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## Phillips honors canceled concert

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The Phillip Phillips' performance at UW-River Falls, which was originally scheduled for Finals Fest 2013, has been rescheduled to Friday, Nov. 15.

The event will begin with an opening act by the band DUGAS at 8 p.m., followed by Phillips at 9 p.m., in the Knowles Center. The event is non-ticketed and open to the public.

Phillips was unable to perform during Finals Fest last May due to health issues. These health issues caused him to cancel his entire Wisconsin tour. When notified that Phillips was unable to perform on the set concert date last May, Featured Events Coordinator Karyn

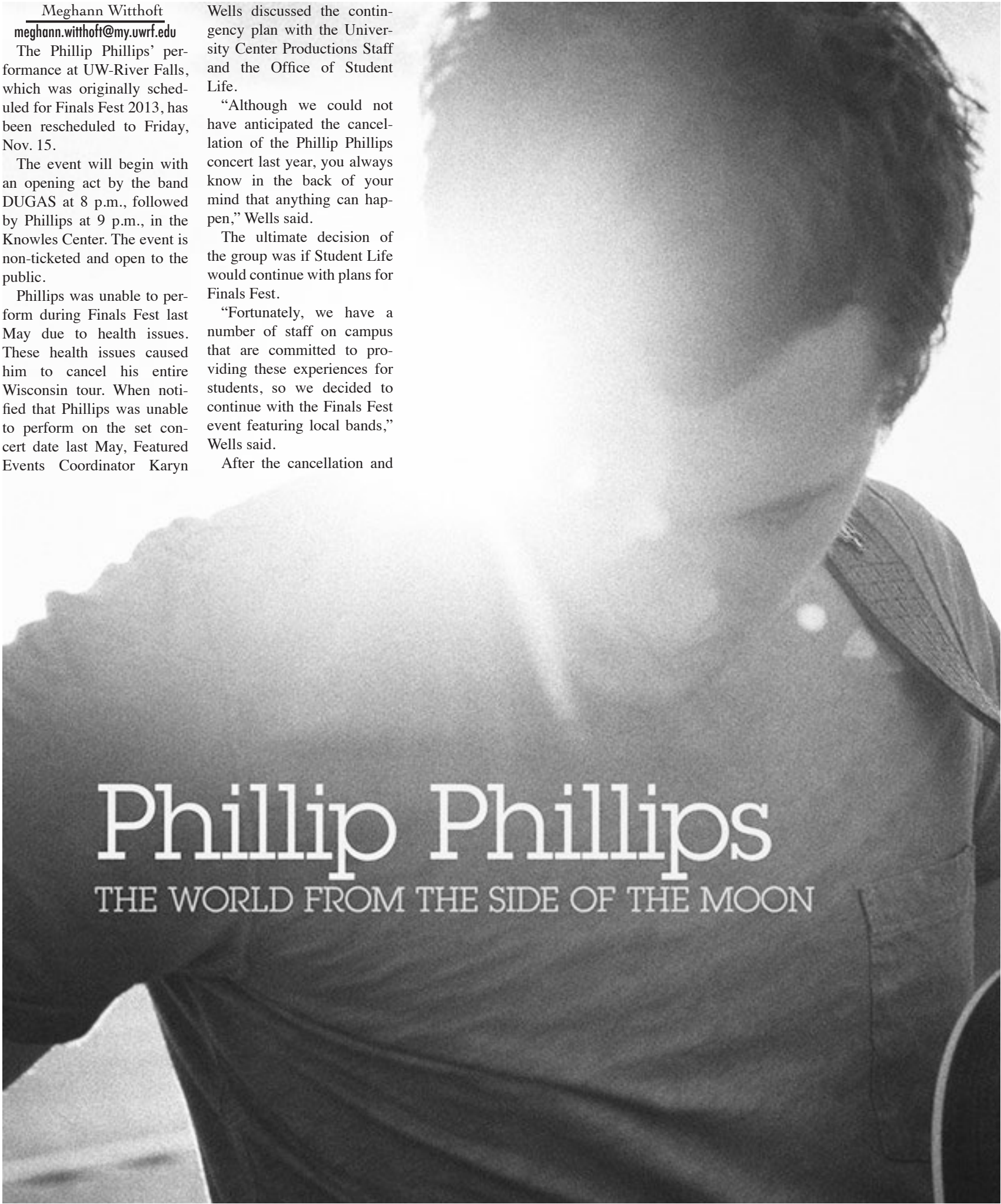
Wells discussed the contingency plan with the University Center Productions Staff and the Office of Student Life.

"Although we could not have anticipated the cancellation of the Phillip Phillips concert last year, you always know in the back of your mind that anything can happen," Wells said.

The ultimate decision of the group was if Student Life would continue with plans for Finals Fest.

"Fortunately, we have a number of staff on campus that are committed to providing these experiences for students, so we decided to continue with the Finals Fest event featuring local bands," Wells said.

After the cancellation and



the contingency plans were set in motion, the thought of rescheduling the performance was addressed. With Phillips' health issues, the Office of Student Life was unsure if rescheduling the concert was a possibility. The "American Idol" season 11 winner is currently on tour with John Mayer, which initially affected his availability to reschedule the cancelled concert.

The Nov. 15, date for the concert worked well with the on-campus event calendar, according to Director of Student Life Paul Shepherd. However, he said the optimal time for Phillips to appear would have been Week of Welcome (WOW), but with Phillips tour schedule that was not possible.

"Anytime you schedule these sorts of events, you have to be as flexible as possible," Shepherd said.

According to Wells, once Phillips' health issues were resolved she received confirmation that Phillips expressed hope that he could reschedule his cancelled concert.

"We are fortunate for his loyalty to his fans and we are very lucky the dates proposed logistically worked to bring him back to campus," Wells said.

The Office of Student Life presents many on campus activities that are intended to enrich students' on-campus experiences, such as Finals Fest. Wells said that student stand to gain an interesting and rewarding experience from attending the concert.

"The thing that's fantastic about Phillip Phillips is the fact that his music attracts a variety of listeners, regardless of their genre interest," Wells said. "It will be a unique and memorable experience for students if they attend."

Shepherd also said that the concert will benefit students as well as the River Falls community.

"For me, the win in it for us is that it's a community event," Shepherd said.

## Winter creates roadblocks for commuters

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A UW-River Falls' commuter student driving through snow and ice to make it to school is not a rare occurrence.

According to the National Weather Service website, Dec. 10, 2010, nearly the entire state of Wisconsin received 16 to 23 inches of snow. Twenty-three inches was measured in the southwest region of the state. UWRF did not close school.

"I do believe the December 2010 decision was made by the Governor and not even the campus," Executive Director of Facilities Planning and Management Mike Stifter said, in regard to why UWRF did not cancel classes.

The National Weather Service also archived the Feb. 1, 2011, heavy snowfall. Much

of the southern portion of the state received eight to 24 inches of snow. UWRF did not cancel classes then either.

"It was not closed during either of the two storms," said Joe McIntosh, who takes care of ground maintenance on campus.

According to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation website, winter storms are considered deceptive killers because most deaths are indirectly related to the storm. In the last five years, Wisconsin has averaged 50,000 motor vehicle crashes during winter months. An average of 45 people are killed and more than 5,000 injured on icy or snow-covered roads.

"I have worked here for nearly 15 years and do not recall a time when classes were cancelled due to snow," McIntosh said.

Many UWRF students are

commuters. In a 2005 survey, conducted by the UWRF Survey Research Center, it was documented that over 90 percent of commuter students have less than a 20-minute commute.

"The weather has to be particularly bothersome for me to stay home due to weather," UWRF commuter student Mike Rice said. "Otherwise, I'll schedule extra time in the morning, so that I can just take it slow and get to school on time, even if it takes an extra half hour or so."

UWRF does have a policy in place in case of bad weather conditions, called the Inclement Weather Practice (AP-01-202). It was put into effect in Nov. 2, 1998, and was recently revised Dec. 10, 2012.

The policy states that in the event of weather emergencies, the Chancellor or des-

ignee may cancel classes and close the campus to the public or direct all non-emergency employees to leave work early or not to report to work.

"When the city plowing truck pushes the snow in the street to my driveway, I find it very challenging to diminish that barricade and drive to campus to teach," said Professor of History Zhiguo Yang, who lives in River Falls. "Often times I simply abandon the effort and walk to campus."

The policy also states that in the event that classes have been delayed or cancelled that University Communications will notify local and Twin Cities news media, and send communications to the campus via the campus emergency notification system, the University website, and University managed social media channels.

"We cancelled evening classes at the Hudson Center on April 18, of this year due to hazardous road conditions on I-94 and Hwy 35," said Special Assistant to the Chancellor Blake Fry.

If inclement weather were inevitable, UWRF states it is unrealistic to close a campus due to a variety of services that are necessary to maintain the university. If weather is severe enough, classes have the possibility to be cancelled and campus can close to the public.

UWRF expects all students and faculty to make an earnest effort to report to work and school in the event of bad weather, but asks students and faculty to use personal discretion and to be prepared.

Governor Scott Walker recently declared Nov. 4, through Nov. 8, Winter Awareness Week in Wisconsin.

The importance of Winter Awareness Week is to remind people to be prepared people for winter conditions that could potentially threaten their safety, according to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation website.

Students can protect themselves from the threat of winter weather by winterizing their cars with an emergency kit. Blankets, extra winter clothing, non-perishable food, water, cell phone chargers and flashlights are just a few items contained in an appropriate winter emergency kit.

For additional information on winter weather awareness, driving tips and emergency kits can be found at the Ready Wisconsin website, readywisconsin.wi.gov.



# UWRF faculty brass quintet to perform concert Nov. 17



Photo by University Communications

**The River Falls Brass (UWRF faculty brass quintet) will perform the music of Collier Jones, J.S. Bach, Martin Luther, Joseph Horowitz, and recent UWRF composer in residence, Gregory Fritze, at 7:30 p.m., on Sunday, Nov. 17, in Abbott Concert Hall in the Kleinpell Fine Arts building at UWRF. River Falls Brass includes music faculty members Thomas Barnett and Craig Hara, trumpets; Richard Gaynor, trombone; and new members, Melissa Morey, horn; and Gary Bird, tuba. The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, visit <http://www.uwrf.edu/MUS/River-Falls-Brass.cfm> or call the Music Department at 425-3183.**

# UW-River Falls named a ‘Best for Vets’ university

UW-River Falls has been named a ‘Best for Vets’ university by Military Times, the organization comprising Army Times, Navy Times, Air Force Times and Marine Corps Times. Best for Vets provides service men and women a gauge by which to judge whether a school or degree program will truly benefit them. The rankings factored in service member enrollment, percentage of tuition covered by the GI Bill, and availability of specific programs to help service members. The extensive evaluation process also factored in statistics commonly used to track student success and academic quality, including student loan default rates, retention rates, graduation rates and student-faculty ratio. “UW-River Falls has made efforts to remain progressive in its treatment of veteran students,” said Sharon Seidl, veteran services coordinator at UWRF. “The primary goal of the Veterans’ Services office is to ensure veterans and their family members receive their requested federal and state educational benefits. We also guide our students to additional resources, whether university, community, or federal, depending on their needs. Finally, we look forward to developing relationships with our faculty and staff as we engage this diverse and specialized population of students.” The full rankings include 86 four-year schools, 20 online and nontraditional schools and 14 two-year schools. The rankings are being published in the November issue of Military Times EDGE magazine and online at [MilitaryTimes.com](http://MilitaryTimes.com), as well as [ArmyTimes.com](http://ArmyTimes.com), [NavyTimes.com](http://NavyTimes.com), [AirForceTimes.com](http://AirForceTimes.com) and [MarineCorpsTimes.com](http://MarineCorpsTimes.com). For more information, contact Blake Fry, UWRF special assistant to the chancellor, at 425-3711 or email [blake.fry@uwrf.edu](mailto:blake.fry@uwrf.edu).

# Alumnus returns as guest speaker on pathway to success

Dan Heschke, executive director of Information Technology (IT) at Imation Corp., will return to UW-River Falls on Thursday, Nov. 21, as a guest speaker of the Computer Science and Information Systems department presenting “My Chosen Path” at 6 p.m., in 120 South Hall. Heschke graduated from UWRF in 1985 with a bachelor’s degree in computer science and information systems and a minor in business administration. Heschke’s presentation will outline his pathway to success, from an undergraduate at UWRF to a successful business leader in the information technology field. Anyone interested in business, management, or the technology sector are encouraged to attend. Heschke has more than 28 years of experience in the IT field, working with leading consumer products and technology companies in both domestic and international markets. As Imation’s IT leader since 2008, Heschke is responsible for the company’s global IT function, including strategy, governance, and delivery. He is experienced in global business change initiatives, including the selection and implementation of enterprise resource planning (ERP) systems, mergers & acquisitions, business systems integration, software development, infrastructure and outsourcing. Prior to his position at Imation, Heschke was vice president and chief information officer for Coolbrands, International, Inc. He has also held executive IT positions at Otis Spunkmeyer, Inc., Nestle Ice Cream and Pillsbury International. Imation is a global data storage, information security and consumer electronics company with headquarters in Oakdale, Minn. Its products and solutions enable data storage, management and protection of digital content via a portfolio of global brands, including Nexsan, IronKey & Imation. Consumer electronics and accessory brands include Memo-

rex, XtremeMac, and TDK Life on Record. The CSIS department is housed in the AACSB-accredited College of Business and Economics. The department offers state-of-the-art computer labs and classrooms with an evolving curriculum designed to prepare graduates to meet the demands of the fast-paced technology industry. Courses are delivered in small class settings, which enable one-on-one interaction with faculty and promote hands-on learning. The department enjoys a 97 percent placement rate, in a CS or IS related field, with excellent employer satisfaction that supports the readiness of our graduates for the workforce. For questions, contact Hossein Najafi, professor and chair of the CSIS department, at [hossein.najafi@uwrf.edu](mailto:hossein.najafi@uwrf.edu) or call 425-3335.



Photo by University Communications  
**UWRF alumnus Dan Heschke, executive director of Information Technology at Imation Corp. will appear as a guest speaker on his chosen pathway to success.**

### River Falls Police/UWRF Police Department

**Nov. 10**

- Daniel J. Weeklund was fined \$263.50 for underage consumption at Johnson Hall.

Editor’s note: Information for this section is taken from River Falls Police and River Falls Police Department incident reports.

# Bowls for Hope invites charitable organization requests to raise funds

Early each year UW-River Falls works with the community to raise funds through the Bowls for Hope event in which proceeds raised help a worthy organization make a difference in the St. Croix Valley. Applications are now open for the 2014 recipient of this charity event. The 2014 Bowls for Hope will be held from 5-7 p.m., on Wednesday, March 12, at UWRF. To be considered for the 2014 Bowls for Hope proceeds to benefit your St. Croix Valley nonprofit organization, complete the Request for Funds form found at <http://www.uwrf.edu/BowlsForHope/FundRequest.cfm>. Interested charitable organizations should submit their requests by Dec. 2. For an entrance fee of \$20/adult and \$5/children 12 and under, participants at the event may select and keep a bowl created in ceramic/pottery classes at UWRF, River Falls High School, Meyer Middle School, the Renaissance Academy, or by area artists. Attendees may also sample, at no extra charge, soups donated and served by area restaurants. Guests have the opportunity to vote for their favorite soup. The 2013 Bowls for Hope event raised \$6,385 for the Free Clinic of Pierce and St. Croix Counties. Since 2010, Bowls for Hope has raised more than \$21,000 for local charitable organizations. For more information, visit <http://www.uwrf.edu/BowlsForHope/> or email [mary.vangalen@uwrf.edu](mailto:mary.vangalen@uwrf.edu).



Photo by University Communications

**Bowls for Hope raises funds to benefit non-profit organizations in the St.Croix Valley.**

# News briefs: Recent UWRF alumni enjoying post-graduate success

Despite a challenging economy, recent graduates from UW-River Falls are securing employment and graduate school placements at a high rate. Earlier this year, 2011-12 UWRF graduates were asked about their employment and educational status through a survey conducted by the UWRF Survey Research Center. Among those responding, 81 percent reported they were employed while an additional 15 percent indicated they were continuing their education. “UW-River Falls works closely with industry and businesses to ensure that students are professionally prepared to compete in the job search process and receive job and internship offers with competitive companies,” stated Melissa Wilson, director of Career Services at UWRF. “We recruit and hire the best in class people for our organization,” stated Jennifer Geiger, manager of Human Resources at Interfacial Solutions. “Working with the UW-River Falls provides us with an extremely talented and dependable base of students that are eager and ready to continue their learning and begin their career as being a best in class employee for us.” Alumni of three undergraduate programs; agricultural engineering technology, land use planning, and computer science & information systems, reported 100 percent employment and average annual salaries of more than \$40,000. The percentage of graduates continuing their education, particularly in the sciences, is not surprising. Compared with 261 other public comprehensive institutions nationally from 1976 to 2006, UWRF ranks fifth in sending students on to receive a Ph.D. in agricultural sciences, ninth in physics, and twelfth in chemistry. “UW-River Falls’ focus on undergraduate research and scholarly activity has

provided an increase in students visiting career services for assistance when applying to graduate and professional schools,” said Wilson. For more information, contact Blake Fry, UWRF special assistant to the chancellor, at 425-3711 or email [blake.fry@uwrf.edu](mailto:blake.fry@uwrf.edu). **Wilkins Lecture to focus on micro-greens**

The 3rd Annual Harold Wilkins Lecture, “Micro-Greens: A New Emerging Greenhouse Crop,” will be held at 4 p.m., on Thursday, Nov. 21, in Room 116 of the Ag Science building at UW-River Falls. The lecture is free and open to the public. The speaker is Ken Fine, a sales representative with Johnny’s Selected Seeds, an employee-owned company headquartered in Winslow, Maine. Fine has more than 25 years of experience in the vegetable industry, including 14 years working with commercial growers at Johnny’s Selected Seeds. He has seen the evolution from small, struggling organic farms to the current mainstream appreciation for locally grown organic produce. Micro-greens are young, tender greens (spinach, pea, beet, basil, etc.) less than 14 days old that are used to enhance color, texture and flavor of salads, soups and sandwiches. There is some early scientific evidence that the leaves from micro-greens have more nutritional value than the mature leaves of the same plant. Wilkins Lectures are sponsored by Harold Wilkins, emeritus professor of horticulture from the University of Minnesota and former advisor to Terry Ferriss, professor of horticulture at UWRF. Speakers come from outside the geographic region and focus on cutting-edge issues related to greenhouse production and/or floriculture. Wilkins is co-owner of Gold Finch Farms in Baldwin that specializes in cut-flower bouquets and cut-flowering branches. For more information, email [terry.l.ferriss@uwrf.edu](mailto:terry.l.ferriss@uwrf.edu) or call 425-3345.

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# Meet the Senate on Friday

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Student Senate has long been regarded as a mysterious body, but its senators are hoping to change that perception at Friday’s Meet the Senate event which will be held in conjunction with the Phillip Phillips concert.

Dominic Riel, the chair of Shared Governance within Senate, has been organizing the event since the beginning of the semester along with the Student Affairs and Academic Services Director Hannah Klingfus, but the decision to hold Meet the Senate on the same day as the Phillip Phillips concert is a fairly recent one.

“We had looked at many dates and times to hold the Meet the Senate event and this was really the week we wanted to have it, but we knew that we could not compete with the concert,” Riel said. “So instead, we extended a hand to the Office of Student Life to help promote both events. We hope by doing this, we will see an even greater turnout at both events.”

Past Meet the Senate events have resulted in low turnouts, further extending the idea that Senate is unreachable by the student body. Riel said that he hopes this semester’s event will prove Senate is not as unreachable as students may think.

“We hope that students will actually get to see who represents them on our campus and how similar we are to every other student,” Riel said. “Sometimes we hear that some students believe we are some secret group and all we



*Desi Danforth/Student Voice*  
**President Sam Tauchen, right, speaks with Vice President Tony Sumnicht, left, at a recent Student Senate meeting. Senate will hold a Meet the Senate event from 5 to 6:30 p.m., on Friday, Nov. 15, to increase awareness of Senate and its senators.**

do is talk about campus policy, operations and budgets, but we are highly involved in academics, organizations, events, the community and much more.”

Senior student Amanda Buchanan said that she has never heard of the Meet the Senate events, let alone attended any of them.

“I feel like there is a lack of information,” Buchanan said. “I only get emails about the elections, but I don’t get any information about the candi-

dates.”

Riel said that he and the rest of the Senate are excited to see how the event turns out because this semester’s Meet the Senate will be different than past events. Riel, Klingfus and their respective committees planned the event to be more of a social event for students and senators.

“We really wanted to make this event less formal and to draw senators into their casual and social personalities,” Riel said. “We hope that stu-

dents will actually get to see who represents them on our campus and how similar we are to every other student.”

The projected attendance was around 40 to 50 people three weeks ago. Since then, Senate has posted many different types of publicity around campus, including posters, a Facebook event and an OrgSync event. Riel said they are now projecting attendance to be closer to 100 to 120 because of their work advertising the event.

Meet the Senate will be held from 5 to 6:30 p.m., on Friday, Nov. 15, in the Ann Lydecker Living and Learning Center. Senate will provide free food and beverages, and a drawing will be held for prizes.

Students who attend Meet the Senate will receive VIP passes to the Phillip Phillips concert, meaning they will be able to enter Knowles Center at 7 p.m. General admission for the concert will be at 7:30 p.m.

Senate will also provide a shuttle from Prucha Hall to the Ann Lydecker Living and Learning Center from 4:30 to 6 p.m., and then the shuttle will take students from the Ann Lydecker Living and Learning Center to Knowles Center from 6:30 to 7 p.m. for the Phillip Phillips concert. For additional information, visit Student Senate’s page on OrgSync.

## Old program resurrected at UW-River Falls

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The Learn. Experience. Act. Develop. (LEAD) program is kicking off again after having been absent for the last two years due to a shift in roles and responsibilities from a staff transition.

LEAD is a program developed on campus by students, for students who are interested in exploring their leadership potential. By exploring their own strengths and concepts around leadership, these students are also involved in making a positive social change in their community either on or off campus. The program, which used to be a committee, has about 15 students involved.

Staff members Anna Hunter, student organizations and leadership coordinator within Student Life, and Amy Lloyd, service coordinator within Student Life, facilitate and oversee the program with their own student interns. There are more females than males, with usually only one or two men involved.

Hunter’s predecessor was supposed to take over the leadership role but it ended up not working out, and put the program on hold for the last two years, having been in full swing the previous three years before the transition.

“New students have the opportunity to use the leadership skills they are learning about in their weekly meetings, and their service skills and put both into action at the same time as a team,” Hunter said.

Once a month, LEAD

works with BRIDGE, a non-profit organization located in Hudson, Wis., that provides community based life skills training, employment services and social/recreational programs for adults with disabilities.

As part of the service they do within the program, they lead the youth and adults from Bridge to different activities within UW-River Falls. One example is the Focus on U school television room. They show a behind-the-scenes look at the studio and how it all works for those who are interested in broadcasting. Each month the activity is something new, and it helps BRIDGE members be a part of a small college experience.

Hunter and Lloyd both explained how, before the program went on hold for a couple years, it helped first year students have more experience, setting their skills a part from other students who apply for internships and jobs. Many of the students within LEAD have had on-campus internships, or have gotten leadership positions on campus like being a Resident Assistant in the dorms.

The program won’t actually take in its full effect of meetings and service with BRIDGE until students come back for spring semester. The program is designed for first-year students and, according to Lloyd, people leave the program changed at the end of the year.

“Seeing students connect and engage will be exciting,” Lloyd said. “I like to see their potential just flourish.”

## Amphitheatre utilized often



*Desi Danforth/Student Voice*  
**Student Jay Nordstrom sits in front of the Melvin Wall Amphitheatre after a walk through campus. The Amphitheatre is used for a variety of events, most notably Finals Fest.**

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The Melvin Wall Amphitheatre has been on the UW-River Falls campus for more than 40 years, but many students are not aware of all the events that it hosts.

According to the UWRF Melvin Wall Amphitheatre website page, the structure was built in 1972, and was revamped in 2009. The Amphitheatre was made into a better and more comfortable place for people to enjoy different events at. Students, faculty and friends of the University helped in the construction.

Professor Melvin Wall worked with President E.H. Kleinpell in the original construction of the Amphitheatre, according to the UWRF website. Walls’ dream for the Amphitheatre was to make the southern part of the UWRF campus more appealing and attractive.

Michael Peterson, an employee of the Archives and Research Center in Chalmers Library, found events that were hosted at the beginning of the Amphitheatre until now.

“Minnesota Orchestra performed a free concert at the dedication ceremony in 1972,” Peterson said. “They also host concerts, mainly for the summer concert series. The River Falls Brass performed there in 2005, and Phillip Phillips was supposed to perform there during finals week in spring of 2013.”

Along with these events, the Amphitheatre is also a place for class reunions, weddings and outdoor movies.

Andrea Ohmann is a senior at UWRF and was not aware of the different uses of the Melvin Wall Amphitheatre.

“I don’t really know much about the Amphitheatre at all,” Ohmann said. “I’ve

walked past it a few times and think it’s a cool looking place, but I don’t know much more.”

After four years of attending school at UWRF, Ohmann was surprised to learn that the Amphitheatre is used for more than just Welcome Week.

“I have never been to the Amphitheatre,” Ohmann said. “I know that they do welcome week activities there for freshman students, but I had no idea they had weddings and concerts there.”

One aspect of the Amphitheatre that many people are not aware of is the fire pit that is located in the southeast corner of the Amphitheatre.

“I really wish I was more aware of the different events that the Amphitheatre hosts,” Ohmann said. “I think it would be great to have more events for students there dur-

ing the spring and fall especially, since it’s such a unique structure and in a beautiful location.”

Although the Phillip Phillips concert that was supposed to be hosted at the Amphitheatre fell through, there is still a possibility for future events for students at the Amphitheatre.

“I think they should have another concert there this spring,” Ohmann said. “It’s a great location that is central to campus, and I think it would be cool to see a concert there before I graduate in May.”

For more information on the history of the Amphitheatre, you can visit the Archives and Area Research Center on the lowest level of the Library.

Anyone interested in planning events at the Amphitheatre should email reservations@uwrf.edu.



EDITORIAL

As semester nears end, students need to prepare for final push

As hard as it is to believe, there are only three full weeks of classes left until finals. This can be a stressful thought, especially looking at the syllabus and realizing there is a lot left to do. All those projects at the beginning of the semester that nobody thought about are now looming over and hitting students like 20 pounds of bricks. Now time is the worst enemy and the clock is ticking away, getting ready to hit zero on another semester.

We hear it every single year from professors, advisors and we even all tell ourselves, not to put off school work and projects until the end. Despite this, many students save too much work for the end. It is almost if some students take it as a challenge when their professor tells them that this project or paper cannot be done in one night and not to put it off. Yet every semester students everywhere stress themselves out to the max as they try to cram everything in at the end.

At this point it is easy to just try and survive until Thanksgiving Break and worry about it later. That is often the thought process nowadays, just worry about it tomorrow. We get it.

There has not been a break yet this year, and everyone is ready to be zombies for one more week and get to Thanksgiving Break, but that way of thinking could backfire on many students.

Tests are coming in hot and papers are due. This is the last big push until finals, but all that is on students mind is turkey and homemade pumpkin pie. However, if students do not put in hard work this next week, and decide to push it off until after Thanksgiving break, it will likely lead to little to no sleep with a side of stress and headaches for the last two weeks of classes.

With only two weeks until finals after break there is not any time left to put off work and just worry about it later. That part of the semester is long gone. We encourage students to seek help from professors, tutors, the writing center and to open up those dusty books that have not been opened all semester.

This next week it is important to do a little more work, try to finish one project or paper early. Anything will make it worth it in the end and you will thank yourself for it, we promise.

Yes, Thanksgiving Break should be used for rest, relaxation and some much needed re charging of the batteries, but even doing the bare minium of work over break will make it easier for the final push.

After all, once we all get into the workforce there is no such thing as breaks at all. The final push is back again UWRF. Seniors who are graduating in December enjoy your last ride and freshmen it is time to buckle up because its going to be a crazy and bumpy first ride to the end of the semester.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Students reminded to show respect during concerts

In the past few months of concert going and performing, I have been disappointed by the actions of many concert goers in Abbott Concert Hall. First the question we need to address is why we choose to go to a concert in the first place. Yes, some of us are required by our Music 100 classes (it is OK – it is good for you). Some are parents, families and friends who are there to support those who are on stage performing the music that they love and have been working on for weeks. Some are avid supporters of the music department here at UWRF. We appreciate those who attend our concerts and support us as musicians. We are thankful that many take time out of their evening to share the joy and love of music. However, it becomes a big distraction when attendees are still on their electronics by the time the concert has started. When Siri's voice mysteriously goes off at the end of an exciting piece, it is rude and can really ruin the mood the hall consumes and is really devastating.

Concert goers, please stay off your electronics during concerts. It is completely disrespectful to those performing and those trying to enjoy the music. Music is supposed to refresh, fill your soul, and make you think. Trust me; Facebook cannot do all of that. In addition, if you must take notes, do it old school with pen and paper. There is nothing more distracting and annoying than seeing a bright light in your peripheral view when you are trying to focus on something else. And finally, please do not come in or leave in the middle of a piece. If you haven't noticed, the doors entering a hall are big and heavy. Their purpose is to hold in the sound, not to be slammed during the middle of a movement. If you are late, please patiently wait in the little entry way. I want to thank all of those who have come (forced or not forced) to our concerts. We are always excited to see a full house the night of. With these minor fixes I know everyone who attends will not be disappointed.

Samantha Johnson  
Student

Senate Corner:  
Senate discusses topics and proposals

Several riveting proposals and events have come forward in Student Senate this week. One such event is the UW System Student Representatives meeting which is being held at UW-Oshkosh. Legislatives Affairs Director Matthew Shutey will be representing UW-River Falls, along with Nick Vanden Heuvel, Daniel Raiter and Senate Vice President Anthony Sumnicht. Sumnicht also represents UWRF as the UW System Student Representatives Chair. A few topics up for discussion at UW System Student Representatives agenda are Student Representatives Legislative Priorities Summary, which includes information about various issues regarding the UW System. They will also be discussing the Affordable Care Act and what impact that will have on the various UW System Campuses and how that will change current student healthcare services. On a local note, the Recreation and Sport Facilities Committee is working with Allocable Fee and Appropriations Board (AFAB) to create a new club sport budget process to address a declining funds and inefficiencies in the current process for existing club sport teams. If you have a good idea

or possess a unique insight, AFAB would love to hear from you at a meeting or in person. Contact information and meeting times can be found on Senate's OrgSync page. If you would like to learn more about how to better utilize OrgSync please feel free to contact any student senator, or Anna Hunter in Student Life. On the lighter side of things, Senate is holding its second annual Meet the Senate event held at the Ann Lydecker Center. Little Ceasers, Subway and Buffalo Wild Wings, to name a few, will be provided to all that attend. Afraid it may be too cold to walk all the way to the Lydecker Center? Don't worry, we have arranged a shuttle to pick any student who wants to attend. A shuttle will leave at approximately 4:30 p.m., on Friday, Nov. 15, and will make as many trips as necessary. Additionally, everyone who attends Meet the Senate event, will be chauffeured to the Phillip Phillips concert and receive VIP entry, courtesy of Student Life. The Phillips concert will begin at approximately 8 p.m., with transportation leaving at 7 p.m., from the Ann Lydecker Center. We hope to see you there.

Do you have something to say?

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# Students support sustainable schools

Molly Breitmün  
Columnist

What we do not have is \$1.7 million for our UW-River Falls Fiscal Year 2015. What we do have is an opportunity to rely on our resiliency as a University that has made a commitment to sustainable community development and action in the face of climate change.

I hope UWRF chooses to develop our campus’ future based on our assets instead of our shortcomings.

As high school students and their parents wonder whether it is worth it to get a college education, UWRF will benefit from green recruitment and marketing. The University needs to prove that our unique learning community is a great investment even during these uncertain economic times.

In Ben Lamers’ Student Voice article, “University Budget Falls” (Oct. 31, 2013), he notes a presentation by UWRF Assistant Chancellor for Business and Finance Elizabeth Frueh. “According to Frueh, there are 6,109 students enrolled at UWRF this year, down from 6,455 a year ago, a drop of 5.4 percent,” he stated. In sharing this, Frueh’s point was simple; if we can attract more tuition-paying students, we can be more financially sustainable as an academic institution.

Campus green practices will really be valued by incoming students as indicated by the Cooperative Institutional Research Program (CIRP). The Higher Education Research Institute (HERI) at UCLA’s Graduate School of Education & Information Studies runs CIRP. In 2008, CIRP collected 240,580 responses from full-time incoming students at 340 campuses across the U.S.

“Almost a third of entering freshmen (29.5 percent) reported feeling it is “essential” or “very important” to help clean up the environment, an increase from 26.7 percent in 2007 and 22.2 percent in 2006. Close to half (45.3 percent) believe it is “very important” or “essential” to adopt green practices to protect the environment, while 74.3 percent believe “addressing global warming should be a federal priority,” according to CIRP.

UWRF needs to stay competitive by showing the ability to be relevant in the future. Our culture is becoming increasingly more literate about issues of sustainability. Actively engaging in learning about sustainability can make students job-ready and marketable in an economy that rewards adaptability.

At a recent conference on campus sustainability, Director of the Center for Sustainable Communities at Luther College Jon Jense posted that the growing green economy should encourage institutions to “make environmental sustainability a part of every student’s education.”

Indeed, it seems the financial value of sustainability efforts on campus are yet untapped. Prospective students and their parents really do seek out sustainable higher education over conventionally minded institutions.

The Princeton Review’s annual College Hopes and Worries Survey is a great indicator for this movement in valuing green universities. The 2013 survey had 9,955 responses from students applying to college as well as 4,170 parents with children applying to colleges distributed across the U.S.

One prominent question the survey asked was: “If you

(your child) had a way to compare colleges based on their commitment to environmental issues (from academic offerings to practices concerning energy use, recycling, etc.), how much would this contribute to your (your child’s) decision to apply to or attend a school?”

In response, 62 percent of the students surveyed “strongly/very much/somewhat” agreed that campus sustainability would affect their decision of which school they would ultimately attend. Parents were closely in alignment with students having 61 percent of respondents also choose amongst strongly/very much/somewhat to describe their interest in their children attending a campus committed to sustainability.

What UWRF lacks in a padded budget is made up in the incredible efforts on campus to make a culture invested in a clean and healthy future for our community and the world as a whole. Our programs like the Sustainable Faculty Fellows, our buildings like LEED Gold certified Ames Suites, and our Office of Sustainability and the St. Croix Institute for Sustainable Community Development are assets that we already have and should highlight when we market to new students and families.

A sustainable college education is a safe value proposition. Thinking sustainably encourages individuals to develop inventive and resourceful solutions to current challenges that affect society, our community, the environment and the economy.

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## STUDENT voices

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# Women’s basketball team filled with young talent

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The 2013-2014 UW-River Falls Falcons women’s basketball team comes into this season with 12 freshmen and only one senior on its roster.

“I think that being the only senior, there have been a lot of people looking at me to be a leader on this team,” said senior Tess Lueders. “I think it is a role that I naturally and easily fit into. It helps that I have such a great group of young ladies to work with.”

Sophomore Richell Mehus agreed that the team will be leaning on Lueders this season. “The team is looking to Tess as a leader; she has been here four years and is very experienced. She knows the game and it will be important for her to share her knowledge to the rest of the team, especially the incoming freshmen new to college ball.”

Lueders and Mehus, along with Kristi Elles, are the captains of the team this year. Mehus said that it will be on all of the returners to put themselves in a leadership position and help the freshman come in and adjust to college basketball.

“We really like our freshman class. They are a nice complement to our older players, are athletic and spunky,” said Head Coach Cindy Holbrook. “It makes it challenging but fun.”

Holbrook is entering her 14th year as the women’s basketball coach at UWRF and is only 12 victories away from her

200th career win.

UWRF is predicted to finish seventh this season in the WIAC, according to wiacsports.com. When asked where her goal for the team to finish in the WIAC was Holbrook said, “Not seventh, I do not think we are a seventh place team, and have not been a seventh place team for a long time. Top to bottom our conference is separated by maybe 10 points, but most of the teams on paper on any given night are only separated by four points. Predictions are nice but I do not care where we are ranked and I do not think our players care either.”

“I think a team goal of ours it to finish strong in our conference. Though we may be a young team we have a lot of potential and talent, I think we are definitely capable, with a lot of hard work, to win the conference championship,” Lueders said.

One challenge UWRF will face early is playing seven out of its first nine games on the road. “We have to grow some-time so it might as well be right away,” Holbrook said. “I am not sure freshman totally understand difference between road and home games right away anyway. To be a good team you have to be able to steal some games on the road and I think we can do that.”

Stealing some wins on the road is something that will be important for the Falcons. Once at home, history shows it should be a bit easier for them as they have put together one of the best home records in the WIAC the past five seasons

with a 45-13 record at the Karges Center, according to wiac-sports.com

Mehus echoed her coach. “Road games are very important in our schedule and we will battle each of those games to try to get as many wins as possible. After the streak of away games, it will be nice to get a win (at home) in Karges.”

One area where road games will be different this year for all WIAC teams is the men and women teams will no longer be traveling together to play double headers like in years past. Holbrook said this will be an advantage for the team to be able to eat at appropriate times for the women’s games and to be able to leave right away after their games, but that she will miss seeing the men’s team play.

“I think it’s unfortunate that we won’t be seeing as many of their games this year as we have in the past. It was nice being able support each other, and to have a little ‘student section’ when we went on away games,” Lueders said.

The Falcons will play their first games Nov. 15, and Nov. 16, at the UW-Eau Claire Tip-Off classic against Luther College and Carroll University, respectively.

“We have a lot of young talented players across the board and are going to be really exciting to watch this year,” Holbrook said.

“Each season it is fun getting to spend so much time with girls that love the game just as much as I do.” Mehus said. “I am excited to see how our team changes throughout the season and see how much we grow individually and as a team.”



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**Tess Lueders, the only senior on the women’s basketball team, attacking the basket in a game last season.**

## Falcon Spotlight: Tess Lueders

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Tess Lueders is the lone senior on the UW-River Falls Falcons women’s basketball team. She is from Stillwater, Minn., and majors in Secondary Education, Broad Field Science with a Biology Emphasis.

Lueders averaged 11.3 points per game and 4.8 rebounds per game last season. She has shown potential to put up a lot of points in multiple games. One game in particular, she scored a career high 29 points against St. Benedict College last season.

“Tess is a versatile player that can play any position for us. She has led workouts for us and her teammates really respond to her as a leader,” said Head Coach Cindy Holbrook.

When asked about her personal goals Lueders said, “I just want to have a good end to my career. I would like to consistently be a leader in points and rebounds, but what I really want is for our team as a whole to be successful, and whatever role I need to fill to do that I will.”

She started playing basketball in third grade and her favorite memory before college was her freshman year in high school when her team went undefeated and won state.

“One of my favorite memories from UWRF was my sophomore year. We were all waiting around coach’s office waiting to hear if we would be picked to go to the NCAA tournament. It was great with everyone being there together. All eyes were on the screen and when our name was announced the level of excitement in that room was outstanding. It was a great moment to share together,” Lueders said.

Lueders said her choice to come to UWRF came after already determining that she did not want to go to school here. “My whole family had gone here and they were really pushing me to go, but I was certain that I would not like it. But, right from the get go when I had met coach and talked to some of the education professors, I knew that this would be a great place to play basketball and get a good education in the field that I wanted to go into.”

Besides basketball Lueders also played volleyball and ran track in high school. She did hurdles, ran the 200 meter and did some high jumping. Her hobbies outside of basketball are playing any kind of games from board games to card games. She also said the basketball team is really close and spend a lot of time off the court together. When she is lazy she said to give her a good book and some warm tea and she will be happy.

## UW- River Falls Falcon athletic teams conclude fall, begin winter seasons

**Football**

The Falcons fell to UW-Stout 19-18 on Nov. 9. The team will play at UW-Whitewater at 2 p.m., on Saturday, Nov. 16. This is the team’s final game of the season.

**Women’s Cross Country**

The Falcons will run in the NCAA Midwest Regional Meet at 11 a.m., on Nov. 16. The meet will take place at Augustana College.

**Men’s Cross Country**

The Falcons will run in the NCAA Midwest Regional Meet at 12:30 p.m., on Nov. 16. The meet will take place at Augustana College.

**Women’s Hockey**

The Falcons defeated the University of St. Thomas 9-3 on Nov. 9. The team will play at UW-Stevens Point at 7 p.m., on Nov. 15, and 2:30 p.m., on Nov. 16.

**Men’s Hockey**

The Falcons defeated Concordia College-Moorhead 3-2 on Nov. 8 and tied Hamline University 2-2 on Nov. 9. The team will play at home against Bethel University at 7:05 p.m., on Nov. 15, and at Augsburg College at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 16.

**Women’s Swimming and Diving**

The Falcons fell to the University of Minnesota-Morris 155-78 on Nov. 8, and placed third at the Hamline University Invitational with 287 points on Nov. 9. The team will swim at Carroll University at 1 p.m., on Nov. 16.

**Men’s Swimming and Diving**

The Falcons placed third at the Hamline University Invitational with 358 points on Nov. 9. The team will swim at Carroll University at 1 p.m., on Nov. 16.

**Women’s Basketball**

The Falcons will open their season at the UW-Eau Claire Tip-Off Classic. They play Luther College at 6 p.m., on Nov. 15, and Carroll University at 3 p.m., on Nov. 16.

**Men’s Basketball**

The Falcons play open their season at the Wheaton College Tournament. They play Wittenberg University at 6 p.m., on Nov. 15, Wheaton College at 6 p.m., on Nov. 16, and Blackburn College at 8 p.m., on Nov. 16.

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MEN’S HOCKEY

HOME VS BETHEL

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH

MEN’S HOCKEY

AWAY VS AUGSBURG

7:30 PM DROP OF THE PUCK

7:00 PM PREGAME

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH

FALCON FOOTBALL

AWAY VS UW-WHITEWATER

2:00 PM KICKOFF



# Men’s basketball team fights to redeem itself

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The UW-River Falls men’s basketball team is looking to rebound this season after a disappointing 2012-13 campaign. After qualifying for the NCAA tournament in back-to-back seasons, the team limped to an 8-17 overall record a year ago. Despite that record, as well as losing four of five starters from last year’s team, senior forward Ben Gressmer and Head Coach Jeff Berkhof both said the team’s goal is to return to the tournament.

“One of our main goals is to get back to the NCAA tournament. Hopefully we’ll have more success than we have in the past,” Gressmer said. “Getting past the first round is our main focus this year.”

The Falcons’ schedule is filled with plenty of hurdles to get back to the tournament. The team opens the season at the Lee Pfund Classic, hosted by Wheaton College, on Friday, Nov. 15. The Falcons will play their first game against Wittenburg University and, depending on the results of the games, will play either Blackburn College or nationally ranked No. 5 Wheaton College the next day.

The Falcons will also take the court against the University of St. Thomas, currently ranked No. 15, according to the

NCAA, as a part of their non-conference schedule.

When the team turns toward WIAC play, it will have two matchups apiece with No. 13, UW-Whitewater and No. 4, UW-Stevens Point.

While there are some high profile games on the schedule, Gressmer said the team is not looking ahead to any one game in particular.

“We’ll take it one game at a time, that’s how we look at things. One game at a time, one practice at a time,” Gressmer said.

The Falcons will also begin the season by playing six of seven games on the road, including the potential matchup with Wheaton. The lone home game in that stretch will be the tilt against St. Thomas.

While Gressmer and Berkhof said that returning to the NCAA tournament is an obtainable goal, the preseason WIAC poll does not agree. The poll, voted on by conference coaches and sports information directors, picks UWRF to finish in seventh place in the WIAC, only ahead of UW-Eau Claire and UW-Oshkosh.

A key to the Falcons’ success this season will be the return of forward Ollie White. Last season White was injured only nine games into the season, but the 2012 All-WIAC Honor-

able Mention player is ready to go for this season.

“Having Ollie White back this year is important because he provides for us a proven scorer inside with his back to the basket, and he is also an effective scorer on the perimeter as well,” Berkhof said.

Including White and Gressmer, the team features five seniors, according to the team’s website.

“We need our seniors to play well and provide leadership. Our newcomers are going to have be ready to go and we are confident that they will be,” Berkhof said,

Gressmer added that there are some younger players that will step up for the team as well this season, one in particular.

“We have a point guard from Lakeville North named Grant Erickson. He has been stepping up pretty big in our early on scrimmages and practices,” Gressmer said. “He impacts us and gets us in the right places, which will be huge for our success on the floor.”

Berkhof will be aiming for a milestone this season as well. With 13 wins, Berkhof, in his eighth season at UWRF, would win his 100th game as a head coach.

The Falcons first home game will be on Saturday, Nov. 23, against St. Thomas.



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Ben Gressmer, a senior for the men’s basketball team, driving to the basket against a defender last season. The men’s team will play its season opener on Friday.

## Athletes continue to participate in Falcon Cup challenge

Brandon Jones  
Columnist

Every school wishes that attendance was equal at all sporting events and that there was some way they could get athletes involved in and promoting other sports.

We’ve seen it more and more nationally the last few years; the most memorable one to me would be Robert Griffin III attending the Baylor Lady Bears run to a national title.

Here at UW-River Falls, our Falcon athletes have found a way to support each other, and, naturally, in a competitive way.

A new challenge was announced this year to all Falcon athletes, the Falcon Cup Challenge. Points are based on a number of things, all leading to the winner of the cup announced at the end of the year at annual Falcon Awards.

So lets get to the scoring and how it works. Points can be awarded for conference finish, having an All-American on the team, highest team term grade point average and having an academic All-American.

The most controversial scoring of this is the ability of teams sending a percentage of their students to an event and receiving points based upon that percentage. An example would be say a tennis team with 15 girls on it, could have eight girls go and they would receive six points.

The football team of 100 players could send 15 guys to the same event and only receive four points, a thought that sophomore quarterback Ryan Kusilek thinks should have

been considered before hand.

“It kind of makes it hard on us, we have a lot more schedules to work around and with so we can’t necessarily just send half of the team to an event and bank on those points, it’s difficult to get that many guys together when it’s not practice.”

While Kusilek argued that the scoring part can be viewed as unfair, he was quick to say that he loves the idea of a Falcon Cup Challenge and the thought of the “Falcon family” growing.

In talking to several Falcon athletes, that term came up a ton. Falcon family. What does that mean, to promote and grow the Falcon family? To Kusilek it means going out and watching other teams play and getting to know those players, and pretty soon, you realize that you have math class with him and science with her. Then, he said, you have a new member of your Falcon family and a friend.

Men’s basketball senior forward Ben Gressmer said growing the Falcon family to him means expanding the reach of the basketball team into other sports, and making friends along the way.

Women’s hockey sophomore forward/defensemen Leah Gefroh claimed that to her the Falcon family is always strong; this will only make it stronger.

So is this idea gimmicky? Kusilek said not at all. “I do not think so, I think the intentions of this are to get athletes to care more about other sports and get us out there to watch them.”

Gefroh agreed, but said she does not take it as seriously as others. “I might text some friends and say that I’m heading somewhere to watch the game and ask them if they want to go, but it’s not that serious to me, but I would not call it gimmicky.”

So it’s promoting the Falcon family, but how close do people really pay attention to the standings, and are actually trying to win it?

“We don’t find out about the standing until the end of the week, but it’s not something that makes me sit on the edge of my seat,” Kusilek said.

Gressmer said that the men’s basketball team’s biggest rivals are the women’s basketball team, and he is aware of their first place standing, and said that yes, he wants to win and follows the scoring.

Former UWRF women’s basketball player Nikki Guhr said that she thinks this will promote Falcon athletics and make community relationships better. She also said that this will not make other people attend the lesser-attended events, because if they have not attended before, they most likely never will.

So is this Falcon Cup Challenge a gimmick or is it something to make naturally competitive individuals more competitive all the while supporting their fellow athletes?

Only time will tell.

Brandon Jones is a senior journalism major minoring in political science. Sports means the world to him. The sound of a ball cracking against a bat, a ref blowing his whistle. It all means the same thing for him happiness. We all have our thing, his is sports.

## See where your UW-River Falls Falcons teams rank in WIAC standings

Football

Women’s Hockey

Men’s Hockey

| School                 | WIAC       | Overall    | School                 | WIAC       | Overall    | School                 | WIAC       | Overall      |
|------------------------|------------|------------|------------------------|------------|------------|------------------------|------------|--------------|
| UW- Whitewater         | 6-0        | 9-0        | UW- Stevens Point      | 0-0        | 3-0-1      | UW- Stevens Point      | 0-0        | 4-0          |
| UW- Oshkosh            | 5-1        | 8-1        | UW- Superior           | 0-0        | 3-0-1      | UW- Eau Claire         | 0-0        | 2-0          |
| UW- Platteville        | 5-1        | 8-1        | <b>UW- River Falls</b> | <b>0-0</b> | <b>2-1</b> | <b>UW- River Falls</b> | <b>0-0</b> | <b>1-0-1</b> |
| UW- La Crosse          | 3-3        | 3-6        | UW- Eau Claire         | 0-0        | 1-2-1      | UW- Stout              | 0-0        | 2-2          |
| UW- Stevens Point      | 2-4        | 4-5        |                        |            |            | UW- Superior           | 0-0        | 0-2          |
| UW- Stout              | 2-4        | 4-5        |                        |            |            |                        |            |              |
| UW- Eau Claire         | 1-5        | 1-8        |                        |            |            |                        |            |              |
| <b>UW- River Falls</b> | <b>0-6</b> | <b>0-9</b> |                        |            |            |                        |            |              |

Current WIAC standings as of Thursday, Nov. 14



# Students evaluate what home means

Natalie Howell

Columnist

As you probably have noticed from the signs around the University Center, Phillip Phillips is coming to UW-River Falls on Friday, which is causing a very excited buzz around campus.

Walking around, every other conversation I hear is, “Hey, are you going to Phillip Phillips on Friday?” and “What time should we get in line?”

From falling in love with him when his career started off in “American Idol” and following him ever since, the majority of us will be standing in line for hours to hear him sing his most popular song, “Home.” That being my high school senior song, you will no doubt hear me singing along with my fellow Phillips fans.

I think that the reason why the song “Home” is so popular, beside his soothing voice and guitar playing, is that it strikes a chord in all of us, especially as college students. I mean, what is home to us? Is our parent’s house home, or is it now UWRF? Is a person home or do you find yourself at home in a certain memory? Asking those around me what home

means to them, I received a variety of answers: “Home is where I feel loved,” a girl said, smiling at a fond memory. “Home is my friends,” said another.

Others said that home is where they feel safe and home is where they can be themselves. “I have two homes now,” a freshman said, referring to the feeling of familiarity and love she has received since attending UWRF.

When we think of home, the first thing that usually pops into our minds is the place we grew up in, but if we really think about it, its so much more. When I asked my father the same question, he gave me the answer I was looking for: “[Home is] a place of comfort, safety, familiarity, memories, a meeting place for family and a refuge from the pressures of everyday life.”

From these answers I think that we can all agree that home is not just a place, and home changes with who we are. I remember it was only a few weeks into the school year when I accidentally called this place my home. Walking back to my

dorm room from the University Center, I said something along the lines of “When we get home I actually have to do some homework.” At that moment I stopped, wondering if this place really was my home or not.

Throughout our lives we search for a place that we can call home and find our homes several times throughout our lives and in a variety of places. We can find home in a place in which we find familiarity, a person who makes us feel loved, a quiet moment that gives us peace and we even find home in ourselves when we become content in our lives.

So when we hear Phillips’s song “Home” this Friday, on the radio or on Pandora we can allow ourselves to think of our true home. Know that no matter how far we wander off into the world and who we end up becoming after college, that there will always be a place there waiting for us, a place we can call home.

Natalie Howell is from Rochester, Minn., and is planning on majoring in journalism.

# River Falls Brass to perform exciting recital

Cristin Dempsey

Columnist

This Sunday marks a new beginning for the River Falls Brass.

It will be performing its first recital ever as a quintet. I sat down to speak with the group recently, and they said this is a big deal to them, and they hope to see a packed audience.

The band have a full program planned, and the repertoire ranges from slow chorales to fast-paced dance music. The quintet is comprised of UW-River Falls music faculty. There are two trumpet players, one trombone player, one French horn player and one tuba player, the latter two having joined just this year. This concert has something for everyone, so surely it is one you will not want to miss.

The River Falls Brass originally began 12 years ago, in the fall of 2001. For many years, the members performed as a trio on campus and around the community. This year, they were excited to welcome two new players to make a quintet: a French horn player and a tuba player.

The band has already performed several times together around the community, though this will be their first formal recital here on campus. While they enjoy performing, the group’s main mission as an ensemble is to recruit young people into the music program. To do this, it frequently goes to schools and teach master classes.

The ensemble has also enjoyed their role here on campus.

Nearly every semester since the quintet formed, it has played at the commencement ceremonies. The members’ favorite part about doing this is not the music they play, but being able to see their own students walk across the stage and witness how they have grown throughout their years at UWRF. It is an honor that they were the ones to help guide them and get them to that point of success.

During my time with them, the group was more than eager to let me look over each of their pieces and explain the uniqueness of each of them. They will open up their recital with a piece called “Dance” by Wilke Renwick. This is an appropriate piece to open up with, as it has a march-like feel. It is a virtuoso opening and fanfare with mixed meters.

The quintet then move on to a more in-depth piece, “Four Movements for Five Brass” by Collier Jones. This piece also features a constant shift in meter and keeps everyone engaged, players and audience alike. It also has variations of traditional dance styles. While unusual, it is still easy to listen to. The movements include introduction and dance, a fanfare, pretensions, a movement that adds random beats, Waltz, a piece that switches from the typical waltz meter of 3/4 to 2/4 and Allegro, which is the finale.

Their next piece is entitled “Ein Feste Burg,” or “A Mighty Fortress,” by prominent Reformation figure Martin Luther. It has a familiar melody and is being played in honor of the Year of Germany. Its melody is turned into a canzona, or imitation. The ensemble described the piece as a “fantasy.”

“Ein Feste Burg” is followed by “Music Hall Suite” by Joseph Horovitz. It has five movements, “Soubrette Song,” “Trick-Cyclists,” “Adagio-Team,” “Soft Shoe Shuffle” and “Les Girls.” The piece is a revival of a 1920s Vaudeville review. The band then moves into “Strawberry Prelude” by Magnus Hylander, a simple piece about strawberry picking in the summer.

The penultimate piece switches gears a bit. “Chorale Prelude for Brass Quintet” by J.S. Bach is a slower piece originally written for Baroque organ. “Petite Suite for Brass Quintet” by Gregory Fritze will conclude their recital. Their main reason for finishing with this piece is to honor Fritze, who was in-residence with the music department last month. The piece has four movements, “Strombor,” “Cancion,” “Attack of the Killer Bees,” (they were quick to inform me that they defeat the bees), and “Finale.” It is a strong piece to conclude the recital with.

The River Falls Brass promises to make this a recital you will not want to miss. It shares a great love for the music they play and performing for audiences. The members blend well together, producing a vivid sound color, and the pieces are all engaging and full of energy. Their recital is at 7:30 p.m., on Sunday, Nov. 17, in Abbott Concert Hall.

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# ‘Prologue’ provides outlet for students’ creative work

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Columnist

For many college students, grade point average, number of internships or what ultimate career one aspires for serves as a measurement for success.

For many other students, specifically those in creative fields such as art or writing, campus recognition or publication are also crucial means of setting up one’s future as an artist or writer.

Often, scholarly work goes unrecognized outside of the classroom. By taking proactive steps and submitting works to magazines, newspapers or other publications, students establish themselves as artists within their communities.

But clear access to a voice was not always an option for students at UW-River Falls. In the 1960s, issues of censorship threatened organizations. Thomas R. Smith, a junior in 1968 and current resident of River Falls, was appointed an editor for “Prologue,” UWRF’s art and literary magazine.

Previously, the editors were responsible for deciding which submissions were qualified enough to make it into the annual “Prologue” magazine. In 1968, however, “The University administration demanded censorship rights over the editors’ choice,” Smith stated.

“This was 1968 with students talking revolution and generally feeling defiant,” Smith explained, “The mood of the times was to not take something like this lying down.”

As a result, students and faculty supporters decided to deviate from the University’s expectations. After receiving enough donations, Smith travelled to Madison to type and print 1968s edition of the literary magazine, however, this year it was published under the name “Prolapse.” According to Smith, prolapse is a medical term for “the falling down or slipping of a body part from its usual position or relations” and “it’s an accurate description of the relationship then of the student literary magazine to the administration.”

This spring will mark “Prologue’s” 56th publication. Since the winter of 1968 and his involvement in the magazine, Smith has published over 10 collections of poetry and has edited five books.

“Prologue’s” present aim remains similar to its purpose in 1968: to provide students with an opportunity to share their voices.

Current “Prologue” president Al Waisley stated, “The goal is to showcase the creative talents of River Falls across all disciplines.”

Student Kyle McGinn has submitted his writing to numerous literary magazines and has had work published in “Prologue and Outrageous Fortune.” He promoted the concept of sharing one’s creative work.

“There is a feeling of accomplishment associated with being published. It feels good to be recognized for creative endeavors. There is a weird sense of community as well. I have had people email me or contact me on Facebook concerning my poems. It makes me feel closer to people on campus,” McGinn said.

Promoting one’s work is a great way to jump start post-college writing and artistic careers. As “Prologue” is open to submissions from any major, all students are encouraged to display their creative endeavors. However, there are other ways of advocating for one’s work in the community. Submitting work to publications or conferences enables students to positively represent themselves in the fields they are interested in. Especially in a time when idea censorship is minimal, it is important for students to have a voice.



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## Students and the Affordable Care Act aka ObamaCare

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