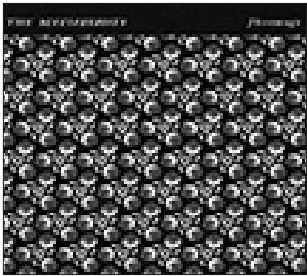




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Lauded KARE 11 reporter Boyd Huppert speaks at UWRF Working Journalists series

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Distinguished UW-River Falls alumnus Boyd Huppert of KARE 11 presented “Journalism: Our Changing Story” as part of the Working Journalists Lecture Series on Oct. 8.

Huppert’s presentation focused on how social media has affected the field of journalism and how news organizations can use it. Huppert said that he is still learning how to best utilize social media.

“I’ve been trying to figure social media out, and I made a lot of mistakes early on because I tried to write teases, and people don’t share teases,” Huppert said. Teases are short promotional announcements for upcoming TV news stories.

Instead, Huppert said that he has started writing narratives in his posts and carrying a camera to take high-quality photos to post on Facebook and Twitter.

Huppert said that he used to be the person in the back of the newsroom asking why social media was important. He talked about presenting a session at the Excellence in Journalism conference in Orlando, Florida, in September.

“I told the group there that me doing a session on social media would be equivalent to Donald Trump hosting a welcome party for immigrants,” Huppert said.

Huppert said that one of his stories in particular changed his perspective of the power of social media. In July, he received an email from a grandmother about the friendship between her 3-year-old grandson and his elderly neighbor. Huppert produced the Emmett and Erling story and it aired on his segment, “Land of 10,000 Stories.”

“I was watching the news in my family room with my wife, and my phone started pinging,” Huppert said. “And it was tweets.”

Huppert said that the next morning, the story was picked up by several other news outlets. On the following night, NBC Nightly News aired the story.

Television news used to only have one way to judge if it was successful: ratings. However, now the success of each individual story can be tracked. KARE 11 has a monitor in its newsroom that shows data through a service called Chartbeat. Huppert said that Chartbeat displays the top stories being viewed on KARE 11’s website at any given time.

“But what this has done, this has given viewers a seat at the table every day,” Huppert said. “Every morning meeting now at KARE 11 starts with that board, Chartbeat. What are people watching? What are people talking about?”

As far as how social media help the station make money, Huppert said that when



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UWRF alumnus and KARE 11 reporter Boyd Huppert spoke to students on Thursday, Oct. 8 about career and the effect that social media has on journalism.

his stories are shared on Facebook, it brings viewers to the newscast. He showed a chart from the night that one of his stories aired that measured how many people between the ages of 25 and 54 were watching KARE, WCCO, KSTP and KMSP. KARE 11’s viewership actually grew during Huppert’s story, and he said that it had to do with the fact that the story had been shared over 1,300 times on Facebook.

Journalism student Collin Kottke attended the presentation and said that it made him think about how social media will affect his future career.

“I’m definitely thinking about how Twitter and Facebook can help my journalistic endeavors now,” Kottke said. “I knew that it was going to be important. I guess I didn’t realize

how important it was until Boyd pointed that out tonight.”

The Pew Research Center found that the percentage of Facebook users getting their news on Facebook has increased in recent years. In 2015, 63 percent of Facebook users reported getting their news there, compared to just 47 percent in 2013.

Business marketing student Alex Weiss was at the presentation and said that since coming to UWRF, his sources of news have changed.

“Being at home, I’m watching the news on TV, so I get more of it on social media now than I’m on my own,” Weiss said.

After the presentation, Huppert answered questions from the audience, including a question from Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Bradley Caskey.

Almost all of the 220 seats, excluding balcony seating, in the North Hall Auditorium were full, according to Professor Sandy Ellis, chair of the Journalism Department.

Huppert ended his presentation by offering some advice for journalism students who might be hearing that they won’t be paid much or that they will have to work awful hours.

“It’s a tremendous privilege to have people allow you into their lives and talk about tender moments like that, share things with you that they may not even say to their friends and then trust you to honor their stories,” Huppert said. “And I think that’s the greatest part of the job.”

UW–River Falls student wins Powerball Lottery

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UWRF student Pamela Dwyer won the September 30th Powerball Lottery for \$1 million. 48-year-old Dwyer is a non-traditional student with two grown children, a love of running and a kind demeanor. She is getting her bachelor’s degree at River Falls.

For anyone who’s ever had dreams of winning the lottery, Dwyer’s story is like a dream come true. The former legal assistant had recently been laid off, and although she did procure a new job, it wasn’t in the same financial range as her previous one. “I was a little stressed about how our budget was going to meet with this,” she admits.

The strangest thing about Dwyer’s experience is that she is not a habitual purchaser of lottery tickets. “I don’t buy lottery tickets,” she says. “I don’t know what possessed me to buy two that day. I was just at the customer service desk here” -- she gestures to the desk in Family Fresh Market, in downtown River Falls -- “paying for two items I needed to get to make the dinner I was planning for that night, and for whatever reason, I said, ‘Yeah, give me two Powerball tickets.’”

Dwyer didn’t check her tickets immediate-

ly; they weren’t on her mind. “I didn’t check my tickets Wednesday night, because I’d kind of forgotten I’d bought them,” she remembers. “...So it was Thursday evening. I was sitting on the couch. My husband had gone upstairs for something, and...a Minnesota lottery commercial came on.”

“I said, ‘Oh, that’s right, I have tickets to check,’” she remembers. “I go stand by the table, where my purse is, and I have my cell phone with the winning numbers open, and the ticket in the other hand...and I’m like, ‘Something looks odd here.’”

At first, Dwyer says, she didn’t understand that hers was the winning ticket. “It just wasn’t computing that everything was matching up, and as my husband came down the stairs, I said, ‘Look at this. Something looks odd here,’ and he’s like, ‘You know, someone from River Falls won a million dollars, I saw it on the Journal,’ and I’m like, ‘Okay, well, that’s great, but look at my ticket, something’s odd here!’”

“I think it just took a good hour for it to even sink in, that I had actually won the money, and until then, I wasn’t gonna believe it until I cashed the ticket in,” Dwyer says. “I was actually stunned. This can’t be real! But it’s real.”

Dwyer says she feels “overwhelmed” about the knowledge that she won. “Overwhelmed, but relieved,” she clarifies, “because...I’m taking a different job, with a pay cut, and I’ve been unemployed for the past two months. Just because of where we’ve been in our life, we haven’t really had the opportunity to put away money for retirement, and so getting to the age I am...I feel like a ‘reset’ button was pushed on my life.”

Dwyer describes the effect that the money has had on the lives of herself and her husband. “We paid off our cars, and our credit card debt...pretty much everything we could pay off, we paid off. It is such a relieving feeling.”

She continues, “I have had a rough past few years where, you know, I’ve had a streak of bad luck. And some of that’s caused us to run up some medical bills, so I guess that it was just so nice; paid off all the medical bills, pushed that ‘reset.’”

Dwyer is not going to “go crazy,” she interjects. “I still have my job. We’re not taking any wild trips anywhere; we’re just gonna be smart and invest the money...we are gonna buy a house, but other than that...it’s just going to be, hopefully, life as normal, with a lot less stress.”

The reaction from her family and friends, Dwyer says, has been great. “Quite honestly, they’ve all been so positive, saying that they couldn’t have picked someone who deserved it more,” she says. “I don’t know if anyone *deserves* to win a million dollars, or how they justified that... So everyone has been very supportive.”

Regarding her friends: “They’ve all just been...just really heartwarming about it.” Regarding her family: “It took a while for my kids to actually believe it,” she remarks with a smile.

“I guess if anyone were to believe in God, or karma, or the universe, or whatever it is--you know, because I think everyone has their own beliefs, but--it’s just, *wow*, because the week before [last week], I just said to my husband, ‘You know, maybe I should sell my car, and get a cheaper car,’ because like I said, we’re looking at how to make up the difference in our budget, of where my new job was gonna take us.”

She pauses and laughs. “It was seriously like someone answering a prayer.”

News briefs:

Grant provides funding for new business incubator

A local partnership of the City of River Falls, River Falls Economic Development Corporation, University of Wisconsin-River Falls, and the Chippewa Valley Technical College has been awarded a \$1.4 million grant to construct a business incubator to serve the St. Croix Valley region.

The U.S. Economic Development Administration Investments for Public Works and Economic Development Facilities grant will fund the creation and construction of the St. Croix Valley Business Incubator. Businesses and entrepreneurs throughout the region will benefit from the incubator that is designed to accelerate the growth of new and existing businesses and support an entrepreneurial culture. The incubator is set to open in the fall of 2016.

Funding sources for the project include the \$1.4 million U.S. EDA grant, a \$250,000 State of Wisconsin grant through the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation, and a commitment from partners to cover administration and infrastructure costs. The multi-use facility will be designed as a hybrid entrepreneurial center, housing 24 small or start-up businesses and offering business incubation, workforce training, and business acceleration services.

A working group comprised of representatives from the City, UWRF, the RFEDC, CVTC, and regional economic development and business leaders developed the idea and proposed the incubator’s formation. The West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission guided the working group and prepared and submitted the grant application on the working group’s behalf. Valuable support for the application was also provided by the region’s federal and state elected representatives.

“I think this is another wonderful example of how the City of River Falls utilizes partnerships within the community that lead to great opportunities for everybody involved. The incubator project is a perfect fit among the city, UWRF, and CVTC that will result in a place for startup companies to have the opportunity to get their feet under them and then to expand into the community, creating more jobs for our area,” explained River Falls Mayor Dan Toland.

The River Falls area is a fast-growing community with a demonstrated high number of business start-ups, but coupled with a significant percentage of small business failures, the St. Croix Valley Business Incubator is poised to amplify the business and entrepreneurial growth in the area.

“It has been exciting for the university to work with the City of River Falls and others to develop a vision for the business incubator, which will provide new opportunities for the UW-River Falls community to collaborate with businesses and entrepreneurs,” said UW-River Falls Chancellor Dean Van Galen. “We are fortunate to have a vast amount of talent in River Falls. The incubator will help bring that talent together to support learning and innovation, leading to enhanced economic opportunities and quality of life in the St. Croix Valley.”

UW-River Falls will provide a director for the facility in addition to access to resources, including faculty, facilities, and students. The incubator will serve as a platform for commercializing university research along with the reinforcement of UWRF’s partnerships within the local business community.

“The River Falls EDC is thrilled to see this business incubator project advance,” said Angel Zimmerman, RFEDC president. “The exceptional collaboration from so many and the financial support obtained with the EDA grant all help to enhance the entrepreneurial identity of River Falls.”

The St. Croix Valley Business Incubator will be owned and operated by the RFEDC, with governance from an advisory board made up of representatives from the city, RFEDC, UWRF, and CVTC.

“CVTC has much to offer businesses, from the expertise of our outstanding faculty to the training programs provided through our Business & Industry Services,” CVTC President Bruce Barker said. “We are excited to bring more of CVTC’s resources to the River Falls area at the incubator center and join in the efforts to accelerate the growth of businesses and entrepreneurial activities in the region.”

The St. Croix Valley Business Incubator will have approximately 13,000 square feet dedicated to general manufacturing and 18,000 square feet occupied by offices and common areas. The facility will be located in River Falls at the corner of Casey Street and Sutherland Avenue as the flagship of the newly developed Sterling Ponds Corporate Park on the city’s north side.

Information regarding the incubator’s development can be found on the City of River Falls website.

For more information, contact Director Danielle Campeau or call 715-425-0643.

Three UW System campuses will get engineering majors

The collaboration that led to the addition of three new undergraduate engineering programs at University of Wisconsin institutions in northwest Wisconsin was celebrated Tuesday as a model that should be followed elsewhere in Wisconsin.

“This is the model we are going to see more of in the future,” said Ray Cross, president of the University of Wisconsin System, in an event at OEM Fabricators in Baldwin, referring to the establishment of the Northwest Wisconsin Engineering Consortium. UW-Eau Claire, UW-River Falls and UW-Stout formed the consortium to work collaboratively on bringing more engineers to northwest Wisconsin because of industry demand.

Cross said it was important that the consortium members established a strong partnership with business and industry, saying the collaboration “serves the needs of businesses in this region and the people who live and work here.”

In the last five months, the UW System Board of Regents has approved, in order, mechanical engineering at UW-Stout, materials science and engineering at UW-Eau Claire and agricultural engineering at UW-River Falls. The mechanical engineering program started this fall at UW-Stout and has 56 students enrolled. The UW-Eau Claire and UW-River Falls programs begin in fall 2016.

Mark Tyler, founder and president of OEM Fabricators and a Regent, said the new engineering programs will provide “a pipeline for engineering talent at our industries.”

Tyler added: “We are in different industries, but we all have the same need for more engineers.”

Devin Berg, program director for mechanical engineering at UW-Stout, described the core curriculum for first-year engineering students that will be shared by the three institutions, allowing the students to transfer freely if they choose to.

“I think we have a pretty bright future for where those students are headed with their careers,” Berg added.

UW-River Falls Chancellor Dean Van Galen said the consortium shows that “great things happen when people work together.”

UW-Eau Claire Chancellor James Schmidt said many business and industry leaders have indicated they often delay expansions because they don’t have the confidence that they will be able to find additional employees.

“It’s a new day,” Schmidt said of the consortium. “We are doing things differently, and we are doing them together.”

Other speakers included Chris Conger, director of technology development at Phillips-Medisize; Mike Miller, vice president of marketing at Oxbo International; and students Gavriel DePrenger-Gottfried of UW-Eau Claire; Megan Beisner of UW-River Falls; and Phillip Kraft of UW-Stout.

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UWRF Athletic Hall of Fame has new members

Nine individuals and one team were inducted into the UW-River Falls Athletic Hall of Fame Friday evening as part of the annual UWRF Homecoming festivities. Honorees were presented at halftime of the Homecoming football game and participated in the annual Homecoming parade on Saturday.

In front of a crowd of more than 200, new Hall of Fame inductees took to the podium to thank the families, coaches, and fellow teammates that contributed to their success. Each honoree spoke of their UWRF experiences, with many connecting past athletic achievements with current accomplishments.

“My experience as a student-athlete at UWRF taught me that I have to work hard every single day to accomplish my goals. I learned in my time here that you can never let up if you are going to achieve something great, you have to give it your all at all times. Those lessons have served me well since I left UWRF,” said Brady Alstead, former men’s hockey All-American and 2015 Hall of Fame inductee.

In addition to highlighting their lessons learned and thanking family and friends, each of the inductees praised UWRF and their collegiate experience. “I would choose UWRF again in a heartbeat. I would absolutely choose to come to this place again if I had to redo it. My experience was second to none,” said Mandy Stokes, former women’s hockey player and the only four-time captain in UWRF women’s hockey history.

Thirteen committee members selected this year’s Hall of Fame members from outside nominations. Committee Chair and Athletic Director Roger Ternes presented each inductee with a plaque commemorating his/her Hall of Fame membership during the ceremony.

The UW-River Falls Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2015:

Steve Gustafson (Men’s Basketball): Gustafson was a four-year letter winner (1966-69), two-time all-WIAC First Team selection (1968, ‘69) and NAIA All-District Team selection (1968, ‘69), and NAIA and Converse Honorable Mention All-American (1969).

Rick Bowen (coach and administrator): Bowen spent 20 years as head men’s basketball, amassing 265 career wins (all-time leader in UWRF history). He earned WIAC Coach of the Year and NABC West Region Coach of the Year honors in 2004 in addition to being selected to the WBCA Hall of Fame in 2009. He also served as UWRF athletic director from 2002-2010.

Connie Foster (gymnastics coach and administrator): Foster served as gymnastics coach from 1984-1992 and was the WIAC Gymnastics Coach of the Year in 1989. She served UWRF in many facets, including women’s athletic director (1992-96), athletic director (1996-2002), Dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies (2003-07), and Interim Chancellor (2008-09). She served as co-chair of the Falcon Center Fundraising Committee and as president of Wisconsin Women’s Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (1995-97).

Kristin (Buhrt) Maus (women’s basketball and softball): Maus won four basketball letters (1987-1990) and was named the WIAC Basketball Scholar-Athlete in 1990. She was named to the All-WIAC First and All-Defensive Teams in 1990. She was a member of two WIAC championship and NCAA Playoff teams (1988, 89).

Brady Alstead (men’s hockey): Alstead was a four-year letter winner, AHCA All-American selection in 1996 and 1999. He was named to the All-NCHA First Team in 1996, ’98, and ’99 and the All-WIAC First Team in ’98 and ’99. He was MVP of the WIAC Champion team in 1999. Alstead holds UWRF records for season goals against average (1.55) and season saves percentage (.944), both set in 1996.


Lindsay Carlson (women’s hockey): Carlson earned three letters in women’s hockey (2001, 2003-04) and was an AHCA All-American in 2003 and 2004. She was named to the All-NCHA First Team in 2001, ’03, and ’04 and holds UWRF records for goals by a defenseman (13), set in 2001, assists (25) and points (35), both set in 2004.

Melissa (Tvrdik) Kossoris (volleyball): Kossoris earned four letters in volleyball and was the WIAC Player of the Year and Scholar-Athlete in 2003. She was a COSIDA Academic All-American and earned AVCA All-Midwest Region honors in 2002 and 2003. She was named to three All-WIAC teams (2001, ’02, ’03) and ranks in the top ten in UWRF volleyball history for career kills (1209), career kill percentage (.321), and career block assists (337).

Amy (Brooke) Shafer (softball): Shafer lettered four times for the UWRF softball team (2000-03) and was the WIAC Scholar-Athlete in 2003. She was a four-time National Fastpitch Coaches Association Scholar Athlete (2000-03) and was the team MVP in 2003. She still ranks in the top three in the UWRF record books for career ERA (1.78), complete games (50), and career innings pitched (512.1).

Mandy Stokes (women’s hockey): Stokes, whom the women’s hockey team’s hardest worker award is named in honor of, was a four-time letter winner (2000-03) and only four-time team captain in school history. She was an All-NCHA First Team selection in 2001 and a NCHA All-Academic honoree in 2001, ’02, and ’03.

1988 Men’s Hockey Team: The 1988 men’s hockey team won UWRF’s first ever NCAA title. The team won the NCHA regular season and playoff championships under Coach Rick Kozubach. In the NCAA playoffs, UWRF defeated UW-Stevens Point in the quarterfinal series, 6-5, 9-5, and then defeated Bemidji State in the semifinal series, 6-4, 5-3. The Falcons then conquered Elmira, N.Y. on Elmira’s home ice, 7-1, 3-5, 3-0 (mini-game) to win the NCAA Championship. The team set a single season record with 31 wins.





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- Tuesday, Oct. 6**
- An incident concerning theft was reported near Maintenance & Central Stores around 12 p.m.

Editor’s note:
Information for this section is taken from
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UWRF initiates new scholarship program

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On Oct. 1, 2015, University of Wisconsin-River Falls unveiled a new scholarship program that guarantees financial awards to academically qualified freshmen. Once students are accepted to the University, an internal process determines eligibility and awards students automatically within the first few weeks of the semester. According to a press release given by the University, “Students with a 22 ACT or higher who rank in the top 40 percent of their class will be guaranteed a \$1,000 scholarship their first year. Students with a 25 ACT score or better who rank in the top 25 percent of their class will be awarded \$2,000. This award can be renewed for a second year, totaling \$4,000 in scholarship assistance.” The decision to implement this program comes in direct response to declining enrollment rates, and increases in the cost of higher education. Sarah Egerstrom, Director of

New Student and Family Programs, remarked, “Currently there is a lot more competition for the freshmen that are out there, and the high cost of education is a major concern for families.” The goal with this program is to keep UW-River Falls as a contender when families are considering schools in this area. Executive Assistant to the Chancellor, Beth Schommer, said, “UW-River Falls has been doing a lot to advertise this program throughout Wisconsin and Minnesota.” College fairs, state tours, and mailings are just a few of the methods the admissions office is employing to get the word out. According to Sarah Egerstrom, “40,000 pieces of mail are due to hit next week.” The admissions office also participates in name-buying programs, which Egerstrom says, “is a common practice of Universities, where schools work with vendors to identify potential students based on their ACT score.” UWRF mainly seeks students from Wisconsin and

Minnesota, though the scope of students sought may be expanded sometime in the future. High school seniors have been the University’s primary focus, though efforts have also been extended to reach out to juniors who hope to attend fall semester 2017. The program is slated to be in full effect by fall semester 2016, but on Friday, October 9, the first round of 148 scholarships was already awarded for a total amount of \$230,000. Awards will continue to go out weekly until class starts in 2016. The students who qualify for this guaranteed scholarship money will still be eligible for other scholarships, but must apply for those by the appropriate deadlines. UW-River Falls will award over \$1 million in total funds for the 2016-2017 school year. For further information about the Scholarship Guarantee program, contact Sarah Egerstrom at sarah.r.egerstrom@uwrf.edu or call (715) 425-3500.

New data management degree to be available

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A new bachelor’s degree in data science and predictive analytics will be available for UW-River Falls students in the spring of 2016, and UWRF is the only school in the UW System and one of two universities in the Twin Cities area that offers the program at the undergraduate level. Hossein Najafi, chair of the Computer Science and Information Systems Department, said that data is being produced at a faster pace each and every day. “If you look at today, you will see that we are producing more and more data,” Najafi said. “It has been said that, over the past year, we have produced more data than we have in the human history.” With all of that data, there needs to be professionals to

analyze it and dissect it for the public to use it. That skill is valuable and is in demand more now than ever, Nafaji said. “The ability to take that data and mine it for information is a skill that is very much demanded,” Najafi said. The goal for Najafi and the rest of the College of Business and Economics for the data science and predictive analytics major is to train students so that they have the skills to retrieve information out of the diverse amount of data and provide it to whom ever is interested in it. Students in the major will take an array of classes that will teach them skills of the trade, such as machine learning, data visualization and data storage. “Students will learn skills to take data, visualize it, clean it, and process it using tools that are now out there and

ever-changing, which results in beneficial information that is out there for organizations to use,” Najafi explained. Najafi said prospective students already have inquired about the major. He expects the new major to be small at first, but to gradually grow as semesters go by. Because of the dire need for professionals in the field, Najafi expects graduates of the data science and predictive analytics program to find a job right away. “In five to 10 years,” he said, “I don’t expect any of our graduates having problems finding a job out of college because there is such a void out there, but at the same time, the change that this major will bring will be significant enough, similar to something we have seen with the dot-com boom of the 1990s.”

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UWRF Student Senate forms new sustainability committee

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With sustainability as one of its core initiatives this year, Student Senate has formed a committee of students and administrators in an effort to make UW-River Falls more sustainable. Being dedicated to re-focusing on issues that matter to students, this year’s Senate outlined four main initiatives that it will work on throughout the year: sexual assault prevention, mental health, inclusivity on campus, and sustainability. The Committee of Advancing Sustainable Efforts (CASE), was created to increase awareness about sustainability on campus, promote a university-wide referendum to create a segregated sustainability fee that would take place spring semester, and promote a more accurate and dependable Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating Sys-

tem (STARS) report, according to CASE Chair Gregory Mathews. CASE includes members from the Environmental Corps of Sustainability (ECOS), a student organization that spreads awareness about sustainability on campus and advocates for further sustainability efforts to be made at UWRF. Mathews, who is also the chair of ECOS, said that he was excited when Senate President Christopher Morgan approached him with the idea of a sustainability committee, especially since ECOS hadn’t received much support from Senate in the past. “It was a really good feeling to finally have that support from Student Senate,” said Mathews. “And I told him (Morgan) that if they gave me a chance I think we can really make some big changes.” According to the UWRF website, sustainability is a

priority for the university, with the goal for UWRF to be a leading climate negative university using “simple, elegant and affordable solutions to reduce our campus carbon footprint.” UWRF received a silver rating from its 2013 STARS report, a “transparent, self-reporting framework for colleges and universities to measure their sustainability performance,” according to the STARS website. This rating system gives college campuses scores on a variety of different aspects pertaining to sustainability, including academics, research, campus operations, and innovation. UWRF also received an A- as an overall grade in 2011 from The College Sustainability Report Card, according to the university website. Efforts to make UWRF more sustainable include the creation of the Sustainability Working Group (SWG), a Faculty Senate standing committee that coordinates

and promotes sustainability values, principles, and practices on campus, and the Sustainability Faculty Fellows, members of faculty that participated in the annual sustainability workshop at UWRF and “have enacted curricular change within at least one of his or her courses”, according to the university website. After UWRF’s Office of Sustainability was cut in 2014 due to budgeting issues, Mark Klapatch, a former UWRF student and previously the custodial supervisor at UWRF, also became the sustainability supervisor, taking on university’s operations to make the campus more sustainable. Klapatch, who attended CASE’s first official meeting on Oct. 8, said that after reaching out to student organizations and administration, believes that students are UWRF really care about sustainability. “I do think students are

passionate and excited about it,” said Klapatch. “And the fact that there’s even a group looking at a green fee or students looking at how they can help with STARS to help our institution overall be more sustainable, it really does show that there’s a lot of passion here.” Although the Falcon Center referendum that took place spring semester did not get much turnout, Senate Vice President SJ DeGroote said she hopes that a sustainability fee will be more appealing to students. “That’s why I think the sustainability committee is really important,” said DeGroote. “To raise awareness and educate our students on why a green fee would be really important and huge for our campus, so that we can get students to support the fee.” Kennedy Luedeman, a sophomore field biology major, said that although she doesn’t think about sustain-

ability much, she believes that it is important and she would likely vote yes for a sustainability fee. “How I think of sustainability is how long something works,” said Luedeman. “The longer we can sustain something to work, the better it will be for everyone else.” DeGroote said that she hopes to get more students and student organizations involved with CASE as the year goes on, saying that the meetings are open to anyone that wishes to participate, even if they don’t want to commit to joining. “I want a diverse group of students from all facets of our university to care about this and join our committee,” said DeGroote. CASE meets biweekly, with its next meeting Thursday, Oct. 22, at 6 p.m. in the Eau Galle River Room (room 332) on the third floor of the University Center.

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EDITORIAL

New gun law proposal heads in the wrong direction

About one year ago, on Thursday, Oct. 15, a large amount of UW-River Falls students decided not to go to their regular scheduled classes and stayed in their dorms or in their homes off-campus.

Feeling as though students wouldn't show up anyway, many professors and instructors decided to cancel class that day altogether. Police officers roamed the campus. UWRF looked like a ghost town, and from someone looking from the outside in, it was just another day. A year ago from Thursday was what students will remember as the Ides of October, the day someone, still unknown, threatened the campus with a cryptic message that ended with "and bullets will fly."

Thankfully nothing happened that day, and the next day students and educators returned to their daily routines, ready to put the past behind them. And although everyone had a little scare that day, UWRF remains relatively safe. However, many universities across the country aren't as safe as our small Midwestern campus, and some wounds don't heal as quickly. On Oct. 1, a shooting at Umpqua Community College killed nine. The nation once again felt the weight of an all-too-common college shooting.

Every time this happens, debate of gun control takes center stage in the political world. Democrats demand stricter gun control while Republicans begin to preach about their second amendment rights. Nobody really seems to know what to do to stop the shootings.

On Monday, Oct. 12, two legislators introduced a bill that would allow people with concealed weapon licenses to carry gun inside Wisconsin's public university buildings and classrooms. The argument for this being that allowing students to carry weapons would deter crime on campus.

After all of the shootings that have happened at universities around the country, the idea of anybody being able to carry a deadly weapon into classrooms and university buildings is not very appealing. A university should be a safe place for learning, not a place where students feel uneasy, wondering if the person sitting next to them has a gun, and wondering whether or not that person will use that gun to hurt people.

If this legislation were to be passed, it can only be imagined how many students the UW-System universities would lose. The idea that students and other people should have guns in order to protect themselves from other people that have guns is reckless and extreme. Something needs to be done to change the shooting culture that American universities finds itself in, but the quick and not well thought out idea of more guns isn't the solution.

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Student Senate Update

The Student Senate meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 14, included guests that spoke about a variety of issues facing UW-River Falls and the discussion of the Safe Ride Home Allocation.

Chancellor Dean Van Galen and Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Fernando Delgado visited the Senate meeting to give an update on what the university is doing well, what is currently being worked on and what could be improved. Van Galen talked about the importance of Shared Governance and UWRF's strategic plan for the new academic year. He also mentioned the addition of science majors to the UWRF curriculum in the future, including a possible neuroscience major.

When Delgado addressed Senate, he mentioned that based on polling from graduating students, UWRF is lacking in student perceptions compared to other UW-System universities when it comes to academics. This means that in students' opinions, UWRF did not meet their expectations when it came to curriculum and classes. Delgado said that the university is going to continue to look at what needs to be changed in order to fix this problem.

Senate then discussed the Safe Ride Home Allocation, which was moved by Senate Vice President SJ DeGroot. This motion is to allocate \$5,400 from the Student Senate funding pool to fund a pilot of the Safe Ride Home Program. The Safe Ride Home Program, discussed at length in previous meetings, is a program in which a taxi would pick up UWRF students from bars in River Falls to make sure that students get home safely if they have had too much to drink. It was the original idea to have UWRF buses be involved, but that was changed after

concern about liability.

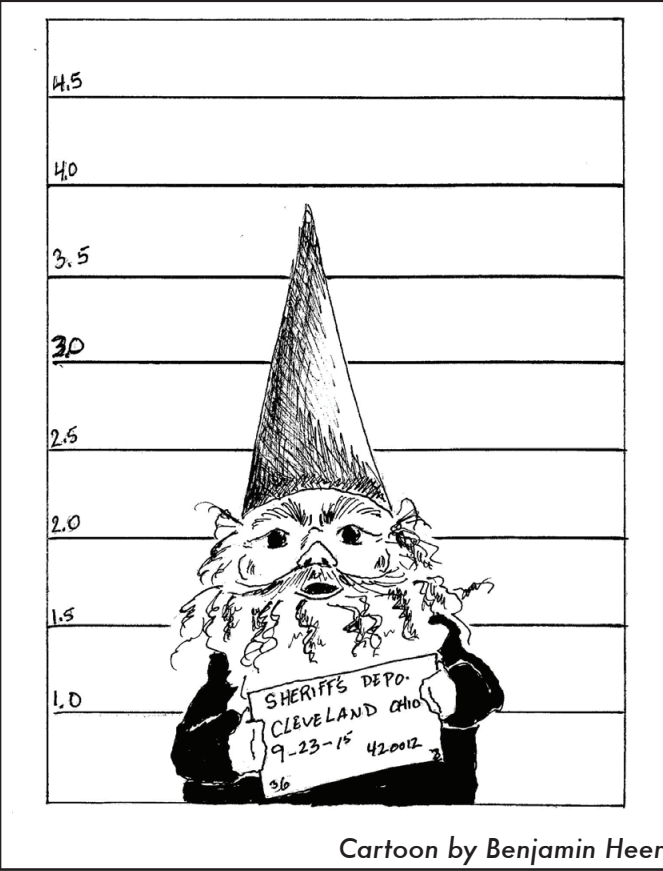
This program would run from 11 p.m. to 3 a.m. Thursday through Saturday, starting in November, and run for 15 weeks, ending in March. This program would utilize the River Falls Taxi Service, using one taxi that would be responsible for taking students back to campus or their homes. This would cost \$30 an hour for extended service hours, equaling \$360 per week and \$5,400 for the 15 weeks.

There was a lot of discussion about this motion, with some members of Senate voicing concern about the logistics of it and whether or not the idea of a safe ride home for intoxicated students would seem as though Senate was promoting drinking and getting drunk. It was also mentioned that this year's program will be a pilot, meaning that Senate will look at the effectiveness of the program in March and determine what needs to be changed and whether or not it will continue into the next year. Because this motion was introductory only, Senate only discussed the motion, with the plan to vote on it at its next meeting.

All information in this update comes from the Oct. 14 Student Senate meeting, and select documents from the OrgSync Student Senate page. It's very important for all students to stay informed on what is going on with Senate. It meets at 7 p.m. every Tuesday in the Willow River Room of the University Center, and the meeting agenda can be found 24 hours prior on the Senate page. To see the details of what was discussed last Tuesday, go on the Senate page, and read through this week's minutes document.



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Indigenous People’s Day recognizes history of oppression

Molly Kinney
Columnist

Since the founding of Columbus day in 1937, Americans have been celebrating the second Monday of October honoring the man who, as taught to us by school, was the man who discovered America for the Spanish and, thus, essentially much of Europe. Within the past few years, though, many progressive cities have blown off Columbus Day in favor of a more honorable celebration: Indigenous Peoples’ Day. As early as Kindergarten, Americans are taught “in fourteen hundred-ninety two / Columbus sailed the ocean blue,” to remember the guy, funded by Queen Isabella of Spain, to travel to the east Indies in search of rare spices like black pepper. It’s understandable that he and his crew became disoriented on their way across the ocean, since they had little more than some compasses, maps of a flat earth and the North Star reference to cross the big pond, which was 9,000 miles round trip. He didn’t discover what we now refer to as the United States, but some islands in the Caribbean.

Columbus has historically been revered as a hero for discovering what would become the New World we now live in, but upon his initial exploration of the land, he did not act in a heroic manner. After Columbus and his crew of 87 men landed their ships, they proceeded to tear the civilizations that had been there for thousands of years apart. They were initially friendly with the Tianos, the first indigenous people they met, but took advantage of this and went on to exploit them and their land in many ways.

They plundered the earth the Tianos used for their traditional way of life in search of finding gold. They enlisted the forced labor of any male over 14 to help search for the element, and often cut off their hands if they came back with nothing (a possible prelude to Columbus as governor here – he would cut off noses and ears of indigenous people as legal punishment.) He managed sex slave rings where pre-teen girls were the most common victims. The diseases he and his crew brought with them would eventually wipe out 90 percent of the native population. He captured and brought many of the

native and forced them to come back to Spain with him to showcase to them to the King and Queen, essentially starting the transatlantic slave trade.

He certainly wasn’t the first person in the world to explore North America; in fact, the first people to settle North America did so around 2500 B.C.E., ancestors of the native settlers. He wasn’t even the first white person to discover the continent. Viking Leif Erikson led a band of men to Canada some 500 years before him. The only reason Columbus was so revered was because he was the first to open a new continent up to modern European colonialism.

As horrible a person he actually was, it isn’t surprising that the United States still celebrates this day if you look at our history of colonialism and imposing on the native people. It does seem like our nation, especially the younger generation, is becoming much more progressive in many aspects of social justice: LGBT rights, gender discrimination, race relations, environmental awareness, among others. Indigenous rights is not something considered often, however, as they now make up such a small percentage of our demographics. The government of the United States still treats Native American communities much the same as it did upon first colonization of indigenous lands.

This seems like a radical claim to make, since we did allow most Native American tribes to have some land reserves for them to use however they like (with some regulation.) If you take the time to research independent media and the research of non-governmental organizations, it doesn’t take too long to find a case of American imperialism right in our own country. One I have only recently learned of was the allowed expansion of gold mining companies into Western Shoshone lands.

The Western Shoshone signed a treaty with the U.S. government in 1863 over Ruby Valley in western Nevada. It was a treaty between nations, never to be violated, ratified by the U.S. Congress and signed into law by President Ulysses S. Grant. In the late 1970s however, the United States issued fines against two elderly Native American women, who had lived there since they were children, for grazing their horses and cattle on their land. The government also wanted to allow gold mining companies to pit the land and extract the sub-

stance.

The government claimed that the treaties were legitimate no longer and that the women and their stock animals were trespassing on federal land. This of course was not true, and when offered \$26 million in settlement money, the tribes and people who had been affected declined, and only further insisted that the government stop encroaching on the way of life they legally had a right to.

They went so far as to have the United Nations declare this was an act of racial discrimination and urged the United States to stop allowing gold mining in the Shoshone tribal lands. The United States largely ignored the concern, and instead started testing nuclear programs on the site as well.

This is not the only case of racial discrimination against indigenous communities by the United States. Every year more land is taken away from them, more regulations of their communities are put in place and environmental disasters are put upon them, all in the name of capitalism. Even so close as northern Minnesota, the White Earth band of Ojibwe is being forced to accept that an oil pipeline will run next to the lands they use to make a living. They and many social justice movements are protesting, but to little avail against corporate interests who so influence lawmakers today.

In a political environment that not only tolerates, but encourages such actions, it’s not surprising that a federal Indigenous Peoples’ Day hasn’t yet been implemented. It’s still more important to consumers (rather than citizens) to buy furniture and cars on sale this day, instead of honoring the people that have been, and still are, so marginalized. My hope is that more cities implement, and more people start advocating, to change Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples’ Day, to honor these ancient tribes and their struggles, rather than a man who committed atrocities against them.

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What’s your favorite thing about fall?

Compiled by Amara Young



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“I like the leaves.”




Jack Haren
Senior
“Getting spooky on Halloween.”



Shane Russell
Junior
“I like that it is sweatshirt weather. You don’t get too hot or too cold.”



Leah Waite
Junior
“I like football season and the pretty leaves.”



Bekah Brown
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Falcon football on three-game win streak

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The Falcons’ winning streak stretched to three games this past Saturday, with the visiting Falcons taking down UW-Eau Claire 10-7 on the Blugolds’ homecoming. That win means that the Falcons now have the longest winning streak in 15 years.

That streak, however, wouldn’t be possible without the Falcons’ superb defense. They allowed only 58 rushing yards on Saturday, bringing their three-game total to allowing an outstanding -46 yards. With such a strong core group up front, teams are being forced to solely throw the ball.

“We knew coming into the season that our front seven was going to be a strength of our team that we could rely on, but I couldn’t be prouder of how they’ve stepped up so far this year. Their consistency has been incredible and it’s allowed us to be the type of team we want to be,” Head Coach Matt Walker said.

The defense was on full display Saturday, when Eau Claire struggled to move the ball past midfield for most of the first half. After a few missed opportunities on 4th down and solid field position by the Falcons, the offense came up big late in the 1st quarter. A huge 21-yard hookup on 4th down from quarterback Ryan Kusilek to wide receiver Matt Woller set up an 11-yard touchdown run by Rance Ashley to put the Falcons up 7-0.

Eau Claire, however, wasn’t going to lay down so early on their homecoming at Carson Park. After the Eau Claire defense stepped up big to pin the Falcons inside their own one-yard line, the Blugolds’ offense managed to take over at the River Falls 27-yard line. Eau Claire quarterback JT Denhartog made quick work of the great field position, throwing a short pass to Lucas Emmerich that ended up becoming a 26-yard passing touchdown that evened the score up at 7-7.

River Falls responded with an impressive drive of their own, converting on some deep passes to get all the way down to the three-yard line before the drive stalled. Ryan Kusilek added a 20-yard field goal to put the Falcons up for good 10-7 before the break.

The second half was owned by the defenses, with neither offense putting together enough big plays to score. Eau Claire managed to drive into Falcon territory multiple times in the 4th quarter, but the



Andrew Borchardt, freshman defensive back celebrates a Falcon play on the sidelines. The next game will be on Saturday, Oct. 17 at home at 12 p.m.

Tori Schneider/Student Voice

Falcon defensive backs responded strongly like they did all day. They ended with 3 interceptions on the day, with Kyle Narges grabbing 2 picks that he returned for a total of 27 yards.

Walker said, “I was especially impressed with how our defensive backs showed up today. We’ve had some tough days on pass defense earlier in the year but they stepped up big to shut down the offense when they’re being forced to throw every down because of our front seven.”

The Falcons were able to control the time of possession and hold to their narrow lead all afternoon, and

even though most probably think it’s not the most exciting way to win football games, Coach Walker knows it’s what his team needs to do to get the job done.

“We’ve been able to go ultra-conservative on offense and control the tempo because of how strong our defense has been. We know the recipe we need to win football games right now, even though it’s probably been frustrating to watch at times.”

But the results definitely speak for themselves. The biggest win streak in 15 years is something you just can’t ignore, and most people outside the program probably think

the atmosphere around the team must be crazy with so much success recently. But for players and coaches, it’s just business as usual.

“There’s obviously a lot of energy around the program from being tied for first place in the league right now. But I’ve been delighted with how grounded our team has stayed because this was our expectation coming into the season. We knew we could compete and we’ve already done a great job on focusing on the next one-week war,” Walker said.

That next game comes against the number 13-ranked team in the country: the UW-Platteville

Pioneers. The Pioneers come in 4-1 with just posting a 30-27 win over UW-Stevens Point last week. The Falcons will have to be sharp on both sides of the ball on Saturday, with Coach Walker saying the Pioneers have a “high-powered offense that throws the ball around a lot and a complex defensive scheme.” Walker also said it will be key to limit “big plays” throughout the game.

Kickoff for the game is at 12 p.m. this Saturday, Oct. 17 at Ramer Field.

Women’s golf improves greatly over 2015 season

Jordan Preston
Falcon News Service

The women’s golf team at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls is winding down its season, which has proved to be a challenging one for the squad’s six members. The team just finished the WIAC conference meet in seventh place.

However, Head Coach Lance Westberg said that the team has come a long way since the beginning of the season.

“We have had a challenging season, but throughout the course of the year, we have made some big strides both individually and as a team,” Westberg said.

Currently there are six women on the team: one freshman, two sophomores, one junior, and two seniors.

The team’s best individual score came from Maddie Flack at the Wartburg Invite in Waverly, Iowa, where she shot an 83. Mari Pechacek came in close in the conference championship scoring an 87.

Pechacek, a senior, said that she has a few routines that she goes through before every meet.

“I do putting routines which include a series of 3-, 6-, and 12-foot putts,” Pechacek said. “While working on the different putting distances I can regulate my putting stroke for more accuracy.”

She also said that she plays nine holes a week depending on her work and school schedule, and practices for two hours to keep her game intact.

Pechacek also mentioned that to get the team pumped up, the women always plays their favorite music when driving to a meet.

Westberg said that the team’s two top golfers are Pechacek and Flack, and they are the only returners who have the most experience.

“Maddie’s strengths come in her short game and Mari’s strengths come in her course management and mental toughness,” he said.

Westberg said he hopes that the team can jump to the middle of the pack in the WIAC conference — one of the most competitive Division III conferences — and the team will have to work in order to obtain this goal.

The Falcons have a short season in the spring which will help the team jump into the summer and have more efficient golfing next year, the coach added.

Pechacek said that her favorite tournament of the year was in Wartburg, Iowa.

“The team and I always have a great time in Iowa,” said Pechacek.

“I feel that’s the place where we became a team. We bonded more than ever and really excelled as a team.”

Pechacek said that the course wasn’t very challenging and that made it a fun place to golf as well as to see some lower scores.

Pechacek earned a spot on the All-Sportsmanship team this year for her consistent display of good sportsmanship throughout the duration of the season.

Westberg said that Bethany Sommerfeldt is graduating, and she brought a positive aspect to the team.

“We will certainly miss Bethany’s enthusiasm, humor, and love for her teammates,” Westberg said. “We wish her all the best as she begins her career.”



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Krysta Van Damme, a senior studying agriculture talks with Gary Smith and Sue Kalinski from Reister & Schnell at the Career Fair in the Riverside Ballroom in the UC.



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Left: Mckenna Orr, a psychology major in her junior year talks with recruiters from WESTconsin Credit Union. Right: junior, agricultural business student Daniel Gerlach speaks to Resha Koster and Mike Kline from AgStar.



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Kaylin Spaeth, an agricultural business/dairy science student in her junior year talks with Dave Waltman and Chet Slipek from Farm Credit Administration at the Career Fair on Wednesday, Oct. 14.

The Decemberists EP presents minimalist lyrical mastery

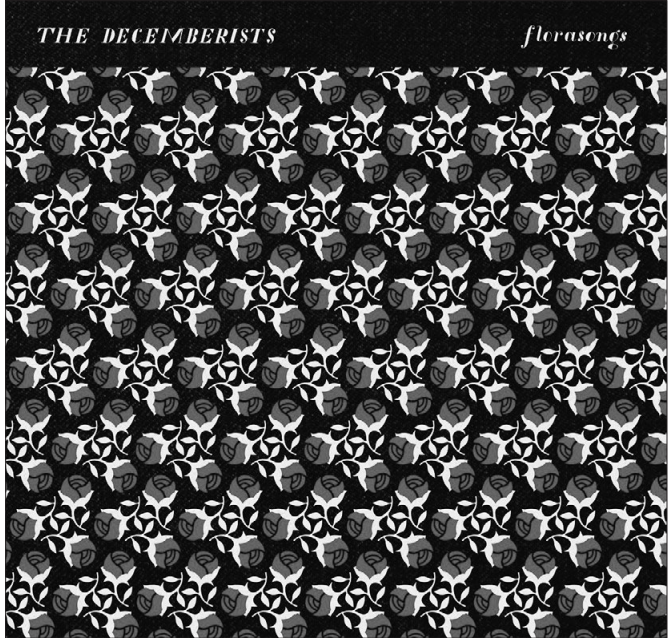
Matt Clark

Reviewer

After a four-year break, 2015 has seen the joyous return of indie folk band The Decemberists with their seventh album, “What a Terrible World, What a Beautiful World.” The album expanded on the minimalist approach of their previous record “The King Is Dead” with more orchestration while still continuing the use of introspective lyrics and themes that would be fit for a Charles Dickens book. Following the same routine has their previous albums, The Decemberists have now followed their newest album with an EP, “Florasongs,” filled with outtakes from the sessions of “What a Terrible World, What a Beautiful World.” On “Florasongs,” frontman Colin Meloy and his band of folk rock troubadours

have picked five of the most intriguing outtakes, making for an EP that can easily stand alone. The first track, “Why Would I Now?” which was also the first single, is a catchy number that finds Meloy assuring a loved one that he has al-ways and will always take care of them. Musically, the song would fit perfectly on the second half of “What a Terrible World, What a Beautiful World” with its straightforward pop rock feel. The EP continues with “Riverswim,” a somber tune about the doubt and despair in a dying relationship has every

characteristic of a classic Decemberists, to the point where it would fit nicely on their first record, “Castaways & Cutouts.” The only bump in the EP comes on the third track “Fits And Starts.” “Fits and Starts” finds the band outside of their comfort zone, experimenting with a more edgy punk rock sound, reminiscent of The Sex Pistols or even Oasis. Overall, the song isn’t horrible but is certainty not the type of lyrical masterpiece that fans of the band have come to expect from Meloy, and the structure of the song lacks the complexity of some of their most revered work. However, if the song were found on the album of a lesser band, it would be ranked as one of that band’s best.



The quality of the EP quickly picks up on the next track, “The Harrowed and The Haunted,” which opens with a driving, yet reserved, beat played on highly reverbed drums. The reverbed tone of the song sets up almost a swampy feel, which fits well with the song’s story of wanting and distance. The chorus juxtaposes its triumphant melody with the desperate lyrics “will you be there waiting, or is your heart beat fading, fading from the time? Still miles to go until I arrive.” With its swampy and washed out feel, the track is the strongest on the EP. “Florasongs” ends with the stark and minimal track “Stateside.” With just a Stratocaster and the sounds of an airplane cabin, “State-side” finds Meloy recording one of his most honest pieces, revolving around the longing of his lover abroad. The story is simple and it is one Meloy has used many times before, but he has never sounded so genuine. The Decemberists’ latest EP is not the best collection of songs that the band has put out but is one of their most honest and unpolished records which creates a truly enjoyable listening experience.

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Myers-Briggs test can be intriguing, but should be taken with grain of salt

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Kindergarten exhausted me. Being with 24 to 30 five-and six-year-olds would drain my energy. I’d drag my feet get-ting off the high steps of the bus and come home drooping like a wilting flower, needing a nap and a lot of peace and quiet. My mom would let me go to my room uninterrupted while she enticed my twin brother away from me with an engaging and usually loud activity. *He* always returned home from kindergarten bursting with energy, bounding off the bus steps, eyes bright, never sitting still for a moment. I recently took the Myers-Briggs test, so just guess if I am an “I” or an “E”. It has been overwhelmingly clear to me for a *long time* now that I am an introvert, but through this per-sonality/aptitude test I now have real validation. And upon reading my results just last week, one of my first feelings was that of—oddly enough—re-lief. Relief that it was okay to be an intro-vert, to prefer small intimate gatherings over parties, having a few very close friends over a large group of acquaintances, to be alone and even enjoy it. 🐼

But I can’t help but think, how correct is the Myers-Briggs test? If I were to take it again in a year would I be different, would I have a changed personality, a new group to belong to? I have yet to talk to anyone who has actually taken this test two consecutive years in a row, so I can’t be certain on the answer to my questions. However, I really do feel strongly that they would come back with a different personality. My hunch to my question makes me wonder: who is right? The person who supplied the answers, and who would know his or her own personality the best, or the test that has real, official results—data? Can one have two different personality types that exist within oneself, or can personality not even be measured consistently? I almost feel that the Myers-Briggs is making me turn into a self-fulfilling prophecy. This test decrees that I am an INTJ, so therefore I must be an INTJ, causing me to act

and make decisions while conscious of the fact that I am an INTJ. Reading my results was akin to having my fortune told, or talking to a me-dium who sends out broad tentacles of information to purposefully cause one to clutch onto any unspecific information that one can identify with, and instantly believe in their ability to be clairvoyant.

What I guess I am trying to say about all this—my test, my personality, my self-fulfilling prophecy-ness—is that I am no more sure about who I am than I was in kindergarten. Maybe all I really need to know about myself and my personality is that, at least once a day, I really need a nap and a break from people, and maybe that’s enough for me to know right now.

sitting in a shadow of doubt because I really am an INTJ. A person who, according to my official test results is, “skeptical and independent, [someone who has] high standards of com-petence and performance—for themselves and others.” What I guess I am trying to say about all this—my test, my personality, my self-fulfilling prophecy-ness—is that I am no more sure about who I am than I was in kindergarten. Maybe all I really need to know about myself and my personality is that, at least once a day, I really need a nap and a break from people, and maybe that’s enough for me to know right now.

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