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## Grimm's Haunted Hall a spooky success

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Grimm's "Haunted Hall" put screaming to a good cause on Halloween to raise money and gather food donations for "Turning Point," a River Falls shelter for victims of domestic and sexual violence.

Planning for the event started back in September during the first staff meeting for Grimm Hall and McMillan Hall. This was the second year that McMillan Hall staff members teamed up with Grimm Hall staff members to put on the event, according to Annalissa Miller, the complex director for Grimm and McMillan Hall.

Miller said that resident assistants from the neighboring dorms split up into partners, claimed a room in the basement of Grimm Hall and began to brainstorm ideas.

"They go through the process of making a blueprint for the room, making lists for everything they need, supply-wise, and go through our supply closet that we have," Miller said.

All the props and decorations for the event were bought through the Residence Hall Association and the hall council checking accounts.

"This year it cost us \$1,000," Miller said. "In the past we have bought cheaper props and stuff then we throw them all away and so this year we spent more money to build cages and stuff so that they'll last for a while."

Once the plans for the rooms were complete, volunteers were found to do the scaring and costumes were made. Between the resident assistants, volunteers, family members, and complex council members, about 75 people helped execute the event, according to Miller. On the day of the event, people began to decorate the basement as early as 7:30 a.m. Most of the basement couldn't be decorated until the day of the event in order to keep the rooms accessible to residents.

By 8 p.m. on Halloween, people stood in a line that wrapped around half of the entire first floor of Grimm Hall and waited to donate \$2 or a non-



Carmella Everhart/Student Voice  
**Annalissa Miller, Grimm and McMillan Hall Complex director, takes donations for Turning Point before people enter the Haunted Hall.**



Carmella Everhart/Student Voice  
**UWRF students Eduardo Sardinha, Aurelio Luciano Costa and Israel Gomes Borges (left to right) get into the spirit and enjoy the Haunted Hall on Friday, Oct. 31.**

perishable food or hygiene product to the front desk before being allowed into the Haunted Hall.

This year, students got creative with their scaring techniques; some of the rooms even had story lines.

A tour guide led groups of five to eight people down to the basement where dark mazes, masked creatures and creepy dolls awaited the groups.

Taylor Byrnes, a Resident Assistant in Grimm Hall, said the maze she created was meant to make people feel claustrophobic and leave no room to hide from the freaks in cages.

"We went with the theme 'freak show' since American Horror Story just came out with that theme for their new season," Byrnes said.

Holly Voigts, a UWRF student, said she gets scared easily and loves the Haunted Hall.

"I love it because it's super fun and thrilling," Voigts said.

Safety is a priority for everyone involved in the Haunted Hall. In order to make sure everyone is safe, a fire chief and a police chief walk through the finished Haunted Hall to make sure it meets the safety requirements. Water is provided to all the volunteers to make sure they do not overheat while scaring people, according to Miller.

Transforming the basement of Grimm Hall into a spooky maze of rooms is a long-standing tradition at UW-River Falls, but Miller said she doesn't know how long the tradition of the Haunted Hall stands because there is no documentation of when it began.

"We know for sure it's more than 25 years because the last person that we were in contact with worked here 25 years ago so he did it and it was going before him but he wasn't around," Miller said.

This year, Grimm's Haunted Hall had 135 people pay for the event, making the total money raised to be \$270, and 200 people donated food and hygiene products, according to Miller. That's about 100 more people than last year, raising the bar for the event in the future.

## Governor Scott Walker reelected

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Republican incumbent Governor Scott Walker has been reelected in the state of Wisconsin by nearly 140,000 votes, narrowly defeating Democrat Mary Burke for his third election victory in four years.

Walker won Pierce County by only 1,110 votes, but Burke did win the city of River Falls with 56.1 percent of the vote. So, while the county was on par with the rest of the state, the city was not. In fact, the two voting locations where UW-River Falls students voted reported slightly more votes for Burke.

"The people of Wisconsin have chosen to continue Wisconsin's comeback," said UWRF College Democrats President Stephen Middlemiss. "Governor Walker's record of leadership and message of job growth have won the day. Across our great state the voters chose the candidate with solutions and a plan to keep moving Wisconsin forward."

Walker's \$2.6 billion Wisconsin public education budget cut, which included a \$250 million cut on UW System funding, may not have been a major issue for Wisconsin voters.

"I'm a Republican, so I'm happy," said UWRF senior Benjamin Heer. "He made tough decisions cutting spending."

Sometimes politics go beyond Republican and Democrat; some simply don't like the fact that Walker cut education budgets.

"I would've preferred he not be reelected," said

UWRF freshman Jonathan Mielke. "I'm not a big fan since he cut budgets for public workers like teachers and government employees. He cut collective bargaining: the right to negotiate salaries."

Walker, who has prevailed in three elections, including his 2012 recall, has proven that he has Republican support regardless of policy. Some students knew very little about Burke in the first place.

"I think it's a good thing," said UWRF freshman Natalie Tetric. "I think he's better than the other candidate [Burke]."

Walker made some amiable and forthright remarks following his victory late Tuesday night in regards to Burke, Wisconsinites, and his supporters and naysayers.

"I know there are disagreements on policy issues," Walker said. "She [Burke] had a great love for her state, just like her supporters did; together we are Wisconsinites, more than we are Republicans or Democrats."

Last week, Kevin J. Kennedy, Wisconsin's chief election official, speculated that the state can expect 56.5 percent of Wisconsin residents to vote on Tuesday, which would make it the highest voter turnout for a midterm election in at least 66 years. With 2.4 million votes counted thus far, not counting absentee ballots, Kennedy appears to be very close in his prediction. Only 49.7 percent of Wisconsin residents voted in 2010's midterm election, which was still the second highest since 1970.

"It was good that people

turned out to vote," Mielke said. "The people who came out are not satisfied with how the government is being run."

The reasoning behind the high voter total is unknown, but it could be attributed to those severely opposed to Walker. Still, Walker won by popular vote and will lead the state for another four years. Regardless of outcome, voting is one our most precious rights as American citizens.

"Too many people take voting for granted," said UWRF student Gregory Matthews.

The high voter turnout is still well below the normal 65-70 percent on presidential election years, but is still an encouraging sign for U.S. democracy. Walker acknowledged his high level of voter support at the polls on Tuesday.

"To all of you who voted for me, thank you, for those of you who didn't, I hope to earn your support at least, and your respect over the next four years because we got a lot of work to do," Walker said in his victory speech.

Walker's wife, Tonette, gave a speech of her own in an effort to rile up the excited Republican crowd late Tuesday. She thanked supporters and voters for their hard work and dedication.

"We can't thank you enough," she said. "It's because of your hard work that Scott [Walker] has been elected not once, not twice, but three times."

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## Halloween in the Halls a UWRF community tradition

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This October once again featured "Halloween in the Halls" on the university campus, which has been a tradition for over 20 years.

Children and parents explored the different dorm halls where young students participated in trick-or-treating. The event took place Wednesday, Oct. 29.

In each hall there was a different activity that was available to the children in the lobby.

In the South Fork/Ames Suites there was an apple bar, games and storytelling.

In Crabtree Hall there was "make your own spiderwebs."

In Parker Hall there was "make your own spider or ghost suckers."

In Grimm Hall and Johnson Hall there was cookie decorating.

In McMillan Hall there was face-painting.

In Hathorn Hall kids got to decorate pumpkins.

In Stratton Hall children made ghosts.

And lastly, in May Hall they had mystery boxes.

The parents had different reasons why they loved the trick and treating here at the university. Kim Bennett, now a mother, went trick-or-treating at the university when she was a child 20 years ago.

She finds trick-or-treating inside the halls warmer than going outside with less chance of a child getting sick.

Another parent, Larry, likes the trick-or-treating at

the university because it's "comfortable, easy, convenient."

"I love it. I love that our kids get to come and see the campus, and see how the students live, and get a feel for it," Shelly said while trick-or-treating with her children.

The children that participated with their parents were from Rocky Branch, Montessori Charter, St. Bridget's, Greenwood and Westside schools.

Letters sent out to parents encouraged them to start at the hall their school and grade level were assigned, and then explore the rest of the halls.

The students in the South Fork/Ames Suites gave out candy from the community rooms located on each floor. In the other halls students were able to stand or sit at open doors of their rooms and give out candy.

Anthony Wisnewski, a UWRF student living in the

Ames Suites, and has participated for two years. With his costume as an adult he gives out candy to the kids. When the candy is gone, he takes off the sign on the front door of the room. Wisnewski finds the trick-or-treating fun for him as well as the children to go around getting candy.

The Halloween in the halls is seen as a tradition for the River Falls community. The Director of Residence Life Karla Thoennes says that in order to keep the tradition going Residence Life has to make sure that it's safe. The fire marshal walked through the halls to make sure there were no dangers and there was nothing inappropriate for children.

A new site was the haunted ambulance decorated by the River Falls EMS. The ambulance sat outside Grimm Hall and had cobwebs, flashing lights and a mummy strapped to a gurney.



Maggie Sanders/Student Voice  
**Eric Hoalfen shows off his painting and Captain America costume at Hathorn Hall during Halloween in the halls on Wednesday, Oct. 29.**

# News briefs:

## Student to present on vets and future farmers

Sergeant Andrew Rondeau, UW-River Falls horticulture student, will present "Getting Started in Farming: Veterans and a New Generation" at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 13, in the Kinnickinnic Theater in the University Center on campus. The presentation is free and open to the public. Young farmers and veterans are especially encouraged to attend.

The event's timing was chosen to coincide with Veteran's Day on Tuesday, Nov. 11.

The average age of farmers is 58 and rising. A new generation of self-motivated, business-minded people is necessary to fill future demand. Included in this new generation are veterans who, through farming, are presented with a unique opportunity to be their own boss and continue to serve by feeding the world. Rondeau will examine these growing interests, opportunities and concerns for farming in the next generation.

Rondeau served in the military from 1999-2011 before enrolling at UWRF in the fall of 2011. He will graduate in December and intends to apply for the UWRF Master of Science in Agricultural Education program. His professional goals include working for the UW-Extension or starting a veteran-to-farmer program to help veterans start a career in agriculture.

For more information, contact Veteran Services Coordinator Sharon Seidl at 715-425-3529 or sharon.seidl@uwrf.edu.

## Solar study leads to Antarctic adventure

Life on Earth relies on the energy that we get from the sun, but the sun can also be destructive for our technology-based society.

A team from UW-River Falls, UW-Waukesha and the University of Delaware is going to McMurdo Station on the coast of Antarctica to work on detectors used to study solar storms. These occasional eruptions from the sun send bursts of energetic particles to the earth that can disrupt communication and, in extreme cases, damage electronics. These fortunately rare, but interesting, outbursts are being studied by the team with support from a five-year National Science Foundation (NSF) grant.

The Wisconsin team includes Sam Gardner, a third year student at Waukesha, and UW-River Falls Physics Department Professor and Chair Jim Madsen. Madsen and Gardner will be working with Delaware Professor Paul Evenson. The goal of the five-year project is to better understand the mechanisms that produce the solar storms and to study whether the neutron monitors can be used as an early indicator of impending storms.

Gardner is working toward a degree in chemical engineering and plans to transfer to UW-Madison in the fall of 2015. He spent the summer at UWRF updating the computer program that runs the neutron monitors. A talk last year at Waukesha by Madsen sparked

Gardner's interest in physics.

Madsen has been involved in astrophysics research in Antarctica for more than 15 years. During this time, more than 60 students have done astrophysics research at UWRF, but only a select few, four students in total with one going twice, have made it to Antarctica. NSF funding will send four students to McMurdo and four more students to the South Pole over the next five years.

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## Cascade Avenue earns project recognition

The Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System™ (STARS) 2014 Annual Review, issued earlier this fall by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE), includes two special recognitions of sustainability efforts at UW-River Falls.

The first recognition is a STARS Silver rating for campus-wide sustainability efforts at UWRF. The credits included in STARS span the breadth of higher education sustainability and include performance indicators and criteria organized into four categories: Academics, Engagement, Operations and Planning & Administration. UWRF is one of 105 higher education institutions that earned a STARS rating this year, representing institutions in the U.S., Canada, Ecuador, Japan, Netherlands and Switzerland.

The STARS 2014 Annual Review also highlights the innovation of the Cascade Avenue reconstruction project. The report states, "Cascade Avenue is a collaborative redesign and construction of the primary corridor through campus in partnership with the City of River Falls and Wisconsin State Department of Transportation. The corridor is a holistic systems approach to traffic calming for pedestrian and bicycle safety. The locally constructed corridor enhances pedestrian and bicycle safety and uses LED lighting, native species xeriscaping, storm water management and other sustainability features."

Completed in 2012, the Cascade Avenue reconstruction project had previously been named Project of the Year for a transportation project of less than \$5 million by the American Public Works Association (APWA).

More information on STARS, including the 2014 Annual Review, is available at <https://stars.aashe.org>.

## CAFES offers new academic opportunities

The College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences (CAFES) at UW-River Falls has recently added three new programs to its academic array:

- Horticulture Fruit and Vegetable Sustainable Systems option
- Food Processing Technology minor

- Animal Science Companion Animal emphasis

The Horticulture Fruit and Vegetable Sustainable Systems option integrates specific non-horticulture support courses in a systems approach. The curriculum includes fruit and vegetable production, soil and plant nutrition, plant pathology, entomology, sustainable production models, environmental issues, market distribution and market forces, human resource management and food safety. A business emphasis already exists for students in this option that might want a stronger business component.

Students in animal science with a meat animal emphasis traditionally take coursework that gives them exposure to the basic processes and practices of converting livestock into a retail product, and the associated issues of quality and product safety. The new minor in Food Processing Technology will give students in other areas (dairy science, crops and soils, horticulture) the same opportunity to gain theoretical knowledge and practical experience in applicable food product processing.

The new Animal Science emphasis in Companion Animals complements the existing Animal Science emphases in Meat Animal and Equine and responds to the growing interest in this branch of animal science. The new emphasis consists of four specific courses and fits within the animal science program similar to the other emphases.

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## MarComm club hosts 'Professional's Panel'

Mark your calendars for 6 p.m. Nov. 12, as the UW-River Falls Marketing Communications Club will be hosting its second annual Professional's Panel at Juniors Bar and Restaurant located at 414 South Main St. in River Falls.

The panel consists of industry-specific professionals from Fortune 500 companies such as Target and General Mills as well UWRF alumni. The event is similar to a press conference; each professional will share their personal experience of what it takes to make it in their competitive industry, followed by a Q and A from students and faculty.

This is a great event for any student who is interested in pursuing a career in the marketing communications industry after college or if they are an undecided student who has yet to declare a major. There will be appetizers provided courtesy of the club for the attendees as well.

For more information or questions about the event, please contact [corey.cushing@my.uwrf.edu](mailto:corey.cushing@my.uwrf.edu) and like the club on Facebook at "UWRF Marketing Communications Club."

## 'Gritpickers' to play at barn dance on Nov. 15

The Twin Cities acoustic string band, "Gritpickers," will play in River Falls on Saturday, Nov. 15, for the Saturday Night Barn Dance series in the gym of the River Falls Academy

(the former Meyer Middle School) on West Maple Street, from 7-10 p.m. The Gritpickers' dynamic line-up includes two fiddle players. The band will play an assortment of line and circle dances, reels, waltzes and square dances.

No experience is needed to participate. A skilled caller will teach steps to new and more seasoned dancers. All ages are welcome, singles, couples and groups. The first half of the evening features family dances suitable to include children with more advanced dances during the second half.

Other dances in the 2014-15 Barn Dance season are:

- Kinni Creek Boys, Saturday, Jan. 17
- Barn Cats, Saturday, Feb. 21
- Rush River Ramblers, Saturday, March 21
- Poor Benny, Saturday, April 18

The Saturday Night Barn Dance Series is a joint project of River Falls Community Arts Base and River Falls Parks and Recreation. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for ages 12 and under. Inexpensive refreshments will be available.

## DNR hosts event and fall tradition contest

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is coordinating the "Your Tradition, Your Words" event.

The DNR encourages everyone to share their traditions this fall and join other outdoor enthusiasts in this event.

As a part of this event, a submission opportunity has become available. The DNR encourages sharing favorite pastimes with others from all over the world through by snapping pictures or shooting videos that showcase favorite friend and family activities for this time of year.

Using these pictures or videos along with four words or less, show your favorite fall traditions in an interesting and creative way.

If a submission includes pictures, it will need the four words included in the photos somehow. If a submission includes a video, it should not include spoken words and be less than 15 seconds long. For a better idea of what a video submission may look like, view this sample video featuring DNR staff and their families: <http://bit.ly/1xgbpLe>.

Entries will be reviewed by department staff and considered for submission in a music video, which will be made available for public view. To enter, simply fill out the form (located on the Facebook page) and upload your photo or video. Interested individuals are able to enter as many times as they would like.

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## River Falls Police/UWRF Police Department

### Wednesday, Oct. 29

- A wallet was stolen in South Hall. The theft was reported around 1 p.m. and has not been resolved.

### Thursday, Oct. 30

- Around 7 p.m. an intoxicated male was helped out of the Davee Library.

### Friday, Oct. 31 - Saturday, Nov. 1

- Parker Hall was subject to both an underage alcohol violation and possession of marijuana and marijuana paraphernalia on Halloween evening.
- An alcohol violation was reported in Ames Suites. The intoxicated male involved fled an officer. This occurred in the early morning hours of Saturday, Nov. 1.
- An underage alcohol violation including a minor was reported to have occurred at Johnson Hall at 2 a.m. during Halloween festivities.

### Tuesday, Nov. 4

- There was miscellaneous information regarding a fraudulent welfare check which was reported from McMillan Hall in the early morning.
- A bike was damaged in E lot. Although the event may have occurred at any time, it was reported around 8 a.m.

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

Hi, I'm Shadoe, the voice of the 25-and-under crowd

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# UWRF Mock Interview Day provides real-life experience

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Students might agree that getting a job right out of college sounds like an ideal situation, but not just any job, the job that you actually want.

Students take classes to prepare for once they are in that job, but how many students take advantage of an opportunity to actually get the job? UW-River Falls' "Mock Interview Day" provides students and alumni the opportunity to enhance their communication and interviewing skills that are necessary to be competitive in today's job market.

This semester's Mock Interview Day will be held from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 13, in the Riverview Ballroom.

Career Services sponsors the event in which they invite employers to campus to conduct mock interviews with students. 2008 UWRF alumna Kaydi Peterson, who is the human resources officer at the River Falls First National Bank, has been conducting mock interviews for over five years.

"Going from interviewee to interviewer is a unique and special experience," Peterson said. "I've been in the student's shoes so I approach it as a learning opportunity. To share advice, calm their nerves, but still provide a real life experience."

By attending Mock Interview Day, students will get a better understanding of what to expect in a typical interview. They will also receive feedback to refine their interviewing skills.

"Most students want to get a college degree so they can get a better job, and knowing how to interview well is incredibly important to getting that job," said communication studies Professor Jennifer Willis-Rivera. "Only getting more inter-

viewing experience will benefit students."

Not only does Mock Interview Day provide good interview practice, students will also learn what skills and qualities employers look for when hiring.

"Communication is huge. Face-to-face communication is still very important in the work force, especially with the presence of electronics nowadays," Peterson said. "With the newer generation, some students are having a hard time with the communication."

The interviewer will be matched with a student based on their major.

"We try to connect the student and their major with the industry, organization, or type of work that particular person would hire," said director of Career Services Melissa Wilson.

Mock Interview Day has evolved over the years to better serve students. The day use to be called "Backpack to Career," in which 30-40 students would attend.

Backpack to Career was held in Hagestad Hall and students were given college and career advice, and mock interviews were conducted. In recent years, now more than 200 students participate.

"The day has really taken on a new look and feel over the years," Wilson said.

Career Services now partners with faculty to increase participant attendance. Each year six to 10 professors require that their students attend.

Willis-Rivera requires some of her communication courses to attend because she believes interviewing is a skill that most students do not get enough of.

"When you go into the job market, something that is critical

to getting a job is good interview skills," Willis-Rivera said. "Certainly things like courses you've taken and GPA help, but another thing that is critical is good interviewing skills."

In preparation for Mock Interview Day, there are some things that students should keep in mind.

Attendees should dress in business professional attire and display a positive attitude while at the event. In addition, students should practice possible interview question answers ahead of time.

Wilson and Peterson also agree that students should not be afraid to brag about themselves.

"It's a very uncomfortable situation to brag about yourself, but we have to do that in an interview," Peterson said. "Employers want to know about your transferrable skills from your coursework or past jobs so we have to talk about skills and create a picture of how that will relate to the position."

Wilson also believes that practicing before the day of the event will lead to students feeling more comfortable at the actual interview.

"Practice out loud and give yourself feedback," she said. "This self-feedback can make everyone a better interviewee."

One of the major advantages of attending Mock Interview Day is the opportunity to network.

"For a student who attends Mock Interview Day, every semester starting freshmen year, they have the potential to graduate with eight business cards in their pocket that they wouldn't have unless they attend Mock Interview Day," Wilson said. "That's where the advantage lays; the contacts they make."

Students who would like to attend Mock Interview Day must sign up for an interview time slot on uwrf.edu.

# Learn, Experience, Act and Develop provides leadership, mentoring

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Learn, Experience, Act and Develop (LEAD) is a training program developed by UW-River Falls to encourage students in becoming successful leaders both in school and after graduation, while providing mentoring and leadership education to a small group of freshmen students.

Amber Wilson, a junior communication student and an involvement specialist in the University Center, is helping coordinate LEAD this year.

"LEAD is a program that is designed for first-year students who have a strong interest in building or gaining leadership skills," Wilson said. "Coming to college is definitely about making the connections and becoming involved, because if you become involved you are more likely to stay and you are more

likely to graduate."

Although LEAD does not begin until early February 2015, applications are only being taken until Nov. 14. There is room for 20 students in the training and there are already 23 applicants who have filled out their intent form at OrgSync. Wilson encourages students to go ahead and fill out intent forms and apply anyway. All applications will be looked at and considered for the program. The program starts out with an overnight retreat at Camp St. Croix for the students and their mentors. At the retreat students get to know not only each other but their own strengths and weaknesses. The retreat also teaches students to get close as a group and share with others who they are. They are taught to draw on their own experiences while learning leadership skills from their mentors and each other.

After the retreat, students meet every

Wednesday as a group. At the weekly meetings students are taught new skills and techniques for leadership. Speakers and social activities also play a role in learning leadership qualities. One-on-one mentoring sessions are then spread throughout the year to monitor and encourage leadership growth. Students can bounce ideas off their mentor and ask advice when needed. Mentors provide individual feedback to assist students in the program.

The overview for LEAD states: "One overnight, plus 12 Wednesday meetings, plus three mentor sessions, plus one service experience, equals a LEAD certificate."

"This certificate can tell a future employers a lot about a prospective employee," Wilson said.

The skills LEAD teaches are meant to help students by encouraging the necessary skills to obtain success in the future during their

college career. Service work is also a component of the program

Wilson said the group plans a charity event to benefit Bridge for Youth and Adults with Disabilities. Bridge is a residential program designed to educate, assist, socialize and train disabled individuals in Hudson. Wilson said volunteerism is another component of leadership LEAD encourages.

One of last year's participants, Danielle Holtz, said: "I think it definitely helped me grow as a person, I think it definitely helps me do group projects."

Holtz recommends the program for any freshman interested in honing their leadership skills. If students are interested in applying or have questions for the LEAD program can fill out their intent form online at Falcon Sync or contact Amber Wilson or Haley Klinker at Student Involvement at 715-425-4444.

# Rising to Distinction continues fundraising campaign

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Rising to Distinction is UW-River Falls' first comprehensive five-year fundraising campaign, with a goal of raising \$20 million by 2016 to help improve opportunities on campus.

The aim is to bring in more money through donations and contributions so the school can climb to new heights. It focuses on more financial aid for students as well as faculty support and to create more learning opportunities.

Rising to Distinction had a strategic plan called "Pathways to Distinction." It serves as a road map

when hard decisions are made, to allocate scarce resources and a continuous measure of success and to celebrate success.

Pathways to Distinction has three strategic priorities: distinctive academic excellence; global education and engagement; and innovation and partnerships. The goal is to create better opportunities for faculty and students on campus and to create a national recognition as a public university.

"Our goal is \$7.9 million to support student scholarships," Chancellor Dean Van Galen said.

As of Sept. 30, the campaign has raised \$16 million with an intended

goal of \$20 million and one year left to go in the fundraising campaign, so it is doing very well.

"We're on track to achieve our goal, and we're certainly very grateful for the over 8,600 alumni and friends who have made contributions to the campaign," Van Galen said.

According to donor's stories on the website, John Butler, a 1961 UWRF graduate, has made a considerable donation. In 2012 he endowed the J.E. Butler Molecular Biology Scholarship with a very generous initial contribution. The scholarship will cover half the cost of in-state tuition plus research and

conference expenses for a biology major interested in eukaryotic research.

"UWRF gave me a start for a successful career at a price I could afford," Butler stated.

According to the website, the current focused priority is the new Falcon Center.

Replacing the 55 year-old Karges Athletic Center, the Falcon Center will meet the education, recreational and athletic needs of our community. The building includes classrooms, a human performance laboratory, a large gymnasium, dance studio, auxiliary gym, offices, locker rooms, training rooms

and other supporting spaces.

There will be remodeling of the Knowles and Hunt Arena as well as the demolition of the Nelson Physical Education Center and Karges Center to make way for the new Falcon Center.

The tentative year for the opening of the Falcon Center is set for 2017 and has a construction budget of \$48 million.

There will also be UWRF's fourth annual scholarship benefit. Daymond John, from ABC's "Shark Tank," will be a guest speaker for the event. The benefit is scheduled for Friday April 24, 2015, and costs \$60.

# Professional-grade camera to be demonstrated at UWRF

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UW-River Falls has been put on the list for the RED Cinema EDU Tour. RED Cinema Camera Company is an American company that produces professional quality digital cinematography and photography equipment.

Last year Erik Johnson, an assistant professor of digital film and television, helped form a relationship with RED, which al-

lowed the university to obtain a RED Mysterium X camera for 90 days. This gave students majoring in digital film and television the chance to have hands on experience with expensive professional grade equipment.

"They are top of the line cameras," Johnson said.

RED cameras have been used to shoot many major film and television productions such as: "The Hobbit," "RoboCop," "True Blood," "Neighbors" and many more. According to RED's website, its products are listed separately, but generally bought in packages because certain parts are necessary for use. They start around \$45,000 and increasingly go up in price from there.

The Mysterium X that the university was able to use last semester was insured for around \$70,000.

"When RED first launched, it was so exclusive that you had to be on a special list even to buy one," Johnson said. "It's not something that the average person could afford."

The RED EDU Tour means that an expert will come out to the university to demonstrate how to assemble and use the RED camera. Nick Watkins is a "road warrior" for RED. He will be leading the demonstration.

Johnson said a selling point to get Watkins to come out was the fact that he has family ties in this area and he loves the cheese and beer.

The demonstration will take place at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 20, in 112 Kleinpell Fine Arts. The demonstration is open to anyone that wants to attend.

Johnson thinks that this new relationship can be very valuable to not only the digital film and television department but the university as a whole.

"This relationship could be a potentially valuable recruitment and retention tool," Johnson said. "It can also transcend into other areas. I talked to a faculty member of the biology department who works with honey bees. One of the things the RED can do is record at a very high frame rate. So you could see in great detail and slow motion the bee's wings flapping and how many times they flap. So, It could really benefit other areas on campus as well."

Last year, senior seminar students for digital film and televi-

sion participated in at least one of three projects that the students created to get some experience with the camera. One of the projects was the "Pick One Campaign" that was partnered with Student Life.

Students made a short video to help promote the campaign. It allowed the students to get some hands on involvement with the equipment and gave something back to another organization with campus affiliations.

"It was cool having hands on experience with state of the art technology," said Senior Ben Porter about his experience with being able to use the RED camera last semester.

This demonstration will hopefully help strengthen the relationship that the university is building with the RED Camera Company. The hopeful outcome is that in the spring of 2015 the digital film and television department will receive another opportunity to use a RED camera.



Kathy M. Helgeson/University Communications  
Minneapolis-based cinematographer Alex Boves demonstrates the RED ONE camera in the UW-River Falls television studio during a cinematography workshop last year. The RED ONE camera package is on loan to the digital film and television program from RED Cinema Camera Company.

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## EDITORIAL

## Campus radio station deserves University Center support

When you walk into the University Center you'll probably hear the sound of students migrating along with either the personal playlist of the employee sitting behind the information desk or a radio station which is not WRFW; that is a problem.

WRFW is the UW-River Falls radio station which is based in North Hall. It features entirely student-run programming between the hours of 1 p.m. and midnight, the majority of which consists of DJs playing their favorite music. The Student Voice is of the opinion that WRFW ought to be played in the University Center to promote the station and the students who work for it.

Currently, DJs at WRFW have no indication of their audience besides the people who call in on the studio's telephone. A DJ at the campus radio can presently consider him or herself lucky if they get one or two calls during their show. New employees at the University Center are told during training that roughly 7,000 people, on average, move through the building every day. Imagine the huge difference that would make to someone broadcasting their show. Playing WRFW would allow students trying to share their music to have a palpable audience and to feel a legitimate sense of accomplishment from their hard work.

Playing WRFW over the University Center speakers would also give students a reason to put extra effort into their shows and would reward those who already do. There is a great difference in the output of a student who thinks no one is listening to one who has a large and tangible audience. It would also be beneficial for students in the University Center; they would get to listen to their fellow students on the radio. Some DJs also hold events on their shows, which can consist of anything from CD giveaways to miniature game shows. This would really allow for a participatory and symbiotic relationship between broadcaster and listener, with both enjoying themselves and interacting with each another.

An argument against playing WRFW to such a wide audience concerns the station's massive musical diversity and the fact that there are bound to be shows that appeal only to small groups of people as opposed to the easily-digestible nature of the music we currently hear there. It is very easy, however, to switch back to the standard playlist or XM radio if the death metal is too unnerving or the pop is too sugary (if that is possible). WRFW could provide the information desk with the general theme of each show and what sort of music they can expect to be played. This way, the University Center can very easily switch back to its current musical rotation when public affairs or especially unappealing music are expected to come on.

Ask students: "Would you object to the University Center playing WRFW?" Let students listen to each other and encourage each other and bring awareness to a great organization.

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## Costume influenced by Gonzo writer

Jack Haren  
Columnist

This past Halloween I costumed as Hunter S. Thompson, and my experience took place over two and a half days.

The easiest way to introduce Thompson is by his most famous book, "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas." It eventually got made into a film featuring Johnny Depp acting as the main character. The story follows a journalist and a lawyer tripping to Las Vegas on everything you can imagine in a red convertible.

Nearly every break in the plot is filled by the two of them popping a variety of drugs held in a suitcase. I remember Thompson saying somewhere in his "Generation of Swine" book that any man who would actually consume that excessive amount of drugs would be quickly dead.

The casual fan of Thompson often thinks of this extreme story. This is how I thought of him until I started reading his work and watching documentaries about his life. I learned that in the 1970s and 80s, he was a very prominent and influential journalist that wrote freelance pieces for Playboy, Rolling Stone and many others.

He invented his own journalism style called "Gonzo," and in his book "The Great Shark Hunt" he says, "It is a style of 'reporting' based on William Faulkner's idea that 'the best fiction is far more true than any kind of journalism.'" Thompson goes on to write that "true Gonzo reporting needs the talents of a master journalist, the eye of an artist and the heavy balls of an actor."

The style can read as easy as getting drunk, and can sometimes be unbelievable, but that isn't the truth.

The past few years, Halloween has become my favorite celebration influenced by my passion of snowboarding and one of its most famous snowboard crews—the House of 1817. People from all over the world probably claim the 1-8-1-7, but the origin lies in the Twin Cities. They advocate all things dark and scary, their catchphrase is "Stay Spooky", and they were out snowboarding this past Halloween at both Wild Mountain and Trollhaugen.

Both of these places compete every year to be the first snow area to open in North America. This aspect of Halloween makes it my absolute favorite: it means that the shred not only looms, but it intermittently can be consumed on the weekends until the grass is surely doomed.

My Halloween began early with a leftover breakfast burrito at my house—the House of Powers. The name comes from the Austin Powers cutout hung in our porch that acts as a watchdog and spooks every passerby without fail.

Normally, my breakfast spread would be fresh and nearly consistent to what Thompson was known for, which were multiple entrees and glasses of water, coffee, juice and whiskey. We both like to be fueled with plenty of brain food.

I went to politics class donning only one part of my costume—a red Hawaiian shirt. I complemented it with red pants and red shoes. The topic of the day was warrantless surveillance and the Edward Snowden revelations and I wondered what Thompson would have thought about it if he were still alive. After all, he lived through the Watergate scandal. And the secret collection and storage of every American's data is much bigger than Watergate in my opinion.

The end of class meant the weekend and the freedom to acquire the rest of my costume. The sun was out, so I put on my green-lensed Fear and Loathing inspired Aviator sunglasses and skateboarded to the bookstore.

Through my research, I learned that Thompson was no fluke. He studied inspirations such as Ernest Hemingway and William Faulkner. My interest quickly turned to these figures, so they are whom I browsed for.

Eventually, I came away with "This Side of Paradise" by F. Scott Fitzgerald—who was another inspiration to Thompson. Through documentaries, I learned that Thompson used to re-type Fitzgerald's second and most famous novel "The Great Gatsby" to know what it felt like to write like a master. I thought this practice was a great idea, so I did the same thing over the summer.

The next stop was the liquor store to buy a bottle of whiskey because with a Thompson costume, it was mandatory. And it had to be Kentucky bourbon because that is where Thompson was



Jack Haren/Student Voice  
**Various items including clothes, books, paper, cigarettes, a cigarette holder, matches and a whiskey bottle that make up a Hunter S. Thompson Halloween costume sit inside of a suitcase.**

from. I settled for some Old Thompson branded American whiskey because the name was too fitting and the bottom shelf nature meant I could fit more dollar bills back into my pocket.

Cigarettes were a big part of Thompson's life, so I went and picked up a pack. I am not usually a smoker, so I chose the cigarette with least amount of tar and carbon monoxide, making them not "a safer cigarette"—as it says on the package— but the healthier cigarette. I thought that logically, they were the healthiest a man could buy.

I then entered the barbershop next door to truly transform into Thompson. "How much are we taking off?" the barber said.

"All of it", I said.

By the end, he joked that he wouldn't charge me by the pound. I paid the man for a job well done with a crisp \$20 and exited.

Now bald and shaven, I passed the costume threshold and finally felt like Thompson, so I celebrated with the first cigarette of the day. Thompson was very well known for using a cigarette holder. In the movie "Fear in Loathing in Las Vegas," a holder never leaves Depp's mouth throughout the entire movie.

I drew my first cancer-stick on the Veteran's park bridge, looking over the river and the ducks, thinking about what to do next. The idea came quicker than the flick of the flame: I needed a briefcase for my whiskey.

I browsed the thrift store for about a minute before realizing it was past noon: I needed a drink before this whole story got off on the wrong track: the sober track.

I went back to the House of Powers and twisted and popped the cap off Old Thompson and poured myself a jar full—neat. After the first taste, my face crinkled and shook while my eyes watered. Taking this stuff straight was certainly tougher than Windsor or Bird Dog.

Luckily, a friend showed up with some advice: He said, "Chase it with candy." So I did.

And then I proceeded to chain-eat the candy. My bag of thirty pieces had already almost completely diminished. I am an addict, and not just on Halloween. I am so much a sugar addict that I can pick out the burnt and the stale. I still eat them anyway, but I don't recommend the variety pack bags! They are the most prone.

From that point on, this story can absolutely be considered drunken. But what else would someone expect? I am a newly turned 21-year-old living in Wisconsin. A fact's a fact.

I went back to the thrift store and the decision was quickly made to pick up the suitcase I found because the briefcase that the worker located was too small for a bottle of booze. I spent the rest of the afternoon skateboarding around with my whiskey, cigarettes, camera, writing materials, and the rest of my tricks. Soon, the darkness would blanket River Falls, and the mood of Halloween would truly set in.

The best part about my costume was that I could continue to do journalism in it. I found myself at the Kleinpell art gallery taking notes, snapping pictures and eating a few brownies.

The only applicable art that I saw was titled "Whiskey Cup 1" and "Whiskey Cup 2". If I needed something other than the bottle I was packing, I would have paid Pat Barnick \$20-\$90 to simply just drink from it, and not to buy it.

After some art, it was time to swing by Maverick's Corner Saloon to vacuum up information from their Twerk Contest they held. I summoned the bartender and asked who won. He looked down at my notebook when I asked a second time. "I need to get my facts straight!" I shouted. He gave me

the answer and a second shot of Fireball. I needed the warmth boost for the trip to Grimm. And besides, like I said, there was snow now on the ground.

I saw no action in any of the dorms as I gained speed down the concrete. I stopped thinking I overshot Grimm and asked some costumes where it was. They gave directions and said, "It's worth the wait!"...

Ha! One of the great tools my journalist's suitcase of tricks is my ability to spark up a conversation. So, after reading the "Welcome to Grimm Haunted House" sign, written in a bloody swash of red, I simply eased my way into the stacked line and found a group in need of one more person by way of talking to people.

I bought my ticket, and then the ride started. As we walked into the labyrinth of black tarped walls, I already gathered that this scare tactic was about 25-years-old, it took two months to prepare, and 40-50 "beasts" awaited us. Our guide began the tour with "I won't scare you, but something might".

I got scared, but I left smiling at its success. My favorite parts were the sacrifice room and the limbs in the hallway to end it.

I never went inside the party I went to after. I called a limousine before meeting myself -- Another Thompson costume, that is. We had a cigarette on the back deck, picked a period in our lives, and exchanged a conversation about our crazy, Gonzo selves. We were, in fact, a little "gone-zo".

The limo brought me to Junior's bar. I didn't even make it inside there either. I didn't need to because I didn't need to win that trip to Vegas. I already looked like I had just gotten back from Vegas with a fat wad, so I got picked up for a second house party, this one out of town. Vegas trip. I have drawn a blank for much of that party's time. Whether that's the lack of pen, alcohol or safety of memory, I don't know. The details of that one will have to be left to private question and answer.

My job at the dry cleaners is a great one. It allows me the freedom in between customers to do as I please. I mulled over the Halloween happenings that occurred and tried to organize and scribe them for this column. Then I looked at my cigarette pack. Eight of them were left. A couple went to bums, and one I found broken inside my right pants pocket. Thompson was a chain smoker, so I concluded that I was behind and lit one up outside.

As I viewed Main Street, pacing, I decided the next stop was Mariachi Loco despite growing expenses. It might have been the faint Spanish music coming from the radio inside, but eating out, renting cars, staying in hotels, and getting the story is how Thompson lived. He was an objectivist along with an individualist.

At Mariachi Loco, I continued to recollect the events over a hot burrito and enchilada. However, they made it so damn quick that I didn't get an idea down on paper before they brought out the food. The most important part was the margarita. I needed something to keep myself awake for round two of the nightly Halloween festivities. Tonight there would be no children out for trick or treating. The adults will now be explicitly drinking, and no longer observing slowly behind their kids with sneaky alcohol.

I didn't get in my legitimate Thompson-like breakfast regimen until the last morning of my excursion. With the last dose of Old Thompson whiskey, I realized that the man's actions are impossible to duplicate.

In many of the stories I've read, Thompson described scrambling very late to meet the deadlines the next day, yet he always seemed to meet them. Sometimes that pressure and adrenaline is what journalist's seeks to complete a piece. However being the last one in the silent newsroom finishing up my own a day past deadline made me feel very calm. I had the room to myself, for however long I wanted. Every word typed on my MacBook was blank space filled on the second screen in front of me—the one that holds the design for the new newspaper issue.

To my surprise, a cop peered inside the door around 3 a.m.

Cop: "You're really working this late?"

Me: "Yes. I have a story to finish."

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## Voting rights in U.S. an earned privilege

Cristin Dempsey

Columnist

The first full week of November upon us, so that means it is time for elections. This year is the midterm (or state) elections in the U.S., and Americans are rushing to their polling places to cast a ballot.

Midterm elections mark the middle of the president's term and each state votes for their governor, senators, and House representatives. They also vote for offices held in each city such as sheriff and judge. While this may not seem quite as important as the major presidential election—which takes places every four years—it still is important to get out and cast a vote. You never know the impact it will make.

Many of us here on campus are now at least 18-years-old—the age in the U.S. when Americans are granted the right to vote. We also have the right to abstain from voting, for all of us are not following politics closely. A lot of people that choose not to vote believe that one vote out of millions is not going to make any difference in the long run.

But why would people pass up exercising a right when we have to fight for it every day? Because of the efforts by both our founding fathers and our military serving overseas fighting for our freedom, being able to vote is a privilege that many around the world do not get.

If you do not know a lot about politics or it seems confusing or unimportant, it is beneficial to do some research. The long list of candidates running in each election may become overwhelming, and you may not know who they all are, but a good amount of research on each major candidate—such as governor and senator—will help you form an opinion about who is best fit to lead your state or region.

Local issues these candidates face include a variety of things from healthcare to roads and local businesses. Candidates will put more effort into one issue over another, believing that those will affect people the most. Research will help you decide which issues are most important to you and which candidates agree.

The importance of voting is especially beneficial in the long run: The results of your vote will show in the condition of roads, the price of healthcare, and the money spent on goods and services like a new stadium or public transportation. The more votes that are cast in each election, the more people in office will be able to represent their citizens more accurately.

Many countries are not guaranteed a right to vote. Instead, people are often elected without their say. The fact that we get to vote is a unique privilege that we should always take advantage of when presented to us. Don't be afraid to voice your opinion, no matter what side you agree with, and help see positive growth in your region.

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## 'ASK KAYLA'

### Responses to a love triangle dilemma and an optimistic comment inspired by father

**My ex-boyfriend and I are "friends with benefits." Whenever I go home, we end up sharing a bed together. I recently discovered that he and his ex-girlfriend might be getting back together, or have already gotten back together. I miss him as my boyfriend so much and I don't want to lose him—especially to her. I also hate the fact that if they are back together, he is cheating on her with me. But I want him back so bad that I'm willing to look past it if it is true. I need help.**

**-Downward Spiraling Love Life**

I would suggest asking your ex-boyfriend what is going on. However, don't come off super jealous even though you probably are. You have the right to know what kind of guy you're sleeping with—ex or not. Tell him how you feel about him and the situation with his ex-girlfriend before you lay it all out on the line. The longer you wait, the harder it's going to be. If he won't tell you—or he is cheating on her with you—he's isn't the one for you. You don't deserve someone who cheats: You deserve someone who will be faithful and appreciative towards you—and solely you.

**My dad passed away four years ago and he said to always look for the best in situations. And in the bad situations, look for what you gained from the experience.**

**-Kayla Lynch**

I like the way you look at things. I am very sorry to hear that you lost your father. I don't know what I would do if I didn't have mine around. But I definitely agree, even though it may be hard to see something good in what you think is difficult. There is always something to learn from every situation, good or bad. Thank you for sharing your view on life!

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### 2014 deer hunting season brings new regulation, traditional encouragement

Starting in 2011, an extensive review was conducted of Wisconsin's deer management program. The result of this undertaking—known as the Deer Trustee Report—included over 60 recommendations designed to improve Wisconsin's deer management programs and the overall hunting experience.

And now the wait is nearly over for the 2014 gun deer season. For those who embrace this Wisconsin tradition, I'd like to share some information and clarify the new 2014 rule changes to ensure that you have a stress free hunt when you head out to the woods.

The department has developed a short two-page summary of the 2014 rule changes. You can read it by searching "deer" on the DNR website: [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov). You will find the summary under the "Tools for your season" header.

The new rule changes were the result of the hunting community sharing their voice on the changes they would like to see. The department is asking for your flexibility and understanding as we move through this first year of the new rule changes. This is also our first year with the changes.

Wisconsin's annual gun deer hunt is an opportunity to come together and have fun with family and friends. Although there are some regulatory changes to season dates, management zones, and licenses, they won't hinder your hunt.

To make sure your hunt isn't hindered, we want to share information about the changes well in advance. We also want to be available for our hunters to answer questions you may have.

For hunters who don't have easy access to a computer, call the toll free DNR help line: 1-888-936-7463 to request a copy to be sent to you.

Call that same number anytime during the hunt if you have any questions out in the field. That number is staffed seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Deer in Wisconsin are a public resource. Deer—like birds or any other wildlife—don't know land ownership boundaries or who has the right to hunt on each side of the fence. I encourage you to be thoughtful of your neighboring landowners' rights and to be respectful when you interact with other hunting parties in the field. We do the best for resources and sport when we use each other. Through lawful and ethical participation, we can all benefit for seasons to come.

Please consider encouraging someone new to join the sport and continue to be the example of ethics in the field.

Good luck on a safe and successful hunt.

Dan Baumann  
Secretary Director of West Central Wisconsin DNR

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# STUDENT VOICES

What are you looking forward to more: Thanksgiving or deer opener?

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**Mitsugu Hirota**  
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"Thanksgiving because I'm not a hunter."



**Kenny Reed**  
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"Thanksgiving because I get to go home and eat with my family."



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"Thanksgiving. It's a nice little break before going into the last part of the semester. It releases stress before all the big stuff happens."



**Hannah Vlasin**  
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"Thanksgiving because it's more of a family event. We are not a hunting family."



**Jacob Iverson**  
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"Thanksgiving because I'm not a hunter."

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# Majority of women's basketball team returns this season

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Last season was a rebuilding year for the UW-River Falls women's basketball program after finishing 6-19 overall and eighth in the WIAC.

This was due to the fact that the team had only five returning players, which included one senior, leaving the majority of the team freshman.

The Falcons will be a more seasoned team this season with the majority of the players returning, five new players and the return of junior guard Jessie Van Wyhe, who missed last season due to a knee injury. After last season's finish, the team's goal is to finish over .500 and make the NCAA tournament.

This season will be Head Coach Cindy Holbrook's 15th season as the head coach of the UWRF women's basketball team. Last season was the first time in her career that she finished with less than eight wins, finishing with only six.

The inexperience from the freshman last season played a part in the team's success, as they weren't use to the speed of collegiate basketball compared to the high school level. This season the team will be more experienced with almost the entire freshman class returning to the team.

The experience from last season will play a big role, as the team should look like a completely new team. Assistant Coach Mike Babler believes the team is ready after the inexperience from last season.

"We had a lot of young kids last year, they got a lot of experience," Babler said. "So toward the end of the year we really saw that experience really come to fruition. They worked hard over the summer, they look good right now and I think it's going to be an exciting season for us."

The team will be without All-WIAC Honorable Mention Tess Lueders, who graduated after last season. This year, junior captain guard Richell Mehus will be the one to help lead the Falcons. Mehus led the team last season averaging close to 10 points per game.

The team will also be leaning on Van Wyhe. In her sophomore season back in 2012-13, she started in all 26 games for the Falcons next to senior Brittany Gregorich. Van Wyhe averaged 7.4 points per game, with 193 points on the year and 42 steals.

Behind Mehus and Van Wyhe, the team has many sophomores that will step up and become large contributors during the season.

With last season in the books, the team will look to its strengths from last season to



Kathy M. Helgeson/University Communications

**Junior captain Richell Mehus is defended by a UW-Eau Claire guard in a 66-61 double overtime victory on Jan. 8, at the Karges Center. The women's basketball team will play its first game against University of Wisconsin in Madison on Nov. 9.**

continue toward success for this season. In an email interview with junior captain Richell Mehus, speed was the advantage last season and she wants to use that this year.

"We have some quick guards. We will try to use this quickness to our advantage and then slow down and make defenses break down at other times," Mehus said. "We have a lot of players that can score, so we just need to create opportunities to get them the ball.

Our posts have also improved their game and will be threats to score."

Mehus also said that this year the Falcons will try to be smart players. They want to utilize the ball fake to get defenses to shift and moving the ball around to get a higher shot percentage.

The Falcons will start the season off with seven non-conference matches, which will include a tournament at the College of St.

Benedict, and an exhibition match-up against the Wisconsin Badgers in Madison on Sunday, Nov. 9.

After finishing eighth in the WIAC with a 4-12 record, the Falcons get its first shot at a conference team at home on Wednesday, Dec. 3 against UW-Superior. The Falcons first home game of the season is at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 22.

## Young, inexperienced men's basketball team hopes to improve in rebuilding season

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After two straight seasons with an 8-17 overall record the UW-River Falls men's basketball team has higher hopes for the 2014-2015 season.

Generally, a team will look for leadership from its senior class, but the Falcons lost five seniors from last year's squad and will have to look for leadership elsewhere.

Head Coach Jeff Berkhof said that he likes to have a point guard who is a good leader, because he is the player with the ball the majority of the time.

"Your point guard is the general of the floor, he is an extension of the coaching staff," Berkhof said.

Luckily for the Falcons one of its players with the most experience is its point guard, sophomore Grant Erickson. Erickson started in all but one of the Falcons' games last season, averaging 7.2 points per game while paying an average of 30.2 minutes per game.

"We're looking for him [Erickson] to provide a lot of leadership," Berkhof said. "He has been doing a good job so far."

Having a team that is comfortable playing together is very important to a team's success and with all of the new

freshman and transfers coming in this season it may take a while until everyone is on the same page. Berkhof said that the team is showing good team spirit, togetherness and competitiveness in its practices.

Junior center Connor Goodwin is happy with the progress the team has made so far.

"I feel our team chemistry has been really good so far, and I'm excited to see what we can do this year," Goodwin said.

Having such a young team can be a blessing and a curse, the inexperience may cost the team a few close games, but other teams won't know what to expect from the Falcons early on in the season.

"With a new group, but we feel a talented group, I really think we can be a surprise team in the league," Berkhof said. "Not a lot of people are going to know a lot about us early on."

Since Berkhof took over the head coaching job in 2007 the Falcons have been a team that has looked to push the tempo of the game and run the floor early and often. Berkhof said that fans should expect fast-paced games this season. Berkhof went on to say that he has good depth on this team and he is

expecting to use a lot of his bench players.

Ollie White and Ben Gresmer were the only Falcons who averaged over 10 points per game last season and they have both graduated. So, the Falcons will be looking at different players to provide scoring this season.

The Falcons have a balanced team this year and Berkhof expects the scoring to be balanced as well. He said that it is good to have a team that has balanced scoring so that the opponent can't focus its entire defense to stop one player.

The WIAC looks to be one of the more difficult conferences in the nation, once again. Last year's national champion UW-Whitewater is the preseason number one ranked team in the nation. While UW-Stevens Point is preseason number seven. Whitewater or Stevens Point has won the national championship in five of the past 11 seasons. Despite the challenging conference, Goodwin says that the team has two goals for this season.

"One is to win conference, and two is to make it to the NCAA tournament and make a run at that," Goodwin said.

The Falcons will open its season at Bethel University on Nov. 15.



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# Ryan Kusilek kicks the football team to victory

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The football team now has its first two-game winning streak since September 2009 thanks to the right leg of junior kicker Ryan Kusilek, who kicked three field goals, including the game-winner, in Saturday's 16-13 overtime victory over visiting UW-La Crosse.

This is also the first time the Falcons have won three games in a season since 2009.

"We talked a lot about using the winning in a positive way to continue to motivate us to keep winning and you know it's a little bit of juice and energy, whatever you want to call it, that we needed around here and haven't had in a long time and it's exiting and feels different around the office in good ways and around the locker-room," said Head Coach Matt Walker.

The game against the La Crosse Eagles at Ramer Field was deemed the "Coach to Cure MD Game." Before the game, both the Falcons and the Eagles sat at 2-5 overall.

"It was clearly a big win for us," Walker said.

The game was another battle of the defenses for the Falcons. The first quarter ended scoreless and showed how evenly matched the two teams were.

In the second quarter, Kusilek connected on a 23-yard field goal after a 19-yard drive with 11:49 remaining to get the Falcons a brief 3-0 lead. With 4:51 left, Eagles kicker Eric Wittkowske made a 23-yard field goal to tie the game at three.

Near the end of the half the Falcons got the lead back with a touchdown run by sophomore running back Rance Ashley after a 75-yard drive with 1:29 remaining. The Falcons went into half time with a 10-3 lead. There was no score in the third quarter until Eagles freshman quarterback John Tackett ran in for a touchdown on an eight-yard scamper to tie the game up at 10.

The Eagles took its first lead of the game with a 39-yard field goal with 12:24 left in the fourth quarter. The Falcons were able to tie it up again with a 31-yard Kusilek field goal with 3:47 left in the fourth quarter. The Falcons defense was then able to block a 50-yard field goal attempt to send the game into overtime.

In overtime, Kusilek drilled a 38-yard field goal in overtime to take the lead 16-13. The Falcons defense then secured the win by blocking a 33-yard field goal attempt.

Kusilek is now acting both as the quarterback and as the kicker for

the Falcons. Kusilek had kicked for River Falls High School occasionally.

"It's been definitely a unique experience to kick at this level," Kusilek said.

The Falcons have made changes to help them improve. Kusilek said they have stuck together through it all.

"On offense, we are not turning the ball over, that hurt us a lot, pretty much every game we lost we've had more turnovers than the other teams," Kusilek said. "So we've really limited that, which has helped on offense and helped keep our defense off the field so they can play well at the end, not exhausted because they have been on the field all day."

Walker said that he is happy with the results but mostly for everyone involved in the program.

"I've never been around a group as dedicated, has worked as hard as these groups I've had over these last few years and so to finally get some results for the players, and not just them, but the support staff and all these people that spend all this time at this football thing, it feels good and I'm excited for them," Walker said.

The Falcons next play at UW-Stout at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 8.



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Junior Ryan Kusilek kicks the game-winning field goal in a 16-13 overtime victory over UW-La Crosse at Ramer Field on Nov. 1.

# Women's hockey completes comeback in home opener

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The return of hockey is a dream for the fourth nationally ranked UW-River Falls women's hockey team, but the Falcons were rudely awakened on Saturday, for the first two periods of the game, anyway, before coming back to defeat the St. Thomas Tommies 6-4 after trailing by two goals twice.

"It was really a nightmare the first two periods, we didn't play very well," said Head Coach Joe Cranston. "We were sluggish. Definitely looked like it was our first game of the year. Had a lot of players who struggled, so it was really ugly and frustrating."

The Falcons dropped the puck on the season facing the team they beat in the last game of last season. The Falcons defeated the St. Thomas Tommies in the NCAA Div. III third place game last winter and it was clear the Tommies were out for revenge early on Saturday.

The Tommies, currently ranked sixth in the nation, quickly scored in the first period. Just under five and a half minutes in, Maddie McGlade put in a goal to give the Tommies a quick 1-0 lead. Less than three minutes later, Courtney Umland put in a second goal for St. Thomas on its revenge tour.

The Falcons evened up the score before the end of the first period before letting St. Thomas roar back. Junior Chloe Kinsel scored an answering goal just over a minute after Umland's to cut the Tommies lead to one. Freshman Carly Moran capped the first period scoring off with a goal of her own to tie the game at two.

St. Thomas got out to another two-goal lead in the second period. Tara Baago beat Falcons junior goaltender Meaghan Wenner to put the Tommies up by a goal. That was the last goal scored on the starting keeper as Wenner was pulled after allowing three goals in the first 24:53 of the Falcons' new season.

Freshman Angie Hall was then put in at goalie, but St. Thomas found a way to put the puck past her as well. Rachel Friberg got the puck in Hall's goal at the 16:40 mark to give the Tommies a 4-2 lead.

The most dangerous lead in hockey is a



Kathy M. Helgeson/University Communications  
All-NCAA junior forward Chloe Kinsel skates for the UW-River Falls women's hockey team against the St. Thomas Tommies in a 6-4 home opening victory at Hunt Arena. Kinsel pitched in one goal and two assists.

two-goal lead. The Tommies had already given up one in the first period and the Tommies did it again to end the game.

All-WIAC sophomore defenseman Paige Johnson erased the lead all by herself.

At 18:19 of the second period, Johnson scored an unassisted goal to stop the Tommies run and to make it a 4-3 contest. Johnson struck again early in the third period to tie it up. Johnson cranked in another unassisted goal five minutes in to the final period.

It took only 19 seconds for the Falcons to strike again. Senior captain Alice Cranston put in the go-ahead-goal virtually right after Johnson. Freshman Dani Kocina added an insurance goal just under ten minutes later to give the Falcons a 6-4 victory over the Tom-

mies.

Cranston highlighted the change in his team between the sketchy first two periods and the dominating performance put on in the third period.

"It was just effort. I think we had a lot of the ol' deer in the headlights the first couple periods," Cranston said. "We went in, had a little talk about what it takes for effort, because we don't have the talent to play that kind of hockey. We don't have the depth or the talent to beat teams with depth and talent, so we need to play a much more aggressive style of hockey with a better work ethic."

The Falcons need to maintain the work ethic for its next games. The Falcons play a home and home series against Bethel Univer-

sity this coming weekend. Cranston said that Bethel is just as good as St. Thomas.

Bethel visits River Falls on Friday for the first game of the two-game series. Puck drop at Hunt Arena is scheduled for 7:05 p.m., on Friday, Nov. 7.

The Falcons soar into St. Paul, Minnesota, to take on Bethel on Saturday, Nov. 8. That game is scheduled to start at 2 p.m. The Falcons are 14-1-2 all-time against Bethel.

The growing rivalry between UW-River Falls and St. Thomas will continue this season and next. The Falcons will play at St. Thomas on Jan. 28, 2015. Cranston said next season's opening weekend will also be against the Tommies.

# Cross country finishes near bottom in WIAC meet despite career bests

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Both the UW-River Falls men and women's cross country teams saw runners put in career-best days on the course, but that did not translate into good finishes for either of the teams overall as the men placed last out of nine teams in the WIAC meet, while the women finished eighth out of nine teams.

The men's team saw two runners set career-bests. Junior Jackson Shaw placed 57th overall while running a career-best 27:32. Freshman Ricky Peterson finished right on the tail of Shaw in 58th place setting a career-best 27:32, as well.

The top finisher for the Falcons was junior Daniel Borash. The junior crossed the line in 35th place overall with a time of 26:07.

Senior Zach Ambrose placed 54th, sophomore Elliot Pachniak finished 60th, junior Ryan Ruegsegger placed in 61st, and junior Matthew Pechacek finished in 63rd place to round out the rest of the Falcon men's team.

The Falcons averaged a time of 27:20 as a team. The winning squad in the men's competition was UW-Eau Claire. Eau Claire averaged a time of 24:52. Host team UW-La Crosse came in second just ten seconds behind the first place Blugolds.

The men's team was bit by the injury bug early in the sea-

son. The men lost two top runners early on in the season due to non-training injuries according to co-Head Coach Chris Rombough.

The women not only bested its male counterparts with a better team finish, but with more individual career-best finishes as well. The lady Falcons had four runners put in career-best days during the WIAC conference meet.

The women that finished with career bests all crossed the finish line within 23 seconds of each other.

Freshman Kimberly Carlson finished in 55th place with a career-best of 25:55. Freshman Meagan Weissshahn finished in 56th with a time 26:02. In 57th overall, sophomore Abby Fouts finished with a time of 26:04. Freshman Katie Kammer capped off the new career-bests for the team with a time of 26:18, good for a 58th place finish.

Emma Hayes ran a 26:40, a season-best for the sophomore, for a 59th overall finish.

Oddly enough, the top two finishers for the Falcons were not the ones setting career-bests on Saturday. Junior Deanna Cahoon-Draus came in 50th for the best women Falcon finish with a time of 25:12. Freshman Alex Mikle finished just two spots after in 52nd with a time of 25:37.

The women finished with an average time of 25:46 in its eighth place effort. The women's title in the WIAC went to

La Crosse with an average time of 22:27. UW-Oshkosh came in second place.

Rombough said the women's team needs a little seasoning, but there's a reason for that.

"On the women's side we had a lot of inexperience. All of our women who ran in the conference meet it was their first time running in the meet," Rombough said. "I don't want to say we're in a rebuilding mode, but we're kind of in a rebuilding mode."

The conference named its All-Sportsmanship Team on Saturday with each team getting one member elected for displaying exemplary sportsmanship throughout the season. Borash was named to the men's team while Cahoon-Draus was named to the women's.

Borash took the accolade like a true sportsman would. "That [being named to the All-Sportsmanship Team] was a surprise to me. It was a good feeling," Borash said. "It's good to know that people see you are supporting your team, because that's what it's all about."

The next step is the NCAA Midwest Regionals to be held on Nov. 15 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Rombough said that there are no qualifying steps for the cross country regionals, so the Falcons will run full men's and women's teams next Saturday.

# 'Nightcrawler' offers bleak look into modern television news organizations

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Reviewer

Jake Gyllenhaal has, over the last 10 years, revitalized his career with at least seven flawless performances in films such as "Brokeback Mountain," "Zodiac," "Prisoners," and "Enemy." You can now add his performance as Louis Bloom in "Nightcrawler" to that list.

Gyllenhaal has become one of Hollywood's most dependable actors. As audiences have witnessed, he is at his best when portraying flawed, unstable characters, and Bloom is likely the most unstable and downright demented character he has ever played.

Gyllenhaal lost weight to play the role of Bloom, which only adds terror to his squirrely, complicated character. Gyllenhaal's eyes seem to nearly bulge out of his head; his lanky body flows almost ape-like; and his smile may provide goose bumps.

Bloom is a witty man who is in search of his calling in Los Angeles, California. He likes to learn new things and try different odd-jobs to simply make ends meet. Bloom will stop at nothing to succeed--nothing.

After a brief career in thievery, he happens across a brutal car crash on the highway one dark evening. The car is ablaze and two police officers are attempting to pull a bloody and unconscious man from the one-car accident, when suddenly a van pulls up. Two men leap out and start filming the act of heroism.

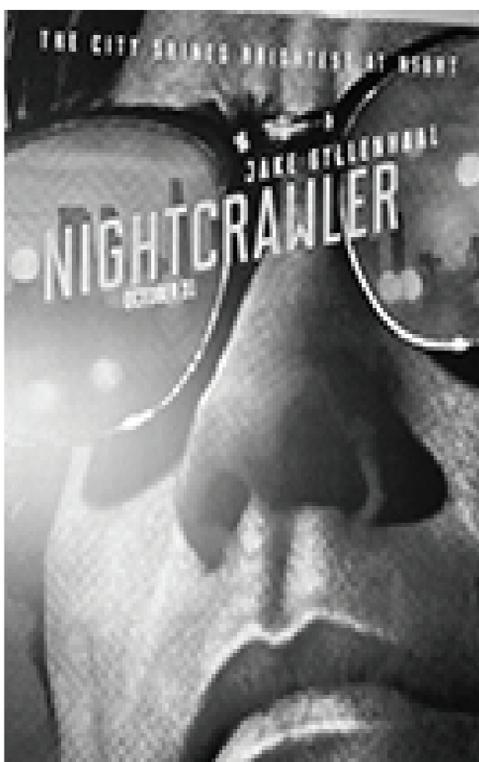
Bloom's interest is piqued. He talks to a man filming, Joe (Bill Paxton), who gives

him the rundown of his business. Basically, Joe drives around and films car crashes, shootings, robberies, car chases and home invasions and sells the footage to television news organizations.

Bloom wants in, so he buys a cheap camera and becomes a "nightcrawler," which is what Joe calls his profession. After some rather unsuccessful attempts at filming a couple crime scenes, Bloom films a man who was gunned down outside a drug store being treated by paramedics. The quality is bad but the footage is raw, bloody and "news-worthy."

He sells the footage to Channel 6 News for \$250.

It is here that he begins a working relationship with Nina (Rene Russo), the channel's nightly news editor. Nina sees something in Bloom and asks that he bring his nightly footage to her first. Bloom then hires an assistant, Rick (Riz Ahmed), to help with GPS



coordinates, car parking and other small tasks. He pays the currently homeless Rick \$30 a night.

Slowly Bloom begins to put together quite a resume of footage that makes headlines on the nightly news. Again, he will stop at nothing to get the footage he wants. He enters crime scenes when the police are outside questioning witnesses; he physically moves dead bodies into the light so he can get better shots; and he eventually puts people in harms way on numerous occasions, all for the sake of good television. Before long, Bloom

begins to make \$15,000 a night.

The film starts slow but builds to a big finish. Bloom's character goes from being oddly sympathetic to completely loathable. He treats his colleagues and "friends" like peasants. While Bloom's character is detestable, audiences will still be glued to the screen because of Gyllenhaal's ability to be simulta-

neously charming and distasteful.

The plot itself, while unique, is not what makes this film work--it's Gyllenhaal. Without him, this film could possibly have audiences heading for the exits early. It's as if the more maniacal Bloom's character becomes the more interesting the film becomes. We no longer hope Bloom can succeed as a nightcrawler, we merely want to see what crazy act he'll perform next.

"Nightcrawler" can be viewed as an allegory for the recent debauchery of some breaking television news organizations. The news used to be "newsy;" now it is all about crime, fires, crashes, sex and drugs, because it's what people want to see--you can admit it. Writer and director Dan Gilroy intended audiences to be glued to the screen in the final half of the film, so he can point his finger at us and say: "See."

We are seemingly wired to crave action and violence in our nightly news, but with his creation of "Nightcrawler," Gilroy wants us to examine the cost.

"Nightcrawler" is Gilroy's directorial debut. Gilroy is also married to Russo, and his older brother, Tony, wrote and directed the Oscar-nominated "Michael Clayton," which is one of the best films since the turn of the century. The cinematography by Robert Elswit, who won an Oscar for "There Will Be Blood," is reminiscent of a Michael Mann ("Heat") film, which is certainly a positive.

Fans of Gyllenhaal have to see this film, but if you are looking for a character to root for, go elsewhere.

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## Student examines pros and cons of online classes

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Class sign up is just around the corner and you will have a choice to make: online classes or regular, in-person classes.

Do you need to organize your classes to make them all fit? Online classes help you avoid all that but at the same time, online classes can be a lot of work. Online classes require different types of skills than regular classes. You need to be aware of these skills before you take on this difference.

Obviously, the basic difference between online classes and regular classes is the fact that you don't need to show up to a particular building at a particular time. Online classes have the clear advantage that you can do the work whenever you want, in your pajamas, randomly outside, or even in a foreign country.

Online classes also have the bonus that

your schedule is a bit looser. Say you're an evening person; you can do your assignments whatever time works best for you. This is especially good if you have a job. Before your job, after your job, when you have the time, go do the work.

However, taking an online class takes more work than an in-person class. You don't usually have a teacher that will remind you to turn in assignments or the pressure of a weekly routine to keep you on track.

Online classes require self-discipline and determination. Online classes usually start out with full participation but as the weeks progress, the students slowly taper out.

Not everyone can handle an online class, yet as the current requirements stand, you have to take at least one class online: gym. Several of my friends have taken that class, gotten ahead, yet then forgot about the class and found themselves on the edge of failing.

You need to stay on top of you classes, online ones especially. It doesn't take much for you to get behind, and suddenly your class might as well be speaking Greek.

Another challenge you need to be aware of for online classes is the lack of resources. I don't know what the rest of you do when you start to have trouble with the class, but I usually turn to the professor for help.

With an online class, that is less of an option. Of course you can email them, but that is hardly the same as having a face-to-face discussion where the teacher explains something to you. Simply reading the teacher's explanation on the page doesn't work well for some situations.

Luckily, many teachers who teach online also have in-person classes which mean they have office hours. If you are on campus you can look up their office times and still go talk to them about the problem you are having.

**Online classes require different types of skills than regular classes. You need to be aware of these skills before you take on this difference.**

A final point against online classes is the fact that you have to pay more for them.

Although UW-River Falls already operates D2L, where most online classes take place and saves electricity on a room, online classes get an extra fee attached to them. It isn't too large of a fee but it is still something to be aware of, especially if you are considering taking an online class in J-Term or summertime.

Online classes have a lot of bonuses, giving you more freedom than a regular class does; however, they also come with some negatives that need to be considered before one signs up for them.

Know what you can handle and what you need to keep yourself on track. You'll be fine. If nothing else, you can enjoy the freedom an online class can offer and learn more about yourself in the process.

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## On-campus Halloween events offer spooky fun



Maggie Sanders/Student Voice

Hunter Berglund decorates sugar cookies in the lobby of Grimm Hall. "Halloween in the Halls" took place on Wednesday, Oct. 29, inviting young students in River Falls to trick or treat in the residence halls on campus.



Carmella Everhart/Student Voice

UWRF student Courtney Wilson stopped by the "Haunted Hall" to start her night on Halloween. The haunted house in Grimm Hall on Friday, Oct. 31, was decorated by Turning Point.