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Homecoming weekend to feature live falcon

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As another Homecoming weekend approaches, there is a new Freddy the Falcon mascot soaring onto the UW-River Falls campus with the goal of helping connect students, family and alumni.

This Freddy happens to be a real 17-month-old three-quarters peregrine and one-quarter gyrfalcon falcon trained by UWRF student and master falconer Jordan Jones. Jones has been training falcons for eight years.

Jones grew up in Arkansas but transferred from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock in 2012 when his girlfriend got a job offer in the area.

"I realized I am a falconer and that they had a falcon for a mascot, so I thought it was a sign I should be here," Jones said.

After transferring here, Jones said he got his wheels turning when he met ornithology professor and biology department chair Dr. Mark Bergland in his ornithology class. They decided it would be nice to bring in a falcon and use it for conservation education.

"The class loved it and my whole talk, so the wheels started turning even faster," Jones said. "We thought, 'what if we got a living falcon mascot here'?"

Now Jones, who graduates in December, is hoping to get a permanent position at UWRF where he could go into classrooms and use Freddy as a teaching tool. He would also bring him to sporting events to rally students and faculty.

"I think it's very exciting," Jones said. "All the students that see the bird get really excited and I think it's a great tool to rally students, and to also use as recruitment at college fairs to get people to come to our booths."

Freddy will be out and about this Homecoming weekend at the parade and football game, but Jones said he will not be quite ready to fly yet.

"We're training him like an athlete, with a strict diet and tough exercise workouts to get him ready to fly at games in the future," Jones said.

While the new Freddy is one thing to get excited about for this year's homecoming, there's also a plethora of other events being put on.

This year, for the first time, there was a Homecoming committee made up of voices from many different areas on campus that have all been putting in hours since last spring in order to put on a great weekend for students, families and alumni.

"It's a big undertaking, but it's certainly worth it," Director



Jordan Jones holding Freddy, who will make appearances this weekend.

Ryan Tibbitts/Student Voice

of Student Life Paul Sheperd said.

Student Life has historically been a large part of the annual homecoming celebration, and this year they're putting on some bigger events such as Falcon's Got Talent, the annual parade, and the tailgating event before the football game.

When asked if students could only attend one event all Homecoming weekend which should it be, Sheperd said he was partial to Falcons Got Talent, which will be at 8 p.m. on Friday night in the Falcons Nest.

"I think it's cool how more and more people come out every year," Shepherd said. "Sometimes when you do a talent show type of event a lot of students won't show up, but this event has continued to fill most of the Falcon's Nest."

Shepherd said there have been acts in the past ranging from an acting group that put on some small scenes, lip-syncs and even a stand-up comedy routine. The event is judged kind of like an American Idol format and is just for fun with some

This year's Homecoming weekend is also filled with alumni events like North Hall celebrating 100 years and different clubs having reunions with past members.

"Attending an event like Homecoming is unique and some-

thing you can continue to do your entire life as a UWRF graduate," Shepherd said.

For students like junior Robert Kueppers and sophomore Christina Swanby, the football game is still the one must-attend event.

"It's homecoming; you have to go to the football game," Kueppers said.

"Homecoming is all about the positive vibes and coming together over the game," Swanby said. "If you haven't lost your voice by the end of the game, you're doing it wrong."

This year UWRF takes on UW-Stevens Point for its first WIAC game coming off a big win against a Div. II opponent in South Dakota School of Mines & Technology.

The Falcons will also play its first ever game on the new artificial turf at Ramer Field, and are the last team in the WIAC to get artificial turf. Kickoff for the game is set for 2 p.m.

For a complete list of everything going on for Homecoming, search "homecoming" on FalconSync, uwrf.edu, or on the UW-River Falls Facebook page.

n-campus amenities vs. off-campus money saving

Carmella Everhart

carmella.everhart@my.uwrf.edu Some students at UW-River Falls find it less expensive to live off-campus, while others see the benefits and

cost-effectiveness of living

on-campus. On average, it costs \$3,995 for a Wisconsin resident to live in a double dorm room, or \$1,997.50 per person each semester, according to the UWRF website. This means that the student pays \$500 per month to live in the dorms each semester.

If a student wants a single room in the dorms or room in South Fork Suites, the cost is \$2,530.50 each semester, or \$5,061 per academic school

year, according to the UWRF website. That averages out to be about \$632 per month for a single room.

Students living on campus also pay for meals at the University Center. A plan for 14 meals a week (or two meals a day for seven days) costs \$1,995 per semester or \$2,390 a year, which ends up being about \$498 a month, plus additional costs for snacks and meals the plan doesn't cover. Other meal plans are optional and can be found on the UWRF website.

Between renting a double dorm room and eating 14 meals a week on campus, each student pays about \$998 per month.

student at UWRF and a Resident Assistant in Parker Hall, doesn't pay for her housing on campus because the cost is covered by UWRF while she holds the position.

Bauer said that even if she did have to pay for living in the dorms she would still choose to live on campus because of the community and what is built into the price.

"For the price you pay for room and board you get, not only a room to live in, but you get all the utilities an amenities that go with it, like the electricity, the cable, internet; all those little things that you don't normally think of when you're living off campus,"

However, Crystal Bauer, a Bauer said.

Bauer also pointed out that the dorms are furnished when residents move in, which is another cost eliminated by living on-campus.

However, Courtney Wilson, a fourth-year student at UWRF, finds that living offcampus can be less expensive than living on-campus.

Wilson said she lives in a duplex apartment with three roommates off-campus. She said that she and her roommates pay \$230 each month for rent, \$13 a month for internet access, \$30 a month for utilities, and less than \$100 each grocery trip, which can last her a few weeks.

In total, Wilson pays about

\$475 a month to live offcampus, which is less than half of what it costs to live in the dorms for a semester.

Wilson said she pays for things by working part-time as a nanny and she uses leftover financial aid money that would normally go toward living on-campus to help her pay for off-campus living.

"It's cheaper to live offcampus, for the most part, if you do it right," Wilson said.

Kasey Hedrington, a student at UWRF, also said she finds living off-campus to be less expensive than living on campus.

Hedrington recently moved into her first apartment with one other friend. She and her

roommate pay about \$800 a month between the two of them, or \$400 a person, and they do not have to pay for utilities. She said she pays for living off-campus by working and using leftover financial aid money.

"Living off campus is actually quite a bit cheaper for me, personally, because I end up paying probably \$100 less per month than I would if I was on campus," Hedrington said.

Overall, the cost of living on-campus has a higher price tag than living off-campus, but Wilson emphasized that it really depends on individual situations.

New director prompts changes to Falcon Scholars and Honors Program

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The Falcon Scholars and Honors Programs have a new face and a new space.

On Sept. 2, of this year, the programs were linked and given a space devoted to students as a giant step forward to promote and utilize the benefits of both of them.

Also this year, Kathleen Hunzer was made the director of the Falcon Scholars and Honors Program, to create a constituent for participants and potential future participants.

The Falcon Scholars Program is a high-achieving scholarship program for high school students that come to UW-River Falls. Candidates



Director of Falcon Scholars Dr. Kathleen Hunzer (left) and Honors Program Associate Katie Maas (right).

higher and are in the top 10 essay portion followed by an

for the program have a compercent of their class. Then, posite ACT score of 25 or of that selection, there is an interview process.

The Admissions office is the judge and jury for applicants; however, now that Hunzer is director of the program, she said that she will take a more active role in the selection process.

Once selected, students receive \$1,000 per year for four years. In addition, in the students' junior or senior year, they will receive a supplemental \$2,000 to use towards global connections experience, undergraduate research or scholarly and creative activity—also known as URSCA.

The Honors Program is open to incoming freshmen that have a composite ACT of 27 or higher or students in the

top 10 percent of their class. Existing students and transfer students are also eligible to join the program, with a requirement of having a GPA of 3.3 or higher.

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The Honors Program is 18 honors credits. There are two minimum credit program reauirements.

"There is a misnomer on

campus that only classes that start with HON count as honors classes, and that is just not true," Hunzer said. "There are other classes and programs that count towards honors credits as well."

The programs are now located in 139 Hagestad Hall. It is very spacious and has lots of amenities: cable access television, games, student computers and a student kitchen.

The more directed and easily accessed program office is designed to create a comfortable and educationally stimulating environment for students.

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News briefs:

Working Journalists seminar includes panel

Whether news still matters in community affairs will be discussed during this semester's Working Journalists Seminar, sponsored by the Department of Journalism at UW-River Falls.

The event will feature a panel discussion, "The Role of News in the Community," at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7, in the University Center ballroom on the UWRF campus. The program coincides with National News Engagement Day, an event being sponsored for the first time by the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC).

Participants in the panel discussion will include Alan Burchill, the mayor of Hudson; Neil Kraus, professor and chair of political science at UWRF; Rich Kremer, reporter and host of "The West Side" on Wisconsin Public Radio; and Chad Richardson, editor and publisher, Hastings (Minn.) Star Gazette.

"Despite more news platforms conveniently available 24/7 and diverse ways to engage with news, getting informed about news is no longer a national priority," the AEJMC notes on its website devoted to National News Engagement Day, newsengagement.org.

The UWRF panel discussion will examine what this means for local politics and com-

For more information on the Department of Journalism, visit uwrf.edu/journalism.

Masquers Theatre presents 'Reckless'

Beginning Oct. 16, UW-River Falls' student theatre group, Masquers, will present Craig Lucas's "Reckless," a play with the potential to have you laughing one moment and crying the next.

The show runs Oct. 16-18 and 23-25 at 7:30 p.m. in the Blanche Davis Theatre in the Kleinpell Fine Arts building. Tickets are \$10/ adults, \$8/seniors and \$5/students.

UWRF student Vanessa Brooke Agnes is directing the story of Rachel, a stay-at-home mother who finds herself homeless on Christmas Eve. With the help of a friendly stranger, Lloyd, she searches for her place in the world.

Each year Masquers nominates a student to direct a full production and the show they will be directing. The production crew is also nominated and is made up completely of UWRF students. The students are usually theater majors or minors and have taken classes helpful in putting a production together.

For more information, email vanessa.agnes@my.uwrf.edu or call the box office at 715-425-3114.

New data show steady enrollment

Preliminary figures indicate UW System enrollments for the fall 2014 semester are holding fairly steady over previous years, with a total head count system wide of 179,017.

"UW enrollment continues to remain strong despite the declining number of high school graduates and other economic factors impacting an individual's decision to seek higher education," said UW System President Ray Cross. "College enrollments often spike during economic turndowns and then level off as the economy begins to rebound. This is a nat-

ural, expected trend. At the same time, we are continuing our efforts to expand college opportunities for broader sections of the state's population through innovative programs like the UW Flexible Option."

It is important to note that preliminary enrollment numbers tend to be lower than the final tallies, because the final data includes enrollment numbers for the interim sessions and other programs with later start-dates.

"We are working diligently to develop the high-impact talent businesses tell us they need to grow Wisconsin's economy," Cross said. "UW institutions are working harder and more creatively than ever before to recruit and retain students of all ages."

Master's in computer science opens fall 2015

A new master's program, a Master of Science in Computer Science (MSCS), will be offered through the College of Business and Economics (CBE) at UW-River Falls beginning in fall 2015.

The MSCS is built on the legacy of a strong undergraduate Computer Science and Information Systems Department and thriving Master of Business Administration (MBA) program. This flexible and dynamic program will enable IT professionals to gain knowledge in current and specialized computer science topics. Student will also engage in management training in order to be fully prepared for leadership roles in the IT industry.

The MSCS will launch with an open house from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 9, in Room 103 at the UWRF Hudson Center, 2501 Hanley Road, Hudson.

Individuals are welcome to stop in any time between 6 and 8 p.m. to speak directly with graduate faculty and staff, including CBE Dean Michael Fronmueller, CSIS Department Chair Hossein Najafi, and Director of CBE Graduate Programs Leanne Van Allen. An informational presentation is set for 7 p.m.

Working professionals and recent graduates interested in attending the open house are encouraged, though not required, to RSVP. For more information about the open house and the MSCS program, visit www.uwrf.edu/CBE/MSCS.

Questions can be directed to Van Allen at 715-425-3335 or MSCS@uwrf.edu.

Harwood grant awarded fourth year

The U. S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has awarded UW-River Falls \$112,506 through the Susan Harwood Training Grant. The grant will be used to continue training programs for dairy producers and their employees through the Center for Dairy Farm Safety. This marks the fourth consecutive year UWRF has received a Susan Harwood Training Grant.

In the last three years, in cooperation with UW-Extension and the National Farm Medicine Center, the Center for Dairy Farm Safety has trained more than 600 dairy producers and more than 1,000 employees in Wisconsin, Minnesota, and recently, New York. The grant dollars help to continue support for the eight module producer training now available online and the five module dairy farm worker training on farms in English and Spanish.

This year, the Center for Dairy Farm Safety will design a new training module, "Dairy Farm Worker Personal Health and Safety," in English and Spanish. UWRF will be partnering with the National Farm Medicine Center, the UW-Eau Claire nursing program, and the Mexican consulate in St. Paul to develop and pilot this new module.

The Susan Harwood Training Grant Program supports safety and health training programs that educate workers and employees in industries with high injury, illness, and fatality rates; underserved youth; limited English proficiency and other vulnerable workers; and small businesses.

More information on the Susan Harwood Training Grant Program is available on OS-HA's website at http://www.osha.gov/dte/sharwood.

'First Mondays Under the Dome' begins

"First Mondays Under the Dome," a series of planetarium presentations about astronomy topics, will be offered the first Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at UW-River Falls. The presentations are free, open to the public and suitable for all ages.

The presentations are about 30 minutes long and are held in the UWRF planetarium located in 201 Ag Science. Seating is limited to 50. The series for this opening year will concentrate on astronomy topics but in subsequent years will be expanded to other disciplines.

Dates and topics for the 2014-15 academic year are:

Oct. 6 — Constellations: Fall and Winter.

Nov. 3 — Planets.

Dec. 1 — Constellations: Circumpolar and Zodiac.

Feb. 2 — Moons in the Solar System. March 2 — Constellations: Spring and

March 2 — Constellations: Spring and Summer.

April 6 — Galaxies.

May 4 — Constellations: Southern Hemisphere.

The UWRF planetarium is located in the Ag Science building about one block south into campus from the corner of 3rd St. and Cascade Avenue.

For more information, email Eileen.kore-nic@uwrf.edu or call the UWRF Physics Department at 715-425-3560.

UW task force to explore sexual violence

UW System President Ray Cross announced the formation of a new UW System Task Force on Sexual Violence and Harassment to strengthen the university's capacity to protect students from sexual violence and better coordinate system-wide efforts at prevention and outreach.

UW System institutions have had robust and well-publicized policies in place for the effective prevention of and response to sexual misconduct for many years. These policies are enforced by trained and experienced administrators through education and training programs for staff and students. The institu-

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tions also offer a wide array of services and resources that underscore the UW's commitment to protecting and supporting its students, employees and other members of the university community.

Cross has directed the task force to examine current policies and recommend appropriate modifications, as needed. He also directed them to identify best practices in education and training compliance, as well as other measures to ensure an environment that is open, safe and respectful for all students and staff, regardless of their race, gender or socioeconomic status.

Cross has appointed Vicki Washington, Associate Vice President for Inclusivity, Diversity, Equity and Student Success, and Anne Bilder, Senior System Legal Counsel, to co-chair the task force. The task force has 19 other members with representatives from all 13 four-year campuses plus UW Colleges and UW-Extension. In addition, there are six ex-official representatives from UW System Administration. The task force will meet periodically in the coming months.

UW-Extension seeks public input on future

The University of Wisconsin-Extension encourages state residents to imagine the needs of Wisconsin families, businesses and communities 10 to 20 years in the future and how this organization could help serve those needs. This invitation, first via a survey at http://bit.ly/UWEXsurvey, is part of a 13-state effort in cooperation with the Kettering Foundation.

Wisconsin's Extension service differs from the other states, where services are generally limited to Cooperative Extension services. In Wisconsin, Cooperative Extension is one of four divisions, which also include: public broadcasting, continuing education and services for small businesses and entrepreneurs.

"We're in communities throughout the state, so we're regularly talking with Wisconsin residents, businesses and local leaders about their needs," said Aaron Brower, interim chancellor of UW Colleges and UW-Extension. "We also try to anticipate future needs so that we'll be prepared to respond. The best way to do that is by listening to our constituents around the state, including through this survey and the subsequent forums."

The survey continues through Oct. 31, 2014. UW-Extension will use survey input in the development of a series of public forums. Forums will be scheduled from January through March 2015 at locations around the state. Facilitators will present alternative visions for the future work of UW-Extension and invite participants to deliberate the pros and cons of each. Results will be shared with the UW System president's office, UW Colleges and UW-Extension chancellor, various advisory groups and the general public. Results from discussions in all 13 of the participating states will be incorporated into a book about the future of Extension services in the United States.

For details and a schedule of public forums, as available, visit: http://www.uwex.edu/academic-affairs/reimagining.html.

River Falls Police/UWRF Police Department

September 26-October 1, 2014

- A bike theft was reported at the Grimm Hall bike racks on Sept. 26. The case remains open.
- A report was filed for an intoxicated, underage male in McMillan Hall on Sept. 27.
- A medical report was filed for an unconcious female in Rodli Commons on Sept. 29.

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





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'Just PICK ONE': the Falcon 5 program

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According to the Falcon 5 website, the program encourages students to get involved in activities at UW-River Falls and acts as a guide to campus involvement to better students' education experi-

The interactive website, which can be found at www. orgsync.com, helps students find opportunities for involvement and tracks their progress through the program by having them swipe their campus identification card at certain events or log their involvement manually online.

The first step in the Falcon 5 program is to "just PICK ONE", which is the slogan for the program.

Students are asked to go to go.uwrf.edu/PickOne and pick a category that interests them. The categories are Academics & Education, Career and Employment, Fraternities & Sororities, Sports and Recreation, Leadership & Advocacy, Identity & Multicultural, Health & Wellbeing, Hobby & Social, and Service & Social Action.

After picking one of the

categories, students work through the program in three levels: "Explore," "Thrive," and "Impact." Each level has a short list of actions for students to complete before moving on to the next level.

The first level asks students to pick three "level-1" experiences (which are marked on the website as such) from each Falcon 5 category and attend the activities or events of their choosing. The categories are Career, Education, Social, Community and Wellness.

The program started as an idea to raise awareness about involvement opportunities.

After picking three of the level-1 experiences, students are asked to submit their resume to "Hire-a-Falcon," which opens up job opportunities in the area for UWRF students.

Once that step is completed, the next step is to interview a student leader, then attend a Falcon 5 cohort meeting and, lastly, complete all three levels, the Chancelthe level-1 Reflection Form.

Once the level-1 list is completed, students move on to the second level—Thrive.

The first item on the list is to pick one "level-2" experience from three different Falcon 5 categories. Students are also asked to attend a diversity event, interview a campus staff or faculty leader, attend a Falcon 5 cohort meeting, and complete the Level 2 Reflection Form.

Finally, students are asked to complete level three. This level asks students to pick one "level-3" experience from any Falcon 5 category, complete a mock interview (hosted by Career Services), record a testimonial about the student's Falcon 5 experience, attend a Falcon 5 cohort meeting, and complete the reflection form for the third

As students complete each level they are awarded with prizes. By completing the first level, students receive a Falcon 5 Jansport backpack. If students complete the second level they receive a Falcon 5 sweatshirt blanket, and upon the completion of lor awards the student with a Falcon 5 Leadership Certificate, according to the Falcon 5 website.

Paul Shepherd, director of Student Life, said in an email interview that the program started as an idea to raise awareness about involvement opportunities.

"We saw some survey data that indicated students weren't as involved as they expected to be at UWRF," Shepherd said. "We also noticed a lack of involvement in some of our events."

Shepherd said that everyone who plans student involvement opportunities on campus then got together and started talking about getting on the same page under one central program, which is how the Falcon 5 was born.

The program is meant to take anywhere from two to four years to complete, depending on each student, according to Shepherd.

Riley Haynes, the Student Affairs Committee chair and a senior at UWRF, said in an email interview that he has completed almost all of the requirements to get to level

"I think the Falcon 5 program is a great way for students to build experiences outside the classroom that will not only give them a competitive advantage in the job market, but provide lifelong friends, memories, and lessons," Haynes said.

Student Life runs the Falcon 5 program, and Haynes said he expects Student Affairs to be in contact with Student Life soon so that they can collaborate and contribute to the program's development in any way possible.

While some students have begun to take advantage of the program, the goal is for the majority of students to use

it.

Lynn Bartholomew, a student at UWRF, said that the program is meant to get students involved in campus activities, because participating in things other than just classes helps students to do better academically and will increase the likelihood of students completing their degree

at UWRF. "It improves their chances," Bartholomew said. "I believe they go up around 30-50 percent that they will stay at the university and not

transfer somewhere else."

Joseph Schmit, chief of staff for Student Senate, said the Falcon 5 program is catching on by word-ofmouth or by students speaking about it during Weeks of Welcome, and while some students have begun to take advantage of the program, the goal is for the majority of students to use it.

"From what I've seen and heard, there have been a decent amount of people recording (their involvement) and there is the factor that it is pretty new, so some people might not know about it as much," Schmit said.

For more information about the Falcon 5 program, visit www.orgsync.com, or talk to Student Life, located in 170 University Center.

Family Day and Homecoming weekend have combined

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Family Day and Homecoming have been combined to become what will be known this year as Homecoming Weekend.

This year's Homecoming Weekend will be held Friday, Oct. 3 and Saturday, Oct. 4. It will be a chance for students, families and alumni to con-

Family Day invites UWRF students' families to campus to take part in a variety of activities, and is a chance for families to see what a normal day in their student's life might be like.

"The event provides a wonderful opportunity for families to connect with their student at their 'home away from home.' Families catch a glimpse of life on campus and develop an additional sense of spirit and pride in the institution," said Director of New Student and Family Programs Sarah Egerstrom.

The decision to combine Family Day and Homecoming was made at the beginning of 2014 under the direction of UWRF Associate Vice Chancellor Kris Anderson.

In addition, Student Affairs is now responsible for putting on Family Day instead of New Student and Family Programs. The push for Student Affairs to take over Family Day came after a new division was created to focus on retention and enrollment.

According to Anderson, it is normal when a new division is created for things to shift around. As New Student and Family Programs is now linked to admissions, academic success and marketing, it made sense for Student Affairs to take over the pro-

"New Student and Family Programs needed to privet more towards their original intention of being formed, which was support for first students," Anderson

There is optimism that Family Day will not get lost in the mix of Homecoming.

New Student and Family Programs was responsible for Family Day from 2006 until 2013. Prior to New Student and Family Programs, Student Senate was responsible for planning and putting on the event.

"When we first assumed responsibility for Family Day, the event only attracted about 200 attendees," Egerstrom said. "Over the years, the attendance grew to nearly 1,800 students and their families. In addition, the programming array evolved to include more entertainment and recreation opportunities, academic open houses, meals, athletic events and community tours."

According to Director of Student Life Paul Shepard, it made sense to combine Family Day with Homecoming.

'When we analyzed what had typically been done for Family Day and Homecoming we noticed that there wasn't much difference between the two events," Shepherd said.

There is optimism that Family Day will not get lost in the mix of Homecoming.

"I'm confident in Student Life's decision to merge the two events and create a new campus tradition," Egerstrom

There's also concern among some students, though, about inviting their families to cam pus during Homecoming.

Junior animal science major Tara Schrauth, who attended Family Day her freshman and sophomore years, said: "I think it will take away from the actual aspect of Homecoming. When I think of Homecoming I think of hanging out with my friends, not really my family."

Family Day attendance is highest among first year students, but all students and their families are welcome and invited to attend.

In past years, the Saturday night entertainment has been a comedian. But this year, to keep it more family friendly, there will be a juggler and a concert from Tonic Sol-fa.

Voting ID (ard now required for UWRF students to vote to produce it on an every two

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sadie.horton@my.uwrf.edu With elections closing in,

everyone has a lot weighing on their minds: who is running? Who should I vote for? What do I need to do in order to vote?

Wisconsin made changes to the voter ID law, making them now the ninth state to require a photo ID. The voting ID card is an identification card that is used for voting in Wisconsin.

Last year students were able to use their student IDs as identification to vote. Under the new law, however, students are no longer allowed to use their student IDs

"The number one difference is that the ID can only last for two years. We do not have an expiration date on our current official university ID," said DoTS IT Manager Jason Winget.

The Department of Technology Services (DoTS) is making valid IDs for students to use come the Nov. 4 elections, and they are free to stu-

"For some students, they may keep their ID for however many years they are here, which is hopefully longer than two years," Winget said. "So if we would've done that then students would have replaced their official ID every two years. So, this ID is a much lower cost. It is a less durable card, with less costly materials so that we're able year basis instead." They started making cards

on Monday, Sept, 29. Students can come any time between 7:30 am and 4:30 p.m. to pick one up. Students who are Wiscon-

sin residents will luckily not need to obtain a new ID card. Those students will be able to use their Wisconsin state drivers license or other types of identification.

With the law change, the definition of a voter ID became more strict and the student ID no longer fits it.

"Some of the things it is missing is that it doesn't have an expiration date, it doesn't a place to sign, and a few other requirements it doesn't meet," said Student Senate President Tony Sum-

Once students have a valid ID of some kind, they need to decide where they are going to vote.

For students who live far away, they will likely want to vote on campus rather than driving all the way to their hometowns on a Tuesday afternoon.

"As a student, your right to vote where you live is protected by federal law. This came about because some states tried to say that students had different residency requirements than other voters and the federal court said no, if you meet the residency requirements for that state, whether or not you are a stu-

dent in the university, you have the right to vote there. For students, this means that you can choose where to vote," said student Benjamin Plunkett, who is working with voting registration.

In order to prove that they are a student at the university, students will have to fill out a student enrollment verification sheet.

According to Registrar Dan Vande Yacht, students can log onto their eSIS account and print off an enrollment verification as evidence. The sheet will also show the student's address.

"We know that it's a piece for them proving their residency in the state or their residency to this location," Vande Yacht said.

Students will also have to pay attention to where they are able to vote come Nov. 4.

For on-campus students, there are two different locations to vote.

Students who live on the east side (Hathorn Hall and over) can vote at the University Center, while students that live on the west side of campus can vote at the River Falls High School. Anyone who lives off-campus must vote in the district they reside

For more information, students can go to https://technology.uwrf.edu/TDClient/ KB/ArticleDet?ID=2374.

New director prompts changes to Falcon Scholars/Honors

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"This is the first time in a long, long time where the Honors students have a place to come, and now the Falcon Scholars can join, too," Hunzer said.

The new space and set up for the program came from groups of university faculty, staff and students known as the "Idea and Innovation Incubators" in the summer of 2013.

Special Assistant to the Chancellor Blake Fry said that the task force was asked to look at the Falcon Scholars and Honors Program to

determine how they could make it a better program for the students that are in it, and how can they make it a more effective recruitment tool for new students.

Another benefit of the space is that it creates an environment for students in the program to connect with each

"One of the complaints students had before was that they didn't feel like they connected to other people in either of the programs," Hun-

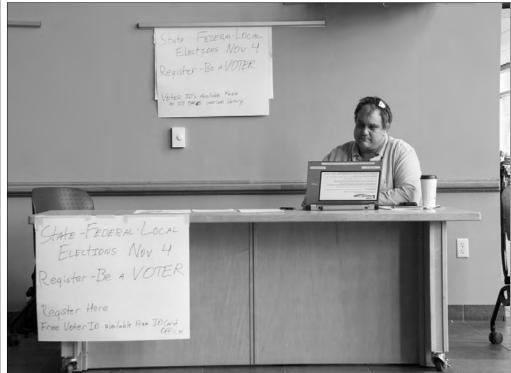
These complaints were tak-

en into account when discussing the potential changes.

Falcon Scholar and Honors student, Rachel Moliter, said that she has enjoyed her experience with both programs and would recommend that prospective students try it

"Falcon Scholars made it possible for me to go to Japan for cheap; \$2,000 out of my pocket," Molitor said.

And as for the new space, Moliter said that she is impressed with it.



Jack Haren/Student Voice

Ben Plunkett, a student at UWRF, waiting for students to register for their voter ID's.

EDITORIAL

Threatening letter captures attention of students, faculty

On Monday, Sept. 29, at 1:11 p.m., all students, faculty and staff should have received a somewhat enigmatic email from Karl Fleury, UW-River Falls' chief of police, regarding an "implied threat" that did not target any specific person, group or location

"At this time the case remains under investigation and we have no additional information for release," Fleury said on Thursday morning.

A printed version of the email is now taped to nearly every entrance in every building on campus. Hopefully all eyes have seen the campus safety alert and have taken it seriously. For obvious reasons, everyone on campus would not have received the alert if it were not serious.

This may come across like beating a dead horse, but we urge all students, faculty and staff to pay close attention for any suspicious or unusual behavior over the next several days as Homecoming and Family Day are this weekend. It is safe to say that we want all family and friends safe while visiting

"In regards to Homecoming, there will be no impact to the events," Fleury said.

The email explains that "the details of the threat are non-specific in nature," but we can all imagine what the author of the threat has in mind, based on past human experience. Horrific events have transpired at universities all over the country in years prior, and with the help of our ears and eyes the UWRF Police Department and its staff will extinguish the threat.

It is unclear how long UWRF will be under high alert. In Fleury's email he states that further information will be provided on its website, but, as of Thursday morning, the UWRF Police Department has not issued another statement.

No one on our staff, nor anyone we have spoken with, has noticed any "increased law enforcement presence on or around campus." It is possible that undercover cops are scattered throughout campus.

We have been assured by Fleury that the UWRF Police Department does not "anticipate any changes to scheduled classes and events," which is a positive sign for the safety of all students, faculty and staff.

This threat was categorized as a "high priority" in the email and the Student Voice staff believe that the threat such be treated as such.

Please feel free to write a letter to the editor at editor@uwrfvoice.com in regards to this implied threat. If you notice any suspicious or unusual behavior call 911 immediately from a non-campus phone, 9-911 from a campus phone, or 9-9-911 from a University Center phone.

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Campus safety alert: implied threat

UW-River Falls has received an anonymous written communication that included an implied threat. The threat does not specify or target any particular person, group or location. Even though the details of the threat are non-specific in nature, the safety and security of the UWRF campus community is a high priority, and the UWRF Police Department is investigating this matter.

In the meantime, you may notice an increased law enforcement presence on or around campus for your overall

safety. Please understand that the case remains under investigation at this time and additional information will be released as outlined below.

While authorities investigate, we do not anticipate any changes to scheduled classes and events. We do ask that students, staff and faculty be alert to any suspicious activity or persons. If you notice any suspicious or unusual behavior or activity, call 911 immediately from a non-campus phone, 9-911 from a campus phone, or 9-9-911 from

a University Center phone. You can also contact university police at 715-425-

Further information will be provided on the UWRF Police Department website (uwrf.edu/police) under Police Announcements when it becomes available. Questions regarding this matter should be directed to Blake Fry in the University Communications office at 715-425-3711.

Karl Fleury, UWRF Chief of Police

Letters to the editor

Recently, we learned that Wisconsin hit a clean energy milestone two years ahead of target. Today, more than 10 percent of our electricity comes from sustainable sources like wind and bioenergy.

While that sounds like great news – and, by itself, it is great news - a look at the bigger picture shows Wisconsin actually is falling behind, and it's time for our state leaders to act.

Back in 2005, when Wisconsin enacted the Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) with bipartisan and business support, the state was considered a national leader in clean energy. Utilities had a 2015 deadline to begin including at least 10 percent clean power in their energy mix. Public Service Commission data unveiled recently showed we got there in 2013 instead.

Although our utilities worked ahead of schedule, 28 other states including neighboring Minnesota and Illinois created more aggressive policies to drive innovation and create jobs. As a result, Wisconsin today ranks last among states with an RPS. Worse, there are currently no plans for what's next.

Bipartisan polling released in September by two of the nation's leading firms (Public Opinion Strategies and Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin, Metz and Associates) shows that Wisconsin voters share a vision for clean energy, and candidates on the Nov. 4, ballot would be smart to take notice. Three in four of those polled support raising the RPS from 10 percent to 30 percent.

After several setbacks, the documents students need to register and be voters in the Nov. 4, election is available. Voter ID cards are free in the card office, lower level of Davee Library.

Proof of residency can be established through the "WI Voter Verification" link on eSIS. Websites with useful information for students include:

http://bit.ly/YUwMWD and https:// myvote.wi.gov/.

That might seem like a big jump, but the same pollsters posed the RPS question to voters in Illinois and Minnesota, who by wide majorities are calling for RPS expansions to 40 percent and 50 percent, respectively.

As our neighbors pull ahead of us, it will become harder and harder to compete. Case in point, Illinois has emerged as a Top 10 U.S. market for clean energy with the trade organization Environmental Entrepreneurs tallying 3,800 jobs in 2013 alone.

Meanwhile, Wisconsin continues to spend more than \$12 billion annually to import fossil fuels. Our money is supporting economic opportunity elsewhere when it could be creating clean energy jobs right here to benefit hardworking Wisconsin families and

Even more troubling, Wisconsin has squandered opportunities, particularly in wind power development, over the past two years. Regulatory uncertainty led a half-dozen projects to pull stakes, taking along hundreds of potential jobs and capital investment estimated to top \$1 billion. Currently, there are 35 wind farms under construction regionally but none in Wisconsin.

We also see a few of Wisconsin's utilities pursuing rate changes that could further stunt clean energy here by making it less economical for customers to install clean energy solutions, such as solar panels, at home or in the office.

Several of Wisconsin's utilities, however, have shown a great willingness to

serve customers with clean, sustainable energy. Dairyland Power, WPPI and Northern States Power have documented that clean energies make up 14 percent, 16 percent and 18.5 percent of the energy mix, respectively.

Especially in light of the EPA's recent proposal to reduce carbon pollution by 34 percent below 2005 levels at Wisconsin power plants over the next 16 years, we have to keep making forwardthinking, responsible choices to shape Wisconsin's energy future. Expanding the RPS is a necessary part of that equa-

It's time we all get back to the table just like in 2005 - Republican, Democrat, business leader, nonprofits, health organizations and so forth - to confront challenges and embrace opportunities.

By Keith Reopelle Senior Policy Director Clean Wisconsin

Clean Wisconsin, an environmental advocacy organization, protects Wisconsin's clean water and air and advocates for clean energy by being an effective voice in the state legislature and by holding elected officials and polluters accountable. On behalf of its 10,000 members and its coalition partners, Clean Wisconsin protects the special places that make Wisconsin such a wonderful place to live, work and play. www.cleanwisconsin.org.

All UW-River Falls students who will be over 18 years old on election day and are U.S. citizens, are eligible to vote in this election.

If you live in Wisconsin during the school year you may register and vote here, or you may return to your parents residence and vote. Do not vote in both locations for the same election - one person one vote

Stop by the voter registration table in

the University Center for more information or help with registration.

Free, fair and honest elections are a vital part of a functioning democracy. UWRF students and voters should have a say in our government.

Benjamin Plunkett UWRF student

I appreciated your editorial this past week in regards to the Cascade Avenue median grasses.

I thought it important to address a few of the concerns noted, as well as to provide additional clarification and information on what was presented.

Let me start by underscoring that the Cascade Avenue Project in its entirety was approached in a way where pedestrian safety was paramount and anything aesthetic was secondary.

Everything from the gentle curvature in the road; to the diagonal angle of the crosswalks; to the addition of LED lighting; to the elimination of parking; to yes, even the median grasses, were a part of a very intentional design effort.

We have been cautious in the overtrimming of the median grasses due to potential negative aspects that include: increased vehicle speeds on Cascade as drivers feel more comfortable driving faster; encouraging unsafe and perhaps illegal pedestrian behavior (crossing at places other than a crosswalk); and increasing vehicle delays.

Over 100 of the grass plants were removed last year and more were removed

The City has granted us the authority to maintain the medians as we deem appropriate and we continue to focus primarily around the crosswalk areas, not the entire median, due to the reasons mentioned above.

I would also like to share several resources the city has provided. They continue to be very good partners in the maintenance of Cascade Avenue as they too take serious the safety of our campus and community citizens.

Take the time to review the following links below and please feel free to send me an email as to additional questions and concerns you may have. I would be happy to meet with individuals or groups to visit further at your convenience.

Cascade Avenue Crosswalk Safety: http://bit.ly/1tk2Rzh

Cascade Avenue Crosswalks: http:// bit.ly/YT5yQl

Sept. 2014, City of River Falls newsletter: http://bit.ly/1uDU15e

Best wishes!

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Be the first person to find Freddy's lost feather in this issue of the Student Voice and win two free movie passes to the Falls Theatre! The first person to report the find to **editor@uwrfvoice.com** AFTER 10 a.m. Friday wins!

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National Science Foundation funds three international physics projects

Cooper Nelson

cooper.nelson@my.uwrf.edu It is a good time to be a physics student at UW-River Falls after the physics department received two National Science Foundation Grants totaling nearly \$600,000.

The grants are being used to fund three different projects, all of which involve UWRF students. For the next five years students will be going to McMurdo Station, a U.S Antarctic research center that is located on the coast of Antarctica.

The IceCube telescope, a highly complicated light detector, is a large reason why these grants were received. The ice in the South Pole is turned into a detector that looks for invisible neutrinos. These neutrinos are moving around in the ice and sometimes they collide into other atoms. Once a

neutrino collides into an atom the neutrino disappears and turns into light. The IceCube telescope has about 5,000 sensors that are constantly tracking light.

"It's the biggest single science project that has been built anywhere in the world," said physics Professor Jim Madsen.

UW-Madison, as well as other UW System universities, began building the IceCube telescope in 2005.

In 2005, only one string was installed. In December of 2010, the project was completed and there were a total of 79 strings. Since then, seven more strings have been installed, making the detector bigger, so more data can be gathered.

Another goal of the IceCube telescope is to possibly prove the existence of dark matter. Physicists have long debated whether or not

dark matter exists or not; with the IceCube telescope they may be able to find out.

Another project the National Science Foundation will be supporting is a 10-week summer research experience in Europe. Over the next two to three years, 18 UWRF and other UW System students will be going to Europe to study.

The third project that is being funded is another trip to Antarctica. Madsen will be going with a UW-Waukesha student who has worked with the UWRF physics department in the past. This trip is closing in. Madsen says that their trip to Antarctica will take place Nov. 12 through Dec. 6.

The National Science Foundation is a very prestigious group and the UWRF physics department went up against a lot of other programs for the same grant. Madsen believes that all of this exposure will help put UWRF on the national map.

"We get the notoriety that comes from these really competitive National Science

Foundation grants," he said. The remaining money from the grants will be used to help support all physics students. The physics department employ students during the summer, as well as during the academic year.

This summer six students worked with the physics department; two are still currently employed and the remaining grant money will be used for future hires.

With these grants the physics department is hoping to expand the knowledge of its students as well as gain valuable data and knowledge from the IceCube telescope.

Homecoming window painting advertises organizations

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On Wednesday before the start of Homecoming week, 14 different organizations painted the windows of the University Center, advertising Homecoming, but also giving the students an opportunity to spend time as a group in their organizations. The different businesses along Main Street in downtown River Falls will not have their windows painted during Homecoming week this year due to inclement weather.

Window painting has been around for six years. The River Falls Chamber of Commerce has always collaborated with UW-River Falls on this project for those six years. It has always been near Homecoming week.

Each organization paints different images and words that represent Homecoming, as well as paints anything that is related to their own organization. The organizations at UWRF that signed up to do window painting

include Asian American Student Association, Early Years Enthusiasts, Nordic Ski Team, MarComm Club, Muggles United and nine other organizations.

This also gives opportunities to the different members in the organizations as well. Conner Born, the vice president for Mar-Comm Club, says that window painting is an excellent opportunity for members to spend time together and just hang out. The window painting gives organizations an activity that they can do as a group.

The MarComm Club has been a part of Homecoming window painting for two years. Last year during Homecoming, they painted the front window of Bo's N Mine.

The businesses that wanted their windows painted signed up with the Chamber of Commerce. The businesses that signed up were Bo's N Mine, Brickhouse Music, Fox Den Used Books, Mainstreeter Bar and Grill, South Fork Café and 15 other businesses located along Main Street in downtown River

For the past six years Homecoming window painting had been a great opportunity for students and the community to come together during Homecoming week, as well as advertising both the university and the individual businesses located in downtown River Falls. Students would explore the businesses while admiring the paintings on the windows.

Amber Wilson, who is an intern for Student Life and in charge of the window painting this year, says that this gives the organizations a chance to collaborate directly with businesses if they choose to do so. Now that the organizations are no longer painting the windows of the businesses this year, it will be harder for organizations to collaborate with local businesses.

For the past six years the window painting gave the businesses in River Falls and the

university an advertisement directed towards students and community members. This is a different type of advertisement that businesses can use which includes the college students directly. Most businesses advertise through coupons, advertisements in newspapers and online.

Advertising through coupons and other mediums that are directed towards students may be forgotten, looked over or lost. According to Born, advertising using coupons becomes redundant, and the businesses should be more creative about how they

Born encourages students to go out and explore the community. The businesses in River Falls can advertise as much as they want, but it's up to the students to explore and go to the businesses on their own.

With this year's Homecoming, the University Center will be decorated with paintings from the different organizations from UWRF.



Maggie Sanders/Student Voice Alyssa Wilson, a member of MarComm Club, splattering paint onto the window in



Maggie Sanders/Student Voice

The Asian American Association painting their window in the University Center.

STUDENT voices

Is the tall grass on Cascade Avenue a safety concern?

Compiled by Maggie Sanders



the University Center.

Andrew LaCrosse Freshman **Animal Science**

"I don't think it's a problem. It's not a potential problem for students."



Hannah Symebal Junior Animal Science

"Yes, espeically at night. Sometimes the lights aren't flashing when someone walks from the other side, and it's hard to see them."



Thomas Stormmen **Junior** Music

"It seems hazardous to pedestrians and drivers, because of how much it impedes the sightline. It's more nerve-wracking for drivers, because if someone's not looking for cars you won't know until the last moment."



Pachia Yang Sophomore **Elementary Education**

"Yes it is, it's hard to see the pedestrians when driving down the road."



Lucas Silva Freshman **Food Science**

"It's not a danger."

Check out the Student Voice online at uwrfvoice.com.

Women's volleyball team shines in first two home WIAC matches

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Head Coach Patti Ford said a split over the weekend would keep her UW-River Falls Falcons in the hunt for the conference tournament.

The Falcons didn't split, but instead won both of their home conference matches this past weekend.

On Friday, the Falcons faced off against UW-La Crosse. The Falcons dropped the first set to the Eagles, but followed by winning three straight sets.

Every set was close on Friday night. Both the Falcons and the Eagles soared to 20-plus points in each set. The biggest margin of victory in a set was a mere four points. The fourth and final set saw extra points, as it took 27 points for the Falcons to defeat the Eagles by two.

Three Falcons scored in doubledigits on Friday night. Briana Muetzel scored 16.5, Katie Duff scored 14 and Rebecca Gasper scored 10.5 in Friday's victorious match.

On Saturday, the Falcons welcomed UW-Platteville to River Falls. Each set was close, but every set saw the Falcons fly a little higher than the Pioneers as UWRF won in three straight sets.

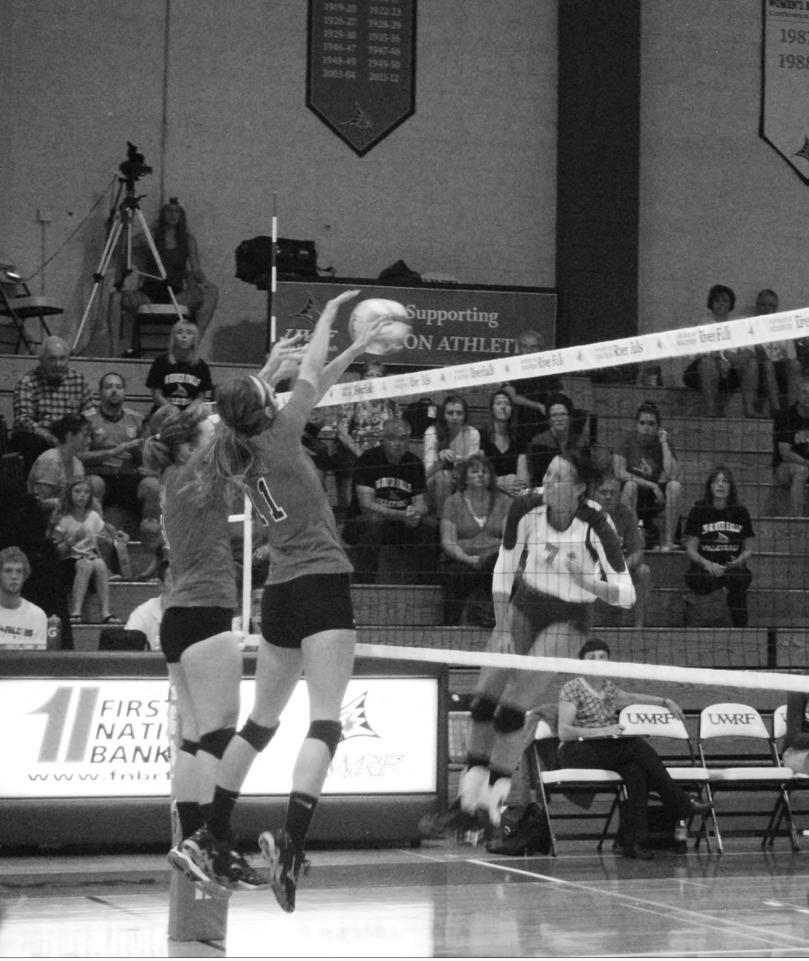
Similar to Friday night, both squads scored over 20 points in every set. Another similarity between the two matches was the prominence of Rebecca Gasper. Gasper scored 10.5 points in Saturday's match.

Lisa Keppers was the only other Falcon to score in double-digits on Saturday; Keppers also contributed 10.5 points.

After the victories, only the Falcons and UW-Whitewater stand at a 2-0 conference record. Ford said conference games are important for the Falcons as they only get one shot at their competitors.

"The conference is as tough as always," Ford said. "I would say from top to bottom there isn't a weak match there. We have Steven's Point, Whitewater and Oshkosh all ranked in the top 25 of the AVCA poll. Steven's Point finished third in the nation last year, so we have some real good competition ahead of us and we have to play all of those school's at their home gyms."

Team captain Brianna Muetzel said the season so far is going well for the Falcons as they learn to play more as a team compared to just as individuals. The junior said her main expectation for the team's season is to keep improving through-



Maggie Sanders/Student Voice

Hali Tasler (left) and Rebecca Gasper (middle) block a spike by UW-Platteville's Lidia Frias (right). The Falcon volleyball team won 3-0 in their second WIAC home match of the season.

out the year.

ability possible," Muetzel said. Falcon volleyball team: fun. "Just keep getting better every single day, work harder every single

Both coach and captain used the "I think just to end at our best same word to describe this year's

> "Our team works really hard," Muetzel said. "We are a fun team to watch. We get along really well.

We are in it for each other and in it to get better and have fun."

"I think they are just a really fun team to watch. They have a lot of energy when they are out on the court," Ford said. "We are young,

but we are really adaptable and fast out on the court. I think people would be very surprised if they came to some of our matches.

The Falcons also defeated UW-Stout 3-2 late Wednesday night.

UW-River Falls adds the Glow Run to Homecoming 2014 activity list

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This year's Homecoming will have a brand new event: a Glow Run.

The Glow Run is an after dark fun run for all, complete with glow sticks, bands and tape provided at check-in. Runners who pre-register online and have a non-perishable food item for donation will receive a t-shirt upon completion of the course.

The Glow Run is also a benefit for the local food shelf as organizers are asking all participants to bring non-perishable food items for donation at the event.

The charity run takes place at 9:30 p.m., Oct. 4. The run begins and ends at the Ames/Lydecker fire pit. Assistant Director of Recreations, Tiffany Gaulke said the course is around two miles on campus trails and sidewalks.

"The Glow Run is open to students and the public," Gaulke said. "It is free for students and just 10 dollars for non-students, and participants will receive a t-shirt and then lots of glow accessories for the run." She reports excitedly that over 60 people have registered

after only a week from the start of registration. Diana Hoff, a senior communicative disorder major, is one

of the many students registered for the Glow Run.

"I have always really enjoyed running. It was just a fun run,

kind of like the color run," Hoff said. "It's always fun to run in the dark."

Hoff went on to say that the charitable aspect is not the only reason she signs up for fun runs.

Liz Edd, a marketing and communication major, has also decided to participate in the run.

"First its free," Edd said. "I really like the concept of it, like running at night, with all these glowing things and running with my friends. I also like to do things for charity, I always

try to do my best and volunteer for charity." When asked if he thought the run would be a success, Paul Shepherd, director of Student Life said: "Runs such as this are starting to become pretty popular where you see people participating in fun runs, really felt like for Homecoming we wanted to do something unique that was at night and so this is what recreation and sports came up with."

Shepherd also spoke of adding more fun events such as the Glow Run because it is a positive way to celebrate Homecoming. Many charities use fun runs for fund raising. Walking and running for charity is a recent development in fundraising methods. In 1969, a few hundred marchers in Bismarck, North Dakota, raised \$25,000 for famine victims using the walk for charity model and started a trend in fund raising.

The CROP Hunger Walk was the beginning of a new way to raise awareness for charitable causes and make a difference in the quality of lives for many.

The American Institute of Philanthropy (AIP), now named Charity Watch, evaluates charities and charity events such as the Glow Run. AIP critiqued a special event called (Mis)Understanding Special Events.

"Charities use annual walk-a-thons, dinners, and other special events as a way to raise awareness for a charity and its cause. Getting donors involved and excited about an event may have the positive, if not easily quantifiable, effect of building donor loyalty and encouraging future contributions to the charity," according to the AIP.

Anne Kadet is currently writing "Are Charity Walks and Races Worth the Effort for Smart Money."

"In the past five years, a period when many nonprofits saw contributions drop, 'thon' revenue grew 13 percent, and participation grew even more," Kadet said.

The Glow Run, as a fundraiser, spotlights hunger in River Falls and the counties surrounding the town. Gaulke hopes this run will become a new tradition at Homecoming.

This Homecoming event will be an additional fun activity this year for students and others. Pre-registration is required online at UWRF Marketplace for those who want to participate. If anyone has questions concerning the run they may contact Campus Recreation online at campusrec@uwrf.edumail.



UW-River Falls women's tennis improves immensely this season

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The UW-River Falls women's tennis team's season is less than half over and they have already managed to triple their wins from a year ago.

After a bumpy start to the season, the Falcons (3-3) have been playing like a well-oiled machine, brining their record back to .500 after winning the last three matches.

Last season the Falcons were only able to manage one win. Many people would look back and consider last season a failure, but second-year Head Coach Michele Bailey considers last year to be a building season. And as Bailey predicted, the Falcons are on pace to have a shot at its first winning season

number of things. One thing in particular that stands out for Bailey is the difficulty of last years schedule. She spent time this offseason making sure that would not be the case this

"As a second-year coach I was able to clean up our schedule a little bit and plan a little more strategically," Bailey said. "That's helped a lot so we don't get burnt out playing all of our hard matches at once."

Continuity is another factor that Bailey contributes to this year's success.

"We are really running with the experience we have from last years team," she said. "We only have a couple new players and a lot of players worked really hard in the offseason."

In order for a team to be successful it is imperative that they have leaders on the team, and according to Bailey the Falcons are all

set. She says that senior Hannah Kilmek, junior Kelsey Hochberger and sophomore Anna Ebensperger have all stepped into leadership roles for the team.

"It's awesome because we have a senior, a junior and a sophomore that are leaders," Bailey said.

The Falcons have a WIAC match on Friday, Oct. 3, and the players are eager to get out

"We have Stout on Friday, which we're super excited for. Last year we defeated them, so we have high expectations," Ebensperger

Ebensperger went on to encourage fans to come watch to the match.

"We are really excited to show our improvement," she said.

The WIAC is always a difficult conference

and this year looks to be no different, with UW-Whitewater, UW-La Crosse and UW-Eau Claire expected to be battling for first place. So the Falcons have came up with some more realistic goals.

"We are hoping to land more in the middle of conference this year," said Bailey.

With matches coming up against some of the best teams in the conference Bailey went on to say: "We are hoping to be competitive with the top teams."

Tennis also features a spring season that takes place in April. This gives players extra motivation to stay in shape and it keeps them excited about tennis during the offseason. Four matches will take place in the spring.

The Falcons have six more matches scheduled until the WIAC tournament that takes place at the end of October.





Jack Haren/Student Voice

Makayla Newberry (left) serving, and her tennis partner Anna Ebensberger (right) striking the tennis ball. The Fakons won 6-3 against Mount Mary University on Sept. 27. UWRF plays next at 3:30 p.m. Oct. 3, agaist UW-Stout, and 2 p.m. Oct. 4, against UW-Lacrosse. Both games will be played at home.

Women's golf looks forward to upcoming WIAC Championship

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The UW-River Falls women's golf team placed seventh of 14 teams last weekend at the UW-Steven's Point-hosted Mad Dawg Invitational.

The WIAC championship is this coming weekend. And of the nine women playing, only four will go on to the championship. If the team wins at the WIAC Championship, they move on to nationals, which is held in the spring.

"We're doing fine," said Head Coach Matt Cranston. "We just had a tournament last week. We were seventh out of 14, so we're doing fine."

Cranston has been a coach for the women's golf team for five years now. He is an alumnus of UWRF and played golf and lettered for the Falcons in 1983 and 1984 while the men's program still existed.

He has coached one player to All-WIAC honors, Gillian McDonald, who was named to the team after the 2012 and 2013 seasons, according to uwrfsports.com.

McDonald, a junior at UWRF is from New Brighton, Minnesota, and is one of UWRF's strongest women's golf players. She placed sixth in the 2013 WIAC championship with 248 strokes.

"She's our number one player, hands down. She also played hockey a few years here too, very good athlete," Cranston said.

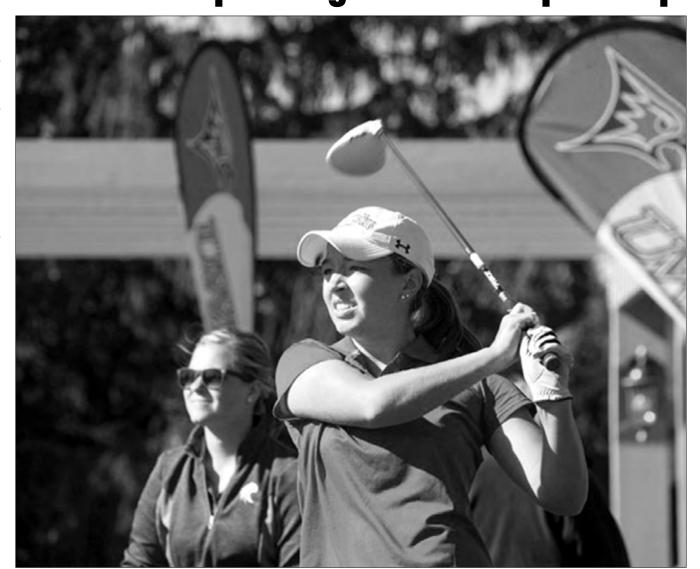
The first day of the Mad Dawg Invitational was on Saturday, Sept. 27. They played the first day of the tournament at Steven's Point Country Club. McDonald shot a 93 during the first round.

The UWRF team tied with Cardinal Stritch and UW-Steven's Point for ninth place at the end of the day. UW-Stout led with a score of 332.

UWRF shot 13 strokes better on Sunday than they did on Saturday. The team finished with a score of 354. Mari Pechacek played the best round Sunday, with a score of 86. McDonald also shot an 86, and finished in a tie for 23rd overall.

According to the 2014-15 UWRF golf season statistics, the women's golf team placed 14th with a score of 752 at the Georgianni Memorial Invitational which was held Aug. 30-31. They also placed second at the Augsburg Border Battle

Triangular with a score of 356. At last year's 2013 WIAC championship, the women's golf



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Junior Gillian McDonald at 2012 Border Battle Invitational. The team will play Oct. 3-5 in the WIAC championship at Lake Arrowhead Golf Course.

team had 1088 strokes and placed sixth overall. UW-Eau Claire won last year's WIAC championship with a total of 999 strokes.

Not all UW System schools have a women's golf team, there are only seven: UWRF, Steven's Point, Stout, Eau Claire, UW-Whitewater, UW-Osh Kosh and UW-Platteville.

The women's golf team will play in Nekoosa, Wisconsin, on Oct. 3-5 for the WIAC championship at Lake Arrowhead Golf Course. The Friday match is scheduled for noon while the Saturday and Sunday matches are scheduled at 10 a.m.

Ferguson panel discussion sparks important conversation about race

Christine Marriott

Columnist

At first, the audience that gathered in the late afternoon of Sept. 22 at the UW-River Falls Kinnickinnic Theater seemed nervous to talk; the theater was sparsely filled, with only 60 seats occupied out of a 150 seat capacity.

The topic of the panel discussion was the Michael Brown shooting by a white police officer, and the weeks of violence since in Ferguson, Missouri.

The panel included Professor Sandy Ellis, Journalism Chair; Assistant Professor Ann Mason of Multi-cultural Education; and Professor Cindy Kernahan, Psychology Chair.

Paul Shepherd, director of Student Life, hosted the discussion starting with an introductions of the panel. Shepherd all showed several brief video news stories from different media sources which had been broadcast about the shooting and subsequent events in

the discussion of the racial tension surrounding the events of Ferguson.

"Focus on talking about what happens in a society and community that can create conditions like this as opposed to, we are not going to be debating about what happened with Michael Brown," she said.

Kernahan started her opening statement with the qualification: "It's not just about the Browns, it is about all the other places and spaces where

people are monitored at a greater rate than whites."

Kernahan then explained the common practice of watching people

of color more intently for illegal behavior than whites. In stores, at public events, and in public places a person of color is used to being watched and monitored for expected negative behavior.

At first, when Shepherd invited the audi-

ence to ask questions of the panel or make a comment on the topic, the silence was briefly uncomfortable. No one jumped into the conversation immediately.

The question of the night seemed to echo throughout the theater. After a while, the thought of how uncomfortable and hard the topic of race is for most was repeated by several people in the audience. Many participants asked generally the same kind of question, wondering what people could do to

start the conversation on race.

Ellis spoke of an inability or Union member Ashley Beth Rosana. difficulty understanding other points of view when we have no concept of what that feels like or

what their reality is on a daily basis.

"People have different lived experience,"

One woman in the audience brought up the differences in how most white parents react when their child remarks out loud, in public, about differences in skin color. The woman noted the usual parental reaction was to shush the child, sending the message that race is not talked about.

Another audience member remarked that most black parents talk about race all the time, by necessity, with their children.

"More discussion is needed about race; we should not be afraid to talk about race," said Black Student Union member Ashley Beth Rosana. "The more it can be brought into the open, the easier it will be. UWRF describes itself as diverse but it is not, yet, but having more discussion like this panel will help. I think most people who presented wanted more time to talk and hopefully there are more of these events in the future."

After the discussion forum, many echoed Rosana's desire to schedule more talks on race and racial tensions. Shepherd was positive about the response and indicated more talks would be a good idea.

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Student urges others to visit on-campus Writing Center

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Rachel Molitor

Columnist

The problem with school is the homework. We attend classes, learn new concepts, and then we are expected to display this knowledge in the form of assignments, which isn't necessarily bad, but the tasks are time-consuming and occasionally difficult.

There is just so much riding on the ability to do well in college that sometimes we just want to pull our hair out.

Before you become bald, there is a solu-

UW-River Falls offers its students free tutoring services. This week I am promoting the Writing Center, which is located on the second floor in Kleinpell Fine Arts.

I am sure you all have a general idea what the Writing Center does. They help with writing. Seems obvious, right?

But many people have misconceptions out what exactly the Writing Center do The tutors are not human spell-checkers. They will not underline misspelled words

in red ink or tell you where all the fragment sentences are with green ink. Well, they will if you ask nicely, but they would prefer to help you with other things.

One thing you can be sure about is that the tutors have the skills to help with your assignment. Not just anyone can walk in and become a tutor. Before you become a writing tutor, you have to pass a semester-long class that teaches you how to be a good tutor.

Before you can get into the writing tutor class, you have to get a recommendation from two professors and send in a writing sample. To be a good writing tutor, you have to be a good writer. The class provides the rest of the skills needed to be an excellent

But why should you go to the Writing Center? You're in college; you've written papers before. Chances are you know what you are doing by now. The thing is, writing is an art. While some

"art" can be better than others, you wouldn't call a five-year-old's drawing art, because the craft is never considered perfect.

There is always another technique to learn or strategy to perfect; writing is similar. Even professional writers have things that they

could work on.

Plus, let's think about it logically, the Writing Center isn't like those peer review sessions you may have had to do in your English 100 or 200 classes. The tutor isn't going to look at your paper and simply say: "You're good."

They will actually help to make your paper better. This will give you a better grade, allow you to do better in the class, and give you a better grade point average, which can help you get a better job and then theoretically, a better life.

At the Writing Center, every student gets a personalized treatment. You won't feel like the tutor is just going through the motions robotically.

Also, in my semi-biased opinion, the tutors are generally nice and smart people. They know what they are doing and can do it in a way that will not make you feel stupid or

bad about your writing. And hey, you might make a new friend.

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The tutors can give you general help or if you have something specific you want to work on they can help you with that as well. The Writing Center wants to help you improve your writing long term, but they can also help with short-term paper problems.

The Writing Center is open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday's. You can make an appointment or just walk in.

Also, don't forget the other tutoring services UWRF offers. You're already paying for it, so you might as well give it a shot! Your grades won't suffer for it.

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Muggles United Club President Sarah Grimaldi paints the dubs name on the window in the University Center. Maggie Sanders/Student Voice





Maggie Sanders/Student Voice Joel Koch (left) watches Tanner Johnson (right) scrape paint off the window they are painting for Alpha Gamma



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A line of windows painted by several organizations in the Involvement Center in the University Center.

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