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Fundraising efforts begin for Dairy Pilot Plant renovation

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The College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences (CAFES), is raising money to undergo a Dairy Pilot Plant renovation that will begin in the summer of 2015.

The 30-year-old plant is due for a renovation because of the old equipment and it is not able to produce cheese and ice cream at the same time due to temperature differences. CAFES Dean Dale Gallenberg said he is excited about the opportunity to renovate the plant.

"The pilot plants were part of the food science addition which was originally built in 1982-83, so we have a set of facilities that are 30 years old. That's not necessarily that old for some food processing entities, but much of the equipment is original and the configuration of the facility is original," Gallenberg said. "It's both time to modernize and become current, as well as update much of the equipment and enlarge the space that is dedicated to dairy product processing."

The space associated with the dairy processing is currently 1600 square feet, and by the end of the renovation process the space available to produce dairy products will be more than triple the size.

The pricey renovation process has been made possible thanks to significant industry support for the project. Several industry members have come forward to help make this happen now, opposed to later.

"The total project will be \$3.5 million," Gallenberg said. "We are trying to raise \$3 million from industry funding and the remaining will be provided by the University, the UW system, or by the state of Wisconsin."

The money will go towards new equipment and piping, as well as basic renovation costs. The original footprint of the space of the pilot plants will not be changed.

"We are swapping spaces and doing minimal internal construction," Gallenberg



Maggie Sanders/Student Voice

Students Kelly Vodra, Carissa Jahnz, Morgan Thums and Alison Nohre form the wheels of Vintage No. 18 cheese, which is named for the 18th chancellor of UWRF. The cheese will be available for purchase in the Falcon Food Store in the Food Science building after Easter.

said." There will be no additional space created. We are simply swapping spaces that already exist."

CAFES is hoping to keep the dairy production moving during the renovation, but there will be a period where it is not business as usual because of moving cheese production to a larger space, away from the ice cream space.

"When the renovation is

actually in progress, we will have people working in the plant but in phases and in a reduced capacity," Gallenberg said. "Our goal is to not completely shut down, and if that happens then the actual shutdown will be a very short period of time. I don't know if we can avoid going through a down period, but our goal is to minimize that while the other space is being renovated."

Nick Larscheidt is currently the student supervisor at the Dairy Pilot Plant, and has worked there for almost 2.5 years. He said he is excited about the positive changes that the renovation to the plant will bring to their products as well as how it will benefit students.

"After the renovation, the plants capabilities will increase substantially and our products will show that. Not

only will this benefit our customers, but it will also increase the academic side of the plant," Larscheidt said. "One of the main reasons why we have the dairy plant is so that our students who are interested in dairy or food science-related majors can gain highly valuable experience working at the plant while gaining an education."

The renovation of the plant will give CAFES the oppor-

tunity to increase outreach programs and workshops, as well as increase production coming out of the plants.

"There is a scheduled opening of the plant to happen in January, 2016," Gallenberg said. "As of now, the primary activity in the short term is fundraising and to get the dollars to make it happen on time."

Alumni Relations hosts event in Denver

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With 50 to 60 alumni events hosted each year by Alumni Relations at the UW-River Falls, this is the first year to have an event in Denver, Colo.

With 22 people attending this educational and university update event on Thursday, Feb. 13, Dean Van Galen, the 18th chancellor at UWRF, will be there to present this event. Van Galen is speaking at this event seeing as he is the leader of the University and is most knowledgeable about the updates and changes the school has been going

through the last year.

According to the Alumni Association Statistics, there are 39,485 living alumni in the United States, with the majority of those in the Twin Cities area. With 17,720 alumni just in the state of Wis., there are 250 people alone within a 75-mile radius of the event that will take place in Denver.

With different types of events being held throughout the year, some being educational and an update of the University, there are also social and fundraising events.

Dan McGinty, director of Alumni Relations, said that they engage and connect the

alumni through print publications including the Falcon Features print publication which goes out once a year to alumni and a bi-monthly newsletter to those who have

a valid email address. They also use social media posts

on Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter as well as volunteer opportunities through various alumni boards through the colleges on campus.

Being a graduate of UWRF, McGinty has worked in the Alumni Relations office for 30 years and said that current students and alumni share a common bond in going to school at UWRF just by the stories you can share with each other and pass on to future students.

"If there is an opportunity where students can connect and network with alumni then they need to do that," McGinty said. "Our office can be a

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host and make that happen because we have those connections with alumni out there; also I strongly encourage students to connect with Career Services to make sure you have your ducks in order in regards to your resume and how to network."

From giving back, to sharing stories, to joining in at various events and much more, students and alumni play an essential role in the success of the University.

Alumni Relations aims to strengthen and maintain ties with all UWRF graduates and former students. They are here to serve and support the alumni through productive

programs, such as the alumni magazine, The Falcon Feature, e-newsletters, as well as the events from socials, fundraisers and educational updates throughout the year.

For more information on alumni and events around the United States you can visit their web page by searching alumni relations on www.uwrf.edu; or for information on how to connect with alumni, contact Alumni Relations and Dan McGinty at 715-425-3505 or daniel.e.mcginity@uwrf.edu.

News briefs:

NPR’s Deggans to speak on race, media, stereotypes on campus

UW-River Falls will welcome National Public Radio TV Critic Eric Deggans to campus at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 20, where he will speak on “Media, Race and Stereotypes” in the Kinnickinnic Theater in the University Center. The event is free and open to the public.

Deggans is NPR’s first full-time TV critic and author of “Race-Baiter: How the Media Wilds Dangerous Words to Divide a Nation,” which takes a look at how prejudice, racism and sexism fuels some elements of modern media. Deggans hosted CNN’s media analysis show, “Reliable Sources,” in August 2013 and received the 2013 Legacy Award from the National Association of Black Journalists Arts & Entertainment Task Force. He is a contributing author to the 2013 textbook “The New Ethics of Journalism.”

The event is sponsored by the Banks Center for Interdisciplinary Inquiry and the UWRF Journalism Department. For more information, call the Journalism Department at 715-425-3169 or email journalism@uwrf.edu.

Featuring ‘Dr. King’s Dream’

A Wyman Series event will feature Mixed Blood Theatre’s performance of “Dr. King’s Dream” at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 19, in the Falcon’s Nest in the University Center at UW-River Falls. The event is free and open to everyone.

“Dr. King’s Dream,” presented by Mixed Blood Theatre, Minneapolis, celebrates the life and career of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This acclaimed production draws from his letters, sermons, books and speeches including the timeless “I Have A Dream.” This powerful biography illuminates the reasons he is recognized as one of the greatest leaders and orators in American history and why he is honored with a national holiday each January.

The play will feature a commanding solo performance from actor Shawn Hamilton. Mixed Blood Theatre leads audiences to a much larger world, using relevant and entertaining theater to spawn a ripple effect of social change. Winner of numerous awards for its human rights and artistic accomplishments, Mixed Blood Theatre pays positive attention to differences and champions access.

Join us earlier in the day for the first PEACE Talk of the semester featuring a presentation from Mixed Blood Theatre at 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. in the Falcon’s Nest. For more about “Dr. King’s Dream” and Mixed Blood Theatre, visit www.mixedblood.com.

Other Wyman Series events this semester include: One Voice Mixed Chorus (Featuring Avenues for Homeless Youth) at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 29, in Abbott Concert Hall in the Kleinpell Fine Arts building and An Evening with featured speaker Tom Rath discussing his latest book, “Eat Move Sleep,” at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 16, in the Riverview Ballroom in the University Center.

For more information on these events or accommodations, call 715-425-4444 or visit go.uwrf.edu/wyman.

UW-River Falls Student Accounting Society offers free income tax assistance

Tax deadlines are once again approaching at a time when many households are seeking ways to lower discretionary spending. Families and individuals in the River Falls community with annual incomes lower than \$25,000 will again be able to benefit from free assistance preparing tax returns provided by the Student Accounting Society in the College of Business and Economics (CBE) at UW-River Falls.

Walk-in clinics will take place at WESTconsin Credit Union in River Falls on a first-come, first-served basis from 5:30-8:30 p.m. on four Thursdays: Feb. 20 and 27 and March 6 and 13.

This service is not for students and does not include electronic filing.

Since 2007, in accordance with the mission of the College of Business and Economics to serve to the university, community and the discipline, members of the Student Accounting Society have annually provided tax preparation assistance free of charge to low-income families and individuals. The students are supervised by Steve DeWald, CBE adjunct professor, who teaches a federal taxation class and is the director of the UWRF Small Business Development Center.

For more information, contact DeWald at 715-425-0620.

RADD Jazz Series to feature pianist, composer Matt Harris

Two upcoming RADD Jazz Series events

at UW-River Falls will feature Los Angeles-based jazz pianist and composer Matt Harris.

The first event will be Jazz Club Cabaret at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 14, in the Falcon’s Nest in the University Center. The event, which is free and open to the public, will include refreshments, a cash bar, and feature a chocolate fountain. Experience a true “Jazz Club” atmosphere at UWRF’s Jazz Club Cabaret. The Valentine’s Day jazz concert will feature Harris with UWRF Music Department faculty David Milne (saxophones), Eric Graham (bass) and Craig Hara (drums), in a program of original jazz music by Harris.

The second concert is a UWRF Jazz Ensemble performance at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 15, in Abbott Concert Hall in the Kleinpell Fine Arts building. The concert is free and open to the public and will feature performances, compositions and arrangements by Harris, including the world premier of a newly commissioned work for the UWRF Jazz Ensemble. The ensemble is directed by David Milne and Craig Hara.

More information about Harris can be found at www.mattharrismusic.com.

The RADD Jazz Series is dedicated to the memory of John Radd, professor of music and Jazz Ensemble director at UWRF. Upcoming RADD Jazz events include: UWRF Jazz Ensemble Concert at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 8, in Abbott Concert Hall and Universal Language Concert at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 26, in Abbott Concert Hall.

For more information on these events or accommodations, call Student Life at 715-425-4444 or visit www.uwrf.edu/StudentLife/ActivitiesAndEvents/RaddJazzSeries.cfm.

Modernization act streamlines Senate

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Student Senate passed its Student Shared Governance Modernization Act (SSGMA) last week after going through it with a fine-tooth comb for four weeks.

The SSGMA streamlines Senate’s structure and allows students to get involved more easily, which Senate Vice President Tony Sumnicht said should help Senate assign more committee seats.

“There are about 70 student positions still available,” Sumnicht said. “Senate has been struggling to fill committees.”

Streamlining student government will also open up time for Senate to look at issues that it did not have the time or resources for before.

“The Student Shared Governance Modernization Act allows Senate to refocus on areas that it didn’t focus on before,” Sumnicht said.

These areas include academics and reaching out to the city of River Falls in hopes of forging a relationship with community members.

One aspect of Senate that has been streamlined is the organization of committees. Some committees have been dissolved or reassembled into new committees, including an academic council, student affairs, external relations and six non-allocable fee committees.

Also changing within the structure of Senate is a number of representative seats. The athletic and Greek representative positions will be eliminated due to the fact that involvement in those activities is voluntary. In place of those positions, new representative positions will be created.

Due to the changing demographics of the UW-River Falls campus, a graduate representative and an international representative will be added.

“International students are the best ones to advocate for international students,” Sumnicht said.

Also, a Student Judiciary will be created, which is separate from Senate and will consist of five associate justices and one chief justice.

According to a YouTube video created by Senate and available on Senate’s OrgSync page, the Student Judiciary will hold elected student government officials responsible for their duties.

Another change made in the SSGMA is the Student Senate Executive Committee, which now covers every area that students could be about.

“The Student Senate Executive Committee now represents the entire student body; it’s not just representing Student Senate,” Sumnicht said.

The members of the Executive Committee will include



Desi Danforth/Student Voice

Student Senate Vice President Tony Sumnicht worked with Non-Traditional Representative Matthew Hobbs to create the Student shared Governance Modernization Act, which was passed Feb. 4.

clude people not involved in Senate already, including representation from RHA, the Student Athlete Advisory Committee, Recreational Sports and Facilities, University Center Programming and Operations Board, Student Services Boards and Campus Improvements and Safety

Board.

The members from Senate that will be included on the Executive Committee will be president, vice president, secretary, AFAB chair, chair of Academic Council and chair of External Relations.

The SSGMA will be up for a referendum vote until Fri-

day, Feb. 14 at 4 p.m. UWRF students must approve the SSGMA because one of the documents in the SSGMA is the Constitution, which always has to be approved by students.

AFAB Chair Bobbi O’Brien said the SSGMA will allow more input from

students not involved in Senate.

“It spreads out the shared governance process. There are a lot more checks and balances,” O’Brien said. It gives a more overall view of the student view because it brings a lot more student-led committees into the process.”

River Falls Police/UWRF Police Department

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IceCube telescope wins award

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The UW-River Falls physics department has been involved with research using the IceCube telescope, which was named Physics Breakthrough of the Year for 2013.

The telescope was recognized by the British magazine “Physics World” as a breakthrough in physics because it was the first telescope to detect the neutrino. The neutrino is a particle that has been hard to detect because it has no electric charge. It can pass through normal matter undetected.

Over 50 UWRF undergraduates have been involved with this project. Four physics faculty and three students have also visited Antarctica for research.

Even with the large amount of effort and work that has been contributed to the project, it was not clear until recently that the IceCube telescope would be a success.

The discoveries that have been made are just the beginning. James Madsen, a physics professor at UWRF, said that now that the neutrino has been detected, scientists can now begin to study the particle.

When Madsen found out that the IceCube Project was named breakthrough of the year he said was very excited and quite proud. He has been working on the project for 14 years and has had several different roles. Madsen said the original ideas for the IceCube telescope go back 25 years and several of his colleagues have been working on it for their entire careers.



Photo courtesy of Professor James Madsen

Kyle Jero, pictured on the far right is currently a graduate student at UW-Madison working on the IceCube project. Jero is on the deck of the icebreaker Oden in Antarctica as a UWRF physics student in 2010.

The project is an international collaboration, with about 275 scientists involved. Madsen attends two annual meetings each year with scientists from all areas of the world and travels to Switzerland. His work as chair of the Speakers Committee has given him the opportunity to travel all over the world to speak about the project.

He addressed the bias some people have about science careers being boring and

consisting of only lab work. However, his career has given him a variety of experiences and interactions with people.

Madsen has also traveled to Antarctica twice to work on the project and detect cosmic rays. Due to the complicated mechanics of the process and scarcity of water, it was a long process. He spent entire days trying to detect particles by filling giant tubs full of water, which would

then freeze without cracks or bubbles.

Madsen said that his favorite part of the project is the ability to provide an incredible experience for students and teachers.

UWRF is one of only two undergraduate institutions involved with the IceCube Project, since the work is advanced. This presents a rare and valuable opportunity for UWRF physics students, said Madsen.

“The people we work with are the best in the field,” Madsen said.

Physics student Danica Alvarez has been working on the project since May and is grateful for the opportunity it has given her to collaborate with established doctors.

Alvarez explained that much of her work is trial-and-error.

“You will try something for four days and on the fifth day it will work,” Alvarez said.

Her main responsibilities are to problem-solve and record and study data from the neutrino detector.

She is also going to a conference for the IceCube project in March in Banff, Alberta. She said that the project has given her an opportunity to show her independence and learn additional skills, like new programming languages.



Photo courtesy of Professor James Madsen

James Madsen, professor and chair of the UWRF physics department and Associate Director for Education and Outreach for Wisconsin IceCube Particle and Astrophysics Center working on the project at the South Pole in 2009.

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Senators serve as representatives of the UWRF student body by leading and participating in campus decisions. Senators elected in the spring serve a term of one academic year, starting at the end of spring semester.

Student Senate
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10 Reasons to Run for Student Senate

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8 Improve communication skills

7 Network with community leaders

6 Challenge yourself

5 Gain organizing and event planning experience

4 Have fun & meet new people

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1 BE A LEADER!

To run for Student Senate, pick up a petition at the Involvement Center Desk in the University Center.

The petitions will be available on Wednesday, February 19 at 8 a.m. and are due on Monday, March 3 by 4 p.m.

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EDITORIAL

UW-River Falls offers diverse events

There are many ways for students to get involved on the UW-River Falls campus without spending a penny that often go unnoticed.

New Year’s resolutions could have brought the topic of health to students’ minds and although gym memberships may be expensive, there are free options on campus. Knowles provides times for open recreation where you can use the track, exercise equipment and basketball courts for free with student ID. Student Health and Counseling Services sponsors weekly wellness activities such as yoga and tai chi and other events for free such as Pet Therapy.

Student Health and Counseling Services is also sponsoring the Wellness Challenge that started Feb. 10, and goes through March 9, which is free for all students, faculty and staff. It’s a four-week program that encourages a commitment to healthy lifestyle choices such as nutrition, relationships, mental, physical activity and overall wellness. The challenge provides an opportunity to work in a team of five to eight people or individually. A full list of events, activities and other information from Student Health and Counseling can be found on their website.

UWRF strives to educate students about diversity and inclusivity. February is also Black History Month and there are inexpensive events on campus that promotes diversity and inclusivity. At 3 p.m. on Feb. 20, in the Kinnickinnic Theater in the University Center, National Public Radio TV Critic Eric Deggans will speak on “Media, Race and Stereotypes.” The event is free and open to the public.

On Feb. 21, it is the 12th anniversary for the Soul Food Dinner at Rodli Hall in room 201 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. The variety-filled menu at presale will cost \$4 to students with their ID and \$6 at the door. Tickets are available in the University Center.

Starting Feb. 26, the Kingian Nonviolence and Creating Peace workshops discuss the strategy and philosophy that impacted King during the Civil Rights Movement and how to use the strategies in current issues. These events are not only an encouraging way to be involved on campus but also an educational experience.

It is encouraging to see the University creating events and activities for students looking to get involved on campus that tie in both educational and fun experiences. We encourage students to get involved on campus by taking advantage of these free or low cost events and activities. It is a great way to make friends, and connections that will influence your experience at UWRF.

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NFL could draft its first openly gay football player

Natalie Howell

Columnist

By this time we have all heard about the up-and-coming NFL star Michael Sam, a defensive lineman from the University of Missouri, who just recently came out as a gay man. Now normally this would not be that big of deal; people come out to their loved ones every day. The thing is, however, this could lead to the NFL’s first openly gay football player. Now, to a lot of people, it’s not that big of deal: Okay, he’s gay. So what? How could that possibly affect his playing or anything else that has to do with football? But to many this could change the game forever. Several news organizations have even started referring to Sam as “the next Jackie Robinson” because of the challenges and criticism he may face from NFL fans and maybe even other football players.

Asking around campus however, students seem relatively okay with the idea of an openly gay football player.

“Absolutely the NFL is ready for an openly gay player,” said freshman Torey Rohloff. “An ex-general manager of an NFL team said he had two gay players on his team in the 80s and his team was more than okay with it. It’s a different time now than it was in the 1980s and we should be even more accepting than we were over 30 years ago.”

With this comment, you can not help but find yourself hoping that we are more open-minded than those from 30 years ago. With an overwhelming positive response from college students, I have found that this may be the case. Public figures are also standing up in support of Sam’s decision to

come out, including First Lady Michelle Obama and openly gay talk show host Ellen DeGeneres.

With every thumbs up, there is sure to be a thumbs down. Let’s face it; there will always be people out there that will not be comfortable with an openly gay football player. That’s just the way it is. Habits are hard to break, and people, especially the older generation, may not be as accepting as others would hope. Because of this, will Sam truly become the next Jackie Robinson? Will he prove the critics wrong and change the history of sports forever? It seems like a lot of pressure for a kid not much older than many of us.

Thinking about it, is it really fair for us to look to this NFL hopeful to change the opinions of those who are against gay rights? Sam is sure to get criticized and may even receive death threats because he came out. It takes a strong mind and a lot self-restraint to take that much hatred in stride. I know that I would not be able to handle it.

Another thought that I am sure has crossed Sam’s mind several times is the fear that this might prevent him from being drafted. Could his football career end before it even truly begins? This upcoming draft will surely be the most anticipated draft to date, with everyone wondering if Sam will be given a chance and become the first openly gay NFL player. But even if Sam doesn’t get drafted, he has already changed NFL history. By his coming out, other NFL players may also finally feel comfortable coming out of the closet themselves. Sometimes all it takes is one voice to evoke change, after all.

Senate Corner:

Senate makes big changes with modernization act

Sam Tauchen

President

The week of Feb. 3, 2014, brought big changes for Student Senate. After four weeks of introduction, Vice President Anthony Sumnicht’s and Non-Traditional Representative Matthew Hobbs’ Student Shared Governance Modernization Act passed Senate with a 22-0-1 vote. This motion was presented before winter break and completely revamps Senate and streamlines its processes. Although Senate passed this motion, the process is not over; now it is up to the students of UW-River Falls to express their opinions on the changes through a referendum vote. The referendum vote started at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 11, and will close Friday, Feb. 14 at 4 p.m. Students wishing to better understand the Student Shared Governance Modernization Act so that they may offer a more informed vote may review the details of this act on Senate’s OrgSync page. In addition to the Student Shared Governance Modernization Act referendum vote, the students will vote on the support or denial of a spring semester Homecoming.

In other Senate news, two at-large positions were filled

the week of Jan. 28 by sophomore Christopher Morgan and freshman Grace Curran. More recently, at-large Senator Jeremy Schottroff resigned leaving one at-large Senator position open. Any interested students may apply on Senate’s OrgSync page.

The Senate committees Allocable Fee Appropriations Board and Facilities and Fees have also been very busy with budget season upon us. AFAB oversees the allocable segregated fee process (i.e. funds allocated to student activities), and F & F oversees the non-allocable segregated fee process (i.e. funds allocated to departments and operations of the University). Currently, AFAB is in the middle of the student organization budget deliberation process and has cut \$190,483.48 of the \$405,472.87 needed to match the total funds available for student organization budgets. F & F subcommittees have been working hard and F & F hopes to begin voting on department budgets this week.

Finally, AFAB has obtained an additional \$4,000 from Senate in single-event funding. All eligible student organizations who wish to hold events this semester should apply for single event funding via OrgSync.

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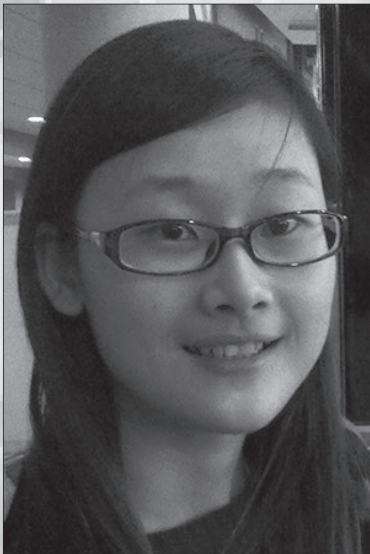
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"Snowboarding."



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"Skiing."



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"Cross Country Skiing."



Jamie Dziemarski
"Figure Skating."

New coach brings track team together



Kathy M Helgeson/University Communication
Head Coach Matthew Cole cheering on the men's and women's track and field teams at their indoor meet at home in Knowles earlier this semester.

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Change is the word to describe the beginning of the indoor season for both the men's and women's track and field teams. Head Coach Matthew Cole has begun his first season leading the UW-River Falls teams after being an assistant coach from 2006 to 2013 for the women's track and field team at Rose-Hulman University. Cole was named the Great Lakes Region women's assistant coach of the year from 2011 to 2013. With a new coach have come new training techniques. Senior captain Matt Shutey said that the change has certainly been noticed. "For a lot of us this is a different training program and different style, it's an entirely different way of training. We've seen some really good turnouts in the short sprints," said Shutey. "Another difference has been the new weight training program under Carme Pata

and Coach Andy King. I think this is where the lifting program should have been the past years." Freshman sprinter Grace Curran has also noticed a change from running in high school to competing at the university level. "The time commitment is so much greater in college than it was in high school and that was a little bit of a shock to me," Curran said. "Going from being a senior in a small school to a freshman in college track and field, it is much more competitive and very humbling to say the least." The improvement which Curran has seen is something which Cole hopes all of his runners will continue to see as the season goes on. "Our kids are really following the process of the training and working hard. As long as they know they can follow process then good things will happen and they're starting to see it," Cole said.

However, Shutey said that the changes for the athletes extend beyond just running on the track. "We've never really been a team. We had five different teams that rolled under the UWRF flag. For example, I would watch the sprinters' events, but wouldn't care about the distance events. It's not like that anymore, and some of us older people have worked very hard to eliminate that," Shutey said. "We now have a lot better unity, where sprinters aren't just friends with sprinters, but also with distance runners and pole vaulters. It is more like a family than it ever has been." Despite these changes, Cole said that both the men's and women's teams are not quite where they want to be just yet. "Right now I'm happy, but I think we can always do better and there's no doubt about that," Cole said. "Right now this isn't where we want to be in the future." While the team as a whole has not yet reached the level Cole is hoping for, some athletes have seen plenty of success so far this season. At the UWRF Invitational, senior Kimberly Lueck established herself as not only a contender for the WIAC championship, but also the national championship in the 60m hurdles. "She broke the school record in the hurdles, and the facility record, this past weekend when she went 8.32 [seconds]. That is one of the top times, not only in our conference but also in the country, she is sitting number five in the country," Cole said. "She is a strong leader for us, vocally and athletically." Junior Tia Harris, senior Hillary Geipel and sophomore Beth Riihinen also hold spots two through four, respectively, in the WIAC honor roll in the 3000m run. Harris and Riihinen are also have the top two times in the conference in the 5000m run. On the men's team, sophomore sprinter David Paynotta has emerged as a top conference runner. Paynotta's times currently rank him sixth in the 60m dash and fifth in the 200m dash in the WIAC. "[Paynotta] ran an outstanding 200 this

past weekend and has really positioned himself as one of the top sprinters in the conference," Cole said. "He should really compete well at our conference meet." In three weeks both teams will get a chance to see if these changes will be reflected within the WIAC. The indoor conference meet will be held at UW-Whitewater on Feb. 28, and March 1. Since 2004 the men's track team has finished no higher than seventh place, out of nine, at the indoor meet, while the women's team has finished anywhere between fourth and eighth in that same time frame. "The competition is so intimidating, but motivates us to strive for greatness," Curran said. "It makes me so proud to represent a team that is a part of the SEC of Div. III." The WIAC has produced nine of the last 13 men's indoor national champions and five of the last 10 women's indoor national champions. UW-La Crosse is the defending national champion on the men's side, while UW-Oshkosh is the defending champion on the women's side. Additionally, six men's WIAC teams are ranked in the top 25, including three of the top four, and four of the conference's women's teams are ranked in the top 15. Cracking the top positions of the conference will be difficult for both teams, but Shutey said that is role which the team is used to. "We're going make some good marks, but we won't be great overall. But we've always been the underdog in the conference," Shutey said. UWRF has two more meets to run before the WIAC championship. This will give the runners two more chances to qualify for the conference meet. The top 25 times in each event qualify for the WIAC meet. On Saturday, Feb. 15, both teams will travel to UW-Superior Invitational. On Friday, Feb. 21, the men's team will travel to the University of Minnesota Snowshoe Open, and on Saturday, Feb. 22, the women's team will travel to the Minnesota Parents Day Invitational.



Kathy M Helgeson/University Communication
Ollie White taking an opponent to the basket. White has been a leading scorer for the Falcons in many of their games this season.

Coaches vs. Cancer

The Falcon Athletic Department and the basketball and hockey teams will be celebrating a Coaches vs. Cancer Week from Feb. 12-19. Three events will be held on Saturday, Feb. 15. The women's hockey team hosts UW-Eau Claire at 2:05 p.m. at Hunt Arena in a Breast Cancer Awareness game. The men's basketball team hosts UW-Stevens Point in the Prostrate Cancer Awareness game. And the men's hockey team hosts UW-Stout in the Breast Cancer Awareness contest. On Wednesday, Feb. 19 the women's basketball team hosts UW-Superior in the Pancreatic Cancer Awareness game. The hockey teams are asking fans to Pink the Rink for Saturday's Breast Cancer Awareness games. The men's basketball team will hold a Red Out for Saturday's Prostate Cancer Awareness game. Fans are asked to wear purple for next Wednesday's Pancreatic Cancer Awareness game. Pink, red and purple "Falcons Fight Together" t-shirts are for sale for \$10. The t-shirts can be purchased from the teams or in the Athletic Department office.

UW- River Falls athletic teams upcoming events

Men's Basketball

The Falcons only have three games remaining. They play Stevens Point at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb 15, at Karges. They will play Superior at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, in Superior. Their last game will be against Platteville at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, in Platteville.

Women's Basketball

With hopes of making it to the tournament, the Falcons have three regular season games remaining. They play at 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15, at Stevens Point, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19 at Superior, and 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, at home vs. Platteville in Karges.

Men's Hockey

The Falcons will be playing a double header this weekend at home in Hunt arena vs. Stout. They play at 7:05 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14, and 7:05 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15

Women's Hockey

The Falcons play Eau Claire at 2:05 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15, at home in Hunt arena, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, at St. Catherine's University, and 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, at Eau Claire.

Men's Track and Field

The Falcons will be competeing at 12 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15, at the UW-Superior Invitational.

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Women’s basketball fights for tournament spot

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The UW-River Falls women’s basketball team is striving for success on the court and battling to make the WIAC play offs and off the court working on service projects.

The team has faced adversity from the start of the season when they lost point guards Jessie Van Wyhe and Emily Larson to season ending injuries and had to find the right on-court chemistry with 12 freshmen on the roster. They have had injuries on and off all season long including losing leading scorer Richell Mehus against UW-Superior to a back injury six games ago.

“It hurt us to lose Jessie right away and Emily was playing so strong this fall, but we have had plenty of players step up and play good basketball,” said Head Coach Cindy Holbrook said. “It has seemed like we have always had one or two players injured throughout the season, but that is just part of a normal basketball season.”

The team has struggled with a 6-16 overall record on the season but are 4-9 in WIAC play which has them tied for sixth place with only three conference games left. The top six teams make the WIAC postseason. Right now UW-Platteville and UW-Superior each have five wins and are tied for fourth, UW-Eau Claire, UW- La Crosse, and UWRF all have four wins and are tied for sixth and Stout has three wins sitting in ninth place.

“We have been in a lot of close games and we could have won more but the good news is we are still in the battle for sixth. We are shooting for three wins down the stretch but two would be nice,” junior guard Kristi Elles said.

The tiebreaker in the WIAC goes to head to head record first. UWRF beat Eau Claire twice and would own the tiebreaker against them. They split against La Crosse. If the tie

is still not broken after head to head record then it goes to how the team’s record against other division opponents is starting with the first place team. There are five ways a tie can break in the WIAC rulebook all the way to settling it by a coin toss if it still cannot be broken.

When asked what the team had to do to win the next three games Holbrook said, “Well we do not have to play like Superman. I keep telling the players we do not need to do any-

thing special other then play our game and we have a chance to win.”

The team has played its whole roster in some games this season which is unusual but is due to the fact the team is so young. Holbrook said that one week someone will play great for them but struggle the next week which has caused the line up to get switched up throughout the season.

Hailey Siegle and Tess Lueders have had strong seasons for the team. Sielge is averag-

ing 9.6 points per game and 4.1 rebounds per game while Lueders, the lone senior on the team, is averaging nine points per game and 5.9 rebounds per game.

The next three games UWRF will play are at 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15, at Stevens Point, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, at home vs. Superior and 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, at home vs. Platteville. The game against Superior is also UWRF’s Coaches vs. Cancer game. Holbrook said in the past the team has supported breast cancer awareness for the game but this year they will be doing pancreatic cancer.

“There is a player on the team that a personal connection in her family with pancreatic cancer so this year the event will be hitting a little closer to home than in years past,” Holbrook said.

To help support the cause that night fans can buy \$10 awareness shirts and donate to the cause. Shirts can be bought in the athletic department.

The team has been active off the court in many other areas as well. Elles has been a big reason for that and said that working as an upperclassman and captain on the team her role has been to coordinate events and make sure everyone is on the same page.

“It is so easy to get charity work done when you have so many hands to help. It got sparked with the Falcon Cup event but then it got contagious and we wanted to anything and everything we could to help,” Elles said.

The team did a wrist band sale selling Falcon for Life wristbands. With the money made they donated \$300 to the food pantry. They also donated 22 toys to Toys for Tots, wrote letters to soldiers overseas and did a coat drive where 43 coats were collected and donated to Hope for the City. Elles said they still have some money left over and are looking to do one more project this year.



Kathy M Helgeson/University Communication
Tess Lueders drives to the basket. The lone senior has been performing well, scoring 20 points in their last game vs. Martin Luther.

Men’s basketball team intends to finish tough season strong

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The UW-River Falls men’s basketball team will miss the WIAC tournament for the second straight season, following back-to-back WIAC championship appearances.

The team may be mathematically eliminated from WIAC playoff contention, but Falcons head coach Jeff Berkhof elects to stay positive.

“We have a great group of guys,” Berkhof said. “It’s mid-February and they come to work every day, and continue to get better each day.”

The Falcons have withstood a difficult season. They are 7-15 overall and 2-11 in the WIAC. Last place in the conference is somewhere no coach, especially a former WIAC Coach of the Year, expects his team to be in mid-February.

“We’ve been too inconsistent,” Berkhof said. “We’ve had moments of real greatness, but came up with the short end of the stick in too many games.”

The WIAC has been a ruthless conference this season. The Falcons have lost three conference games by two points or less, and Berkhof knows how miniscule the difference

between winning and losing can be.

“It has often come down to a possession or two this season,” Berkhof said. “There’s such a fine line in each basketball game.”

Three games remain for the Falcons, with only one home game left on the schedule. The Falcons clash with the UW-Stevens Point Pointers on Senior Day at the Karges Center on Saturday evening at 7 p.m. The Pointers are the number one team in the nation, according to d3hoops.com, and Berkhof knows his team is up for the challenge.

“We have a week of practice, which will help their bodies rejuvenate,” Berkhof said. “This final game will have a lasting memory for these seniors.”

The five graduating seniors are Justin Behnke (Rochester, Minn.), David Berthene (Lakeville, Minn.), Ben Gresmer (Hudson, Wis.), Zach Smith (Rochester, Minn.) and Ollie White (Minnetrista, Minn.).

“They’re all going to get degrees,” Berkhof said. “They’ve done a great job providing leadership; four of five have been here for five years. I’m happy for them.”

White, who has had a phenomenal season by any standards, is coming off the best game of his career against UW-Eau Claire on Saturday night where he scored 28 points. White

has finished in double digits in all but three games this season.

Gresmer, meanwhile, has had great success shooting three’s this season. Not only is the Hudson native averaging 11.9 points per game, but he is also hitting over 50 percent of his three-point attempts.

The five seniors collectively average 37 points per game this season, which is 58.3 percent of the Falcon offense. Look for freshman point guard Grant Erickson to improve upon his 7.2 points per game next season as he emerges as a team leader.

“It’s always nice to have good point guard play,” Berkhof said. “I’m excited about (Erickson’s) future.”

Erickson is not the only freshman with a bright future, according to Berkhof. He believes the freshman have all done a nice job, and will have good careers as Falcons.

“They all want to improve and put in the time,” Berkhof said.

Next season the Falcons will likely rely heavily on Erickson and junior guard Jay Sewer, who continues to improve week-by-week, for offensive support. Sewer and Erickson both have 76 assists this season, which accounts for 53.9 percent of the team’s total. They are also two players who can generate a

lot of turnovers in the defensive zone.

Freshmen guards Devin Buckley and Joe Deppe should be called upon to hit perimeter shots with the loss of Gresmer’s deep presence. Inside the paint, look for sophomore center Connor Goodwin to continue to get stronger, as well as more confident under the rim on both ends of the floor.

Replacing 37 points per game will not be easy, but it is something Berkhof and his staff will have the offseason to address.

“The offseason is big going forward,” Berkhof said. “We’re gonna need to bring in new players who are going to help us.”

If anyone is capable of turning the Falcon program around it is Berkhof, who led his team to back-to-back WIAC championship games after six straight seasons without a tournament win. As a player, Berkhof averaged 17.4 points per game in a Falcons uniform from 1992-1994.

As far as the immediate future is concerned, Berkhof is 100 percent focused on the last three games of the season.

“Our thought is to win the next three games,” Berkhof said. “We’re going to do everything we can to do so.”

See where your UWRF Falcons winter sports teams rank in WIAC standings

Men’s Basketball

School	WIAC	Overall
UW- Stevens Point	11-1	20-1
UW- Whitewater	10-3	19-3
UW- La Crosse	8-5	14-8
UW- Platteville	7-5	12-9
UW- Stout	7-5	12-9
UW- Oshkosh	5-7	10-11
UW- Superior	3-9	6-15
UW- Eau Claire	3-10	10-12
UW- River Falls	2-11	7-15

Women’s Basketball

School	WIAC	Overall
UW- Whitewater	13-0	19-3
UW- Oshkosh	10-2	19-2
UW- Stevens Point	8-4	15-6
UW- Superior	5-7	12-9
UW- Platteville	5-7	11-10
UW- La Crosse	4-9	10-12
UW- Eau Claire	4-9	6-16
UW- River Falls	4-9	6-16
UW- Stout	3-9	7-14

Men’s Hockey

School	WIAC	Overall
UW- Eau Claire	5-2-1	16-4-1
UW- River Falls	5-3	12-6-3
UW- Stevens Point	4-3-1	16-3-2
UW- Superior	2-6-2	7-13-3
UW- Stout	3-5	7-14

Women’s Hockey

School	WIAC	Overall
UW- Stevens Point	7-2-1	16-4-2
UW- River Falls	6-2-2	15-4-3
UW- Superior	4-4-2	14-4-4
UW- Eau Claire	0-9-1	4-17-2

Current WIAC standings as of Wednesday, Feb. 12

‘The Lego Movie’ doles out big fun



would combine toy after toy together as “The Lego Movie” makes a name for itself.

Emmet has never been anybody. He has woken up, greeted the day and done his job according to the book for every day of his life. He doesn’t realize it, but he is just another brick in the wall. However, he finds a missing piece to a puzzle that could save every Lego person from a life of mediocre TV and overpriced coffee. With the help of the wizard Vituvius, the sassy Wyldstyle and of course, Batman, Emmet will need to save the world from the one Lego piece that wants everything to stay where it is for all time.

Surprisingly, my expectations for “The Lego Movie” were not as low as some would expect. The animation looked bright and energetic from the trailers I saw and it seemed funny enough, so I figured it would be an all right watch. Boy, as far as expectations go, no movie in a while has gone past my expectations for me to say “The Lego Movie” is a film everyone out there should get a chance to see.

The story is one we have seen before, but is done in such a fresh way with its material that it holds up really well. The movie is an adventure film with an epic quest,

action, romance, revelations and humor abound. But “The Lego Movie” manages to really present itself in all these things in a fresh and unique manner that makes it highly enjoyable.

This can partially be in thanks to its directors Phil Lord and Chris Miller who brought their usual unique brand of humor in past movies like “Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs” and “21 Jump Street.”

The animation as I said is stellar. The film brings a mix of computer graphics and stop-motion that makes it seem almost all hand done by actual Lego builders, and the characters and action move in a way that brings back memories of playing with Lego toys with whatever you had back in the day. It is beautiful to look at and really manages to raise the bar for licensed toy animation.

The voice actors all play their parts very well, like Morgan Freeman as Vituvius the wizard and Will Arnett playing a very self-aware Batman that had me laughing every time he was on screen. Each actor is used so well and to the advantage of the film’s humor.

As with the acting, the music helps reflect the chaotic and energetic nature of the movie and the whole movie wraps up with a surprisingly touching message that is sure to resonate with anyone who has ever wanted to let their imagination go wild.

There is not much more I can say about “The Lego Movie” other than that it is a genuinely good film that everyone, children and adults included, should go see. The film reminds everyone who sees it what it was like to put so much work into those zany little blocks and how much fun we had playing with our imagination.

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World celebrates 50 years since British Invasion

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Columnist

The world of music, particularly rock and roll, is surely celebrating this year. This year marks the 50th anniversary since the start of the British Invasion, kicking off when The Beatles appeared on The Ed Sullivan Show in February 1964. The British Invasion took place when several bands from the United Kingdom, as well as aspects of British culture, appeared and became popular in the United States. Not only did The Beatles made an impact, but other bands such as the Rolling Stones, The Who and The Kinks made a mark as well. Even today, their music lives on and is well-known by several generations.

Similar to the United States, British rock and roll became popular in the 1950s, carrying with it the same rebellious attitude. In Liverpool during 1962, where The Beatles formed, many bands worked to combine both British and American styles. The phenomenon was known as “Merseybeat,” and it produced such hits as “Love Me Do,” The Beatles’ first record. Influences in music making also came from two British “gangs,” the Mods and the Rockers. These two groups had a significant impact on the British Invasion, with the Mods becoming the frontrunner. Any band that was able to conform to the Mod style or combine both, such as The Beatles, was quite successful.

Of course, The Beatles were the front-runners of the British Invasion. There was a Beatles craze in the United States even before they arrived. This was noted in the Oct. 29, 1963, issue of The Washington Post. However, this was only the beginning of their career, and they went on to write music together for nearly a decade. Six days later, the band played a concert for the Queen at England’s Royal Variety Theater and this helped further boost their popularity and media attention. Major television stations and newspapers responded to this craze, dubbing it “Beatlemania.”

The Beatles’ popularity also brought light to the dark time following President John F. Kennedy’s assassination. CBS Evening News anchor Walter Cronkite wanted to report on the Beatlemania excitement after viewers only heard bad news. A week later, after an enthusiastic phone call from a Beatles fan, a Maryland radio station played “I Want to

Hold Your Hand.” The radio station sent the song to other stations around the country as Beatlemania marched on, mostly among teenagers. As a result, the record was released late in the year, three weeks ahead of schedule. Just one month later “I Want to Hold Your Hand” reached number one on Cash Box Magazine and Billboard charts.

The Beatles performed on The Ed Sullivan Show on Feb. 9, drawing in 73 million viewers, nearly half the country. The Beatles had over 20 number one hits, and every year that they were together, at least two of their singles held the top spot on the chart. Perhaps their most amazing number was dominating the top five spots on the charts, a feat that no other band has accomplished.

Other bands and singers also dominated the charts. Dusty Springfield likewise reached the top 100 with her hit “I Only Want to be With You.” Bands, such as the Rolling Stones and the Dave Clark Five, had

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one or more number one hits during 1967. Other well-known bands such as The Animals, Herman’s Hermits, Van Morrison and The Kinks had similar success on the charts, and their top hits are still heard on the radio today. The United Kingdom nearly swept the top 10 on the charts during the 1960s.

The film industry also saw a growing popularity of British stars. Films such as Mary Poppins, My Fair Lady, James Bond and A Hard Day’s Night became wildly popular following their big screen debut. These films introduced stars such as Sean Connery, Julie Andrews, who won a record number of Academy Awards, and Audrey Hepburn, who won eight Academy Awards. It also gave way to The Beatles’ acting debut. Music and movies alike influenced peoples’ lifestyles, therefore helping to initiate the hippie movement.

The British Invasion of the 1960s had a profound impact on our country and it continues to do so today. Many bands, songs and movies made popular by British stars are still very much alive, even with our generation. They have influenced future music and showed what can happen when you mix two different styles and cultures.

People worldwide shed pants for subway ride

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Columnist

Last month, people in cities all across the world shed their first layer of lower body garments on public transportation in tradition of the global No Pants Subway Ride. There are participating cities on every continent except Antarctica, the nearest one being our neighbor across the river, Minneapolis. While Minneapolis does not have a subway system, the light rail works just fine.

The global No Pants Subway Ride originates in New York City. In 2002, a group called Improv Everywhere staged the first subway ride sans pants and the annual practice has been spreading ever since.

By now, it is probably apparent that not wearing pants while riding the subway is the main idea of this festivity. However, there is a simple rule that you must follow besides removing your pants at the decided time during the ride. The rule is that you must behave as you usually would and not acknowledge that anything is out of the ordinary. You must act as natural as possible. The first rule of the No Pants Subway Ride is do not talk about the No Pants Subway Ride. If someone asks why you aren’t wearing pants, appropriate responses include the following.

“Oh fiddlesticks, looks like I forgot my pants today!”; “Really? That explains the draft!”; “I’ve got no idea what you are talking about” and “This is my favorite outfit!”

The other rules of the No Pants Subway Ride are more concerned with what exactly

is appropriate and legal and what is not. It is urged that underwear is “family appropriate” and contains no holes or tears. You may not follow up the removal of your pants with that of your underwear.

In Minneapolis, Plan B MN has taken charge of organizing the No Pants Subway Ride each year. Plan B MN is a Minnesotan guerilla improv group. This year, they met up at the light rail transit station at the Mall of America at 1 p.m. and boarded there. Heading towards downtown Minneapolis, they banished their trousers at the first stop. It is necessary to wait until the first stop for the pants removal to begin because pants are required within the Mall. The ride finished at the stop at Target Field.

One challenge faced by Minnesotan participants in particular is the freezing cold that has typically set in by the time January rolls around. This has not stopped them though, not in the six years since Minneapolis first started taking part. Even this year during the winter of the great polar vortex, people still rallied in the name of organized de-pantsing and even stood outside one of the stops for a group picture

If you are interested in participating in the Minneapolis No Pants Subway Ride, they make a Facebook page each year that contains the date and time as well as rules and all other information. The exact date changes each year, but it always falls during the month of January. Several friends of mine who have participated assure me that it is a dandy old time and a great activity for those who are fond of mischief and pushing themselves out of their comfort zone.

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