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Student Senate modernizes website

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UW-River Falls Student Senate members are working hard to reach out to students on campus by providing more services and new events, according to Senate President Anthony Sumnicht.

One of things Sumnicht is focused on is the creation of a new Senate website that informs students about the Senate members and the work they are doing.

The website contains information about the Allocable Fee Appropriation Board (AFAB), the agendas and minutes for the weekly Senate meetings, photos and information about members of Senate, and a schedule of events that are hosted by Senate, such as Senate Cinema. Sumnicht said the website is a huge step forward compared to the website that existed in the past.

"Our old website was basically just saying that Student Senate existed, and we really wanted to make it a place where students can actually find resources and things like that," Sumnicht said.

Sumnicht created the entire website himself through OrgSync, a service that is used to manage student involvement at universities. He started working on it over the summer and continues to update it throughout the year.

"The main goal of the website is actually to make it sustainable for in the future so that when we have a Student Senate where no one knows how to code anything we can have it updated and keep it updated with basically the knowledge of Microsoft Word or other types of programs," Sumnicht said.

Senate is also working to create events on campus that students will want to attend, such as new events for Finals Fest.

"Right now we are in the process of planning a concert for the end of the semester," Sumnicht said.

Sumnicht revealed that Dennis Dadashev, Senate public relations administrator, is working on heading up a student discount program that students will be able to use in town and, eventually, in Hudson. Students will be able to get discounts by simply showing his or her UWRF student identification card to local businesses.

Dadashev also runs the social media webpages, such as Facebook and Twitter, that follow campus events. He said that he sometimes live-Tweets from the weekly Senate meetings to give people current updates about topics being discussed, but he is focusing on the Facebook page for now.

Dadashev emphasized that people should go and "Like" the Facebook page because he thinks more people should know about Senate.

"One of our biggest goals is just trying to make sure that people know who we are because a lot of people don't even know that there is a Student Senate and it's really important that people understand that things like this are going on; like, we're passing relevant legislation for the university," Dadashev said.

The Senate Facebook page has been up since Nov. 20, 2009, according to the Facebook page. It currently has 744 Likes, and Sumnicht said he would love to see the Senate Facebook page get 1,000 Likes.



Carmella Everhart/Student Voice
Student Senate President Anthony Sumnicht proudly looking at the new Senate website that he created this summer.

Senate members are also working on getting the meetings to stream live on the website. Right now, the meetings are being recorded and uploaded to YouTube for students to access, but the goal is to overcome a few technical obstacles and stream the meetings on the website so more students can see what Senate is discussing at the meetings.

"We're looking at a few other solutions where we can actually have, right on our homepage, every Student Senate meeting streaming live so you can watch it anywhere," Sumnicht said.

To find the Senate on YouTube, search for

UWRF Student Senate, or go to its website and click on the YouTube icon.

Senate Treasurer Joseph Schmit said that he hasn't received much feedback from students about all these new services.

"I think we are doing a good job getting information out there, it's just getting people to want to hear the information," Schmit said.

Senate meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Willow River Room in the University Center. Visit the student senate website at <http://bit.ly/1v6i65R> for more information.

Physics department declared a top 10 degree producer

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UW-River Falls was recently identified as one of the top 10 producers of physics undergraduate degrees by the American Physical Society (APS).

APS is a non-profit organization that works to advance the knowledge of physics through research journals, scientific meetings, education, outreach, advocacy and international activities.

From 2010-2012, UWRF granted 19 physics undergraduate degrees, tying it for seventh with American University (Washington D.C.) and Bethel University (St. Paul, Minnesota).

"The physics department in the past never had big numbers in terms of students, but now we are in the top quar-

ter in terms of majors for the number of students we have," said physics Professor James Madsen.

Madsen accredits the success of the program first to the quality of the department.

"The physics department is very successful because the faculty make it so," said physics major Laura Lusardi. "They are extremely proactive in meeting all of the students and making sure that the students have everything they need to succeed. Whether it is offering help in classes, suggesting programs, or just sending a friendly e-mail."

Madsen also accredits the success to professors who recruit students to come to UWRF. Sophomore physics major Kelsey Kolell was recruited to come to UWRF from a past teacher.

"To be honest, I had never heard of River Falls when I was applying for colleges," Kolell said. "It wasn't until I spoke to one of my high school physics teachers about the physics programs at different UW schools that I even considered UWRF."

Once Kolell visited the campus though, she knew this was the place for her.

"When I came up for a campus visit day, it felt like I wouldn't be just another physics student, it was like I was joining a family."

Physics Professor Surujhdeo Seunarine also believes the success of the department can be accredited to the focus faculty have on student's learning, and students take note of this.

"All the professors are very open and are willing to help when you need it,"

Kolell said. "They want you to succeed and to reach your goals."

In addition to a cohesive faculty, Kolell also believes the students contribute to the success of the program.

"We work together on things we don't understand and are able to help each other out," Kolell said. "You are surrounded by other people that are just as nerdy and in love with science as you are."

On average, the department awards 20 physics undergraduate degrees a year.

"We are developing a strong presence," Madsen said. "And I'm confident we'll continue to have good numbers."

Two other UW System schools were also recognized on the top 10 list. UW-La Crosse was awarded number two and UW-Eau Claire was

awarded number six.

"In the UW System in general, learning is a priority," Seunarine said. "This department has really bought into the student-centered learning environment. The students benefit from this, and our reputation grows."

"The physics department is very successful because the faculty make it so," said physics major Laura Lusardi.

Another aspect of the department that attracts potential students is the strength of the UWRF Physics Club. UWRF has the second biggest physics club in the country.

The club has also been

deemed as an outstanding chapter for the last 13 years from the Society of Physics Students.

"Each university can start their own club, and the only university that has a bigger club than us is Purdue University," Madsen said.

Seunarine also believes an attraction that brings in students is hands-on, early research.

"When students visit River Falls they see things that they can relate to and get involved in," Seunarine said.

Madsen believes UWRF physics students will be successful after graduating.

"Whether the goal is to go right into the workplace or become a PhD scientist, we prepare the students," he said.

'Ides of October' case remains open while police seek evidence

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One month ago, the UW-River Falls campus was shook by an anonymous threat, and while that seems to be an afterthought to students now, the authorities remain hard at investigative work.

River Falls Chief of Police Roger Leque spoke to a UWRF journalism class on Oct. 23 and said that the police had a person of interest that has been identified. Neither the city police department nor the campus police department would confirm the statement.

"This is an open investigation and while it remains under investigation, there is not a lot of information we can release," said UWRF Chief of Police Karl Fleury. "It is being actively investigated. The safety of our campus community is the most important thing to us."

The original message to students about the threat came back on Sept. 29, but the real scare hit on Oct. 10, when Fleury sent an updated campus alert out. The new alert had a message that was believed to be directed at Oct. 15 with the words, "Beware the Ides of October, the time is nigh and the bullets will fly."

Those words turned the UWRF campus into a frenzy with rumors spreading like wildfire, many classes getting cancelled, students even leaving campus for the day and officers being placed in every building on campus for the whole week of Oct. 15.

"The threat was hyped up quite a bit but I feel the school took the right precautions," said junior student Eli Gindele. "The security was really high, making campus feel safe."

One police officer on campus the day of the threat remarked

that the UWRF campus was the safest place in Pierce County with all the law enforcement around.

Since the threat, no new information has been released. The last email about the threat was sent out on Oct. 10, and no new alerts have been posted to the University Police page online, leaving students like sophomore Carissa Montgomery and junior Peter Anderson to wonder what ever happened with it.

"It feels like it happened a long time ago," Montgomery said. "I still wonder if I will ever find out more information about the threat. I definitely still wonder if the person who sent the threat has been caught."

"I periodically think about it still," Anderson said. "I do not feel unsafe but I am curious what is going on with the case."

Fleury said while there is not much he can release about the case, he believes the campus community can help bring the case to light.

"What we really need is assistance from the campus community," Fleury said. "If somebody out there has that piece of evidence we need, it can bring this whole thing together."

Fleury said that if anybody out there has seen anything, heard anything, or even think they have a little information that would help the case, that they should call the UWRF university police department.

"Sometimes people think that it will not make a difference, but I ask please do not think that," Fleury said. "Give us a call and provide that information, and if it is valuable we will make that determination, and if not we appreciate and value the call."

Information on the University Police can be found at uwrf.edu/Police. University Police can be reached at 715-425-3133.



Jack Haren/Student Voice
On Oct. 15, River Falls police officers patrolled the campus for suspicious activity.



Carmella Everhart/Student Voice
On Oct. 15, a Pierce County sheriff sat in a squad car while patrolling the UW-River Falls campus.

News briefs:

UW-River Falls named a top sales school

The College of Business and Economics at UW-River Falls was recently named a 2014 Top North American Sales School by the Sales Education Foundation (SEF) in the 2014 edition of “Sales Education Annual.”

UWRF is one of 83 schools included in the list. Schools are examined according to the following areas: graduate program, specialty area, competition participant, internships required, total faculty and job placement. UWRF’s recognition is due in large part to the new professional sales program.

In its first year, the professional sales program is an emphasis offered within the business administration-marketing major in the marketing and management department of the AACSB-accredited College of Business and Economics.

The professional sales emphasis includes required courses such as relationship selling, sales analytics, advanced selling techniques, and negotiation techniques.

Students in the sales program also have the opportunity to engage in hands-on activities, such as sales role-play exercises, collegiate sales competitions, sales internships and classroom work in the newly-constructed Sales Lab in South Hall.

Sales education is essential for students as they enter the competitive business world. SEF finds that 66 percent of business graduates and 82 percent of marketing graduates begin their career in a sales-related position. This program also presents local businesses with the opportunity to hire and strengthen their sales force with UWRF graduates.

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Professor Luebke publishes first novel

In “Steps of the Sun,” UW-River Falls English Professor Steven Luebke tells the fictional story of social proponents in a large Midwestern university community in the early 1980s.

The setting and time period are no surprise as Luebke began working on what has become his first published novel when he was a graduate student at UW-Madison more than three decades ago. Luebke began working on “Steps of the Sun” following the death of John Lennon in 1980 and has been working on the novel periodically ever since.

Published by Tri-Screen Connection, “Steps of the Sun” follows “regular people; ill-equipped for heroics and constrained by modest realms” who find a common cause in the creation of a recreational center for youth.

A frequently published writer of short stories and poetry, Luebke’s “Steps of the Sun” is something of a departure from his previous work.

“The chronology is all mixed up and the story is told from four points of view,” Luebke said. “My short stories have, for the most part, been straightforward narratives.”

“Steps of the Sun” is available for purchase through the Web-e-Books website.

For more information, contact Luebke at steven.r.luebke@uwrf.edu.

Over 850 scholarships awarded at reception

The UW-River Falls Foundation hosted its annual Scholarship Reception Oct. 26, bringing together scholarship donors and their respective student-recipients.

This year, more than 850 scholarships were awarded, totaling more than \$925,000 in financial support to students of all backgrounds. Both the number of scholarships and the total dollars distributed were record setting numbers.

“The annual Scholarship Reception is one of the most gratifying events I attend all year,” said Chancellor Dean Van Galen. “There is simply nothing more magical than witnessing our hardworking and deserving students meeting face-to-face, for the very first time, with the individual who invested in their future.”

The UWRF Foundation is committed to transforming the lives of students by engaging people who care about the university, maximizing private gift support, promoting a culture of philanthropy and guaranteeing ethical stewardship of all gifts received.

For more information on supporting student scholarships at UW-River Falls, call 715-425-3505.

City ‘Flag Challenge’ extended to Dec. 31

Dan Toland, city of River Falls mayor, introduced the River Falls Flag Challenge starting on Sept. 15.

A city flag will help to show the pride that we have for our community and can become a symbol for the city. This is a chance for citizens of all ages to be creative and help design the new city flag.

The challenge will now go through Wednesday, Dec. 31. The city has received many great entries and is extending the deadline in order to ensure that everyone in the community has a chance to enter their flag design and be a part of River Falls’ history. The flag must display the name of the city and the date that the city of River Falls was incorporated which is 1885.

The design should also be no more than five colors. Designs along with a signed entry agreement form can be dropped off at City Hall or emailed to flagchallenge@rfcity.org.

Starting in early 2015 the top five designs will be displayed at City Hall, the Public Library and on the city’s website. Citizens will then have a chance to vote on their favorite design.

The winning design will receive a \$200 cash prize from the River Falls Community Arts Base.

For more details on the challenge visit the

City of River Falls website at <http://www.rfcity.org/flagchallenge>.

UW System launches new VETS program

UW System President Ray Cross today announced the creation of a new University of Wisconsin VETS (Veterans Education and Transition to Success) certification that will recognize campuses that demonstrate exceptional commitment to helping student veterans succeed.

Cross made the announcement at an event honoring veterans on the UW-Waukesha campus.

To become UW VETS certified, campuses will have to meet UW best practices as well as a series of criteria developed by the U.S. Department of Education.

A panel including UW System representatives and external stakeholders will evaluate campus applications to determine eligibility for certification. The UW VETS certification will be an additional marker for student veterans and others to consider as they choose a university.

“Today’s veterans are facing significant challenges including higher than average unemployment and increased demand for mental health and other services,” said Cross, who served with the U.S. Army in Vietnam. “Each institution within the UW System has a responsibility to provide the services necessary for that transition to be successful. The UW VETS certification process will help us measure and focus our efforts on that front.”

UW System expects the first UW VETS certification in the fall of 2015.

“Wisconsin has a long, proud history of ensuring that our veterans have access to a top quality education at one of Wisconsin’s public universities,” Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary John A. Scosos said. “The UW VETS certification is one more way our state demonstrates its commitment to giving back to those who have served our country and earned our eternal gratitude.”

Veterans receive in-state tuition rate

Under a new federal law, non-resident military veterans eligible for federal G.I. Bill benefits who enroll in the UW System within three years of being discharged will be assessed in-state tuition rates starting in the fall 2015 semester.

This change to the federal G.I. Bill will help to attract veteran students to Wisconsin who previously had to pay higher out-of-state rates that the federal G.I. Bill benefits didn’t cover.

The Post-9/11 G.I. Bill, the largest federal G.I. Bill benefit, covers between 40 and 100 percent of in-state tuition and fee costs, depending on the amount of active duty service time accumulated by eligible service members.

Spouses and children of eligible non-resident veterans will be assessed in-state rates as well.

The UW Board of Regents will formally approve the creation of an in-state rate for eligible veterans and their dependents at an upcoming meeting.

Federal grant supports veterans program

The Departments of Health Services (DHS) and Veterans Affairs (WDVA) announced that Wisconsin has received a \$1.2 million federal grant to assist homeless veterans living in northern Wisconsin who have behavioral health needs by referring them to needed services and housing.

The grant from the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration will provide \$400,000 annually for the next three years to fund the efforts of the Veterans Outreach and Recovery Program. This new program is a joint project of DHS and WDVA.

“This partnership with the Department of Health Services will allow the WDVA to provide more effective outreach to homeless veterans in rural and sparsely populated areas as it relates to behavioral health and substance abuse issues,” said Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary John Scocos. “What a great opportunity for WDVA to partner with federal, state, county and veteran organization resources in bringing mental health wellness programs and services directly to our veterans and their families.”

According to the Wisconsin Homeless Management Information System, more than half of Wisconsin’s homeless veterans live in the northern part of the state. In their lifetime, analysts estimate 50 percent of these individuals will have a mental illness and 70 percent will have a substance use disorder.

The Veterans Outreach and Recovery Program divides 47 counties in the northern two-thirds of Wisconsin into four regions, with an outreach and recovery specialist assigned to each area.

The outreach and recovery specialist, who will be a veteran, will work with behavioral health in each county, and homeless and veterans groups to encourage referrals of veterans who will be screened for the program.

Once enrolled in the program, the outreach and recovery specialists, supported by a clinical coordinator, will use evidence-based approaches to work with the veterans who are homeless to ensure they have stable housing, connect them to proper treatment, follow-up to ensure that the treatment is continual and effective, and provide the appropriate recovery supports for the veteran to be successful. The program is expected to begin serving veterans in January 2015.

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Editor’s Clarification:

An error was made in the “Governor Scott Walker reelected” story on page one in the Nov. 7 issue of the Student Voice. In the third paragraph, Stephen Middlemiss, UW-River Falls’ College Republicans president, was incorrectly labeled the College Democrats’ president. And to clarify, the UWRF College Democrats do not have a president but two co-chairs (Amanda Young and Joseph Norby-White). The Student Voice apologizes for the error.

River Falls Police/UWRF Police Department

Thursday, Nov. 6

- A disorderly conduct report was filed from an incident that was said to have occurred on Sept. 19. This incident included boyfriend/girlfriend conflicts within Grimm Hall.

Friday, Nov. 7

- A report of a suicidal male in Hathorn Hall was filed in the early hours of the morning.
- Two thefts, both having occurred the week prior, were reported. An iPad was stolen from Karges on the afternoon of Oct. 29, and a bicycle was stolen from outside Parker Hall sometime on Oct. 30. Both of these cases are closed, meaning the cases have been resolved in some way.
- An underage alcohol violation on fourth floor Parker Hall was reported around 11:00 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 8

- A student in Parker Hall’s fourth floor had another substance violation. This report included paraphernalia possession.

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

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Pet Therapy relieves stress, induces smiles

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UW-River Falls students scratched the ears and rubbed the bellies of five dogs for an afternoon of Pet Therapy to relieve stress and homesickness.

Pet therapy is on the first Friday of every month from 3-4 p.m. Students were urged to walk into Health and Counseling Services, located in 211 Hagestad Hall, for some canine fun.

Students do not have to schedule an appointment. Anyone may join in the therapy anytime during the one hour.

The five dogs that were part of the therapy were a mixture of little and big. Each dog was a different breed as well.

Ellie is a brown lab and cocker mix, owned by Lynean Cronick, a retired teacher. When Cronick retired, she

wanted something to do, and she loves animals. So, she had Ellie go through behavior training for two years and then had six weeks of therapy dog training. This is Ellie's first year as part of Pet Therapy at UWRF.

Mia is a small grey schnauzer poodle, owned by Nora Reid. Reid also works with autistic children from the ages of 12 to 21 and brings Mia with her to work. Mia is accustomed to desensitize some of the children who are scared of dogs, as well as teaching the children how to take care of animals.

Lucky is a small black terrier mix that is owned by Professor of management and marketing Claire McCarty.

Pepper is a black medium-sized hound mix that is owned by Sarah Smits, an associate clinical professor.

Alden is a large black lab who is owned by Wanda Sch-



Maggie Sanders/Student Voice
Management and Marketing Professor Claire McCarty (right) tells her dog “Lucky,” a terrier mix, to shake hands with UWRF student Tina Kreuser (middle).

lessor, the director of field experience and student teaching office.

Jennifer Elsesser is a counselor and she founded Pet Therapy two years ago at the

Health and Counseling Services. According to Elsesser, Pet Therapy can help students relieve stress, as well as homesickness. Some students miss their own dogs that they have at home and the therapy helps them re-connect with a dog.

Elsesser would like to make some changes, and have additions to the pet therapy, such as having a dog available for students to meet alone but they would have to schedule an appointment.

The students themselves know the benefits of meeting with the dogs. Such as Pedro, an international exchange student who misses his dog back home.

UWRF student Rebecca Charles loves animals and Pet Therapy helps her relieve stress. Sam Wallick sees the therapy as a way to “escape all the homework, all the tests, all the hardships,

and get here and have a nice time.”

For most students, this was their first time at Pet Therapy but they liked that it's available to de-stress and is relaxing. It was UWRF student Jackie Samuelson's first time and she misses her home, and her dogs, and sees the therapy as helpful.

In order for a dog to be considered a therapy dog, the animal must go through training with Therapy Dogs International (TDI). The test consists of taking the dog away from the handler where the dog cannot see the handler and perform commands such as sit and stay. Other portions of the test include identifying how the dog reacts around wheelchairs, crutches, and loud noises. It's considered an automatic failure if the dog shows aggressiveness, resisting examination, pulling, lunging and shyness.

Campus Farm silos demolished to make room for the future

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The silos at the UW-River Falls Campus Farm and Mann Valley Farm have been demolished to make room for the changes that will happen on both lab farms over the next 25 years.

Plans to renovate the farms were first made in the spring of 2013. Dean Olson, associate dean of the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences (CAFES), said the silos needed to go because they were dated and haven't been used in years. The silos on the campus farm were previously used to store feed for animals on the farm. Olson said that some agricultural methods have changed over time and people are now using long plastic bags to hold feed instead.

“It's a safer and less expensive alternative to storing animal feed,” Olson said.

Olson said by removing the silos at the Campus Farm, there will be more space for equine operation and room to expand student and staff parking areas.

According to the master plan, there will be renovations done to the older buildings on the farms. Olson said some of the buildings are 30 or 40 years old and need to be updated to keep up with the changes in the farming industry.

“We want to make the farms more functional for students and farm staff,” Olson said.

Bill Connolly, director of the lab farms, said there are roughly 76 horses on the Campus Farm, which is used for the

equine program. The Campus Farm is also where the annual rodeo is held.

The master plan lists the changes that will be done at the Campus Farm. Some changes include constructing a new hay bedding and manure storage facility, expanding the indoor riding arena, and renovating the existing classroom and pavilion that will be more welcoming to visitors.

The Mann Valley Farm, the larger of the two lab farms, is where the Dairy Learning Center is located. The Mann Valley Farm is also where beef, dairy, sheep and swine operations occur.

“The Mann Valley Farm is more of a traditional, northern Midwest dairy livestock operation,” Connolly said.

According to the master plan, the priorities for changes at the Mann Valley Farm include replacing the existing swine facility, renovating the beef facility, constructing a new poultry facility, and constructing a larger pavilion with classrooms and animal handling facilities.

“We want to make the farms more functional for students and farm staff,” said Dean Olson, CAFES associate dean.

Renovating the current buildings is necessary to make sure the students can get the experience they need to keep up with agricultural changes over time. Connolly said getting hands-



Photo courtesy of College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences.

One silo being demolished at the UW-River Falls Campus Farm on Nov. 6.

on experience on the farms is important for students.

“If they really want to work on our farms, we're going to find a way to get them out there and get them experienced,” Connolly said. “I really feel strongly about that.”

Pete’s Creek employee takes an interest in students

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College can be stressful but sometimes all it takes to get through a day is a smile and some comfort food, at least according to one Pete's Creek Market staff member.

Shari Colby, award winning Sodexo worker at UW-River Falls, works during lunchtime hours at Pete's Creek Market.

Pete's Creek is the main meal transfer and on-the-go dining facility at UWRF. Chicken Tenders, french fries, macaroni and cheese, and other items are available daily for lunch. It is only open during the fall and spring semesters and only during weekdays. Despite very little variety, there are students who eat at Pete's Creek every single day.

“There are two main reasons kids keep coming back. We as a crew, at least the ladies we have during the lunchtime, have kids that come back simply because we are so friendly,” Colby said. “Another reason is kids love that comfort food. They just want chicken and fries and that is what they get day after day after day.”

Dining Services at UWRF provides seven different places for students to get meals but it is the friendly service and fresh comfort food that separates Pete's Creek from the rest and keeps students flowing in every weekday.

“I can always count on Pete's Creek to give me enough chicken and fries,” senior Barry Gullickson said.

Colby said she swipes approximately 400 cards a day and has served over 80,000

meals in just over five years of working at Pete's Creek during lunchtime. In that time she has won three dining service awards voted on by the Dining Services Advisory Committee (DSAC). Colby said it was her goal to work at Pete's Creek for five years and to win the award, which she has accomplished. The main qualification for the awards are making a difference in the quality of student's life on a daily basis, something Colby has strived for.

“I have had kids that cry after getting stressed out over classes and I am always a mom so I am always giving out free hugs,” Colby said. “The best memories and the best things that have happened to me here are all kid related—kids, kids, kids.”

Colby said some of those

memories have been seeing those “kids” go on to get jobs, get married or even have kids of their own.

The feeling is mutual, at least according to Gullickson who attends Pete's Creek on a regular basis.

“Pete's would not be Pete's without Shari,” Gullickson said.

Senior Ryan Connelly complimented not just Colby but the whole Pete's Creek staff.

“Nicest ladies on campus, bar none. They are always in a good mood and more times than not they are trying to get you to eat your vegetables,” Connelly said.

Colby goes above and beyond by not only being friendly and remembering students names but also by keeping up with what is going on in their lives. She said



Jack Haren/Student Voice
UW-River Falls students eat in the busy cafeteria opposite Pete's Creek in the University Center.

she has attended student's sporting events, has gone to dance theatre and even art shows.

“The students have impacted my life,” Colby said. “I try

to be involved with them. I try to keep up with current events...to relieve stress and sometimes that is all it takes to help them get through the day.”

Ally Training provides safe haven for gender discussion

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Ally Training provides a safe environment for students to talk about difficult issues and was presented at the Falcons Nest in the University Center once again this past week.

This training is popular and always well-attended with approximately 75 participants this time around.

An ally is a person who shares a common cause or purpose with someone affiliated with an issue that may not directly impact them. Anyone can become an ally to support others with different lifestyles and issues to promote safety and justice for all communities.

Ally Training is free of charge and brought to UW-River Falls annually by Student life. This training is designed to help those who support the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community combat discrimination and bias. The training provides words and strategies to use in situations when an ally

would like to confront prejudice.

The Minnesota Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Campus Alliance have brought this program to UWRF for the past four years. According to facilitator Jen Parshley, it provides facilitators and a program of materials to teach heterosexual supporters of

“Ally Training is an incredible opportunity for all people learning about gender and sexuality,” said alumna Ashley Olson.

the GLBT community how to deal with and confront discrimination and bias.

“Everyone is coming from a different place and we want to meet them in those journeys and just challenge people's ideas,” Parshley said. “Challenge stereotypes and give them a space to have those conversations.”

The GLBTA Campus Alliance is composed

of students, alumni, faculty and community members working together to provide safe places and acceptance for all since March 2006. Some of the programs offered by the GLBTA Campus Alliance include campus resource guides, further levels of training and education, and “Minnesota OUT!” which is an annual statewide conference about issues that confront the GLBT community.

“We hope to present Ally Training every fall semester as we feel it is our responsibility as an office to provide a space where students can reflect, discuss, and engage in a powerful and shared experience with their peers, faculty, and staff about their own identities and how to best support each other as a campus community,” said Karyn Wells, featured events coordinator for Student Life. “Our hope is that programs like Ally Training help to create a more welcoming and inclusive campus for everyone.”

“Everyone should feel comfortable in their environment, and I am really happy I got the

opportunity to come to this training, I learned quite a bit,” said Haylee Spindler, a sophomore social work major.

“It is really encouraging to see that so many folks were interested in learning and becoming allies,” said DeeAnn Rambo, UWRF alumna and participant in the training. “I am very impressed with this next generation coming up.”

“Ally Training is an incredible opportunity for all people learning about gender and sexuality is empowering regardless of your gender and sexuality,” said Ashley Olson, another alumna. “Being an ally to the queer community is an active process and the more information you have the better you're able to be, everyone is welcome at Ally Training, even if you've attended in the past.”

If interested in future Ally Training opportunities contact Wells at karyn.wells@uwrf.edu or check the Student Life calendar at FalconSync online.

EDITORIAL

Tremendous efforts by the university on Veterans Day brings deserved recognition

The Student Voice would like to take this opportunity to thank all veterans and active duty members of the military for their service in this great nation.

We would also like to recognize UW-River Falls’ terrific effort in supporting and honoring veterans in the last couple of days. The university has made it a priority to make veterans feel welcome on our campus, but also to educate those unaware of the sacrifices veterans have made for our country.

Veterans Day was, of course, on Tuesday and hopefully students, faculty and staff paid their respects by attending one of the great events held here on campus.

A donation drive for deployed soldiers was held all week. Community members were asked to donate items such as beef jerky, cereal, dried fruit, body wash, cough drops, cotton balls, books and flashlights. The Veterans Services office, located in 220 South Hall, collected the donations.

Elsewhere, a breakfast was held in the University Center’s Trimbelle River Room on Tuesday morning for students, faculty and staff who are veterans, and a ceremony followed near the flagpoles outside of North Hall. Sgt. 1st Class Harley Hotchkiss, an art major here at UWRF, spoke at the ceremony.

Even a bake sale was held mid-week in South Hall where “survival” bracelets and key chains were available for purchase.

On Thursday evening (when this issue hits shelves), Sgt. Andrew Rondeau, a horticulture major, will be speaking in the Kinni Theater about the challenges and rewards of farming and agriculture. His presentation, “Veteran and New Generation Farming,” will focus on getting younger people involved in the farming industry.

It is pretty neat that this university even has a Veterans Services office where veterans can go for support and information. Any question imaginable can be answered in Veterans Services by the friendly and qualified staff. There is also a Veterans Club here on campus, which is an added bonus.

We hope that the many lives given by American military members will never be forgotten. Thankfully, this great university has put forth a tremendous effort in uniting veterans with a very grateful and proud UWRF community.

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Art Society and Glass Club view world art galleries in Chicago

Molly Kinney

Columnist

Thursday was a long day for members of UW-River Falls Art Society and Glass Club, as they traveled from 10 a.m. to around 6 p.m. in university vans from River Falls to Chicago, Illinois, for the 21st annual art event called Sculptural Objects and Functional Art (SOFA).

Upon arrival, the groups made their way to the Getaway Hostel in Lincoln Park, an upscale neighborhood within the “Windy City,” whose streets are lined with cute coffee shops and 1920s-style brownstone apartment complexes.

An invite-only gallery opening was held on Thursday night for the artists and prospective art buyers, but opened to the public at 11 a.m. Friday.

Most students slept-in before taking the “L” rail system downtown. The event was held in the enormous Festival Hall on Chicago’s iconic Navy Pier. Over 60 art galleries from around the world had smaller versions of their galleries set up in the hall, displaying thousands of art works collectively. There were also demonstrations and

lectures given by various well-known artists throughout the weekend.

UWRF’s glass Professor Eoin Braedon was one of the hundreds of artists exhibiting at SOFA. His Celtic-influenced sculptures were displayed in the K. Allen Gallery from Sister Bay, Wisconsin.

He gave a glassblowing demonstration for an audience on Friday afternoon, and was assisted by Tyler Pelton and Harley Hotchkiss, who are both working towards Bachelor of Fine Arts degrees in glass.

Micah Carithers, a physics major and studio glass student, was overwhelmed by the amount of art that was on display.

“It’s really awesome to get to see all these different works of art by artists you look up to and possibly get the chance to talk to them,” Carithers said. “There’s so much to look at it’s almost a sensory overload, but seeing so much different glass and ceramic work gives you new ideas for work that you could make.”

On Friday night, students were invited to attend the third annual Glass Blowers Ball hosted by Ignite Glass Studios on the west side of the city. Among the attractions were a live band, demonstrations by famous glass artists, a fire dancer named “Gonzo,” fancy hors d’oeuvres, and an open bar, all for

a mere \$20. Students also used this as a chance to do some networking.

“It was great to get to introduce myself and talk with these artists I look up to in a more informal setting,” said UWRF student Tyler Pelton. “There were also students from Canada we were sitting by and other art schools, and it was cool to meet other students interested in the subject. Also, the fire dancers were so intense.”

Many of the students attended the expo on Saturday as well, and had a chance to explore Chicago a bit.

Some students visited the historic Lincoln Park Zoo as well as Cloud Gate--more commonly called “The Bean”--and a few stuck with the weekend’s art theme and toured the Chicago Institute of Art.

Though sad to return to the daily grind on Monday, the members who attended all thought it was a more than worthwhile excursion.

Both Glass Club and Art Society will try and attend again next year, and welcome students from all areas of the university to join. You do not have to be in art classes to participate in these organizations.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Campus ‘rape trail’ needs new name, enhanced nightly security

The “rape trail,” the first time I heard this reference I was dating a UW-River Falls student, not yet a university student myself, and brushed it off as a distasteful inside joke.

I quickly discovered that was not the case; now that I am enrolled at UWRF, and have the opportunity to interact with the student body at large, it is clear that a disappointing majority of the university’s population is in on the joke.

Even those who are uncomfortable with the name, doing anything in their power to avoid it in conversation, eventually resign themselves to accepting its place in the student lexicon.

Many might argue, though, that this title is just a harmless joke, something to release the tension created by a time when “rape culture” and “sexual assault” are buzzwords of the discussion on how unsafe and predatory college campuses are. I would agree, in the sense that humor can allow us to

process some of the darker aspects of the world, but at the same time this name seems to be a cry for attention. Students are recognizing the unsafe environment the back trail creates, particularly at night, but doing so in a way that dismisses the importance of fixing the over-arching issue.

The campus administration should be aware of how these perceptions of safety affect both current and potential future students and take appropriate actions to increase both perceived and real security.

I do believe that there should be a sincere effort to name the back trail, simple signs at the entrances should be sufficient, but this does not mean the origins of the “rape trail” title should just be ignored.

-Kendrick Hulse
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Health professor speaks about deadly Ebola virus

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Ebola is a virus that is very prevalent in West Africa right now, and the virus has made its way to the U.S. and that has caused quite a stir amongst some people and news media outlets, but is there really anything to be afraid of?

According to the Wisconsin Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the natural reservoir host of the Ebola virus remains unknown but the disease is transmitted through bodily fluids of both human and non-humans, such as primates.

Ebola viruses are found in several African countries. Ebola was first discovered in 1976 near the Ebola River in what is now the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Since then, outbreaks have appeared sporadically in Africa.

Symptoms may appear anywhere from two to 21 days after exposure to Ebola, but the average is eight to 10 days. The symptoms of the virus include: fever, severe headache, muscle pain, weakness, fatigue, diarrhea, vomiting, abdominal pain and unexplained bruising or bleeding.

The likelihood that someone could easily catch Ebola in the U.S. is pretty slim because of the precautions that the CDC and the World Health Organization (WHO) take. The United States is in much better shape than Africa as far as the spread of Ebola.

UW-River Falls health education Coordinator Stacy Furness teaches a class that has been focusing a lot on the recent Ebola outbreak. The class ideally concentrates on communicable diseases.

She said that the information the public is getting is very good but fear may be the biggest issue as far as the U.S. and the virus.

“We often think that we have conquered communicable diseases in the world, but there are places in the world that don’t have

the same access to health care and immunizations that we do in the United States,” Furness said. “It was really no surprise to me that Ebola made it to the United States.”

Furness said that what she has learned from the CDC website and the lengths that the organization is going to contain and quarantine the situation makes her feel safer.

“I am not afraid of catching Ebola but I am not making any plans to travel to West Africa anytime soon,” said Ashley David, a second-year UWRF graduate student.

The CDC has a large list of things that they are doing to help contain and control the virus. A few of these things are: monitoring nonessential travel to West Africa and surrounding areas and also working with airlines, airports, sending health professionals to the affected areas, and ministries of health to provide technical assistance for developing exit screening and travel restrictions in the affected areas. For the full list visit www.CDC.gov and search for Ebola.

In Furness’s class they discuss why the virus spread and how it was possible that so many people have contracted and died of Ebola in West Africa.

“Because they have lack of access to health care, because they are used to treating each other and family members when they become sick; that’s one of the reasons that it was able to spread so quickly,” Furness said.

Ebola is the type of disease that requires a certain standard of health care and knowledge. People cannot be exposed to body fluids of an individual with the virus especially when they are near death.

A virus like this is dangerous and deadly but with the resources available in the U.S. people should be focusing on learning the facts instead of taking obnoxious precautions.

For more information on the virus and what the CDC is doing to help visit www.CDC.gov.

‘Well Check 2014’ brings health awareness to campus

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The UW-River Falls Student Health and Counseling Services hosted this year’s “Well Check 2014” on Nov. 5 to help students learn about the seven areas of wellness and how to manage healthy living on and off campus.

There were several Booths dedicated to each area at Well Check, including financial, community, career, physical, social, emotional and academic.

Students could learn about healthy options when dealing with stress of classes or their financial aid situation.

“Well Check is like a mini-health fair, we are expecting 200 to 250 students,” said UWRF student Sarah Stoneburg before the event.

There are many services provided for students to take part in to help them maintain all seven areas of wellness. There were 17 vendors at the event that encouraged students to seek out these services. Students who went to the event could visit the interactive booths and get a free massage, play games and win prizes. The goal was to learn about health practices offered on and off campus and around the community.

“Students can come in and talk to a counselor and we also have counseling groups that will help students manage their stress,” said Alice Reilly-Myklebust, director of Student Health and Counseling Services.

UWRF has many opportunities to help students deal with their stress. “Pet therapy” is an

event offered the first Friday of every month to help students relieve some stress or homesickness. Students can play with the dogs. The next Pet Therapy is from 3-4 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 5 in 211 Hagestad Hall.

Career Services had a booth where students could answer quick questions about their personality.

After adding up their score, Career Services could determine which color each student’s personality fell under. Career Services has other tests students can take if they are uncertain about their major or need help deciding a major.

“They can relate this to their careers, discover some of their strengths, and relate that to their future and current goals,” said Elizabeth Byers, a graduate student working for Student Health and Counseling Services.

Students found the Well Check useful in discovering ways to help deal with stress and maintain healthy lifestyles in the seven areas of wellness.

“I was interested in what they all had to offer. I get to learn how my personality works with other people,” said UWRF student Kelsey Hancer.

Student Health and Counseling Services have many events for students to attend to stay healthy on campus. In addition to Pet Therapy, it offers Tai Chi, yoga and other weekly activities. For more information visit: <http://bit.ly/1u6g6GX>.

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What are your thoughts on the free Senate Cinema?

Compiled by Maggie Sanders and Carmella Everhart



Elliot Pachniak
Sophomore
Physics

“It’s a nice way to get people together. For people to chill and hang out.”



Joaquim Vitor
Fifth Year
Food Engineering and Science

“It’s an initiative because it gives us something to do. You can also learn something from these movies.”



Lauren Simenson
Freshman
Marketing Comm. and Comm. Studies

“It’s a good idea. With a movie you can do small-talk and it’s not so intense. It’s not a big commitment for a club to meet and see together.”



Lauren Bina
Fifth Year
Art Education

“I think it’s a cool idea because a lot of students don’t have time or can’t afford to go out and see a movie.”



Roona Wood
Freshman
Animal Science
Equine Emphasis

“I think it’s a great opportunity for students to get out and do things. It relieves stress and you can meet new friends.”

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UW-River Falls volleyball finishes fourth in WIAC

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The UW-River Falls volleyball team’s 13-20 record may not look very good, but they made it to the final four in the conference tournament, an achievement that they have not accomplished since the 2006 season.

The Falcons finished the season in fourth place in the WIAC. Its conference record was 4-4. Both UW-Stout and UW-Platteville had a 4-4 record, but the Falcons held the tiebreaker and that earned them the fourth seed in the WIAC conference tournament.

In the first round of the conference tournament the Falcons hosted Stout. Going into the game the Falcons already played the Blue Devils twice, with both teams coming out with a victory. The Falcons ended up winning the match three sets to none. Head Coach Patti Ford was pleased with everyone involved with the game

“We had a good supporting crowd around us and we played extremely well,” Ford said.

Ford went on to say that the crowd in the Karges Center was great and the home court advantage played a role in the victory.

The Falcons lost its next match against the eventual conference champion UW-Stevens Point, three sets to none.

For the third place game the Falcons were slated to go up against UW-Oshkosh, a team they lost to in 5 sets earlier in the season and Ford expected a similar match.

“The Oshkosh game was a really tough game, we are similar teams, I expected it to go to five,” Ford said.

The match did in fact go five sets; the Falcons won the first two, but ended up losing the next three. The Falcons had a lot of momentum after the first two sets, but a fire alarm went off in the gym and junior captain Lexi Pingel said that the fire alarm was one of the reasons why the Falcons lost.

“In the first two sets we played really well, we made them make mistakes and we minimized ours and in the middle of the third set the fire alarms went off and we didn’t play well after that,” Pingel said.

The fire alarm resulted in a

30-minute break and provided a turning point in the match. Ford does not blame the fire alarm for the team’s downfall.

“I don’t think the fire drill affected us as much as it may have,” Ford said. “We did have momentum leaving the building, but I don’t think that we lost it coming back in.”

Junior Brianna Muetzel, as well as Pingel, both earned spots on

the honorable mention All-WIAC conference teams. Pingel was also selected to the All-Defensive team. Sophomore Zandra Malecha was selected to the All-Sportsmanship team. Muetzel led the Falcons with 267 kills, she also had a .159 hitting percentage. She also contributed with 18 service aces and was second on the team in digs.

Pingel led the Falcons with 34 service aces and 550 digs, which

is good enough for third best in the WIAC.

The Falcons can now look forward to next year; this year’s team had no seniors, so all of the players will be back. Ford and Pingel both said that the culture will be different next year and with all of the returning experience the team will be expected to win.

“Our expectations for next year will be different, because we were

able to achieve getting to the final four of the conference tournament,” Ford said.

The Falcons will have a few weeks off until they start training for next season. After Thanksgiving break the Falcons will do strength and conditioning training three times a week and participate in open gym. Then when March rolls around the falcons will have a few weeks of spring ball.



Kathy M. Helgeson/University Communications
Junior libero Lexi Pingel with a great dig against UW-Superior on Oct. 29, in a 3-0 home win. The UW-River Falls Falcons have concluded the 2014 season ranking fourth in the WIAC.

Soccer team concludes immensely improved 2014 season

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The much improved UW-River Falls women’s soccer team saw its season come to a close last week during the semifinals of the conference playoffs.

Last Thursday, the Falcons traveled to the top-seeded UW-Whitewater Warhawks in a battle to determine who would play in the WIAC Championship game. The regular season standings would hold true for the matchup.

The Warhawks went through the WIAC regular season undefeated, including a 2-0 victory over the Falcons on Sept. 27. Thursday’s box score was a basic carbon copy of the game in September.

Just under 11 minutes into the game, Brianna Reid put in the opening goal of the game to put the Warhawks up 1-0. Just past the 39 minute mark, Kelsey Beld put in her first goal of the entire season to increase the Warhawks’ lead to 2-0.

The game was an example of shots not necessarily translating into goals. The Falcons out-shot the Warhawks 14-13 in the game. The Falcons even out-shot its opponent in shots on goal with seven shots on goal compared to six for the Warhawks.

Carrie Anderson led the way for the Falcons with four shots with two of those on-goal. Abby Soderholm, Kayla Windingstad, Kaitlyn Logan and Missy Barnett all contributed two shots in the game.

Jordan Myers played a perfect 90 minutes in goal for the Warhawks. Myers stopped all seven shots that she faced as she led the Warhawks to victory.

Whitewater would finally lose to a WIAC opponent in the tournament championship game. UW-Oshkosh defeated

Whitewater in the championship game on Saturday. Both schools received bids to the 2014 NCAA Div. III Women’s Soccer Championships.

It was a thriller just to get the Falcons into the semifinals game. It took an overtime period to advance the Falcons on Tuesday night.

The fun, success and thrills of the team are one of the things senior Alex Swatloski will remember about the season.

“It was a young team that ended up doing things that I don’t think anyone else in the conference expected us to do,” Swatloski said.

UW-La Crosse came into River Falls on Nov. 4 for the first round game. Like in the semifinal game, the Falcons completely peppered the goal with shots, but this time they found a way to get the ball past the keeper.

Nine minutes and change into the overtime period, Soderholm put in a goal to give the Falcons the 1-0 victory. Soderholm was assisted by Swatloski on the goal.

The Falcons shot 32 times in the first round game compared to only four from UW-La Crosse. Swatloski and Soderholm led the Falcon charge. Swatloski shot the ball eight times with three on-goal and Soderholm shot seven times with two on-goal.

Erica Cimochowski was in the goal for the Falcons victory and stopped all three shots she faced in virtually 100 minutes in goal.

The season can only be considered as a success for the Falcons. The Falcons doubled their win total from 2013. The Falcons finished the season with a 12-6-3 record overall and a 4-3-1 record in WIAC play. The Falcons finished in fourth place, jumping three spots from a seventh place finish last

year.

The 2014 season was the first season since 2010 that the Falcons recorded double-digit wins. 2010 was also the last time the Falcons finished as high as fourth in the WIAC standings.

“My favorite part of the season was when we beat St. Scholastica,” Swatloski said. “That really set the tone for the rest of the season, because I don’t think anyone expected us to win that game and I think we made a statement there.”

The team matched the goals that Head Coach Sean McKuras laid out for his team when they were just first heading into conference play.

“As we get into WIAC conference play my expectations are for a top-four finish and to be competing for the championship,” McKuras said earlier in the season.

McKuras said he was impressed with his team’s season just before the playoff games were underway.

“I’ve been really pleased with it. I think the way we started compared to where we are at shows how hard the women are working,” McKuras said. “We started off 0-2, maybe gave away a couple of results whether it be a win or a tie in that mix, but since then we have really sorted a few things out.”

The 2014 Falcons will go down as one of the best teams McKuras has ever coached. McKuras has now coached 13 seasons at UWRF. The 2014 season was only the fifth time his team has finished with 12 wins or more. The first four times were in McKuras’ first four seasons from 2002-2005.

The Falcons will go into next season without Swatloski, Emily Hancock, Abbie Zastrow and Kaitlyn Logan whom are all seniors that went out fighting.



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Men’s hockey opens season with back-to-back wins

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The temperature drops, rain turns to snow, and ice covers the sidewalk, but it doesn’t faze the men’s hockey team as they are heating up the rink.

The men’s hockey team opened the season against the Concordia-Moorhead College Cobbers on the road on Thursday, Nov. 6.

The Falcons started out hot against the Cobbers with Cory Lushanko getting the only goal of the first period assisted by Mike Fazio and Mike Williams.

The second period was even hotter as both teams found where the net was and how to put the puck into it.

Andrew Deters tied up the game with his goal for the Cobbers 10:05 into the second period with an assist from Jordie Bancroft.

Captain Alex Murphy was able to answer with his first goal of the night at 10:46 in the second period with an assist from Terry Leabo and Ryan Doner.

The Cobbers were able to tie the score at two with a goal from Jon Grebosky assisted by Jeremy Johnson and Sam Coborn at the 15-minute mark.

Murphy was able to give the Falcons the lead back at 16:20 in the first period.

Right before the end of the second period Grebosky was able to find the net a second time to help the Cobbers tie with an assist from Coborn and Jordan Christianson.

The third period was similar to the first period with only one goal.

Alex Murphy completed his first collegiate hat-trick on the power play with an assist from Mike Dietrich and Leabo to give the Falcons the 4-3 win on the road.

“That was my first collegiate hat-trick so it was pretty cool and defiantly an honor to do it in a Falcon jersey,” Murphy said.

The Falcons are now 12-1 all-time against Concordia-Moorhead.

“It was kind of typical what I would think a first game would be. We were pretty apprehensive and sloppy in the first period and we snuck out of there,” said Head Coach Steve Freeman. “We had a 1-0 lead after the period but we should have been down because we didn’t play very well. But, we got stronger as the game went on and our skill level really came to view on the power play.”

The Cobbers out-shot the Falcons 31-24 on the night. Goalie Tanner Milliron finished with 28 saves. Doner led UWRF with four shots on goal.

The Falcons then faced Hamline on the road on Saturday, Nov. 8 in its second game of the season.

Christian George had the first goal of the night at 5:00 in the first period with an assist from Doner giving the Falcons a 1-0 lead.

Brandon Reinholz got the goal for the Pipers to tie up the game at 5:39 in the first period on the power play with an assist from Jonny Gehrt.

Jeff Bergh got the lead back for the Falcons with a goal on a power play at 19:39 in the first period with an assist Taylor Burden and Mitch Kontny.

The second period went by scoreless for both teams and the Falcons had the 2-1 lead going into the third period.

Hamline’s Reinholz got his second goal of the game at 5:30 in the third period on another power play with an assist from Charlie Adams and Gehrt.

Doner got the Falcons the lead with his first goal of the game on a power play at 7:37 with an assist by Kyle Gattelaro and George.

George got his second goal of the game to extend the Falcons lead at 11:37.

Murphy got a goal on a power play to seal the Falcons win with an assist by Leabo and Burden.

“We played very well,” Freeman said.

UWRF out-shot the Pipers 33-26. Milliron made 24 saves. George led the Falcons with six shots on goal.

“After we watched the tape we noticed we need to play a more physical game, we stick-checked and things a little bit, so we got on the body early and I think that turned the tide a little bit over there,” Freeman said.

The Falcons are now 19-3-1 all time against Hamline.

According to WIAC Assistant Commissioner of Media Relations Matt Stanek, Murphy has been named WIAC Player of the Week.

The Falcons are 2-0 on the season

The Falcons play Bethel University on Friday, Nov. 14 in Blaine, Minnesota. They are 15-5-1 all time against Bethel.



Maggie Sanders/Student Voice
Sophomore Defenseman Andrew Paras skating with the puck at hockey practice.

Women’s hockey splits with non-conference opponent Bethel

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The women’s hockey team came into the weekend series against the Bethel University Royals 1-0 and ranked fourth in the country.

The Falcons would go on and split the series with the Royals by winning on Friday and losing on Saturday.

In game one, the Falcons would take on the Royals in a home match-up at Hunt Arena. It was a freshman battle as the Falcons and Royals both had freshmen goaltenders for its team.

The Royals would have Michelle Klimstra, a freshman from Elk River, Minnesota. The Falcons would have Angie Hall in net, the freshman from White Bear Lake, Minnesota, making her first start as a Falcon.

The first period was a defensive battle on both sides of the puck. Both teams going back-and-forth in the period trying to maintain possession and get a shot on net. Right away in the first period it was all Falcons as they led in the shot category 8-3.

At 12:24 senior captain Alice Cranston scored her second goal of the season on a slap shot to give the Falcons a 1-0 lead in the first period. Both Brianna Breiland and Dani Sibley were credited with assists.

The Falcons would continue to get snubbed on goals in the first period but out-shot the Royals in the period 11-5.

In the second period, the Royals goaltender stood on her head making big plays to avoid goals from the high powered Falcon offense. Klimstra made huge saves to keep the Royals in the game, which included stuffing freshman Carly Moran

on her 2-on-1 opportunity with sophomore Karleigh Walker-storfer.

The Falcons would commit a penalty at 12:17 that lead to a power play goal scored by the Royals to tie up the game 1-1. The Falcons would still lead in the shot category 9-6 after the period would conclude, but for the second straight game the Falcons would have to rely on the third period.

The Falcons turned on the jets in the third period, out-shooting the Royals 18-4, while scoring two goals right away in the period. Junior Dani Buehrer scored the go-ahead goal 3:43 into the period with the assist credited to junior Chloe Kinsel.

Three minutes later, the Falcons would score again, this time a wrist-shot from Sibley with the assist coming from Kinsel for her second assist of the game.

The two goals would be enough for the Falcons to hold on and capture a 3-1 victory over the Royals, with Hall getting her second win of the season, finishing the game with 14 total saves. Although the team came out with a victory, coach Joe Cranston felt that there is room for improvement.

“If we move our feet we’re a decent team and if we stand around we are not because we stood around in the second period and we were a pretty bad team,” Cranston said. “But once we moved our feet in the third period we had Bethel on their heels and we were dictating play.”

On Sunday the Falcons would travel to Blaine, Minnesota, to take on the Royals in its first road game of the season. It wouldn’t be the outcome the team hoped for, falling 6-3.

Two minutes into the first period, the Royals were able to take an early lead with a goal scored by junior defenseman

Erin Harper. The Falcons would answer back in the period with a goal by Moran. The Royals would score once more in the period to give the team a 2-1 lead.

It was a scoring fest in the second period as both teams were able to net two goals against its opponents. The Falcons would strike early with a goal from Moran, her second goal of the game, and the game would be tied at 2-2. The Royals would score two unanswered goals, one coming just minutes after the Falcons tying goal and another coming at 13:43 while the Royals were short-handed.

17 seconds later the Falcons were able to score on the power-play by freshman Dani Kocina bringing them within one goal by the end of the period.

The third period was all Royals scoring two goals to cap off a 6-3 win over the Falcons, giving the team its first loss of the season with a record of 2-1.

The Falcons have a big test this weekend against 4-0 UW-Stevens Point. Junior forward Kinsel says there are some adjustments that are being made for the team’s next series.

“We got new lines so I think that will help. We just have to find lines that are clicking and working well together,” Kinsel said.

The series will square off two nationally ranked teams as the Falcons are ranked fifth and the Pointers ranked sixth, but this will also be the first WIAC matchup for the 2014-2015 hockey season.

The series will start Friday, Nov. 14 at home with a 7:05 start time and the second game will be played on Saturday, Nov. 15, with a start time of 2:05 p.m.



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Left: Junior forward Chloe Kinsel speeds past a Bethel University defenseman on Friday, Nov. 7. Right: Sophomore forward Brianna Breiland wins a face-off against Bethel. The Falcons play its first WIAC game on Friday, Nov. 14, at 7:05 p.m. at home against the UW-Stevens Point Pointers.

Disney surprises audiences with first comic adaptation, ‘Big Hero 6’



Ryan Funes

Reviewer

Disney, along with all the animated wonder that entails that name, seems to have missed Halloween this year, for they have donned masks and costumes in their latest feature film “Big Hero 6,” a step outside the norm but a giant step inside great new possibilities.

Genius is one great thing to have, but knowing what to do with it is an even greater challenge. So is the dilemma with Hiro Hamada, a young robotics prodigy in the city of San Fransokyo, squandering his knowledge of robotics on robot fights and profit. But his brother Tadashi sees great potential in young Hiro, pushing his brother to do something great for this world with his knowledge of technology.

Before that can be seen though, loss strikes Hiro and sends him into depression, with no seeming way out. Until a remnant of someone’s past picks him back up; a pudgy robot named Baymax that wants to help young Hiro.

Along with the friends he meets along his scholarly journey, Hiro uncovers a plot brewing behind his grave loss, with one of his own inventions being used for evil purposes.

It will be up to Hiro, his friends, and their knowledge of science to face this shadowy threat and put an end to the uncertainty and the sadness within Hiro.

The new possibilities I spoke of before for Disney lay in the premise of “Big Hero 6.” Disney is for the first time adapting a comic book work, specifically a Marvel work created by Man of Action (creators of animated works such as “Ben 10” and “Generator Rex”). But what also lurked behind my brain was uncertainty that this would work; Disney doing Marvel could always have the possibility to fail. And big surprise, I was not disappointed in the least with “Big Hero 6.”

What caught my eye the most was the fun



animation of Disney crossed with action. I don’t think I’ve seen this good 3-d animated action since something like “The Incredibles,” where you’re sucked into each battle and can have fun watching the heroes work together and work their magic.

It becomes something special to watch on screen and appreciate altogether when all the heroes that rise up face their dark and amorphous adversary.

The art also adds onto that unique sense of action that

does share somewhat of a manga-like design to it that I found to be artistically pleasing.

Though in some ways, the plot of “Big Hero 6” is one that I seemed to appreciate more than the animation for once in a Disney film. “Big Hero 6,” in many ways, adheres to the generic superhero team gets together, fights bad guy, hero is redeemed, and sacrifice is made formula we have seen a lot.

Despite this, it adds quite a bit dialogue and plot wise to make it seem fresh. The themes of loss, creativity, love for your work, duty to your fellow man, and remembrance work very well to make this film down to earth and relatable. These themes are reinforced by the good performances from the actors, witty and playful dialogue, and even some deconstruction of the superhero genre (one scene has a character try to cut a hole in a steel door, screw up three times, and give up).

I can say for sure that “Big Hero 6” will go down as a great milestone in Disney’s animation history as an experiment that went horribly, horribly right in every way. Aside from a somewhat quick resolve in the end, Big Hero 6 creates a vibrant and inspired world where heroes rise, science prevails, and love and loss go one in the other to inspire one to do great things with the great gifts they have. That’s something I think anyone could take to heart and live on with.

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Three fall-released anime films deemed worthy

Joseph Westphal

Reviewer

With the fall 2014 season of anime reaching its midpoint, we have seen which anime seem to live up to their hype and which ones have not; I would like to take this time to briefly summarize and critique my top three anime recommendations for both new and veteran anime viewers.

3) “**The Seven Deadly Sins**”

Set in a strange world where both humans and non-humans exist, the kingdom of

Leones is under the protection of the “Holy Knights,” warriors who use powerful magic to govern and protect. A group of the most powerful Holy Knights called the “Seven Deadly Sins,” betrayed the kingdom and are now hunted by the other knights. Queen Elizabeth does not believe that story and sets out on a journey to find the Seven Deadly Sins. This is a quirky, light-hearted adventure, with a hint of romance and perverted comedy on the side. A great show for teens and young adults looking for a fun and action filled adventure.

2) “**Rage of Bahamut: Genesis**”

Mistarcia, a world consisting of gods, humans, demons and roughly referencing names, battles, and idealisms presented in olden day Catholicism. A battle waged 2000

years ago against the colossal, winged being called “Bahamut.” Together, gods, humans, and demons put aside their differences and joined forces to fight and seal away the powerful being. Once sealed, the key was separated in two, half given to the gods and half to the demons. 2000 years later, half of the key is stolen by a strange woman on a journey to find her mother. This is a fast paced, fantasy/action/adventure, intended for a more mature, young adult audience. With gorgeous visuals, fluid fight scene animation, and a mysterious storyline that will keep you needing to know what happens next, this climbs to my second spot.

1) “**Your Lie in April**”

Kosei Arima, a piano prodigy as a young boy, stopped playing after the abrupt death

of his mother. Arima, a junior high student now, still conflicted by the death of his mother, sees the world as dull, void of life and purpose. One day he’s introduced to a lively, blonde-haired violinist and something happens. Arima begins to see the world a bit more brightly. This beautifully done work of art is a must see for musically inclined romantics out there and anyone looking for a whirlwind of creative inspiration. With amazing visuals, dynamic and dramatic character development and interaction, you won’t know what to do with the emotions you’re feeling.

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Early snowfall prepares students for long winter

Rachel Molitor

Columnist

“But baby it’s cold outside…”

I don’t know if you noticed, but there is now snow on the ground. But hey, it is November; this could have come a whole lot sooner. Think about that as your feet and hands slowly become numb due to the icy chill.

At the beginning of the school year, I wrote an article talking about the good aspects of autumn. This is similar to that, except I am solidly a summer-person and can think of only a few things to enjoy about the winter months.

“Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow.”

Perhaps if we sing it enough, we will begin to share some of the optimism present in the song. Snow comes, snow goes, snow stays until it gets dirty and gross, but at least when

it first falls, snow is very nice to look at. The world becomes a winter wonderland and all the nuisances of the landscape become pure and white.

So, at least for some of the time, winter has the shallow appearances aspect for us to enjoy. Another “benefit” is we get to work on our driving skills. Instead of speeding along random roadways, we have to drive slowly and smartly. Like riding the car in front of you? Not in the winter! If you do this with ice-covered roads, you are asking for an accident. I doubt karma will deny you for long.

Those Falcons who have to drive to and from school, please be careful out there! Those rules you learned in driving school long ago? This is the time to remember and act on them. At least three seconds between you and the person in front of you. Four seconds on the highway.

When stopping behind a car, make sure you can see their rear tires touching the ground. That way, if the person behind you starts to skid and hits you, there is less chance of you hitting the car in front of you. This will make both you and your insurance company happy.

Of course, you can’t talk about the benefits of winter without mentioning winter sports. Hockey, figure skating, the various types of skiing, and snowmobiling make up the main winter sports we get to do. Plus, of course, there are snowball fights and snowmen making contests. Olaf anyone?

Also, since most of us don’t want to go outside, we get the opportunity for crafts and baking that we wouldn’t otherwise. But honestly, many will probably take this time to catch up on Netflix and perhaps do some school work.

Another benefit, we all get to look like marshmallows! Tall, short, dark, pale, large, or small, it doesn’t matter in winter. We will all be round, large, and cloth-covered marshmallows waddling across campus trying not to crash into each other. Who cares about appearances when you can’t see any of it?

As participants in a non-essential business, we get another serious benefit in winter. Snow days!

Think about it for a second. Hospitals can’t shut down due to snow. The government probably shouldn’t either. Schools, however, can and will have snow days. Given, we

haven’t had an official snow day in a while but when the snow and temperatures start to fall, professors usually tell their students either not to come or to use their best judgment.

So despite the cold, take the day off and catch up on those assignments and readings you have been ignoring for the last week. But don’t forget the hot chocolate to help keep yourself warm and your spirits up.

Winter is a time of cold and snow. In the beginning we get to think of the holidays but slowly the season seems never-ending. However, the sun will come up, eventually. You can bet your bottoms that by June there will be sunshine.

Counting November, that’s only seven months to go! So Falcons, although the weather outside is frightful, go out and enjoy the snow. Winter is coming. Winter is here.

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