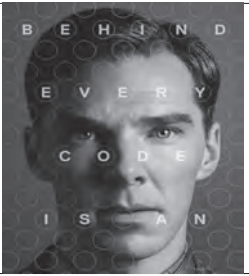




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Education Abroad Fair encourages world travel

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The 2015 spring semester Education Abroad Fair was held on Wednesday, Feb. 11, in the Falcon’s Nest, and over 260 UW-River Falls students curiously moved around the room in hopes of learning more about the 24 unique Education Abroad programs and opportunities.

The Education Abroad Fair is a once-a-semester event, usually held in the third week of each new academic semester, and this particular fair featured 21 UWRF programs, one internship opportunity through World Endeavors, and booths from UW-Platteville and the University of Minnesota.

Platteville and Minnesota offer Education Abroad programs to interested students who want to travel to a specific country which UWRF does not offer.

All 21 UWRF programs that were featured at the Education Abroad Fair are faculty led or administered; nine of the programs are semester length, and 12 are short-term and take place during J-term, spring break or summer. While Global Connections does its best to spread word of each Education Abroad Fair, there are always students unaware of it.

“It’s surprising to me how many times people say: ‘yeah, I just kind of walked by,’” said Education Abroad Advisor Carol Rogers. “There’s a lot going on in the Falcon’s Nest, and sometimes it concerns you and sometimes you feel like you might be just kind of crashing a party, but we really want you to come into this one.”

Among the 260 students who attended was UWRF student Taylor Gregg, who visited Italy over J-term in January through the Explore Italy program.

“I’m really anxious to go back abroad,” Gregg said. “I kind of wanted to go for a semester and I was looking at [International Traveling Classroom] because you can go to a whole bunch of different places.”

International Traveling Classroom (ITC) is a spring semester program that gives students an opportunity to visit seven significant cities in Europe while earning course credit.

ITC costs approximately \$16,000 for the semester. Ideally, ITC needs 25 to 35 students to be financially viable. Currently, there are 31 ITC students abroad. Students are in the classroom or on fieldtrips in each city for seven days, but are given three days to sightsee thereafter.

“So, you have a couple days in-between to sort of wander and find what you want,” said Rich Wallace, ITC spring 2015 coordinator. “Then we meet back up, and we just move across Europe this way.”

Tentatively, the 2016 ITC program will visit the countries of Scotland, England, France, the Netherlands, Italy and Germany. Approximately \$11,000 of the \$16,000 goes towards lodging, meals, plane and rail tickets, and course costs.

The other \$5,000 is an estimated cost of what an average student spends on other expenses like clothes, entertainment, souvenirs, tours, and fine-dining.

“It’s an expensive program, not as expensive as it could be,” Wallace said. “We get people that spend only \$1,000 or \$1,200, and we get people who’ve spent \$10,000 of their own money. That cost is all you.”

Students studying abroad in one of the other 20 UWRF programs can do so in countries such as Japan, Germany, Australia, India, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, China, Scotland, Uganda and Belize. Interested students are guided by faculty in



Carmella Everhart/Student Voice
Joomin Hwang and Minchang Jang sing songs in Korean for everyone at the end of the Education Abroad Fair.

Global Connections with the hope of matching a specific program with a specific individual. When choosing an Education Abroad program, it’s important to consider the location, time of year and cost of each program.

“The cost is kept down in the [Experience] Scotland program by doing some house chores,” Rogers said. “Like, sometimes you have to sweep the front steps of this palace—yeah, not too bad. I’ll do that. It can be the right thing for you, and perhaps not for someone else. Everyone’s situation is unique, just like being here [at UWRF].”

At the conclusion of the Education Abroad Fair, UWRF students Joomin Hwang and Minchang Jang sang songs in their native Korean language to the enjoyment of the growing crowd.

Last year, Rogers was able to persuade a UWRF student to play the

bagpipes at the fair, which flooded the University Center with music—the extremely loud kind.

“So he started to go ‘whoooo,’ and I thought: ‘wow, that’s loud; that’s really, really loud,’” Rogers said.

The bagpipes player was then escorted outside because of the excessive noise, where he played for students walking around campus, while a Global Connections student employee held a sign, inviting students into the Falcon’s Nest for the fair.

The next Education Abroad Fair will be held on Sept. 16 in the Falcon’s Nest, a date that has to be booked 18 months in advance.

“The Falcon’s Nest seems to be a really good place for it,” Rogers said. “It’s right on the first floor, it’s at a convenient time right in the middle of the day, so people are already eating and they can hopefully

stop by and see what’s what. We really like the location, and it’s suited us very well.”

Rogers said that the fall fair usually gets over 500 students, in comparison to the 260 it saw on Feb. 11.

“It’s usually the third week of classes and so there’s a lot of dreaming and new interest and everything,” Rogers said. “You got one quarter of the school that maybe isn’t familiar with the whole idea of Education Abroad, except for bits and pieces, so it is our bigger fair.”

If you’re interested in learning more about Education Abroad programs, visit the Global Connections office in 102 Hagestad Hall.

Specialists are available for guidance, and a number of pamphlets are available for important information. Applications for summer Education Abroad programs are usually due before April 1.

Dairy Club takes top honors at dairy science conference

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The senior Dairy Club team at UW-River Falls has taken top honors for the third year in a row at the Midwest Regional American Dairy Science Association-Student Affiliate Division (ADSASAD) Conference hosted by UW-Platteville in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin.

The conference was held from Jan. 30 through Feb. 1. The conference featured many speakers and programs based around the dairy industry, and invited many Midwestern universities to attend. Some of these universities included: the University of Minnesota, North Dakota State University, Iowa State University, and many more.

Some programs and activities held at the conference were educational seminars and speakers, and they also held fun team-building activities such as: a comedian and a visit to the Kalahari water park.

The highlight of the trip was the Quiz Bowl. The Quiz Bowl invited “senior” and “junior” teams to compete in a knowledge test of the dairy industry. Each team had four

members, with the senior teams having junior and senior level students with the junior teams having freshmen and sophomore students.

“In the Quiz Bowl there are two phases per round,” said senior Dairy Club member Paige Roberts, in an email. “The first phase is individual questions where each member gets asked three questions and if you get it right you get 10 points.” Roberts also said that the second phase is a speed round where players can win or lose points, similar to the speed round in Family Feud.

“The questions range anywhere from cheese-making to ruminant nutrition, to basic dairy knowledge,” said senior Dairy Club member Eric Zwiefelhofer.

The junior team lost in the first round, but the senior team went on to beat Iowa State and then beat Michigan State University in the final round. Zwiefelhofer said that it’s a great feeling to take home the victory for another year.

“We’re going against big schools, we’re going against you know, Madison, Michigan State, Ohio State, and their prestigious schools, but

it really shows that our school is just as prestigious as they are,” Zwiefelhofer said.

There were over 500 students that participated in the conference, with many of those students participating in the Quiz Bowl.

“It’s a confidence-builder for all the students in our club,” said Dairy Club Advisor Steven Kelm. “It’s just kind of saying that we’re competing with the very best in the nation in a lot of different ways, and coming out on top means that we are competing very well.”

The Dairy Club is the largest student organization on campus, and hosts many events and fundraisers on campus. Their biggest event being the “Falcon Premier.”

“We collect great dairy animals and have an auction in the spring,” Roberts said. “It’s a lot of work and all the members get involved, but in the end it’s worth all the late nights and hard work, because it’s a ton of fun and we raise a lot of money for the club”.

The Dairy Club attends the conference every year, and every year they learn more about their industry and they grow as a club.

Focus on U pushes forward despite lack of equipment

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There are many organizations on the campus of UW-River Falls, and all of these organizations attract different kinds of people. There are clubs for marketing communication majors, psychology majors, for people who are interested in astronomy, and then there’s something called “Focus on U.”

Focus on U is something that has been around for quite some time, but not many people on campus know about the student media organization. This is a student organization where the students themselves produce a newscast on live television.

Although it seems to be a journalism or digital film and television organization, there are also many students who have different majors who are part of Focus on U.

Altogether there are 15 students in Focus on U, all of whom play an important part and only five of them are digital film and television majors.

Being on television is not as easy as it sounds. There are many steps to creating a show and there can be many prob-

lems. According to Travis Kronk, the editor and treasurer of Focus on U, every package producer (a person that puts a single story together) has two weeks to get a story and video together for the on-air showing that happens every other Thursday.

This semester, Focus on U is trying to put people into teams, where they will have a technical person (someone who knows how to run the camera and all the equipment) together with people who want to be onscreen, and writers, who write for that single package story. The reason being for this is to produce better content. Focus on U also has its own YouTube channel called “FocusOnUTelevision,” where they post all its videos.

Although this all seems easy, there are always obstacles. One that is affecting the whole campus now is the budget cuts.

Focus on U has been trying to get another camera that the package producers can use to create stories. With the budget cuts, it has been a challenge to get the equipment needed to make progress at Focus on U.

“If we’re not making prog-

ress and if we’re not advancing as an organization, then why have an organization?” Kronk said.

To get a camera would have been a huge help because Focus on U has only one camera for all of the package producers to use.

If the camera is being used by someone else, then everyone else has to wait on their story until use of the camera becomes available. With these budget cuts, Focus on U has had to hold off on trying to get another camera that would be progress for the organization.

The camera that is used now is an older camera that does not have the quality that the organization needs. Students in Focus on U use their produced videos in a folder to help potential employers see what they can do, but with such an old camera, the quality is not up-to-date.

Although there are obstacles in creating video stories, Focus on U has figured out how to create a better quality news stories. The organization continues to make progress and will be airing its first episode of the spring semester on Thursday, Feb. 19.

News briefs:

Bull-purchasing Open House set on March 14

The UW-River Falls animal and food science department, St. Croix Valley Bull Test and UW Extension will be hosting an open house on Saturday, March 14, at the UWRF Dairy Learning Center on the Mann Valley Farm.

The open house will allow producers to preview the bulls for the sale as well as provide a short educational program addressing topics related to making bull-purchasing decisions. As beef producers approach this spring and consider purchasing a replacement bull, this program will help with the decision-making process.

Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. The educational program will start at 10 a.m. and includes short presentations on: 1) What do all these numbers mean and how do I use them in selection? 2) What visually should I consider when selecting a bull? 3) What is a yearling bull worth this spring?

The educational program will conclude by noon. The UWRF Student Beef Management Team will offer lunch for \$6 per person. After lunch the participants are invited to preview the bulls; consignors will be on hand to answer questions.

There is no charge for the program but producers are asked to pre-register by contacting the St. Croix County Extension Office at 715-531-1930. For more information, email amy.radunz@uwrf.edu.

Feb. 26 Career Fair features 90 employers

The spring Career Fair hosted by Career Services will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 26, in the University Center at UW-River Falls, and more than 90 employers attending the Career Fair will be seeking potential employees to recruit for open positions.

Career Fair attendees can expect to find jobs or internship opportunities and network with employers including: Ashley Furniture Industries, Foremost Farms, AT&T, Del Monte Foods and Land O’Lakes.

“We made it our goal to make this Career Fair more appealing to all of the colleges at UWRF by reaching out to numerous companies in varied industries,” said Career Fair Coordinator Luke Porter. “We are looking forward to having a large variety of organizations that appeal to students for internships and entry-level jobs.”

Aside from varied employers, this year’s fair features a new interactive UWRF Career Fair Plus App.

The app, available free in the Android and iTunes stores, allows students to research companies, sort companies by majors they are hiring and learn tips on how leave a lasting impression on recruiters.

Career Services encourages students to research the organizations that will be in attendance. Hire-a-Falcon, the Career Fair website and the UWRF Career Fair Plus App are tools that can be utilized to research attending organizations and learn more about the positions they offer.

For more information on the Career Fair, the attending organizations and possible volunteering opportunities, visit www.uwrf.edu/CareerFair or call Career Services at 715-425-3572 or email cfcoordinator@uwrf.edu. The fair is open to everyone.

Art department hosts veteran art exhibition

The UW-River Falls art department, in cooperation with the UWRF Veteran Services office, will present “UWRF Veterans, Active Duty and Reserves Art Exhibition” from Feb. 16 through March 4, in Gallery 101 of the Kleinpell Fine Arts building.

An artists’ reception will occur from 4-6 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 20, in Gallery 101. The

exhibit and reception are free and open to the public. The exhibited artwork will be available for purchase.

Art student veterans Mike Vance, Harley Hotchkiss and Katie Powell organized the exhibition that will feature drawings, photography, glass works, sculpture and paintings created by current UWRF students and faculty who are veterans. UWRF veterans exhibiting their art were not required to be enrolled in art classes in order to participate in the show and are allowed up to four artworks with any type of theme or content.

Twenty percent of the proceeds of any sales of the artwork will be donated to the UWRF Veteran Services office and 80 percent will remain with the artist.

Gallery 101 hours are 1-8 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 2-4 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call the UWRF art department at 715-425-3266.

Dance Theatre to host annual spring concert

The UW-River Falls Dance Theatre will present its annual spring concert at 7:30 p.m. March 4-7 in the Blanch Davis Theatre in the Kleinpell Fine Arts building.

The concert features the work of numerous UWRF Dance Theatre alumni, current students, faculty and professionals. The evening will consist of diverse dance forms from classical Chinese, swing, contemporary, modern, jazz and hip hop fusion.

This year’s guest artist, Tricia Wood, has created a fun and uplifting swing dance featuring East Coast Swing. Wood’s many years of experience competing in ballroom competitions helped create a mix of precision with exciting, exuberant steps.

Dance Theatre alumna Haiya Zhang has restaged a classical Chinese dance, previously premiered in 2008, in conjunction with the university’s “Year of China” theme, for this year’s concert.

Zhang’s “A Lovely Folk Song” whirls brightly colored Chinese parasols with enchanting grace and visual spectacle. Ricardo Suarez has constructed a comical number, “The Waiting Room,” that takes the mundane waiting room experience to new quirky heights.

UWRF Dance Theatre Director Mari Kline-Kluck’s “Bereavement” explores the stages of grief from different perspectives as it features the vocal expertise of Jenna Cook accompanied by the brilliant piano of Sor Her.

Kline-Kluck also choreographed a full company piece, “Shadows,” beginning with eerie ambient accompaniment that quickly transitions into a boisterous fusion of contemporary hip hop dance.

The piece “Humans,” choreographed by Rana Kuebker, explores human relationships and interactions. Kuebker challenges existing notions while encouraging supportive contact.

UWRF student Marcus Dryer has created a hilarious satire which uses a remix of a familiar soundscape from Star Wars for his virtuosic, yet comical take on some very recognizable characters.

Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, and \$5 for students and children. Tickets can be purchased beginning Feb. 23 at the University Theatre Box Office in the Kleinpell Fine Arts building from 1-5 p.m. Monday-Friday or by phone at 715-425-3114. On performance days, the box office opens at 3 p.m. for ticket purchases.

For more information about the concert, email Kline-Kluck at mari.kline@uwrf.edu or call 715-425-0743.

Kansas professor to speak at history event

An internationally renowned scholar of environmental history, Professor Donald Worster, Hall Distinguished Professor of American History Emeritus at the University of Kansas, will visit UW-River Falls March 4-6

to present two public lectures as part of the inaugural Wyman Visiting Professorship in History event.

At 4 p.m. on Wednesday, March 4, Worster will present “Wilderness: The Higher Altruism in American Environmental Values” in the Kinnickinnic River Theater in the University Center at UWRF. A public reception begins at 3 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

Worster’s talk will offer reflections on the significance of the 1964 Wilderness Act and of nature conservation in general in the U.S. and the rest of the world.

Once a consensus in American culture, nature reservation recently seems to have been shattered by increasing ideological and moral differences. Worster will examine that early consensus, explain how and why it broke down and suggest that this commitment to saving wildness in the landscape is not likely to disappear. His talk will suggest that an older pragmatism toward moral values needs to be renewed in order to overcome our present impasse.

On Friday, March 6, Worster will present “Shrinking the Earth: From an Age of Abundance to an Age of Limits” at the River Falls Public Library, from 7-8:30 p.m. with a public reception at 6 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

This lecture will show, through maps and photographs, how dramatically our perspective on the earth has changed over the past 500 years, and how our humankind as a species on the planet has also changed dramatically. For many centuries, beginning in the west and now sweeping over the whole globe, the common view has been that we live on a planet of abundance that we must conquer and make use of it.

Now, all nations are facing natural limits of resources and ecology. The old and vanishing era has left us with many important institutions and ideas to be questioned and ultimately revised or replaced.

In addition to the two public lectures, Worster will meet with UWRF students in two courses on March 5: “U.S. environmental history” and “U.S. history since 1865.”

In 2012, Bry Wyman, son of the late UWRF history Professor Walker Wyman, made the first living \$1 million donation to the university to establish the Walker D. and Helen Bryant Wyman Endowed Visiting Professorship in History and Art.

To learn more about this inaugural Wyman Visiting Professor in History event and the Wyman legacy on campus, visit <http://www.uwrf.edu/HIST/About/FacultyStaff/Emeriti-WalkerWyman.cfm>. For more information, call the UWRF history and philosophy department at 715-425-3164.

Student senate urges students to vote on fee

Student Senate is encouraging students around the UW-River Falls campus to vote next week on the proposed Falcon Center fee which would help fund maintenance of the facility.

The referendum will ask students to vote in favor or against the fee, which would cost each UWRF student \$175 for the 2015-16 academic year, increasing to \$200 for future years. The fee would not go towards construction of the building, which is already fully funded, but would contribute mostly to employee compensation as well as equipment and information technology upkeep, according to Chancellor Dean Van Galen’s proposal.

The Falcon Center will be devoted to athletics and general physical well-being. According to Senate President Anthony Sumnicht, the Falcon Center will be free to students. The facility is expected to offer varying levels of membership to alumni and the general public. According to his proposal, Van Galen expects the Falcon Center to contribute to student retention and recruitment.

According to the project website, the Falcon Center “includes classrooms, a human performance laboratory, a large gymnasium, dance studio, auxiliary gym, offices, locker rooms, training rooms and other supporting spaces.”

The project will also include the remodeling of the existing Hunt Arena and the Knowles Center. Upon completion of the Falcon Center, the Karges Center and the Nelson Physical Education Center will be demolished.

Many students currently utilizing UWRF will not have the chance to use the Falcon Center, which is expected to be available for

students starting in the fall of 2017, before graduating.

During Senate’s weekly meeting on Feb. 17, a goal was set for 100 voting students per Senate representative. Were this goal reached, it would be an unprecedented amount of student voters, considering only roughly 200 student ballots were received for Senate presidential elections late last March.

Details on the exact time and method of delivery of the referendum is still in the works. Details will be posted on the Student Voice’s twitter account, @uwrfvoice, once they’re announced.

Eau Claire to host indie music festival

The inaugural “Eaux Claires Music and Arts Festival” recently announced its lineup for the Eau Claire, Wisconsin, indie music festival.

Eaux Claires will take place at Foster Farm, just outside of Eau Claire, on July 17-18. Eaux Claires will feature a mix of local Twin Cities, Western Wisconsin and national talent.

The festival was curated by Eau Claire native and Bon Iver frontman Justin Vernon, and Aaron Dessner of The National. Vernon and Dessner will each be taking the stage as headliners, Vernon with his Grammy award-winning band Bon Iver, marking its first performance on stage since 2012, and Dessner with the Grammy-nominated rock group The National.

Bon Iver and The National will perform alongside artists like Spoon, Sufjan Stevens, S. Carey, Sylvan Esso, Doomtree, Polica, Charles Bradley, Low, The Tallest Man on Earth, The Lone Bellow and more. S. Carey, which played a free show at UW-River Falls this summer, was formed by Bon Iver drummer Sean Carey, who is the lead vocalist for S. Carey.

In addition to its 40-plus performances, the festival will place emphasis on artistic collaboration across its lineup and redefining the format of audience to artist interaction in a performance environment. A number of camping options are available just west of the festival. A full bar and small performances will take place at the nearby campground. Two-day tickets start at \$135. Visit eaux-claires.com for more information.

UWRF to present free ‘Jazz Club Cabaret’

The UW-River Falls RADD Jazz Series will present “Jazz Club Cabaret” featuring the UWRF Faculty Jazz Ensemble and guest saxophonist Donny McCaslin from 7:30-11 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 20, in the Falcon’s Nest in the University Center.

The Falcon’s Nest will be transformed to resemble a true jazz club, with free refreshments, hors d’oeuvres, and a cash bar. The event is free and open to everyone. For more information, email music@uwrf.edu.

Fulbright Ambassador to speak on Nicaragua

Matt Vonk, professor in the department of physics and the 2014-2015 Fulbright Ambassador, will speak about his experience at noon on Wednesday, March 4, in the Willow River Room in the University Center.

In 2010, Vonk received a Fulbright award to live and teach in Managua, Nicaragua. While there, Vonk collaborated with the faculty at the National Engineering University and taught digital electronics.

In his free time, he was able to explore the fascinating country. Although the bulk of his experience was very positive, at the end of his stay, Vonk had to adjust his plans when rival student groups started firing morteros, a common utensil used in pharmacies to crush various substances, at each other on campus.

In the presentation Vonk will talk about his time in Nicaragua, some long-term effects of the experience, and why UW-River Falls students should consider applying, even if you’re skeptical or unsure. Refreshments will be served.

River Falls Police/UWRF Police Department

Sunday, Feb. 15

- A welfare check was conducted at Hathorn Hall around 1:30 a.m.

Monday, Feb. 16

- An incident report was filed concerning a boyfriend and girlfriend dispute in Grimm Hall around 2:30 p.m.

Editor’s note:

Information for this section is taken from River Falls Police and River Falls Police Department incident reports.

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Record number accepted for research conference

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A record number of 100 undergraduate students’ research and creative projects were accepted for presentation at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) this year.

NCUR is an interdisciplinary conference where students representing universities and colleges from all around the world present their research and creative works in a variety of formats. The mission of NCUR is to promote undergraduate research scholarships and creative activity done in partnership with faculty or other mentors as a vital component of higher education, according to the NCUR website.

Every year, the UW-River Falls Undergraduate Research, Scholarly and Creative Activity (URSCA) office works with students to attend the annual conference. This year, 54 students attended the first two NCUR 2015 registration workshops. The 29th annual conference will be held at Eastern Washington University in Cheney, Washington, on April 16-18.

URSCA Director Lissa Schneider-Rebozo said that this was the first year two registration workshops were held.

“Normally we only hold one workshop but there were so many

that this year we held two,” Schneider-Rebozo said.

Schneider-Rebozo said that the URSCA office helps students through the entire NCUR registration process and pays for most of each student’s trip, including bus-ing, flights, and accommodations, as long as the student travels with UWRF.

The only things that students pay for are individual presentation materials and some food over the weekend.

The trip is funded by URSCA because the students who partici-pate in it voted in favor of setting aside a certain amount of differen-tial tuition money to help pay for undergraduate research activities, including Falcon Travel Grants and conducting research.

Riley Haynes, a senior major-ing in business administration and Spanish at UWRF, is a researcher though URSCA. He said he is cur-rently working on a research project for the office.

“Right now I am putting together a historical database of pretty much anyone and everyone who has done research through URSCA in the past,” Haynes said.

Haynes also assists students in getting their materials together for the registration process before the conference.

Schneider-Rebozo stressed the

importance of sharing student re-search because it is vital for a healthy research process.

“It’s understood worldwide that research isn’t considered research unless it’s shared,” Schneider-Re-bozo said. “So sharing the results of your studies is vital for a healthy research process. If you’re just doing research and then not telling anyone about it, it’s not good for you or for the world.”

URSCA has directly serviced 1,700 students in the two years that the of-fice has been open, and at the “Fall Gala” last year there were 245 stu-dents that presented their work at UWRF, which is quadruple the number of students than in previ-ous years, according to Schneider-Rebozo.

Haynes said that one of the reasons there has been so much more involve-ment is because of the way the office is dealing with outreach to different areas of campus.

“I think one of the rea-sons that we have seen so much more attendance at events such as Fall Gala is being able to tell everyone about it and bring together

each of the different departments that’s already doing research and say ‘hey guys, let’s share our ideas’ in a multidisciplinary event like that,” Haynes said.

Schneider-Rebozo emphasized that students should seriously con-sider conducting and presenting

research because it looks really im-pressive on a resume and gets the attention of many employers.

For more information about NCUR visit cur.org/ncur_2015/, or visit uwrf.edu/URSCA/ to learn more about getting started through URSCA.



Carmella Everhart/Student Voice
URSCA Director Lissa Schneider-Rebozo and URSCA Coordinator Elizabeth Jordahl help UWRF undergraduate students conduct research.

Volunteering can help with future employment

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With the competitiveness of the job market becoming ever-increasing, students may wonder how they can set themselves apart from other applicants in the job hiring process.

One simple and rewarding way students can do this is by partici-pating in volunteer work which, in turn, can be added to resumes.

Because college can feel like a balancing act between work and school, some students may struggle with finding time to volunteer. Di-rector of Career Services Melissa Wilson admits that finding the time to volunteer can be challenging, but finding the right volunteer work to participate in is key.

“It needs to be a mix of some-thing that you are passionate about and enjoy, and applies to your ma-jor,” Wilson said. “I call this double

dipping. You are getting two ben-efits out of this experience.”

Volunteer work can add immense value to a resume and 2008 UW-River Falls alumna and human re-sources officer at First National Bank of River Falls Kaydi Peterson sees this first hand.

“As a community bank, this fac-tor is important in our hiring process because community involvement and service is of value here and part of our legacy at First National Bank of River Falls,” Peterson said. “Volunteer work in general shows dedication and connection to the community and, perhaps, valuable leadership experience.”

Although in most professions there is not a specific amount of time that applicants should spend volunteering, Wilson believes that students in some majors should dis-play a greater presence of volunteer work on their resumes.

“If you’re in a helping profession such as social work, your free time should show that you want to help people,” Wilson said.

UWRF social work major Lauren Grammond understands that being in a helping major means spend-ing more time performing activi-ties such as volunteering, but also agrees that no matter what major a student has, there are benefits.

“It shows that you’re willing to do things that you won’t necessar-ily get recognition for,” Grammond said. “If you’re a commuter student, like me, it’s also a great way to meet people.”

One question students may ask themselves is: do employers even look for volunteer work on a re-sume?

“Experience outside of an em-ployment setting builds a more well-rounded resume and shows the candidate values connection to the

community, service to others, and opportunity,” Peterson said.

Volunteer work on a resume can even influence someone’s decision in the hiring process.

“More times than not, when two candidates are very close in quali-fications, this factor will be used to make the hiring decision,” Peterson said.

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When deciding to list volunteer work on a resume, Wilson says it depends on the student and how it relates to the field.

“For a student who is going into criminology, for example, one of the first headings on their resume

should be criminal justice experi-ence, and if they have volunteered in that field, put it in that area on their resume as a volunteer,” Wilson said.

Volunteer work can weigh differ-ently for employers and job seekers, so Peterson encourages students to keep this in mind when think-ing about where they would like to work.

“If volunteer work is of value to you, but not to the employer you’re applying with, ask yourself if this is truly the employer for you,” Peter-son said. “Opportunity to serve the community has a strong impact on employee satisfaction.”

The River Falls area offers a multitude of volunteer opportuni-ties. Even joining a club on campus that performs volunteer work can be a good first step in determining what volunteer work is of interest to someone.

UWRF Black Student Union invites all to organization

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With the racially-charged atmosphere in the U.S. lately, the timing is right to bring ev-eryone together to celebrate black history and diversity.

The UW-River Falls Black Student Union (BSU) always has something going on. Its meetings are lively and strive to strike a balance between serious issues, which pertain to their mission, and fun as a student organization.

BSUs have been around on college campuses since the spring of 1966 at San Fran-cisco State College.

During the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s, these organizations sprung up all over the country. There is a national organization to sup-port and guide BSUs in the U.S.

In their mission statement, online, the National BSU says: “NBSU is organized exclusively for the purpose of working with Black Student Unions and to enhance the quality of life for undergrad-uate college students.”

UWRF’s BSU embraces that mission with a slight dif-ference. All students of any race or minority are welcome to join the student organiza-tion.

The idea of caring about

fellow students, their post-secondary education, their problems, and making it through college together with mutual cooperation is an im-portant part of UWRF’s BSU focus according to Vice Pres-ident Ashley-Beth Rosana.

“A lot of people think ‘oh, it’s Black Student Union, we probably can’t go to their events, and go to their meet-ings,’ but we are really open,” Rosana said. “We talk about issues that pertain to the black community in the U.S., even maybe challenges that we face as minority students. We really want them to feel like we’re there for them in all types of situations, if it’s socially, being friends and going out and doing things, or if they’re having trouble with homework or school is just stressing them out, we want them to come to us.”

Thinking about its mis-sion, Rosana said, “I think people have culture-shock maybe from more diverse high schools and communi-ties back home. They come to River Falls and feel kind of outcast or different.”

All are welcome to join BSU. Rosana said its meeting format may be different each time because they might have a member with an urgent is-sue, needing some immedi-ate support or a current event

which needs to be addressed. Rosana said BSU tries to be sensitive to what members need.

She said BSU is often a fun meeting. Many meetings are full of food, laughter and team games like “Jeopardy.”

The BSU will be wind-ing up Black History Month on Feb. 27. A full evening of cultural performances and authentic African food in the Kleinpell Fine Arts building is planned.

“African Night” is free and everyone is invited to come help celebrate. There will be cultural performances from 6-8 p.m. and authentic Af-rican cuisine from 8-9 p.m. For more information contact Oboi Jones at oboi.jones@my.uwrf.edu.

“Giving other students and people just a chance to see there is something to ce-lebrate, it doesn’t always have to be these sort of serious, heavy discussions, which need to be had, but also this more celebratory, kind of, come eat with us,” said soci-ology Professor Paige Miller, BSU’s advisor.

If interested in attend-ing a BSU meeting contact Jones. Meetings are every other Monday at 5 p.m. in the Wind River Room in the Uni-versity Center.

‘Jade Sky’ lets students experience Chinese astrology with planetarium

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The planetarium in the Ag Sci building is a place where people can go to see how an-cient Chinese constellations compare to constellations in the western world.

UW-River Falls physics Professor Eileen Korenic presents a free presentation in the planetarium once a month called: “Jade Sky: Astronomy in China.” Korenic said these presentations are to celebrate the Year of China at UWRF. There were two presenta-tions on Thursday, Feb. 12, because Feb. 19 is the start of the Chinese New Year.

Korenic said when she started researching Chinese astronomy she thought the Chinese constellations would be similar to constellations in the western world.

“I thought it was going to be pretty straightforward, that is, you just look at the same stars that we see in the west-ern world, the same stars ex-isted for the Chinese astrono-

mers and I just assumed they would have different names but they actually chose differ-ent groupings of those stars,” Korenic said.

The Jade Sky presenta-tions last about 45 minutes and Korenic said there are a lot of Chinese constellations and stories to choose from so she had to narrow down her choices for the presentation.

“The Chinese system for dividing up the sky has about 280 different individual either pictures or single stars that had some meaning, compared to the western world it only has 88,” Korenic said. “Since there were so many, I just had to go with what I thought was the most interesting, what did I thought were the coolest im-ages, so it was a pretty per-sonal choice.”

Jackie Davis, a non-tradi-tional student at UWRF at-tended one of the Jade Sky presentations earlier this month. Davis said she was interested in the comparison between the Chinese and U.S. constellations.

“I really enjoyed the pre-sentation,” Davis said. “It was beautiful, it was interest-ing, I learned a lot of things I didn’t know.”

During the presentation, Korenic shared a story about the Big Dipper and how that constellation is different in Chinese astronomy.

Korenic said in Chinese as-tronomy the stars that make up the Big Dipper are called the “seven levels of human reasoning.”

Davis said there was a lot of information to take in at the presentation and she would like to read more about Chinese astronomy.

“I thought the presentation was too short,” Davis said. “I could have sat there and lis-tened for hours.”

According to the Year of China events page, Jade Sky presentations are free and open to the public and suit-able for all ages.

The next presentation will be at 7 p.m. on March 12, in 201 Ag Sci.

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EDITORIAL

UW-River Falls needs to protest budget cut proposal

In the last two weeks, four UW System schools have held student-led rallies protesting Gov. Scott Walker’s proposed \$300 million UW System budget cut, and it’s time that UW-River Falls students, faculty and staff, as well as the rest of the UW System, follows suit.

UW-Eau Claire held a rally on Friday, Feb. 13, in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, and hundreds of students, faculty, staff and community members made their voice heard. The next afternoon, over 500 people rallied on the UW-Madison campus. Less than a week later, the UW-Whitewater College Democrats held a rally with over 125 people in attendance. UW-Milwaukee also held a rally on Feb. 4.

These rallies were peaceful and utterly important as the UW System attempts to get the \$300 million proposal either thrown out or severely reduced. It’s only a matter of time before other UW System schools join in on the act, and the Student Voice believes this would be a wise choice. Undoubtedly, there are hundreds, if not thousands, of UWRF students that feel this \$300 million budget cut is unwarranted and excessive. Whether you’re a democrat or republican, it’s clear Walker doesn’t find the future of the UW System overly important. Some UW System schools will get hit harder than most. Whitewater will get hit the hardest with a projected 18.6 percent overall budget cut. Meanwhile, Eau Claire would lose \$7.5 million, according to WQOW.com.

A lot of numbers are being thrown around, but it’s important to remember that Walker’s proposal is just that: a proposal. There is still room for negotiation and a possible end to the UW System tuition freeze, which isn’t currently helping matters. The current tuition freeze could mean a giant budget cut is in order. However, if each student at each UW System school could pitch in a few hundred bucks, then that might drop the \$300 million to perhaps \$100 million over two years.

The Wisconsin government needs to be reminded that UWRF and the rest of the UW System schools will not be defeated without a very vocal fight. It’s time the university takes an official stand against Walker’s cuts and the potential loss of dozens, if not hundreds, of faculty members and general education courses. Other UW System schools have paved the way; now its our turn to take the streets and be heard. Students of all political parties need to stand strong on behalf of UWRF and the River Falls community, because the university is not the only entity that will feel the effects of the budget cuts, the city with lose residents, potential students, and eventually thousands of dollars.

If there is one positive thing that can be taken away from this unfortunate situation, it’s that UW System schools from all corners of the state and of all sizes are becoming united as one.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Babler family thanks UW-River Falls

To all students, athletes and faculty:

The Babler and Ihrke families would like to thank all of you who turned out for the “Red Out for Leo” event on Valentine’s Day at the women’s basketball game against UW-Whitewater. Because of all of you, we set a new single-game attendance record of 702 spectators, which made the event a total success. It was a great experience for us to be part of something so very special and we appreciate everyone that took part on this wonderful day!

Sincerely, Michael Babler and family

UW System to face turbulence with Gov. Walker budget cut proposal

Anyone who has attended a UW System school knows the lifelong value of the education they received. Every year, tens of thousands of Wisconsin families rely on our state’s public university system to provide new adults with a solid foundation of employment skills, problem-solving abilities and invaluable relationships. The UW System also gives back to the state through research and outreach efforts that benefit the public. Unfortunately, the budget proposed by Governor Walker will reduce the quality of a UW education and put the price of that education out of reach for many families. The \$300 million cut is more than the entire budget of UW-River Falls. It will mean the layoffs of faculty and staff, the elimination of majors and the inability to maintain up-to-date technology, equipment and buildings. Beyond the financial blow, the budget breaks off the UW System from the state government, eliminating its accountability to taxpayers. In two years, the new “public authority” would have the ability to raise tuition an unlimited amount. The hole in the UW System’s budget will be made up with huge tuition increases, placing an UW education out of reach for many Wisconsin families. The decision to eliminate the “Wisconsin Idea” may have been retracted, but it perfectly represents what this budget does to the UW System. Please contact your legislators and Walker, and ask them to remove the cuts from the budget and preserve a higher education system that serves the needs of Wisconsin families.

Carl Sack, UW-Madison graduate assistant

Proposed UW System budget cuts would endanger Wisconsin education

I am not a big political player. I pay attention, I have opinions and I vote. Occasionally, I write to my local representative to try to make my voice heard on specific issues. And then there are times when that simply doesn’t feel like enough. This is one of those times. I’ve written and shared my letter, but I want to make sure that you do, too, if you also feel that something is not quite right here. As Christine Thomas has said so eloquently in the past: “It’s up to the citizens of the state to make their feelings known.” I have, will you? When I first read about the proposed budget cuts to the UW System, my first thought was worry. Worry that the professors I’d had the privilege to work with would be impacted. Worry that students won’t have the kind of chance to aspire as I had because of lack of money that leads to less staff, less time and less opportunity. And, finally, worry over how this lack would eventually ripple out and impact my home state as a whole. The UW experience should not be one of less. I knew I had to respond in some way. But until now, I couldn’t quite put my concerns into words. I’ve felt helpless, as this seems so much bigger than me and it’s difficult to feel that anything I say will matter. Which is ironic, because education often equals power, giving a stronger voice through knowledge. I had to ask myself, even though I might feel powerless about it all, what do I know? More importantly, what do I know that is vital for you to know during this important time of decision-making? If you’ve ever been a student of the UW System, you likely know that professors are not working a cut-and-dry set of hours a week. They’re seen in classrooms when they teach, in their offices as they mentor, correct papers and exams, set lesson plans, and engaging their students beyond the four walls of academic buildings and nine-to-five of the typical world. They educate, yes, but this act goes far outside the lecture halls. In my own time as an undergraduate, there were many opportunities professors took to engage with me that went beyond the classroom. I was reassured by a psychology professor during a time of emotional upheaval that got me through and helped me feel connected. So I continued on. I was encouraged by my English professor, someone who had a clearer vision than I, of where my interests were leading me. She had recently given life back to the campus literary and arts journal, where she steered me to roles that became foundation for the publishing world I would eventually call home. My advisor, former chair of art, extended a design project outside of the curriculum, essentially giving me my first free-lance assignment to make mistakes on while still under her watchful guidance, with patient time to be congratulated and corrected. Yet another professor gave me creative range by allowing me to insert an independent study that would require, on her part, and provide, to my benefit, more one-on-one time while also allowing me to graduate a semester earlier, as my needs had suddenly changed. And this is only the start of my long list. All of these examples are the kind of extra mentoring time and consideration that is vital to many students for both personal and professional development. And this is what would likely be the first cut in an effort for professors to “work harder.” But this isn’t wasted time that would end up being cut out. It is valuable. For some, it is actually vital to the learning experience and preparation for professional fields. Without these extra hours of guidance, mentoring and additional opportunities for beyond-the-classroom education, I would not be where I am today. And where I am today allows me to now serve others. I aim to nurture, encourage and inspire, reciprocating back to the community what I received through my UW experience. Because of my time there, I create artwork for hospitals and healing centers to ease stress, hopefully giving a sense of connection during times of upheaval. In publishing, I also successfully serve as an acquiring and developmental editor, helping writers find their voice and potential. I shepherd their wisdom and talent to the world where others can then be nurtured, encouraged and inspired to be who they are in turn. While the UW System is stable and nurtured, so are those connected to it, resulting in ripples that spread far and wide. I worry that with the proposed changes, many entering their college days now won’t have the same opportunities I had. Employees working for the Wisconsin Idea will not be allowed to perform to their full potential, and the state will suffer as a result. There are a lot of things within the 2015-2017 budget proposed by Governor Scott Walker that leave many feeling unsettled. Removing the citizen voice (changing the boards that govern our Natural Resources to advisory bodies, thus removing transparency of process and putting power in the hands of the political administration) and pulling money from education (drastically cutting funding for the UW System and providing no support for growth in K-12) are only some of the items that do not seem in the best interest of the state as a whole and in the long-term. While there are other items I’m concerned by and that I believe should be given just as much emphasis, I choose to speak here specifically about the proposed cut to the UW System, because it is an item I have the most personal connection to and can offer inside knowledge of. My hope is that this will help you better understand the concerns of citizens you have been elected to represent. Education is our foundation. I hope you will bear this in mind, ensuring that the end decision on the proposed budget is not short-sighted. The tragedy would be lost voices when students give up too soon because there isn’t enough money, which translates to less time. And if there isn’t enough time to attend to someone who needs to feel a personal connection, see their potential reflected back to them with better clarity, or be given an extra chance to build up their confidence, ripples may end before they’re allowed to even start. To find your Wisconsin legislature visit <http://legis.wisconsin.gov/> and make your feelings known.

Sincerely, Angela Wix, UW-Green Bay class of 2005

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Global Divestment Day draws attention to fossil fuels

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Columnists

The Environmental Corps of Sustainability (ECOS) silenced the University Center on Friday, February 13 by forming a human mosaic during the first annual Global Divestment Day, drawing attention to the UWRF Fossil Free campaign, and mobilizing with the 460 simultaneous events around the world.

Nineteen ECOS members, with most of them wearing orange—the designated color to wear by the international campaign—held up signs of the same color to create a blob, which blocked a lunch traffic lane and spelled out “#DivestRF” and “ECOS.” The mosaic was completed with a green and blue earth in the center and orange border. The color and message displayed a visible urge directed towards UWRF, to divest from fossil fuel companies.

The day of action was organized by GoFossilFree, a branch of 350.org, that focuses on combating climate change financially. The movement urges both public and private institutions of all types to divest their money away from fossil fuel companies and take on this self-serving industry in the way that will get most of their attention. GoFossilFree.org defines divestment as “the opposite of an investment...it simply means getting rid of stocks, bonds, or investment funds that are unethical or morally ambiguous.”

For UWRF, this would mean taking the roughly \$150,000 of the UWRF Foundation that is currently invested in fossil fuels and putting the money into sustainable energy companies within five years of committing to divestment. Switching these investments would be a complete reversal, a leap to the other end of the spectrum in terms of energy. Divesting from fossil fuels is only one step we must take to help the Earth’s biosphere recover from the ailments caused by climate change; but, if we don’t start taking actions to help with these symptoms, this sickness could become a terminal disease.

During the week, leading up to Global Divestment Day, ECOS members visited campus classrooms to give a short description of the event and showed a short video created by 350.org and the FossilFree non-profit organization. A four question survey about campus divestment efforts was handed out to some classes as well. One question posed was: “Would you support the university divesting from the fossil fuel industry?” 210 of the 235 marked “yes.”

At the bottom of each survey, a blank space gave the option to leave a signature for the divestment petition; the effort grew the total number of signatures to over 500. The action’s main purpose was to garner signatures and raise awareness about the petition to divest. When the student body is aware of and supports such an endeavor, change becomes inevitable. The actions taken by ECOS were representative of the 500 signatures that will soon be listed on the GoFossilFree petition. For all the people who have signed, actions taken by ECOS on Global Divestment Day were representative of their support for the cause and how they want their university to represent them financially. “It’s important for student’s voices to be



Photo courtesy of ECOS
Members of the UW-River Falls ECOS club hold signs on 2015 Global Divestment Day in the University Center.

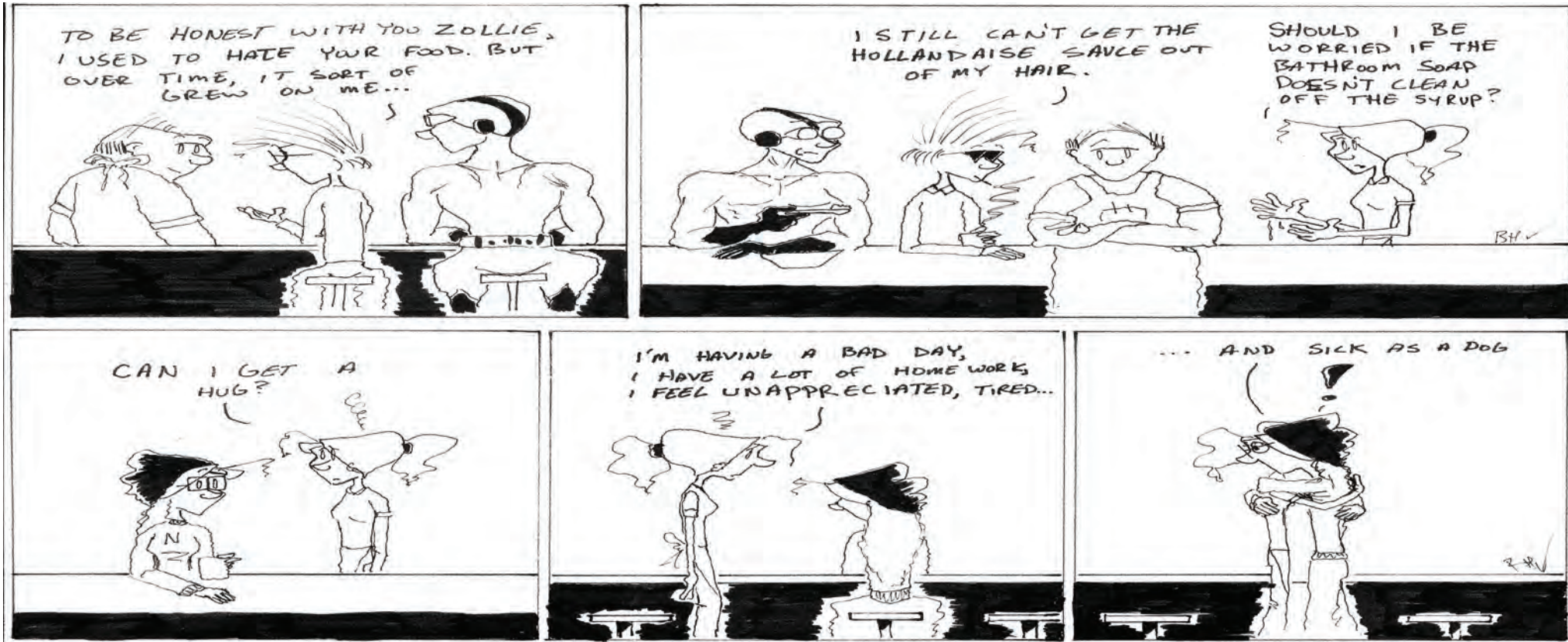
heard, and I believe we accomplished that goal last Friday,” said Greg Mathews, ECOS president. This day of action was one of comprehensive mobilization for climate justice advocates. People across the world held flash mobs, vigils, rallies, sit-ins, protests, signed petitions, and called their congressional leaders. The ECOS human mosaic was just one of thousands of actions that occurred on Global Divestment Day. Individually, it is hard to comprehend how a few minutes of orchestrated time in between classes made a global impact. The group congregated, the photographs were snapped, and immediately handed off to be uploaded to the internet. Environmental justice organizations are very well connected, keeping frequently updated social media platforms and websites. Within an hour, 350.org had spread ECOS’ post along with many others. It was inspir-

ing to witness the power of the internet, as our movements quickly became a part of a global effort. Our Facebook photo-shares reached over 2,000 people, and GoFossilFree reports that over 97 million people saw posts about Global Divestment Day overall. In such a well-connected era, the personal is more political than ever before; likewise, what is local is national and global, as well. The internet provides instant connectivity from all players and can supplement meeting up physically, as was pertinent for political movements in the past. Regardless of the thousands of miles between our actions and those taken in hundreds of cities, the internet united all our efforts as one. This is what the internet should be used for: connecting people from every area of the world to take action for causes they feel strongly about. The physical actions taken on Global Divestment Day were the first step, which lead to the flood of digital records to the internet; this will lead to more physical actions in the future- activism must come full circle and cannot stop when the exciting elements are over. A few nearby environmentalist and divestment organizations ECOS affiliates with are MN350, FossilFreeMinnesota at the University of Minnesota, Fossil Free Stevens Point, 350Madison and Fossil Free Oshkosh. All of these organizations in our region also took actions on Global Divestment Day, with human mosaics like our’s, divestment meetings, and public protests.

“Global Divestment Day was a very gratifying and empowering day for me. We were able to not only unite with other schools around the UW System but schools and communities around the world,” Mathews said. There are hundreds of campus divestment campaigns around the country, but one receiving much publicity as of late is that of Harvard University. Over 72 percent of current Harvard students, 1,100 alumni, 200 faculty members and 65,000 community members, have signed the divestment petition. Even with that sort of support, administrators still refuse to acknowledge that they must do as the students wish and start removing the over \$32 million Harvard has invested in fossil fuels. This has resulted in a lawsuit and weeks of student occupation in the hallways of administration buildings, including all day on Friday, in a “sit-in” form of civil disobedience,

and as their action on behalf of Global Divestment Day. The photos on 350.org show the beautiful actions taken across the world. Climate change activists in Melbourne, Australia, constellated themselves into letters forming the word “divest.” Over 500 Londoners lobbied at Parliament, resulting in public statements from the Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition, to work across party lines to end the use of “unabated coal for power generation.” Faith groups across Great Britain gathered to urge the Church of England to divest its £60 million holdings in fossil fuels. Students in Nepal’s capital city of Kathmandu took to the streets to protest their universities’ investments in fossil fuels, just as ECOS was. Citizens of Cape Town, South Africa made a human mosaic, just as ECOS did.

Divestment efforts of Norwegian citizens were finally successful the week before Global Divestment Day. GoFossilFree announced on February 5 that “Norwegian Sovereign Wealth (oil) Fund has divested from a total of 22 companies...totaling billions of dollars in assets...in terms of amount of money, it is likely the biggest divestment decision to date... this rapidly growing campaign is having a serious impact.” This one day of global action is not the last step in the fossil fuel campaign. 350.org, the largest, global climate change activism network throughout the world, will keep Global Divestment Day moving for years to come, until divestment is achieved everywhere. The fossil fuel campaign is the fastest growing divestment effort in history. The pieces for the human mosaic will hopefully not be needed next year—divestment would ideally be initiated and completed by then. They’ll become merely items in the archive; artifacts of times bygone; lasting memories of actions leading to great decisions. Universities are often regarded as the highest institutes of knowledge and intellect; therefore, one could argue that these establishments, such as UWRF, should be on the forefront of the decision-making that must happen to ensure a high quality of living for future inhabitants of Earth. If we wait to divest until a large amount of schools already have, the benefits that come with divesting will not be as great as they could be if done now. The sooner we divest, the more attention we will receive, increasing awareness among potential students who are making the college decision. The slogan of the Fossil Free campaign is “let’s make fossil fuels history.” Members of ECOS, and the over 500 people who have signed the divestment petition, all agree that UWRF should start taking steps towards doing just that: making fossil fuels history.



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Men’s hockey two wins away from WIAC title

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The seventh nationally ranked men’s hockey team is 7-3 in the WIAC and 18-4-1 overall with two games left in the regular season, and the Falcons currently sit in second place in the WIAC behind rival UW-Stevens Point.

Up until January, the team was sitting undefeated looking strong, but, after the break, the team struggled and its undefeated streak was broken on Jan. 9 against the University of St. Thomas.

“I think we knew it was going to happen eventually and so when it did happen we knew that all we could do was to just play the same way and not really change everything and look to blame somebody,” said junior captain forward Alex Murphy. “We just stuck to the plan and eventually worked ourselves out of it.”

The Falcons faced the UW-Stout Blue Devils in Menomonie, Wisconsin, on Feb. 13-14. The Falcons won the first game on Friday 3-2. Goals were scored by sophomore forward Christian George, sophomore forward Ryan Doner, and freshman forward Kyle Gattelaró. Junior goaltender Tanner Milliron made 31 saves.

“That was a weekend that we expected to win, and I think everyone expected us to, but those sometimes are really hard games,” said Head Coach Steve Freeman. “You kind of have a tendency to look ahead and look by them and we came out a little bit slow on Friday night and

did not play a great game. It was a little bit sloppy and we got the win. They scored a goal with the goalie out with seventeen seconds left so it was a 3-1 hockey game but it ended up 3-2.”

Then on Saturday, the Falcons won 5-2.

Sophomore forward Mitch Kontny had two goals on the night and Gattelaró, sophomore defenseman Jeff Bergh, and sophomore forward Mike Dietrich each had added one. Milliron made 33 more saves on Saturday.

“But then, as it has been all year, we bounced back and played a really solid hockey game on Saturday night,” Freeman said. “We played well, we played with a lot of speed and a lot of structure in our game where we were in good position all the time. So our power play worked well and we did a lot of good things. So that was very positive coming out of that weekend and we got the two wins and that was the objective of the whole weekend.”

Earlier this season, the Falcons were dealing with a lot of different injuries from the very start but as the season is winding down the Falcons seem to have overcome them and are healthy as the team is reaching the playoffs.

The Falcons have two games left in the regular season. In order for the Falcons to land at first place in the WIAC, and home ice advantage, the team needs to win its last two games.

“It’s coming down to the conference battle now so it’s not really going to determine our season,” Mil-

liron said. “You know, obviously we want to win the WIAC and our league, but we just have to play our game and not focus on the win or loss. We just have to make sure that we do stay consistent and obviously the win is the goal and if we play or game that shouldn’t be a problem, we should be able to win that game easily.”

On Friday, Feb. 20, the Falcons face Stevens Point at Hunt Arena. That game is also “Parents Night” for the Falcons.

The team then faces UW-Eau Claire on the road on Saturday, Feb. 21.



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Top right: Blake Huppert chases down the puck. Bottom right: Dillon Mershon fights for the puck.

Falcon Center construction set to resume in spring

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Construction of the upcoming Falcon Center is well under way, and the second part of phase one of the building process will continue in the spring, once the temperature drops and the snow melts.

Phase one includes a brand new press box at Ramer Field as the old one was torn down in the fall. The \$63 million complex will house the health and human performance department and will be built around Hunt Arena and the Knowles Center, and when complete, the entire complex will be more than 162,000 square feet. This will include a human performance laboratory, gymnasium, dance studio, auxiliary gymnasium, staff offices, locker rooms, training rooms, and classrooms.

With supplies coming from around the whole country, steel and concrete will be coming from local sources around the area with a few coming from the broader Midwest.

Part one of phase one was complete last summer and led into the fall, which included shutting down CM Lot and add-

ing 240 spaces of parking. The curb for the new parking lot was put down, but has not been asphalted yet.

Also, construction teams added two new retention ponds for storm water management, and utilities for the new facility were installed as well.

“We built a new maintenance building so that we have a base to take care of snowplowing and lawn-mowing machinery,” said Campus Planner Dale Braun.

Artificial turf was laid down on Ramer Field, which replaced the grass, and this past football season for the first time, the Falcons played on artificial turf.

With that being completed in the fall, phase two will begin in either late March or early April, depending on the weather. A schedule from the contractors will be provided in a couple of weeks for construction to resume.

This will include laying the asphalt of the new parking lot and the road that leads into the new parking lot. As soon as it is asphalted, the lot will be available for students and faculty to resume parking in those spaces.

Part two will also begin the construction of the press box

that will be two levels tall, offering a lot more space for various reasons.

“The lower level will include the concession stand, as well as some storage spaces,” Braun said. “The upper level will have six press boxes and coaches boxes for game management.”

There will also be a “VIP suite” for special guests for the Chancellor to hold receptions during games. The press box should be completed by the fall of this year.

Phase two will begin in the spring and that will consist of building the main building, which will envelop the existing Hunt Arena.

“Seating will be updated and a nice observation platform,” Braun said. “It will be really nice.”

Phase two will also include construction of a new soccer field and softball stadium. The Falcon Center is projected for completion in October of 2016, and the health and human performance department will move in January of 2017. After the move is complete, the Karges Center and the Nelson Physical Education Center will be demolished.

UWRF Wellness Challenge promotes physical fitness

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At least 140 members of the UW-River Falls community are striving to get fit and improve their lives over the course of the next month through the “Wellness Challenge” that is being run through Student Health and Counseling Services.

Students, faculty and staff are competing as individuals or as teams in the four-week challenge. This edition of the Wellness Challenge started on Feb. 9 and will run through March 8. This is not the first go-round for the Wellness Challenge.

Health education Coordinator Keven Syverson said the challenge has been going on at UWRF for at least a decade now.

“I hope it’s a fun opportunity for students, faculty and staff to get together and have some healthy competition,” Syverson said. “Kind of break up the winter a little bit. Just put a little different focus on things.”

The challenge is quite simplistic. When a participant does something healthy, they get points for the activity. The points are logged-in by the participant themselves on FalconSync. A moderate 30-minute workout is worth five points, but it does not just stop at physical activities.

“We want it to go beyond a physical activity challenge, that’s why it’s a Wellness Challenge,” Syverson said. “You get points for brushing your teeth, you get points for getting enough sleep, eating your veggies. It’s well beyond just

the physical activity component of health.”

There are also one-time points. These criteria of points come from

activities done throughout the year that are not done during the four-week time frame such as getting your blood pressure checked, a tetanus

shot, breast examination and to quit smoking.

These one-time point activities can only be used once during the

competition.

If a participant is part of a team, the one-time points are an area where teams can strategize.



Jack Haren/Student Voice
UWRF students utilizing the indoor climbing wall while participating in the Wellness Challenge.

“Teams that are smart will use their one-time points all on the same week, so they have the best chance to win that week,” said health intern Brent Bundgaard.

Bundgaard is the intern in charge of the Wellness Challenge this year. This is his second-straight year behind the wheel of the challenge. He’s also on a team with three other health interns.

The team concept to the Wellness Challenge is also fairly simple. The team members have to put in their numbers and then an average for the group is found.

The hope is that team members will push each other to become and stay active, and also push them to put in their points. If one team member fails to put in their numbers for the week, the team’s average drops.

The challenge does feature prizes for the weekly champions. The victors in a team will receive a smaller prize than an individual winner. The team prizes include smoothie coupons and Jimmy John’s gift cards. Individual prizes include a month pass to Anytime Fitness or Snap Fitness and a \$20 gift card to a nearby spa.

“140-145 people is quite a bit to me, it’s quite cool to see,” Bundgaard said. “The prizes are small, so that’s not the main intent of it, the main intent is to get healthier and try to better your lifestyle.”

Women’s hockey eyes another NCAA tournament berth

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The UW-River Falls women’s hockey team (20-3-1 overall, 9-1-1 in the WIAC) have won its second-straight WIAC regular season championship, meaning the Falcons will host the 2015 O’Brien Cup playoffs, which starts on Friday, Feb. 27.

Last year, the Falcons finished the season third in the nation after winning the third place game over the University of St. Thomas in the NCAA tournament. This year’s team is eyeing a similar finish, if not better. This Falcons team has been pegged by many as a young team, yet its seniority on the team has led the Falcons to another regular season title. The Falcons have not lost since Dec. 10.

Junior forward Chloe Kinsel, who broke the school record for points in a single season against the UW-Eau Claire Blugolds on Feb. 14, and is tied for third in the nation in points, says this season has been fun but she has her sights set on a bigger prize,

“Nothing is set in stone right now, our post-season is on the line, and these next games are huge games,” Kinsel said. “We can’t come out like they’re nothing and act like we’re going to beat these teams that we have beaten twice this season, like our upcoming game against Eau Claire.”

Kinsel, who now has 107 career points, is third all-time in program history. Senior captain forward Alice Cranston, currently has 106 points in her career, and is currently sitting at fourth place in the history books. Earlier this year, Cranston, alongside Kinsel, each scored their 100th career points in the same game against St. Thomas on Jan. 28.

The Falcons have scored 4.2 goals per game this season, more than last year’s team who scored four goals per game. The difference between this year’s team and last year’s team, according to Head Coach Joe Cranston,



Jack Haren/Student Voice

Senior forward Alice Cranston races for a loose puck. The Falcons play at 7:05 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 21, at Hunt Arena.

is this team’s lack of depth, yet the Falcons still find a way to be successful.

“This year, we only have nine forwards, in years past we have had 14-or-so forwards who all were capable of scoring,” Joe Cranston said. “This year, this team, we have about half of that. We have nine forwards play and only six are really expected to score goals, so we don’t have any depth. We have to stay away from injuries. It has been fun, and it almost feels like we are cheating the system with only six forwards scoring and we are

still winning the way we are.”

Freshman goaltender Angie Hall has been the talk of the team in recent games as she has posted three-straight shutout victories for the Falcons, and her improvement has been an influential part of this team’s success. Hall has posted a 17-3-1 record for the Falcons, and she is only allowing 1.8 goals per game, which is 21st in the nation.

The Falcons are currently ranked first in the west regional rankings, according to D3hockey.com, which is a good indicator of which

teams will make the NCAA tournament.

The Falcons final game of the regular season will be against the Blugolds. The puck drops at 7:05 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 21, at Hunt Arena for the annual “senior night game.” With a victory on Saturday, the Falcons will finish the regular season with the second-best winning percentage for a season (86 percent) in program history. The current best was in the 2010-2011 season at 86.4 percent.

Falcon athletes set records at home track and field meet

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A pair of UW-River Falls track and field athletes can now find themselves in the school record books after the Falcons hosted the UW-MN Dual meet on Saturday, Feb. 14.

Sophomore pole vaulter Riley Claude and freshman pole vaulter Colton Sorensen both broke school records in the pole vault. Claude set the women’s record and won first place in the event with a leap of 12-0 1/2, overtaking Carrie Van Houten’s previous women’s record of 11-9 3/4, set back in 2007.

Sorensen took home first place in the men’s pole vault with a leap of 16-0, which is also good for a school record. The record was previously held by Alex Jurgenson, who jumped 15-3 in 2013. Head Coach Matthew Cole can tell that Sorensen’s hard work is paying off.

“It was a great jump and a great competition for him, he’s improving each week,” Cole said.

The UWRF men dominated the pole vault competition, where five of the top five competitors were all Falcons. Junior pole vaulter AJ Walsh-Brenizer finished second in the pole

vault with a career best 15-3 leap.

Overall, the men’s team won nine of the 16 events, while the women’s team managed to win eight of its 16 events. Cole was pleased with everyone’s performance.

“We had a great meet, our field athletes really had a very good meet,” Cole said. “We had some very good performances, 56 season bests. Broke two school records and had about 10 kids break into the top 10 all-time.”

Men’s junior Taylor Eldred captured first place in the weight throw, with a throw of 52-7 1/2, which was also good for a season high. Sophomore Scott Smith came in second place with a season high throw of 48-6.

Later in the day, Smith accomplished a new season high in the shot put with a throw of 42-9 1/2, which was also good for first in the event. Eldred came in second with his season best throw of 41-0 1/2.

Some of the other first place finishes for the men included: freshman Hunter Hulley in the high jump; junior Shane White in the 55-meter hurdles; junior Matt Griffin in the 400-meter dash; junior Matt Pechacek in the 600-meter run; junior David Paynotta in the 55-meter dash; and the 4x400-meter relay

team also won first place with a time of 3:29.9.

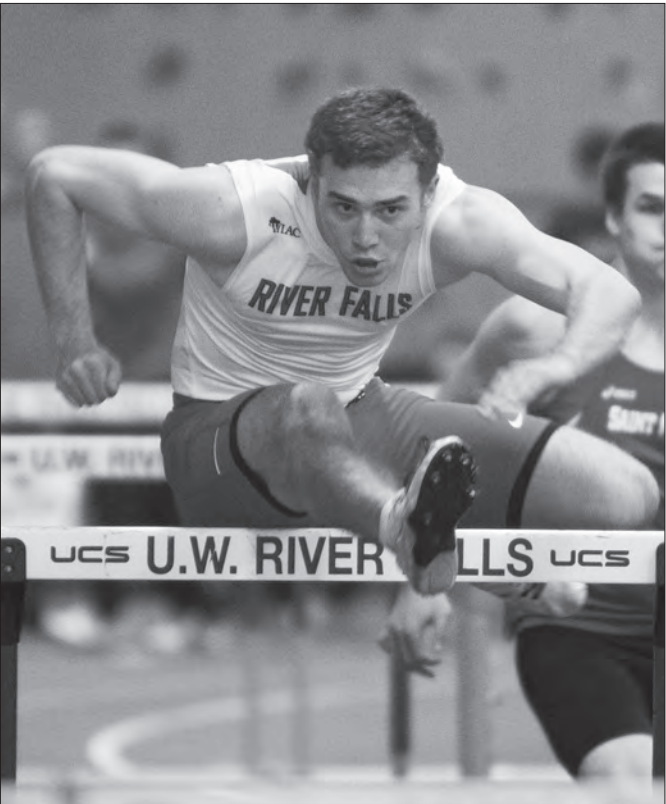
The women also fared well, as freshman Jacinta Roggenbuck took home first place in three events. She won the 400-meter dash, 200-meter dash and the 4x200-meter relay with her teammates, Grace Curran, Angie Reed and Sherahlynn Linkert.

The rest of the first place finishers were: junior Nicole Mantueffell in the high jump; Linkert in the 55-meter hurdles; and the 4x400-meter relay team.

After almost a month of competitions and meets, the Falcons seem to be firing on all cylinders right on time for the WIAC Indoor Championships on Feb. 27-28. Something that Cole is well aware of.

“We are very pleased, we are heading in the right direction, the kids are doing what we are asking,” Cole said. “Everyone is really rounding into shape. As a whole our program is improving in a lot of different areas.”

The Falcons have one more meet before the WIAC Indoor Championships at the University of Minnesota. The men participate on Friday, Feb. 20, and the women the next day on Saturday, Feb. 21.



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Left: Shane White competes in the 55-meter hurdles. Right: Grace Curran hands the baton off to Jacinta Roggenbuck in the Falcon Winter Classic on Saturday, Jan. 31.



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Oscars remain exciting with odd nominations

Cristin Dempsey

Columnist

This Sunday marks one of the busiest, most exciting days both in Hollywood and the entire movie world. It’s the Oscars: a night to recognize some of the best films and actors of the year.

The 2015 Oscars will be hosted by Neil Patrick Harris, who has experience hosting award shows. Between Harris’ unexpected, yet hopefully entertaining, but probably obnoxious, song numbers, the over-the-top dresses, and horribly long speeches, we will all be able to learn about many great films that we have never heard of before.

That brings me to my first contemplation regarding the Oscars. Some well-advertised, talked about movies get nominated, but usually for something like Best Costume Design or Best Animated Feature. Last year, “Frozen”, the critically acclaimed Disney film, won the latter. This year, “Into the Woods” is up for Best Costume Design and Best Lead Actress (Meryl Streep, obviously).

Films up for the biggest awards like Best Picture are often unfamiliar. I admit that had never heard of “12 Years a Slave” before it won Best Picture in 2014. This year, familiar movies such as “Selma” and “American Sniper” are nominated, at least. This will hopefully be a continuing pattern in the coming years.

Another contemplation is why nominated films have to be dramas, have amazing costumes and scenery, or contain a great “message.” Why not nominate comedies or horror or thriller films Let’s be honest, most comedies have one or two witty lines before proceeding with the remainder of the plot. Comedies, horrors and thrillers are perhaps the most difficult to write, direct, and act in. The killing off a beloved character and there

you go, everyone in the theater is now sobbing.

Everyone has a different sense of humor and a different perception of what is frightening, whether in a movie or in the real world. That’s why it’s difficult to determine exactly what lines, facial expressions, and scenes will make the audience laugh or cower in fear. And it’s exactly why so many of these movies have bombed; yet there are many that find a huge amount of success like “The Shining” directed by Stanley Kubrick, or “Young Frankenstein,” that was written and directed by Mel Brooks. I think these films should be recognized.

Another thing I don’t quite understand is why blockbuster movies such as “Harry Potter” or “The Hunger Games,” don’t receive recognition. People may argue that it would be too predictable or based only on publicity and box office earnings.

There is a lot of work that goes into these movies that even the biggest fans never realize. Locations, scenery, costumes, and high-energy plot lines can go unnoticed. The publicity and high earnings are appropriate for the amount of work that goes into huge blockbuster films, but the Academy needs to realize that these actors, producers and directors work too hard to go unnoticed on Hollywood’s biggest night of the year.

Regardless of where you stand on the Academy’s nomination decisions, this year’s show promises to be an intriguing and rewarding. The long speeches with obviously way too much preparation can become obnoxious after a while, but it’s always fun to see word stumbling once the “out of time” music starts wafting through the room.

It’s also fun to see the dresses, which can be gorgeous or plain humiliating. There is bound to be a humiliating dress or two, one to take joy in because you are most certainly not wearing it. If you don’t know or care about any of the films nominated, well, there’s always next year.

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World War II code-breaking biopic saved by lead acting



Ryan Funes

Reviewer

“The Imitation Game” is not a hard movie to crack, and that appears to be both to its benefit and to its detriment.

The story starts in 1939. Alan Turing (Benedict Cumberbatch), is a mathematical prodigy chosen by the British Crown to help fight the Nazis in World War II.

The way he helped was cracking the nearly impossible codes the Nazis utilized using what an “enigma machine.”

Turing’s story is told in the film, and it’s one that wasn’t particularly exciting. I usually don’t go to see for pleasure. Surprisingly though, things about the film caught my undying attention throughout.

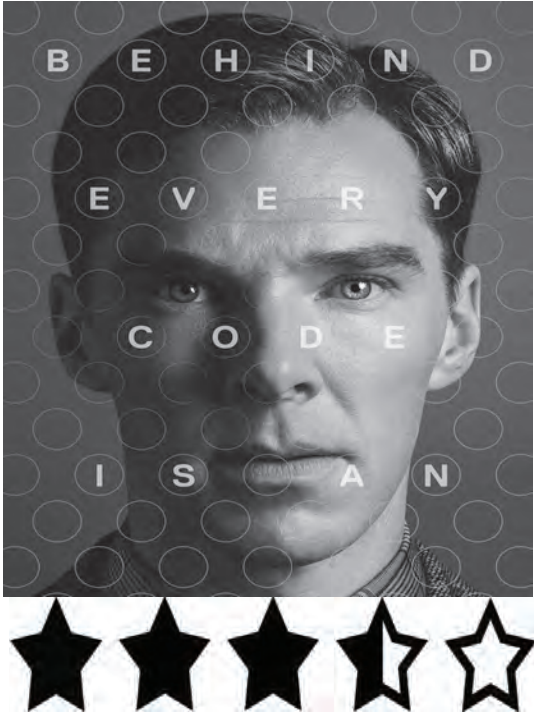
The biggest aspect that carries this film is Cumberbatch’s acting as Turing, who is idiosyncratic with neurotic tendencies and a dry wit. Cumberbatch makes him a fascinating figure from the moment the government brings him in. The dilemmas he faces, his personality and humanity shows Cumberbatch’s acting abilities. He carries a lot of the film, and so do the other actors.

The cinematography doesn’t leave much to consider. It’s shot well; nothing more needs to be said.

The same goes for the music, which was scored by eight-time Oscar nominee Alexandre Desplat. Aside from a few clever musical cues, every sound was placed right where it should be and correctly carries the emotions of the scenes.

The story itself is the best thing to see this film for. It delves into the personal life of a relatively unknown person who saved millions of people with his research. He died for horrible reasons that are still disputed and discussed today.

Turing becomes an interesting character throughout the whole film as he struggles with the death of a close childhood friend.



It haunts his memories and follows in the shadows of his actions.

The acting saves this film. However, I can’t quite say it will stick in my memory. While I can praise a lot of what the film does not much of it feels very different from what I have seen before. Biopics like this one seem to take the stage each year and it can be hard for a lot of them to really stand out. Often times it just comes down to the base elements like cinematography and acting that makes them distinguishable, but often times they don’t do much different.

“The Imitation Game” is good, but not excellent or anything new, sadly. It doesn’t seem to progress the biopic genre and perhaps only respectable enough to be played in high school math classes when the teacher needs to catch up on grading assignments.

However, it still holds up relatively well. It will probably be seen for some time by some people. Perhaps we’ll see it differently in the future.

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