluation
- USDA quality and yield grades
- beef quality assurance
- labeling requirements
- loan availability
- effective marketing ideas to reach buyers

Attendees will also travel to Sailer’s Food Market and Meat Processing, Inc. in Elmwood on Friday to obtain an inside look at the operation of five generations of successful meat processing.

The seminar (Friday, May 18, from 5-8 p.m. and Saturday, May 19, from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.) costs \$75 per person and includes supper on Friday and breakfast and lunch on Saturday.

Registration is required before May 10 by going online to pay with a credit card at [marketplace.uwrf.edu](#).

The seminar is made available through UW-River Falls and UW-Extension and Farm Services Agency. Questions may be directed to 715-425-3581.

Pierce Board of supervisors sworn into service

By Sara Tischauser/River Falls Journal

At the April 17 Pierce County Board of Supervisors meeting, the board nominated and appointed a new District 17 supervisor when the supervisor elected April 3 declined the seat.

Arkansaw area resident John Krings, who was elected as the District 17 supervisor in an uncontested race April 3, declined the office to which he was elected because of family health reasons.

Current board supervisors nominated Paul Shingledecker as District 17 supervisor and Board Chair Jeff Holst appointed him to the board. Pierce County Judge Joseph Boles swore in elected board supervisors and the newly appointed Shingledecker.

Shingledecker said when former District 17 Supervisor Mel Pittman said he was not going to run for re-election (he declared his candidacy for the seat currently held by Sen. Kathleen Vinehout in Wisconsin Senate District 31 in September 2017), Pittman talked with him about running for the position. Shingledecker decided not to run when he learned Krings was running for the position. When Krings declined the position Holst called Shingledecker to see if he was interested, and Shingledecker said yes.

Shingledecker previously served on the Salem Town Board for 20 years; he stepped down from that position in 2016. At that time he had heart surgery and decided it was time to let someone else be on the town board. He has also been a mem-

ber of the American Legion for more than 30 years.

“Twenty years on a board is plenty,” Shingledecker said. “Should let someone else get on.”

The board discussed if Shingledecker’s appointment would be for the entire two-year term or if the board wanted to have a special election for the position.

Pierce County Clerk Jamie Feuerhelm said a special election would cost \$3,000-\$4,000. Holst said it’s been difficult getting candidates from District 17 in the past and he believes Shingledecker is a fully qualified candidate and should be appointed the full two-year term. The board voted and approved Shingledecker’s appointment for the full two-year term.

Being new on the board, Shingledecker said there will be a learning curve and to start he will be on the UW-Extension, Veterans and Land Conservation committees.

“It’s going to take awhile to get my bearings on county board,” Shingledecker said.

The board elected Holst to serve as chairman of the board of supervisors; Jon Aubart was elected first vice-chairman and Jerry Kosin second vice-chairman.

The board also nominated, appointed and/or approved board members to serve on committees. A list of committees and their members can be found at [www.co.pierce.wi.us/index.php](#).

New Pierce County Public Health Director Ayslinn Snyder started on April 16 and was introduced at the board meeting. Snyder said she was “very happy to be here and meet all of you.”

The board approved commendations for former board members Ben Plunkett (District 5, River Falls), Ken Snow (District 9, Spring Valley), Paul Fetzer (District 10, Elmwood) and Mel Pittman (District 17, Plum City) for their public service to Pierce County. Plunkett, Pittman and Fetzer chose not to seek re-election, while Paula Lugar defeated Snow in that district.

The board approved rezoning 8 acres at Lindgren School near Ellsworth from general rural flexible to commercial. Hager City Glass wants to relocate their business to the Lindgren School site.

UWRF students honored by Wisconsin ASABE

Two UW-River Falls students were honored by the Wisconsin chapter of the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers at their March 28 meeting in Oshkosh.

Sophomore Virginia Lee of Mequon received the Agricultural Engineering Student of the Year award. The agricultural engineering program is one of the newest programs at UW-River Falls. Lee was among the first students accepted into the program in 2016 and is the first UW-River Falls student to receive this award. Lee’s career path was sparked by a high school service trip to Ecuador. She wants to use her agricultural engineering degree to help reduce poverty by removing deficiencies and inefficiencies in getting food, water and other critical resources to communities.

Lee is taking advantage of the many opportunities offered on campus. She is employed in the Dairy Pilot Plant on campus and is a member of the Dairy Club, the Newman Club, and the Falcon Pulling Team, which is designing and fabricating a quarter-scale tractor for the ASABE intercollegiate competition in June. During her spring break in 2017 she participated in a Habitat for Humanity project in Jefferson City, Mo. Despite being engaged in activities outside of classes, Lee still excels academically. She is a Falcon Scholar, enrolled in the honors program on campus and has made the Dean’s List each semester. Lee will be interning this summer as a dairy process engineer with GEA North America.

“I feel so honored to receive this award,” said Lee. “While the spotlight has been placed on me, I represent a group of hardworking, intelligent students in the inaugural agricultural engineering class at UWRF, who constantly push me to do my best. It was also very fitting that I received the award during Holy Week, as my faith is a huge part of what gets me through the hardest school weeks.”

Jon Kusz, a senior from Stillwater, Minnesota, was the recipient of the Agricultural Engineering Technology Student of the Year award. Kusz is the president of the Falcon Pulling Team, overseeing 20 active members as they prepare for the June competition. He has also been involved in volleyball intramurals, served as president of his Residence Hall Council, and vice-president of the Agricultural Industries Club, which organizes various career development field trips and a pond clean up in the local community. Much like Lee, Kusz has been impacted by an international experience as he participated in a study abroad program during his sophomore year.

“Visiting sites such as Auschwitz changed my perspective. The way I view a typical American problem like losing my cellphone has changed,” said Kusz. “I also learned that the world views American culture very differently and that will help me as I enter the industry.”

Kusz is currently job hunting, hoping to secure a position as a manufacturing engineer. In the future he hopes to start a company with a focus on increasing sustainability and helping ensure that fresh water and secure food sources are available to everyone.

UWRF Campus Events Calendar:

- **St. Croix Valley Symphony Orchestra Concert**
Monday, April 30 7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Kleinpell Fine Arts
 - **BFA Thesis Art Exhibition**
Tuesday, May 1 3 p.m.-8 p.m.
Kleinpell Fine Arts
 - **De-Stress Fest**
Wednesday, May 2 11 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
University Center
- **Spring Band Concert: Czech Music Celebration**
Thursday, May 3 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Kleinpell Fine Arts - Abbot Concert Hall
 - **Finals Fest**
Friday, May 4 5 p.m.-10:30 p.m.
University Mall
- Visit [uwrf.edu](#) for a full schedule of events**

Student Senate Update: Apr. 24

The exemplary teaching awards were handed out. Professors Abiola Abodunde, Keith Nabb, Karalyn Littlefield and David Bonko were the recipients.

Robert Bode, Director of Financial Aid, was a guest speaker. Topics covered included:

- Financial aid payments will now be implemented one week before the start of the semester.
- For summer semester students, Pell grants will be given in the same amount as fall and spring semesters.
- The Perkins Loan eligibility has expired, resulting in a \$1.200,000 drop in subsidized loans.
- The Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy now offers a more lenient credit completion rate for new students. For those with less than 36 credits, a 50% completion rate is required, compared to the standard 67%.
- A warning semester will be added for students who fall below the standards for the Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy.
- A new appeal process will be implemented, which no longer requires advisor endorsement. GPA standards have also been adjusted to improve retention
- President Wendt asked if a notification will be sent to current students regarding the changes. Bode confirmed that a campus-wide email will be sent.

Marketing and Outreach Director Gridley reported about upcoming events this week, including a sexual assault awareness event hosted by Theta Chi, and denim day.

Vice President Kildahl announced that she is still waiting for a response from Mark Klapatch regarding Green Fund.

President Wendt says she is tying up loose ends and training in the new administration.

Adviser Heinselman says he has never seen such high voter turnout in his 13 years at UWRF. Over 700 votes were submitted.

An amendment to the Financial Committee bylaws was introduced to give an option for debt relief for student orgs.

Senate discussed how student orgs will have debt relieved but will have an oversight period to ensure they do not fall back into debt.

Gabe Stanko says it is rare for student orgs to fall into debt (1-2 per semester). Heinselman explains it is usually only \$50-100 of debt.

A motion to strike introductory status was introduced. Introductory status was struck.

Take Back the Night was scheduled for 6-9pm on Thursday night. Members of Senate were asked not to take photos during vigil out of respect.

Heinselman said that President Wendt is being honored at the Chancellor student awards Thursday night.

President Wendt thanked all those involved in student government for all their hard work this year.

The information in this update comes from the minutes posted to the Student Government Association FalconSync 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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Relationship between U.S. and Canada will be explored next year through ‘Year of Canada’

Chris Gregg
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As students work to finish semester-end projects and tests at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, the Year of South Korea celebration is also coming to a close. UWRF began the “Year of” program in 2013 under the direction of the International Program Committee. The program helps connect students, staff and faculty with cultures they might not be familiar with by highlighting one each academic year.

The university will celebrate the Year of Canada during the 2018-19 academic year. The northern-most country bordering the United States has many influences that can be seen in health care, trade, agriculture products and presidential visits.

The Commonwealth Fund, a private organization that promotes equal access to affordable health care in the U.S., released a ranking of 11 countries’ healthcare systems in 2014. The United States ranked last. This was attributed to the expensive out-of-pocket costs that the American health care system requires. The Canadian health care system is available to everyone, for free. The system covers everything except glasses, prescription drugs and dental care.

The study shows that if the U.S. adopted the Canadian health care system, 5,400 fewer babies would die during the infancy stage. The study also shows that 57 million adults would stop

going without health care because of the cost. This would ultimately cost the U.S. approximately \$1.3 trillion less annually.

However, the study also found that Canadians had to wait an average of six or more days to see a doctor. Wait times in emergency rooms was also increased. Canadians spend an average of eight hours in the waiting room, whereas Americans spend four.

While health care might be a future endeavor, trade with Canada is one area that currently benefits the United States. Canada purchases approximately 15 percent of all exports from the United States. However, the United States purchases 60 percent of the exports from Canada. This provides \$337 billion in annual revenue to Canada.

The United States Trade Representative, an office of the presidency, said that trade between the U.S. and Canada totaled \$637 billion in 2017. Broken down, the U.S. exported \$341 billion to Canada and purchased \$332 billion in Canadian goods.

Earlier this year, President Trump said that the U.S. has a large trade deficit with Canada. However, the statistics from the U.S. Trade Representative said otherwise. The U.S. reported a \$8 billion trade surplus in 2017. Trump called out Canada regarding the alleged trade deficit numerous times in the last two months on Twitter.

While the Midwest U.S. might call itself the “Bread Bowl

of the United States,” Canada may give them a run for their money. Canada has a productive agriculture industry that contributes over \$110 billion annually to the economy. This is higher than half of the world’s countries.

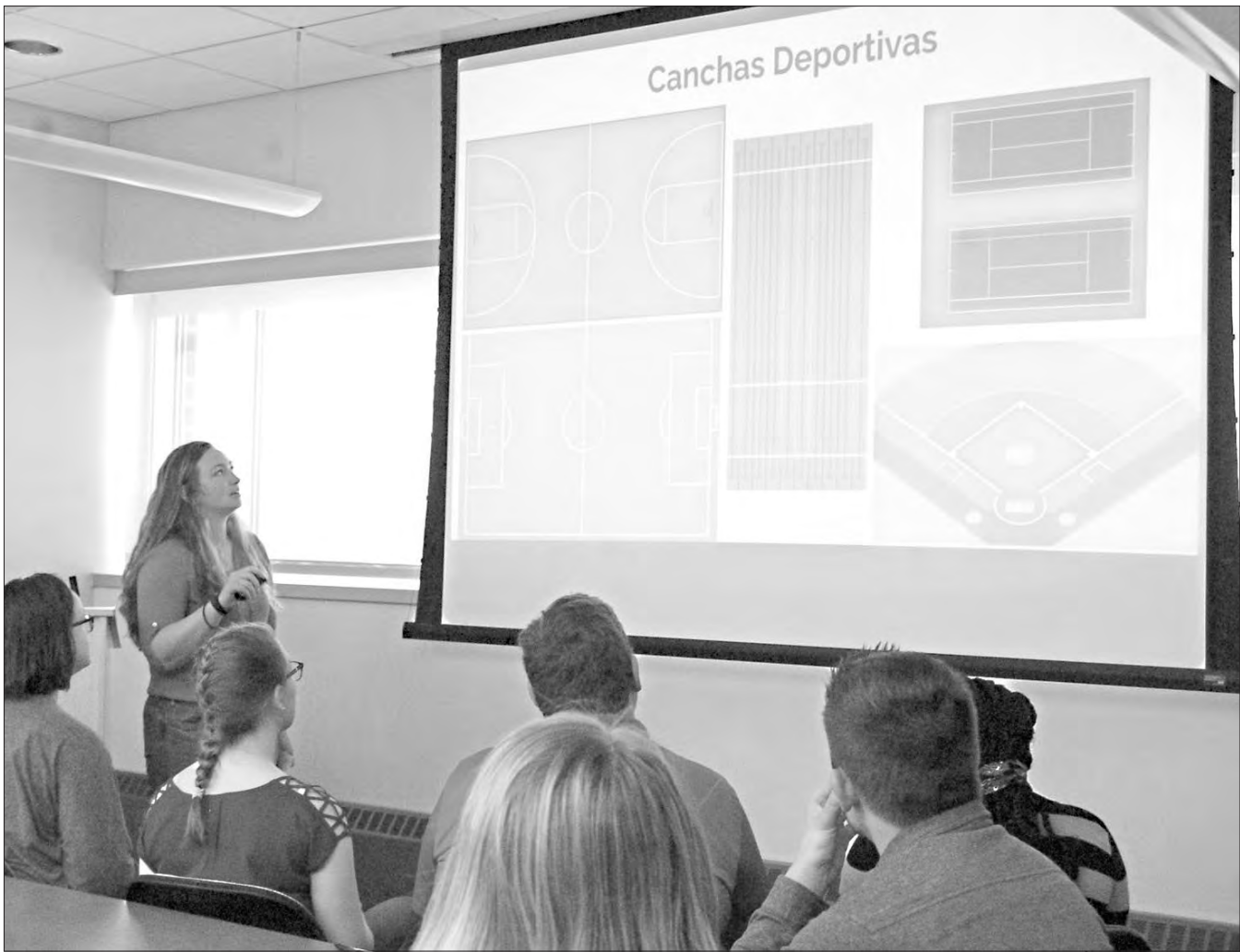
Each region of Canada is actively seeking innovative ways to expand the agriculture industry. For example, on the Atlantic coast, the country is working to produce short-season soybean crops. This would add approximately \$100 million annually.

Additionally, in Quebec a team of researchers is developing a protective shell for probiotics to be packaged in. This shell will allow the probiotic to survive the highly acidic human digestive process to deliver full benefits of the pill to the user.

The relationship between the U.S. and Canada is important, especially with the longest unprotected border in the world. This might explain why every president since Ronald Reagan made his first or second trip out of the country to Canada. This tradition was broken by Trump. He was the first president in 40 years not to visit Canada within his first year as commander in chief.

Events for the Year of Canada at UW-River Falls are expected to be announced later this year. Past events have included artist visits and installations, music festivals, education abroad fairs and lectures by respected professors.

UW-River Falls Spanish 102 students present “Community of Architects” orphanage project for final project



Spanish 102 students present their “Community of Architects” final project at the University Center on Wednesday, April 25. The students worked in groups to create, in their target language, an orphanage in a selected Spanish-speaking area of the world.



In the “Community of Architects” project, the Spanish 102 students used topography, natural resources and statistics to help design their orphanages. They then presented to the other members of their mock architecture firm, using visual media to support their overall design.

UWRF will host ‘Year of Canada’ in 2018-2019

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Canada is still vastly unknown to Americans and as Canada is one of our biggest trading partners. Toman said we owe it to know more about the country, particularly since UWRF has featured past big United States trading partners in the ‘Year of’ program before.

“How rude is it for people like us to not know enough about our neighbor? I grew up in Minnesota, but even if you grew up in Kansas, [Canada] is your country’s neighbor,” said Toman. “So part of the Year of Canada is to be a better neighbor. One thing you do is to invite them in and introduce yourself; lets do that with Canada.”

The types of programming and events that will take place during the upcoming ‘Year of Canada’ will depend on the faculty, staff, and students on campus. The Implementation Committee does not set up or create events, but instead helps to fund and promote those proposed activities.

Toman, as the Fulbright scholar representative at UWRF, has the goal of utilizing his Fulbright resources to get two Fulbright scholars a semester to speak on four different fields of study on campus. These Fulbright scholars would be able to expose faculty, staff, students and the community with an array of Canadian experts in forestry, fisheries, art, drama, agriculture or business.

No events have been proposed yet, but Taylor said that he expects at least the music department to add aspects of Canada into the music curriculum. Food services may also feature Canadian food in the dining hall and to be made available for catering on campus.

Sue Boettcher, Director of Dining Services, said that no menus featuring Canadian food have been developed as of yet.

Chair of the Implementation Committee Donavon Taylor is looking forward to the ‘Year of Canada’ program, which he hopes will engage UWRF faculty, staff, students and the River Falls community.

“We hope that this allows for more students to actually visit this country,” Taylor said. “Or that maybe the ‘Year of Canada’ makes them want to visit.”

The University of Wisconsin-River Falls prioritizes international education and sends the second-largest percentage of students to study abroad in the entire UW system. At UWRF, a core value of the university is global engagement. Toman said he would like UWRF students and international program directors to start seeing Canada as a foreign country, just like going off to Spain or China. This may allow them to start sending students to Canada to study.

Toman pointed out that, “You get a whole new perspective on the world when you start seeing just a little bit from the perspective of people from another country.”



EDITORIAL

Student Voice seeks involvement, support in move to online format

The world of news media, as a whole, has been faced with some interesting challenges in recent years. The model for journalism has changed with the coming of the internet, for starters; it’s more difficult to get subscribers and advertisers to pay, the twenty-four-hour news cycle has changed the pace at which news is disseminated and journalists have to work twice as hard to ensure that they are heard amidst the online rabble that competes for audience’s attention.

Newsrooms around the country have been shrinking as a result of these changes. More is demanded of them – journalists have to be reporters, editors, photographers, social media experts and graphic designers – even as funding is shrinking and fewer people are hired to do these jobs.

UW-River Falls campus media, sadly, is no exception. Participation in clubs like Prologue and the WRFW radio station has been on the decline; people in leadership positions often graduate without replacement, leaving their responsibilities to inexperienced freshmen who are then burdened with keeping the club afloat.

The Student Voice is going through a particularly rough transition. This year, there’s eight members on staff, and most of them are doing triple-duty as editors, photographers and reporters. The work is also completely volunteer-based, as very few advertisers still want to invest in printed ads.

The majority of our staff will be leaving next year, including the editor and assistant editor. This has led us to the decision to move to an online format in the hopes that going digital-only will encourage better reporting and increased readership. Most audiences have transitioned to reading their news online, and the Student Voice already has an established webpage at uwrfvoice.com that can be updated to meet the needs of readers.

We think this paper is important to keep alive for the same reason major news outlets are important. We keep an eye on student government and university administration, which is the main goal of any news outlet. Being this “watchdog” ensures that people in power cannot make decisions behind closed doors, and allows audiences to potentially step in when they see something they don’t like. We also inform students of events and issues that are ongoing across the university.

We would like to take this time to encourage our readers to get involved with the Student Voice. For those who are journalism or communications majors, working at the paper is an opportunity that should not be wasted. Having this experience on your resume is a massive point in your favor when trying to forge a communications career, and this valuable job experience won’t be around in the future if students allow it to die off. Being a journalism major isn’t a requirement, either; having a diverse group of majors and opinions on staff will only enhance the quality of the paper.

There are no other news sources that cover the campus like we do, but we can’t keep doing our job without people. We hope you continue on this journey with us as we move to an online format after over 100 years in print, and we encourage you to be involved in the transition.

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Notes on travel: why it’s worth the cost and the discomfort

Sophia Koch

Columnist

After graduation this year, I’ll be heading out on what I’m calling the “trans-continental shuttle-run.” Basically, what I intend to do is load myself and my brother into a car, drive to the west coast, drive back, and then drop off my brother and drive to the east coast for an internship.

The trip to the west coast is kind of a dumb move on many fronts. It’s going to be expensive (I sent in my car to the mechanic to make sure it’s not going to blow up, and the bill is going to be \$900 before we even hit the road). I have to squeeze the trip in before I have to make it to the other coast, and I’m doing this with my younger brother (we’ll either end up best buds or one of us will kill the other before the end of the trip). Why, then, am I doing this?

Because travel is often worth it. In recent years, the value of travel has become heavily popularized in the millennial generation. It’s probably summed up best by those sleeveless shirts you see all over the place that usually feature arrows and some variation of the term “wanderlust.”

I’m in favor of this movement. Travel is an important part of figuring out who you are, especially in your twenties when you’re transitioning between high-schooler and adult. It’s an important time to be pushing the limits of what you know, trying out new ways of living and meeting new people. Travel offers you an opportunity to do all that and to possibly find something better that you’d like to pursue.

Or not. You might go out into the world for a bit and discover that you hate traveling, miss the environment back home or just feel unbearably lonely and cut off from the people important to you. That’s an equally important thing to figure out, and it does not mean that you are in any way inferior to the people who enjoy a more nomadic life. It just means that your priorities are elsewhere.

Danger and harassment might wait around any corner for women

Lauren A. Simenson

Columnist

The low heels of my silver flats clacked along the cold sidewalk as my friend’s navy jacket rustled with every hurried step we took in unison. The orange street lights over our heads created long and stark shadows as we quickly walked past people standing, half-hidden, smoking glowing cigarettes in the alcoves of bars and restaurants along the sidewalk. We walked with purpose, avoiding eye contact with strangers and barely acknowledging the “have a good night ladies” that was tossed in our direction. I moved my purse, containing both of our wallets, from my outside arm to my shoulder that was closest to my friend. We did not speak to each other, but instinctively moved closer to one another, rustling sleeve to rustling sleeve.

A loud noise started up behind us. Quickly, we turned a corner, falling out of step. A man consistently clicking his tongue was walking after us. We walked faster. As soon as it was possible we crossed the road, putting a lane of traffic between us and the man who continued to make the incessant sound. My friend gestured to her right hand where her keys, shining silver from the light of the street lamps, were sticking out from between her knuckles

Back in the car, with doors locked, we pulled out of our spot almost immediately. As we drove away, my friend showed me the number 911 dialed and ready to call on her phone. I could not fault her for either of her safety measures. I could just shake my head that the simple act of walking to her car at the end of the night had to elicit such reactions.

I wish I could say that this feeling of imminent dread and creeping fear that we experienced last weekend when we were simply walking down a sidewalk to our car is a new sensation. Its not. When you are conditioned to fear and expect the worst every time you walk in public as a woman, especially late at night, being that prepared is routine.

Nearly everywhere I go, especially when it is dark out, I get that familiar sense of anxiety and acute awareness of the

There are some ways to travel that I think are more valuable than others. I personally dislike cruises. This is not to say that they are bad – I’m sure plenty of people enjoy them a lot and feel relaxed and fulfilled after having been on one. As a means for personal growth, though, I don’t think they’re that valuable. You’re basically getting the same experience you’d find at a fancy resort, and they’re designed to make you feel comfortable, not pose some sort of challenge.

A constructive traveling experience is one that really pushes you to think differently. The extreme opposite of a cruise would be one where you get the sudden urge to travel, throw a sleeping bag in a car and head out into the wild world. Though I wouldn’t exactly advise this (it’s nice to find a balance that keeps you comfortable enough to enjoy the travel), this tactic would force you to learn everything on the fly. You’d have to navigate to where you want to go, figure out where to sleep, figure out how to eat, etc. If you’re determined enough to keep going, you’ll end up a more resourceful person.

You might, in your travels, also run into people and environments that differ very much from your own. You’ll have to figure out how to be polite in an alien culture (or not bother and risk being kicked out of town). You might have to contend with different environmental challenges (fun and interesting parasites like the Amazonian candiru, for example). You might also find something – a town, a clothing style, a job or a person – that you like so much that you want to make it a permanent part of your life.

Travel, as cliché as it is, is an opportunity to find yourself. If you do it right, you might end up a little smarter, a little more resourceful or you might just figure out where your priorities in life are. It will probably be expensive, time-consuming and a bit uncomfortable, but it’s very much worth it.

Also – if you’re brave, I dare you to look up the Amazonian candiru.

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people around me. That horrible dawning feeling of dread that creeps over me when I am out in the world is not unique to my experiences, however. This is a pretty universal feeling felt by all women.

I want to clarify that as a slightly taller-than-average woman who appears straight, who is white and as someone who predominately spends her time in the Midwest, my experiences with street intimidation and harassment are much different than the experiences of women of color, women who appear to be on the LGBTQ spectrum or of women who live in more dangerous parts of the world. Even with those qualifiers, it can be a debilitating experience to be out in public alone, which can cause me to restrict and limit where I go and what I do.

I loathe being the victim of sometimes deliberate or seemingly insignificant acts of intimidation and harassment. I hate that if only I were walking with a man I would not feel so exposed or be such a target. But it is the reality that women in public must face over and over again. I despise that I have to be well versed in the coping mechanisms of these familiar situations by walking very fast and purposefully through crowds or empty streets, by not speaking or looking too long at people and by drawing as little attention to myself as possible. I never have my phone out, I do not wear earbuds in my ears, I arrange the strap of my bag horizontally across my chest to make it more difficult to grab off of me, and I know to cross the street when I see large groups of guys coming my way. This constant threat of the many ‘what ifs’ can be unbearable.

This past weekend’s experience reminds me so forcefully about the everyday #MeToo moments all women have. That the threat of sexual assault or harassment is present at nearly every corner of life. Every woman faces street harassment and intimidation, and we should not have to feel like at any moment comes the possibility of attack or unwanted attention just because we need to get from point A to point B.

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Horoscopes by Beth: It’s hot and my brain is showing signs of melting

Bethany Lovejoy

Columnist

Aries
What a week. You’ve been wondering where your horoscope has been, on and off for the past month, and this week, most of all, you needed it. Don’t worry, young Aries (or professor); I heard you call and here I stand.

This week you’re going to jump off of so many things. None of them will be high and no one will be impressed. You’re going to jump off stairs, benches and that tiny bridge outside of south forks suites that keeps peoples’ feet from getting wet.

And you’re going to jump into a head start on those finals

projects. You know the ones, the eight or so papers and various dioramas that you have put off for about roughly... three months? It’s time, my little jumping fool. *Taurus* You’re going to buy things you don’t need from an online store. They’re going to seem like great ideas at the moments, but lo’ that Amazon box doth cometh and reality doth knock with it. What’s inside? Disappointment and a wasted twenty dollars. It’s okay Taurus, we’ve all been there. *Gemini* Light showers are expected on Tuesday with a 60 percent chance of precipitation. You’re the only sign that knows this and I’ll tell you why – you need, like, a fun fact or something to make new friends. I mean, your old friends are cool and everything, but their warranty is running out and they’re getting dusty.

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Cancer
You don’t realize how much other people love you. Sometimes you fear that others do not like you or are faking their reactions – worry about this less. You are a thoroughly enjoyed person and there are many people who would take several buses for you ... if like you were in their way on the sidewalk and the bus was totally coming for you.
Drink some water Cancer, take some time for yourself and just really appreciate who you are.

Leo
You’re going to have an existential crisis where you wonder what it is you are doing with your life and whether school was a good idea.
That really sucks bro. To be honest, in those situations I just watch “Sailor Moon” or “Bob’s Burgers.” But Saturn is in the giving mood, so spaghetti rings are the key to your inner peace.

Virgo
You’re that one guy in a dorm who no one really has a set opinion on but everyone recognizes. Just like one of the many men with mullets on this campus, you are identifiable by very few traits but are super well-known. This is probably because of the moon – the moon is a shady place.

How do you plan to change this, my man? Probably through karaoke night. Everyone’s heads are gonna be turning when you walk up there with your rendition of, “I love playing with fire” (The Runaways, circa 1977).

Libra
Your lucky number this week is three.

Scorpio
You’re going to lose a water bottle this week, and that’s going to suck. Mainly because you don’t want to do the dishes, but none of the other water bottles are clean so now you can either be perpetually thirsty or do something productive. I mean, it’s a big mood but maybe you should slip out of it.

Sagittarius
You just wake up this week and at one point you’re going to realize that Jack Black is alive. He’s beautiful, gorgeous, funny, handsome, kind, hot, smart, rugged and husky. Man, Jack Black looks like he smells of bark and generic cologne. This is gonna sound super comforting to you this week.
Like, dang, Jack Black; what a gift.

Capricorn
It’s a bad hair week. We’ve all been there, but maybe stop thinking to yourself that you’re going to cut it all off. The second you chop it off, your head’s gonna feel super light. However, you’re going to wonder if this is what you really wanted or just a major freak out.

Also maybe stop eating raw pasta and junk? Just a side note: It makes your planet chart all weird and though the crunch is good, is it worth messing with the stars?

Aquarius
Wow, you’re having a good week. Apparently, sweaters weren’t your thing and, you know, tank tops make you look super good. Congrats, you’re in the minority. You’re going to attract some awesome tank friends, who are like other friends who only wear tanks and play an awful lot of frisbee. Get good, bruh.


Pisces
It’s summer and you’re ready to get your tan on. After you apply your fifth coat of sunscreen to lay on the school lawn, your skin is going to be feeling pretty slick. This is good because you have to do some hardcore exfoliation before you can put a coat of the gentle skin spray tanner on.

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BUILDING voices


Compiled by Yasmine Ruetz

If you could talk, what would you say?




South Hall

“You’ll probably never have a class here, but if you do it will be in a humid basement.”




University Center

“I have 90 events that no one goes to.”



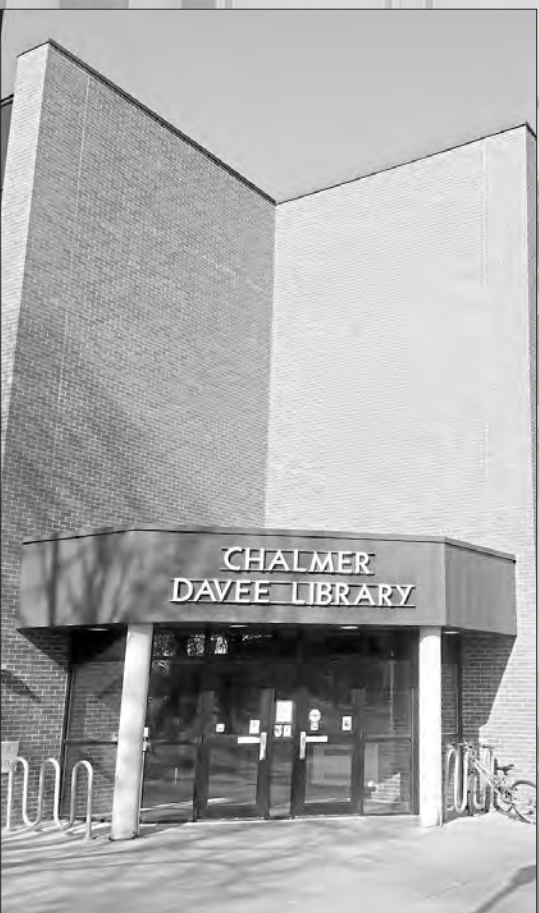
Ag Sci

“Home of the dairy processing class that everyone talks about, but you’ll never take.”




North Hall

“Pollinators are an important part of my ecosystem.”



Chalmer Davee Library

“Not textbook services.”



KFA

“Art is my life.”

Falcons softball splits long-awaited weekend series against Whitewater and Platteville

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The UW-River Falls softball team was finally able to get back on the field this past weekend, splitting two series against UW-Whitewater and UW-Platteville to open up WIAC play.

Weather has thrown the Falcons softball season into disarray, but the team was finally able to play their first two series of WIAC action in Platteville.

“It’s good to be back on dirt and play on a real field,” Head Coach Amber Dohlman said. “Driving to Platteville wasn’t our favorite thing to do, but we had to break it up a little bit to try not to play 14 games in a week.”

The Falcons were originally slated to host UW-Whitewater in River Falls, but multiple rescheduled dates led to the team playing the Warhawks in Platteville on Saturday before facing the Pioneers on Sunday.

UW-Whitewater had already played eight conference games before the Falcons, sitting at 8-0 in WIAC play. Dohlman said there’s always an adjustment to actually playing outside and getting proper spacing again.

“It takes some time for them to get going, but once they get things figured out they get settled in, they can go to town,” Dohlman said.

The Falcons got off to a slow start in game one but bounced back by scoring runs in the third and fifth innings to take a 4-3 lead. Molly Kasper and Maddie Studnicka each drove in two runs after UWRF was trailing 4-0.

“In the game against Whitewater, they come out ready to battle and were gritty,” Dohlman said. “There’s a lot of excitement at the end (after the win) and strong momentum, but then we have this 20-minute break. Holding that momentum into game two is the thing we struggled with.”

Game two was a different story, as the Warhawks put up six runs in the first two innings to pave the way towards a 10-2 victory. The Falcons only managed six hits in the game while committing a costly four errors.

Senior Amber Galloway had never been on a team that had beaten Whitewater, and said it was incredible to show they can beat any team in the WIAC on any given day. However, she said they need to avoid splitting series so often.

“We get too relaxed (after game one), and we have to find that fight to win both,” Galloway said.

The team came out slowly the next day against Platteville, but unlike against UW-Whitewater, there was no comeback in game one. The Pioneers scored 10 runs on 18 hits, while the Falcons only managed seven hits and two runs. The 10-2 loss was only pitcher Hannah Stegeman’s third loss of the season

(7-3).

Galloway said it was obvious right away on Sunday that they would have a difficult time in game one.

“Definitely you can tell from our warm up,” Galloway said. “Right then and there I could see we weren’t there to play.”

Unlike the last three splits in which the Falcons won game one, UWRF responded well in a hard-fought game two. UWRF only managed three hits but scored crucial runs in the fifth and sixth innings to prevail 2-1. The biggest moment came in the fifth when Shannan Borchardt got on base with a single before Galloway brought her all the way home with an RBI double to tie the game at 1-1.

“When Shannan gets on, it’s more of a fire in me to hit her home,” Galloway said. “I knew I was going to get a hit and it didn’t matter what. She did a great job scoring from first and reading it really well.”

The 2-1 victory was also the Falcons fourth-straight win that came by only a single run.

“Against Platteville we came out flat and had an error in the first inning, and it spiraled from there,” Dohlman said. “We came back in game two and had our backs against the wall. They’re fighters and they’re scrappy; putting themselves in pressure situations and proving themselves is what they’re really good at.”

Dohlman said the team especially struggled with working against Platteville’s changeup, which will lead to some teachable moments about pitching. The Falcons struggled with hitting for one of the first times this season, which has mainly been their strong suit in close games.

“Coach Dohlman told us to step in the box like we own it and take our hacks,” Galloway said. “We worked the pitcher instead or her working us in game two, and Payton (Speckel) pitched a really great game.”

Wins against strong teams like Whitewater or bouncing back for wins like Platteville are what Galloway said are the



Kathy Helgeson/University Communications
Amber Galloway (17) and Ali Krohn celebrate in the outfield in a game against UW-Stout last season. The Falcons are 18-10 this season.

most memorable events from a season. However, they still need to become more consistent by coming to play every game.

“It’s about adjusting during the game and not between the games – that’s something that our coach preaches a lot,” Galloway said.

The team may have only gone 2-2 over the weekend, but the win over Whitewater is “huge regionally and in conference,” Dohlman said. She said that the momentum from that win will be important going forward, because they now begin playing WIAC teams that were swept by the Warhawks. The top five teams from the eight-member WIAC make the post-season tournament, and there is still a lot to be decided.

“We have to go out and get some sweeps into our win column,” Dohlman said. “We have to set ourselves up and hope some teams have their toughest competition ahead of them, because now we’re playing the middle of the pack.”

The Falcons will host their only three home doubleheaders this week with games against UW-La Crosse on Saturday, UW-Stevens Point on Sunday and UW-Eau Claire on Tuesday. First pitch for all three doubleheaders will be at 2 p.m.



Kathy Helgeson/ University Communications
Amber Galloway (left) stretches out to catch a UW-Stout baserunner last season. The Falcons will host their first home games of the season in a doubleheader against UW-La Crosse on Saturday.

Sports Schedule

April 28 softball vs UW-La Crosse (doubleheader), 2 p.m.

April 28 women’s golf at Falcon Spring Invite

April 28 men’s track and field at St. Mary’s University

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April 29 women’s tennis vs Hamline University, 1 p.m.

April 29 softball vs UW-Stevens Point (doubleheader), 2 p.m.

May 1 softball vs UW-Eau Claire (doubleheader), 2 p.m.

Home games in **BOLD**

Sports Recap

Track and Field

The men’s and women’s track and field teams both competed at UW-La Crosse last week in only their third meet of the outdoor season. Standout performers for the men included Senior Justin Barnes finishing second in the javelin with a throw of 154 feet, 5 inches on his final attempt and junior Kyle Dorosz finishing sixth in the 200-meter dash with a time of 22.46 seconds. The men’s team finished in 13th place with 14 points. On the women’s side, Linsey Tolkkinen finished fourth in the 10,000-meter run, and Nikki Jurik and Emily Klatt finished third and fifth in the 3,000-meter steeplechase. The women finished in 9th place with 19 points. Both teams will travel to St. Mary’s University this weekend before hosting the WIAC Championships at Ramer Field on May 4-5.

Softball

The Falcons lost both games in a series at UW-Stout on Tuesday night. The Blue Devils used a four-run third inning to separate themselves from the Falcons, who only managed five hits on the afternoon. Freshman Jordan Sebelko drove in Junior Kai Dorn with an RBI single in the sixth inning to give UW-River Falls their only run in their 5-1 loss in game one. Maddie Studnicka kept the Falcons in the game once she replaced Hannah Stegeman, not giving up any hits in the last 3 and 2/3 innings of game one. Game two saw the Falcons strike first as Lexi Dupee and Rachel Renz scored runs in the second inning to go up 2-0. However, UW-Stout used seven hits and three walks in the second and third innings to go up 8-2 on the Falcons before winning 9-3. Studnicka pitched three innings in relief of starter Payton Speckel in game two, giving up only one run in three innings. UWRF is now 3-5 in conference and 18-10 overall after a split with Oshkosh on Wednesday.



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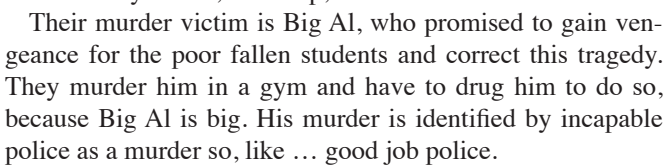
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Reviewer

This makes the girls sad, but they make a video for “likes” regardless. Because of said video, we meet Jordan, their guy who edits the videos and stuff. It makes sense that Jordan does this because this 18-year-old high school student looks like a



It gets 4/5 stars. It didn't have the make outs my heart desired, but it had the murders I needed to make it through the week.

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ACROSS

- 3 Russian dog who was the first animal to go into orbit.
- 6 How many planets are in our solar system? (Pluto doesn't count anymore)
- 7 Yuri _____. First person in space.
- 9 Proxima _____. The closest star to our sun.
- 10 ____ Musk. CEO of SpaceX.

DOWN

- 1 Probes (1 and 2) sent to Mars in the 1970s.
- 2 Nicolaus _____. Proposed the idea of a sun-centered solar system.
- 4 Stephen _____. Famous physicist who died just this year.
- 5 Smallest, densest stars we know of.
- 8 In the game Red Alert 3, it's the place Tim Curry's character is going that capitalism hasn't corrupted.

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