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‘Greenovation’ student fee moves forward

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Sustainability efforts on the UW-River Falls campus may be given a significant boost this fall, as a new student fee is in the works.

The Greenovation Fund, a nonallocable segregated fee, was created to be used toward efforts like energy efficiency and waste reduction at UWRF. The fee, set to be \$10 per student annually, was passed by the Student Senate at its March 7 meeting. The fee must now be approved by the student body through referendum.

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“Student Senate voting to approve a green fund really opens doors because it creates a fund that we previously didn’t have,” Klapatch said. “We now have a pot of money that will be designated for sustainability.”

Student Body President Chris Morgan said he thinks that every student at UWRF can find some value in the Greenovation Fund.

“If you’ve ever walked the back path and felt unsafe, this fee is for you. If you ever want to go to the Twin Cities but feel stranded in River Falls because you don’t have a car, this fee is for you. If you feel like our campus should be replacing worn-out equipment on campus, this fee is for you,” Morgan said. “There’s so many opportunities for this.”

However, it is unclear whether some of these possibilities, like lighting the back walking trail, can happen under the limitations on the uses for nonallocable student fees. Klapatch said that projects will have to be proposed individually and looked at in terms of whether each project is an appropriate use of the funds. For example, those fees cannot go toward programming.

The fund must be used, Klapatch said, in ways that support the students. Program revenue buildings like the University Center and residence halls are two areas where it could be used, unlike in the academic buildings, which are state-funded. Some of the early ideas for the fee include solar panel installations, LED lighting projects, more water bottle refill stations and setting up composting on campus.

While the fee cannot be used for programming, it can be used to fund positions. Klapatch said that the Greenovation Fund holds the potential to go toward funding undergraduate research and sustainability internships for students, something that he has very limited employment funds for right now.

“We could do a waste minimization internship, where the person focuses on trash, recycling, evaluating compost and organics collections, working on communication out to campus to improve people’s understanding of recycling,” Klapatch said.

Klapatch said that most, if not all, other UW System campuses already have something similar to the Greenovation Fund. UW-Stout, for example, has a Green Fee that generates around \$80,000 to be used for campus projects every year. In the past, it has been used for a bike repair station and solar panel installations, according to UW-Stout’s website.

Now that it has been passed by the Student Senate, the



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The Greenovation Fund has the potential to fund the installment of solar panels, similar to the one that can be found near the Regional Development Institute (RDI) building.

Greenovation Fund will be sent to Chancellor Dean Van Galen before becoming a referendum. From April 17-26, during the Student Senate elections, students will have the chance to vote to either support or oppose the new fee through FalconSync.

From there, the Greenovation Fund will be passed to the UW System Board of Regents for approval. Klapatch said that campus administration wants a 15 percent voter turnout, roughly 700-800 students, to show the Board of Regents that the campus community supports it, and he said he is optimistic.

“I think we’re at a really fortunate point where a lot of our students, typically Millennial students, see that we can’t keep using our resources the way we’ve been using them,” Klapatch said. “I hope we’re at a turning point where our students see the benefit of what a green fund could do for our campus and how that could really help lead us into kind of a new way

of thinking and a new culture of utilizing our resources better.”

To boost voter turnout and awareness, Morgan said that there will be tables in the University Center on campus where students can learn more during the voting period. Laptops will be available so students can log in and vote at the table.

For Morgan, who graduates in May, the creation of the Greenovation Fund marks a proud moment for the Student Senate after years of collaboration.

“I’m not necessarily excited to have the fee go into place; I’m excited to come back in 10 years and see what it’s done,” Morgan said.

Klapatch said that, if supported by the students and passed by the Board of Regents, the fund will start being used during the 2017-2018 academic year.

UWRF farm repopulates after outbreak of swine disease

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The Mann Valley Farm at UW-River Falls is raising a new genetic line of pigs after it was hit last year with a disease called Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome (PRRS).

PRRS (pronounced “purrs”), is a viral infection that was initially found in the U.S. in the 1980s, according to Iowa State University. When it breaks out in a herd of swine, as it did at the Mann Valley Farm in February 2016, it can have a couple of different effects.

“In adult female swine, the most common symptom is abortion,” said Gary Onan, professor of animal science at UWRF. The female, he said, might abort an entire litter and give birth too soon, resulting in stillborn piglets or piglets that are too weak to last long. Less commonly, the fetus might also die in the uterus, but remain there full term and be born as a shriveled “mummy.”

If the pigs contract the disease as piglets, the respiratory part of PRRS comes into play. They develop a form of pneumonia, which either kills them outright or weakens them and slows their growth rate.

“It usually doesn’t wipe you out like some swine diseases,”

said Bill Connolly, director of the lab farms. However, the slower growth rate of infected piglets means that the farmer has to wait longer before selling them for market, during which time they will require more feed and cost more money. Some farmers, Connolly said, will simply live with the disease rather than try to get rid of it, but over a long period of time, that can be costly.

At the Mann Valley Farm, officials decided they would “depopulate.” First, Onan said, they stopped breeding new piglets. They sold their adult females for butchering, and then allowed their existing batches of piglets to grow up to market size. They then sold that batch of pigs for meat, as well. The PRRS virus, Onan said, has no effect on humans, so selling infected pigs was safe so long as they were going to butcher rather than to other pig breeders.

With the old herds gone, the next step was to clean the barns. Connolly said they pressure-washed the barns, got rid of manure, disinfected everything and left the place empty for three months over the summer. In September, they brought in a new batch of 40 gilts (unbred female pigs).

The new pigs are purebred Yorkshires, which are a white variety with erect ears. The advantage of raising purebreds, Onan said, is that it adds another educational layer for students working with the swine herds.

“One of the nice things about purebreds from a teaching standpoint is that it gives students the opportunity to track pedigrees,” Onan said. Students can also practice reporting performance data to the breed organization, and provide pigs to 4-H or Future Farmers of America members hoping to show a purebred pig.

Preventing another outbreak of PRRS in this new herd of pigs will be difficult. Transmission, for starters, happens very easily. Essentially, Onan said, all body fluids from an infected animal contain the virus. Manure on the bottom of someone’s boot can transmit it, or nose-to-nose contact between two animals. The virus can also become airborne when fluids from the pigs’ noses ends up sprayed into the air, and can drift as much as 5 miles on the breeze to other pig farms.

The other difficulty with PRRS is its high mutation rate. Vaccinations are developed to prevent individual strains of the virus, but the disease will simply mutate into a new version that the vaccination can’t prevent.

“It’s a very frustrating disease,” Onan said. PRRS has cost the swine industry more money than any other single disease ever, he added.

News Briefs: Marketing Communications Club to host Gunnar Project event

The Gunnar Project: Don’t Worry, Be Happy is an event that will be bring happiness to the UWRF campus on April 6, from 6-8 p.m.

Join the Falcon Marketing Communications Club and The Gunnar Project in the North Hall Auditorium for a night full of happiness, enlightenment, free snacks and beaded bracelets.

The Falcon Marketing Communications Club is presenting The Gunnar Project: Don’t Worry, Be Happy as an event for students to come and learn about a local nonprofit called The Gunnar Project.

At the event, there will be the opportunity to make Happiness Tracker Bracelets, enjoy free snacks, connect with others interested in spreading happiness and be entered to win a raffle.

At 19 years old, Gunnar Miller was killed in a skateboarding accident. His parents created The Gunnar Project with a mission to make young adults and everyone else aware of happiness and the necessity to pursue happiness every day, every moment.

Now, Gunnar’s parents dedicate their time and effort to spread happiness to others through Happiness Tracker Bracelets.

For more information on The Gunnar Project, visit www.gunnarproject.org. To stay up to date on event details, find the event on Facebook by searching “The Gunnar Project: Don’t Worry, Be Happy.”

Team VetNex wins Innovation Challenge

MBA students David and Jennifer Till won the Third Annual Innovation Challenge March 2 at UW-River Falls. Their idea, VetNex, is a software that aids in veteran’s disability claims processing.

Three teams competed for the prize of \$6,000 and the chance to go on to the Wisconsin Big Idea Tournament on April 22 with the opportunity to win up to \$27,000.

The Innovation Challenge is student competition in which undergraduate and graduate students explore the possibility of turning their business ideas into reality. Utilizing the Lean Startup Methodology, students develop their ideas into a viable business model and present them to a panel of judges made up of community and business leaders. Management and Marketing Associate Professor Marina Onken is adviser to the competition.

The other two teams competing were AgSpy and Chell Co. AgSpy is the idea of agricultural engineering major Nathaniel Wenner, using drones in precision agriculture to identify pests affecting plants. Chell Co. was created by collaborators Kathleen Miller-Chell, a computer science major, and Katelyn Bares, a political science major. Chell Co. hopes to produce The Study Buddy, a highlighter and pen combo with inks that will fade over time, making it possible to highlight and take notes in textbooks, without having the books lose resale value.

AGS Data Systems, WiSys Technology Foundation and the Small Business Development Center at UWRF sponsored this year’s Innovation Challenge.

The Wisconsin Big Idea Tournament (WBIT) is an entrepreneurship competition open to undergraduate and graduate students attending any two- or four-year UW System schools, except UW-Madison. It teaches cutting-edge Lean Startup business development tools, provides business mentorship, and allows participants to compete at a state level for a chance to win seed funding for their idea, as well as a chance to compete internationally at the 2017 International Business Model Competition (IBMC) May 11-12 in Mountain View, California. The IBMC hosts student competitors from universities all over the world. The top prize is \$30,000.

At the conclusion of the Innovation Challenge this year, five middle school entrepreneurs from the Young Entrepreneurs Academy of the Hudson Chamber of Commerce presented their ideas to the judges. They also received advice from the judges and had an opportunity to ask questions. The Young Entrepreneurs Academy is managed by Eric Wenz, the original winner of the UWRF Innovation Challenge.

For more information about innovation at UWRF, email danielle.campeau@uwrf.edu or marina.onken@uwrf.edu.

Pierce County immunization clinic April 5

Pierce County Public Health will be offering an immunization clinic in River Falls on April 5 from 3-5 p.m. Immunizations will be given by appointment only.

Due to changes in the Vaccine For Children’s program, Pierce County Health Department can only vaccinate children through 18 years of age who are Medicaid eligible, uninsured, American Indian or Alaska Native or have insurance that does not cover vaccinations.

Some adult vaccinations are available for a fee. Call the Pierce County Health Department for information.

Call the Health Department at 715-273-6755 with any questions or to make an appointment.

UW-River Falls to host 57th annual Agricultural Technology Contest

UW-River Falls will host the 57th annual Agricultural Technology Contest on April 1, 2017.

The Agricultural Technology Contest includes a series of career development events hosted by the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences (CAFES). This contest allows the opportunity for Wisconsin and Minnesota FFA members to showcase their knowledge by participating in a variety of contests.

The contests focus on agricultural communications, agricultural technology and mechanical systems, agronomy, dairy cattle evaluation, farm business management, floriculture, food science and technology, forestry, horse evaluation, livestock evaluation, middle school agriscience, nursery/landscape, soils, veterinary science and wildlife. This year nearly 1,000 students are expected to compete in 15 team events and three additional contest opportunities.

UWRF coordinates the Wisconsin FFA state contests for agricultural communications and food science and technology. First-place teams will advance to compete at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, this October.

Seven of the events also serve as qualifying contests for the Wisconsin FFA Association Career Development Events (CDE) to be held April 28, 2017, in Madison, Wisconsin. These events include agricultural technology and mechanical systems, dairy evaluation, floriculture, horse evaluation, livestock evaluation, wildlife and veterinary science.

Unique to the Agricultural Technology Contest, UWRF offers an Agricultural Education event. The event provides students with the opportunity to better comprehend the teaching and learning process, foster leadership and communication skills and allow students to practice teaching. Students also have the opportunity to compete in the 38th Annual Crop Show. Students competing in the crops show can submit samples into classes ranging from oats to soybeans, to the longest ear of corn.

Another highlight of this year’s contest is the Power Tool Drag Race. This event changes the type of tool that students use when building their vehicle, which makes the contests unique from year to year. The Power Tool Drag Race encourages students to use their problem solving, creative design, research and development and engineering skills.

This year, students must power their vehicle using a 120-volt corded power tool router other than an angle/side/disc grinder; with the goal being to achieve the fastest time. The UWRF Agricultural Industry Club sponsors and coordinates this event. This year, the contest will be held in the newly renovated space in the Ag Engineering Annex.

Each year, it takes over 100 volunteers to ensure successful contests. Faculty and staff from CAFES serve as chairs for each of the contests. CAFES students volunteer their time as student chairs and assist on the contest day.

Madeline Bode, an Agricultural Education major from Cassville, Wisconsin, is serving as this year’s contest coordinator. The assistant coordinator is Alexis Stibor, an agricultural education major from Osseo, Wisconsin. Tim Buttles serves as the faculty chair for the contest and Fay Westberg of the agricultural education department assists with overall contest preparations.

For more details about the contests, visit the Agricultural Education Department website at <http://www.uwrf.edu/AGED/CDE/AgriculturalTechnologyContest.cfm>

Chancellor Van Galen named to Ideadvance Investment Committee

UW-River Falls Chancellor Dean Van Galen has been named to the Ideadvance Investment Committee as the UW Chancellor member to the committee.

The Ideadvance program supports UW System innovation toward commercialization and combines grant funding with business mentoring to support development of innovative ideas and potential, scalable business from UW System faculty, staff and student entrepreneurs. Grants are available to support applicants, including alumni, for all UW campuses except UW-Madison.

Ideadvance strives to promote innovation in all disciplines across the state. The program is not limited to STEM fields, but aims to include innovation in music, the social sciences and more.

Van Galen will join the five-member Investment Committee that reviews and selects projects for funding and suggests critical commercialization milestones for follow up support via Ideadvance or outside funding. The Investment Committee awards early stage ideas an opportunity to earn up to \$25,000 by exploring and validating key business model assumptions. Companies that have already validated key business metrics are eligible for a competitive \$50,000 grant available through the Ideadvance Stage 2 program.

Since 2013, Van Galen has also served on the WiSys Technology Foundation Board of Trustees as the UW Chancellor representative. He also serves as the chair of the WiSys Technology Foundation Advisory Council. The mission of the WiSys Technology Foundation is “to manage the intellectual property of the University of Wisconsin System to support basic research and speed technology transfer from university labs for the benefit of society.” WiSys helps to advance scientific research throughout the state of Wisconsin by connecting technologies developed within the UW System to companies for development through patent development and licensing.

“My involvement with the Ideadvance program, as well as the WiSys Technology Foundation, is a great opportunity to work with Wisconsin business leaders to help connect the innovative work within the UW System with businesses and the marketplace,” said Van Galen. “These activities connect especially well with our strategic focus on innovation and partnerships at UW-River Falls.”

For more information about the Ideadvance program, call Idella Yamben at 608-263-3315 or visit www.uwideadvance.org.

Student Senate Update: March 28

One motion was passed, one budget was passed and one student was appointed to the Student Senate at the Student Senate meeting on March 28.

One motion was passed:

- **AFAB ECOS Motion:** A motion to allocate \$500 from the Student Senate funding pool to fund the ECOS-Rep Program for the upcoming academic year.

One budget was passed:

- The parking department requested a three percent increase to its budget.

One student was appointed to the Senate:

- Ardin Fischer was appointed to the at-large student senator position.

The information in this update comes from the minutes posted to the Student Government Association FalconSync page every week. The Student Senate meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Willow River Room of the University Center.

Weekly UWRF Crime Report

Friday, March 24

- An intoxicated person was reported at 263 E Cascade Ave. at 12:16 a.m.
- Fraud was reported to have happened in Parker Hall Feb. 23 at 1:38 a.m.

Saturday, March 25

- Disorderly conduct was reported to have happened in Grimm Hall March 24 at 12:46 a.m.
- Vandalism was reported at 9:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 26

- A motor vehicle accident was reported to have occurred March 25 at 7:30 p.m.
- Theft was reported at McMillan Hall at 4:43 p.m.

Editor’s Note:
Information for this section is taken from the UW-River Falls Police Department incident reports.

Campus Events Calendar:

- **Cohler Coffee Concert: Shank-Hagedorn Duo**
Friday, March 31, noon-1 p.m.
Abbott Concert Hall, Kleinpell Fine Arts
- **Perception Institute-Student Session**
Monday, April 3, 5-7 p.m.
Falcon’s Nest, University Center
- **Diversity Dialogue: Words Have Power**
Tuesday, April 4, 3-5 p.m.
Apple River Room (333) University Center

- **Friday Eve**
Thursday, April 6, 9-11 p.m.
Location to be decided
- **Softball vs. Carleton College**
Wednesday, March 29, 3:30-6:30 p.m.
Ramer Field: Softball Complex
- **Pulitzer Prize Winning Book Discussion**
Thursday, March 30, 2-3 p.m.
Chalmer Davee Library

Visit uwrf.edu for a full schedule of events

Proposed budget plan could reduce work-study program

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Falcon News Service

The Trump Administration has proposed a new “America First” budget blueprint that could potentially affect financial aid for many UW-River Falls students.

The plan would significantly reduce funding for the work-study program, which 423 students are enrolled in this semester at UWRF.

Director of Financial Aid Robert Bode and his staff aim to help students gather the necessary funds for school. The work-study program is a big part of the equation for some students.

“The work-study program is part of what we consider an overall financial aid package,” Bode said. “When we are looking at a student’s need for financial aid and their costs, we’ll take funds from different pools. There’s a grant pool, a loan pool and there’s a work pool. We’ll bundle all those together.” At that point, a student can choose what they want to accept, decline or reduce.

Work-study students are paid hourly and the rates are based on the jobs.

“A technical job in DoTS (the Division of Technology Services) would probably pay a little bit more than a front counter job at one of the dormitories,” Bode said.

Work-study funds come from the federal Department of Education.

“We get about \$450,000 every year,” Bode said. “In order to pay students, we have to match that. The total payment to an individual student for a bi-weekly wage would be 75 percent federal funds and 25 percent university funds.”

With much of the total for the work-study program being picked up by the federal government, a budget cut would make a drastic impact, leaving some students with fewer options. The president’s budget blueprint calls for a significant reduction in work-study funds and reform of the “poorly-targeted allocation to ensure funds go to undergraduate students who would benefit most.”

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“You’d be looking at additional loans. Students could work off-campus, but we would have fewer student employees on campus and fewer dollars to try to stretch further. We could keep the same number of students and lower the amount of money that we allow them to earn or we could reduce the number of students who get work-study, so it would be a tough choice,” said Bode.

Besides helping with finances, the work-study program ben-



Natalie Howell/Student Voice

Many students at UW-River Falls are involved in the work-study program. One employment option is at the on-campus dairy plant.

efits students in multiple ways.

“I think that what it provides for students is a little bit different than the typical job you might get in the private sector,” Bode said. “I think it’s valuable, first to have more of an office-type experience because a lot of the jobs are office work. There are some jobs that are very closely related to their future employment plans. It’s good, general work experience.”

Bode said students learn many skills, especially on computers and working with people, that are relevant in the job market.

Laura Lusardi, a senior physics major, has been involved with the work-study program for four years. She said she sees many issues with President Donald Trump’s proposed budget cuts.

“For some people, that is not an option. I have to pay for rent, utilities, tuition, car payments, insurance, whatever else and if I’m working less than 25 hours a week or less than a certain hourly wage, I can’t pay for any of that,” she said. “I have to get a second job. That impacts me in a very negative way because that’s less time I’m spending on my studies. If he pro-

poses these budgets cuts, that is going to be a real problem.”

Lusardi said she feels Trump’s budget cuts would do much more harm than good.

“He needs to make things a little more accessible for people,” she said. “Students are already at a disadvantage for how much they have to pay for tuition. The cost of living is going up. If he makes these budget cuts, we’re going to see a less number of students working, we’re going to see less hours, we’re going to see less wages. Meanwhile, the cost of living is rising exponentially and we are not going to be able to keep up. We already can’t. I am terrified to see what’s going to happen if certain things become passed. It’s just making this gap bigger and bigger between those who can afford it and those who can’t.”

Currently, the federal government spends about \$1 billion annually on the work-study program. While the budget blueprint proposes a cut in work-study funding, it safeguards funding for the Pell Grant program.

Alumni Spotlight: Beth Rausch

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Having been a student and now an educator at UW-River Falls, one alumna has collected enough wisdom about the university experience to pass down to her students.

Rausch instructs courses such as Companion Animals (Animal Science 121) and Pets in Society (Animal Science 221). Having started her role as an adjunct instructor, she has worked full-time in the department since 2015.

Rausch’s first experience at UWRF was a pivotal one that she said she remembers vividly. She remembers touring the campus with her parents on a cold, windy day in December 1984. Despite the cold, she said she was struck by how nice her tour guide was that day.

“I remember consciously asking to myself, ‘I wonder if everyone else here is this nice,’ like she was,” Rausch recalled.

While walking around campus, the tour guide brought Rausch and her parents to Rodli Hall (which was a dining hall at the time) and Crabtree Hall, all while the sun was setting and the wind was howling. Rausch met with biology professor Bob Calentine, who was very straight to the point.

Taking interest in the university’s veterinary science program, Rausch started school at UWRF the following year.

As a biology student minoring in chemistry, Rausch participated in intramural sports and was a resident assistant in Stratton and Hathorn halls under Residence Life Director Ken Olson. She also had the opportunity to become an intern through a partnership with the University of Minnesota, being able to work in a lab during a time when molecular biology was an emerging field of study.

After graduation, Rausch decided to attend graduate school at the University of Minnesota. She attended veterinary school, graduating with a doctorate in veterinary medicine in 1996. Her experience includes working with dairy and mix-animal



Samantha Decker/Student Voice

health, small animals, surgery and, more recently, emergency care, which she still practices today on a part-time basis.

What Rausch said she enjoys about UWRF is the school’s emphasis on teaching, where the department’s discussion is centered on how to become a better teacher. She said that improving the student experience is how the university makes a good thing better, with hands-on class experiences and interactions with faculty.

“Certainly, it was my experience as a biology student here

that the amount of hands-on experience and experiential learning is important,” Rausch said.

Rausch suggests students be pragmatic and persistent, and offers three key pieces of advice to students: work hard in life that gives meaning, be careful about consumer debt, and stay away from drama. Jokingly, she said that those are her three “very boring and simple keys to a happy life.”



Tori Lynn Schneider/Student Voice

The Mann Valley Farm was hit with the PRRS virus during the spring 2016 semester, prompting the farm to repopulate the herd.

UWRF farm repopulates after swine disease outbreak

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Prevention options at the lab farm will be limited. The big problem, Connolly said, is that the Mann Valley Farm needs to be open for classes of students. Intense biosecurity measures such as mandatory showers and special clothing are impractical as well as expensive for a farm that is so open to the public. The one advantage the lab farm has is that there are very few other swine operations in the surrounding area, which means that the virus likely won’t be blown in on the breeze from some other pig farm.

“You just hope for the best,” Connolly said.

“There’s always gonna be conflict, and something going on.”

For now, the new Yorkshires are doing well, Connolly said. One batch of 60 piglets born in February has already been weaned off their mother’s milk, and another batch of 80 born at the beginning of March will probably be weaned around the end of the month.

Because of a shortage of pigs to sell, there will be no spring auction this year. However, next year’s sale will likely go ahead as planned, and will take place either the last Saturday of March or the first Saturday of April.

EDITORIAL

Falcon hockey players choose solidarity over personal success

UW-River Falls has been in the national news lately because of an amazing opportunity extended to three of its hockey players – and those players deciding not to take it. The Student Voice commends the decision made by these selfless student athletes.

USA Hockey was in a dispute about pay with the U.S. Women’s National Team for quite a while, 15 months according to WCCO-TV. Claiming they were not being paid a living wage, the hockey players threatened to refuse to play at the International Ice Hockey Federation World Championship on March 31 in Plymouth, Michigan. Rightfully so, they wanted more than they were getting for their hard work.

On Saturday, Falcon hockey players Dani Sibley, Carly Moran and Paige Johnson were among the athletes across the country offered tryouts to play as substitutes at the championship. After talking to some of the players from the national team, all three of the Falcons turned down the offer. Even though it was the opportunity of a lifetime, potentially being offered the chance to represent the country, these incredible athletes said no, instead choosing solidarity.

Here’s the amazing thing: It worked. National players originally said that they were being paid \$6,000, just \$1,000 for each of the six months leading up to the Olympics. The remaining three and a half years between Olympics, they earned almost nothing, according to NPR. This left the players needing to find extra sources of income, which was ridiculous. We certainly don’t think of the fantastic athletes who represent our country every four years as being compensated so poorly.

Eventually, USA Hockey caved. According to WCCO, it is now offering nearly \$70,000 to players, with performance bonuses and travel benefits. Depending how well the players do at the Olympics, they might each earn up to six figures. ESPN reports that these benefits are now on par with what is given to the men’s team.

As enraging as it is that this issue existed at all, it’s remarkable for us to be able to say that athletes at our university helped inspire change like this. What Sibley, Moran and Johnson did is admirable. They could have undermined the entire effort by the national team. They could have made the decision based on their own potential personal gain. They didn’t.

This kind of solidarity is amazing, and if we continue to unite against inequality in ways like this, we could create even more change.

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Ask Colleen: Is it worth saving a friendship you don’t want to keep?

Colleen Brown

Advice Columnist

Colleen,
I recently had a falling out with someone who used to be one of my very close friends. We got into an argument, and her actions that followed just really showed me the type of person that she is.
After our fight, I tried to act like everything was fine for the sake of keeping the peace. However, I have recently been distancing myself because I really don’t think this is someone I want to be friends with in the future. She graduates in May, so I won’t be seeing much of her after that anyway.
I feel like talking to her about the issue would only make things worse, and we would continue to fight. I’m just not sure if it is worth it to try mend things with someone I don’t see myself being friends with in the future, but I also think that she should know that what she did was wrong and I am still mad about it. What should I do?
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It seems to me that you already have your mind made up about the situation, and that’s that you don’t want to remain friends with this person.

At the end of the day, I agree; that friend of yours should know how you’re feeling. I think it’s important to express these concerns with the people you are close with, because it gives you a chance to work on the relationships that are important to you.

However, if this is someone that you don’t see yourself being friends with in the future, I understand why you don’t want to say anything. The only bad thing about not saying anything is that, for the rest of the time you do have to spend with this friend, you will feel some kind of resentment towards her.

You may think you are keeping the peace by not addressing the issue, but I think this could potentially lead to a blow out between the two of you. This won’t be because of another argument, but because you’ll be holding all of this anger inside you toward her. Eventually, it will have to come out, and it may be the smallest thing that brings this anger to the surface.

The most important part of college is the memories that made it worthwhile

Katie Galarno

Columnist

With spring commencement quickly approaching, I imagine that I am not the only person who is absolutely freaked out. Still, I am continually amazed at our ability as college students to (mostly) keep it together, because there are a lot of things no one tells us.

For me, college has kind of been like stumbling to the bathroom in the dark in the middle of the night. I’ve had a general idea which direction I was going and what the outcome would be, but I’ve felt a bit disoriented and clumsy trying to get there.

Like a number of students at UW-River Falls, I am a first-generation college student. Neither of my parents having experience with higher education meant that I came into this clueless. Extended family members tried their best, but the higher education environment changes so quickly that a lot of it was new to them, too.

Freshman year was a mess full of unanswered questions. My goodness, there are a lot of things no one tells you about college. What is student loan counseling? How formal are you supposed to be in your emails to professors? What do you wear to awards ceremonies? How are you supposed to make friends? How are you supposed to share a room with a stranger? How can you eat healthy in the dining hall?

Some of these questions can be answered by a quick Google search. Others can be solved by trial and error. Eventually, we figure these things out, or at least we get really good at pretending we have. We do this with all kinds of things. We stumble our way through our first few years of freedom, trying to convince the outside world that we have it together and are staying afloat just fine.

In reality, it can be really hard, overwhelming at times. We try to balance sleeping enough with pulling satisfactory grades while also eating well and working out and somehow finding time to maintain social lives. Many of us work part time or full time jobs. I’ve also noticed that an increasing number of people in my classes are parents. Some are married or planning weddings. Add a few student organization memberships and you’ve got an absolute mess.

I suspect that we all come into this knowing that it’s going to be tough. I just don’t think we’re aware exactly how hard it’s going to be. A lot gets asked of us all the time. As my roommate Sarah says, “College is just stress and carbs.” Isn’t that the truth?

It’s in those moments of despair that we have to remind ourselves of the other things no one tells us to expect, the amazing moments that will stick with us forever. We don’t know when they’ll happen, but they’re the moments that leave us plopping onto our beds and thinking, “Wow, what a

There are a couple of things to think about here. Is what you are fighting about really worth ending a friendship over? Obviously I don’t know the situation, but from what you are telling me, this seems to be your breaking point with her.

I think we all have these moments in our friendships where we push the boundaries, right? Don’t we have to get to that point to know where we can or cannot go with our friends? If you don’t like confrontation, it makes me think that you have probably never confronted issues with her in the past. Honestly, she is probably really confused as to why you are distancing yourself from her. Nothing will change if you don’t say anything about it.

I think it might be a good idea to just tell her how you are feeling. You don’t need to bring up issues of the past or even that you may not want to be friends with her in the future. Just tell her how you are feeling now.

I sometimes hold things in for so long that when I do finally confront an issue, I am talking about things that happened two years ago. Now, I believe that I have every right to still be mad about them, but I should have addressed the problem when it first happened. We don’t want to go backwards; we want to move forward.

I know this is a lot easier said than done. Confronting her and telling her how you feel may help this friendship, but I think, most importantly, it will take a huge weight off of your shoulders. It’s not fun to walk around with all of this pent up anger, and I think talking to her, even if nothing changes between the two of you, will make you feel a lot better.

Over the years, I have come to the conclusion that no matter how badly I want someone to change, I can’t change them. Once I realized this, it made situations like this a lot easier to grasp. You can only honestly tell your friend how you feel; her reaction is completely out of your hands. That’s the beauty of it. Once you confront your own feelings and tell her why you are frustrated, what follows is left to her.

Maybe she’ll prove you wrong, or maybe she’ll react like she always does. You’ll never know unless you try. But if you don’t say anything, then don’t expect this friendship to get any better. Change doesn’t happen when we just sit around and think about it.

Best of luck!
Colleen

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great night.”

For me, it’s been the fantastic moments I’ve had with my friends. It’s hanging out to study and instead ordering pizza and talking until the sun comes up. It’s the perfectly-timed “Taco Bell?” text from my roommate. It’s the surprise road trips I’ve had, kudos to having a friend who makes music and didn’t always want to travel to his shows alone. It’s having movie nights with my roommates and finally dropping my “tough girl” image and crying at a cheesy movie in front of them. It’s the feeling of closeness to a friend after a heavy life talk.

Those moments are in the impulsive nights out when my best friend comes to visit, and we always end up with a story. It’s going to the cities for one reason and stopping to see a friend’s friend from high school and having wristbands slapped on our wrists and being told to go to the fourth floor, only to find ourselves completely sober and accidentally at a rave. Sometimes, it’s literally standing on my friend’s porch in the middle of the night, surrounded by Christmas lights, and him saying, “These are the moments we’re going to tell our kids about.”

Those moments are exactly why it’s so hard to imagine my life after UWRF. It took a long time for me to call River Falls a home. Now, I see that I’ve developed quite a fondness for this place and the people in it. I actually missed it over spring break.

In a few months, there will be no seeing my roommates on a daily basis. There will be no random trips to Song Garden or Bo’s. I doubt I’ll ever find another place to watch a movie for \$4. The police blotter is probably going to get a lot scarier and a lot less “drunk college kids doing dumb things.” Most importantly, I’ll never find people like the ones I’ve met here.

When I was a freshman, I was certain I wouldn’t make it to my second year. All of those things no one tells us were weighing on me, and I felt there was no hope for me to ever like it here. Now that it’s all about to come to an end and everything did fall into place, I’m amazed at the sorrow I feel about leaving.

As much as I’ve been telling my family and friends that graduation is not a big deal and it’s just me going thousands of dollars in debt for a piece of paper and a resume item, I’m realizing that it’s actually a huge deal. Making it through is an accomplishment in itself. These four years put us through a lot, and I think we owe ourselves a lot of credit for making it through. So to anyone graduating this May, cheers! And to anyone still working on it, you’ve got this.

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‘Beauty and the Beast’ remake is a shift from stereotypes

Li-Yuan Hsu

Columnist

“Beauty and the Beast,” the Disney animated film, was released in 1991 and earned a Best Picture nomination at the Academy Awards. This classic was released this month as a live-action remake.

As a big fan of Belle and the Beast, I went to the movie theater to see the new film. It made me think of my first impression of this tale when I was a little girl. I saw a totally different Disney princess style, a different

way of describing young women, in the animated “Beauty and the Beast.” That made a deep impression in my childhood.

The one way I think that Belle is different from other Disney princesses is that she finally becomes a person who saves and chooses her lover instead being saved and chosen, like we see in “Snow White,” “Cinderella” and “Sleeping Beauty.”

As a classic female in Disney, Belle is kind and fearless, but she also has other important personality traits such as wisdom and the bravery to resist. She is also the first female Disney character who expresses her passion for knowledge, not just smiling, singing and talking with cute animals.

This is why I have always been a fan

of Belle. She was a new image of women in Disney animated movies. This time, Disney chose Emma Watson, a famous feminist around the world, to act as Belle in the live-action remake. This might be a signal that they will continue to create new styles of Disney princesses in the future.

In recent years, Disney has made some transitions in its animated films. The main male characters no longer are rich princes or defiantly smart guys; sometimes they are even cowards or bad guys. For instance, the male character in “Tangled” is a thief.

On the other hand, female characters in Disney films like “Moana” are not being emphasized by their amazing, beautiful appearances. Instead, they’re shown as stronger

in the mind with a passion for adventure.

I feel good about these transitions, because our children will become the target audience for these Disney animated films. They can break through stereotypes that have existed for a long time in our society and build their own images of females and males. I believe that will be helpful to promote gender equality in our new generation.

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iPhone camera addiction leads to one angry iCloud

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Columnist

As with most people, my cell phone has seemingly become permanently affixed to my hand. My oversized phone, clad in a glittering case, is just an extension of myself these days. I can hardly remember what I used to do with my hands in the dark days before I had an iPhone to hold.

My aching thumbs are also not the only part of me that have to bear the burden of carrying around my constant companion. The feeling of a sometimes crushing obligation I feel to document my life in photo and video form is a heavy weight to endure, as well.

I realized I might have a problem when, very recently, that big glittering rectangle I usually have clutched in my left hand dinged at me. This ding did not notify me of the latest text in a conversation completely comprised of Disney-themed gifs, however. Instead, it was to let me know that my iCloud storage was full.

If I had not trained myself to keep a firm

grip on my phone at all times, I would have dropped it right onto the floor in shock. Not only was all of the storage used up in my phone, of which I have the biggest option available, the extra iCloud storage that I had to buy each month had reached capacity.

In my head, I saw a bulging cloud, bursting at the seams with the many of thousands of pictures inside it. Each picture’s sharp corners were stabbing through the fluffy cloud’s snowy exterior into the gloomy, digital cyberspace in which my overflowing cloud floats.

The “camera roll” on my phone, so called because of the rolls of film that existed in the time before iPhones walked the Earth, currently contains almost 9,000 photos and videos. That’s 9,000 images of stuff I felt compelled to take a picture of, to have lasting visual proof of.

Most of these images I have not looked at or used since that initial capture. Many of them I cannot bear to delete even though I do not revisit them or need them for any real purpose. The others are reiterations of the same shot in the pursuit of getting a single image cast in the best light and from the best angle. Selfies take a lot of dedication, okay?

I love my iPhone, or so I tell it, lest I should anger it and then have it come to life and attack me as I lay innocently asleep just inches from it at night. I love it, but always having a camera at the ready is creating a big problem.

I do not think I can differentiate between needing to capture an important life moment from just capturing a moment of no consequence anymore. I really do not think it is necessary for me to take a picture of every latte I have, but I find myself doing it nonetheless. Now, I must pay the price, and I mean seriously pay because my options are to delete or upgrade, and I have proven I cannot rise to the simple task of getting rid of pictorial clutter.

Back when camera rolls were actually camera rolls that turned into printed, physical pictures, people had to think about what they needed to get a picture of. There was no space to take over and over again the same picture in pursuit of photo worthy of a carefully curated Instagram feed, partially because Instagram is a pretty recent thing and was not around in the days of these early versions of camera rolls.

In an effort to avoid solving my problem

of photo storage, I thought about what my future could possibly look like if I did not stem the amount of images I snapped with my overworked thumbs. I still saw myself grasping at a cell phone with one of my hands, but I also saw myself caught in a storm of digital pictures that glinted and swirled all around my future self in an obscuring and pixelated tornado.

Learning to un-train myself of the habit of grabbing a picture of every little innocuous moment in my life will be a chore. However, just thinking of the amount of digital evidence I will accumulate if I do not curb this addiction is a far more nightmarish thought for me.

From here on out, I plan on reminding myself that just because I did not take a picture, that does not mean that nothing happened.

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Sophomore
“Celebrity makeup artist.”



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In midst of boycott, UWRF hockey players reject chance to play in world championships



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Dani Sibley (#10) and Carly Moran (#8) were two of the Falcons who were contacted by USA Hockey to fill their national team for the World Championships.

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Three members of the UWRF women’s hockey team turned down an invitation to play for USA Hockey this week in the wake of a boycott by the current national team.

Dani Sibley, Carly Moran and Paige Johnson, all leaders of the WIAC conference champion Falcons, were contacted by USA Hockey to see if they would be willing to participate in the IIHF Women’s World Championships on Friday in Plymouth, Michigan.

The opportunity came about due to a breakdown in communications between current national team players and USA Hockey. National team members were boycotting the games in order to seek a livable wage while playing for their country, according to USA Today Sports.

The players knew what was going on with the story, but said they didn’t expect it to have an impact on them. That was until a phone call changed everything on Saturday morning.

“I first got a phone call from Coach Cranston that we were going to be contacted by Jim Johansson of USA hockey. I was contacted later that day, and it was kind of vague, but it involved flying us out on Wednesday for a tryout,” Moran said.

The call came as a complete surprise to the three Falcon hockey players. While it was an overwhelming opportunity,

the decision became clear after another phone call.

“We were contacted by a few of the USA players, and that really put it into perspective for me. Hannah Brandt was actually one of them, and she was a former Gopher. She’s been such a role model for me, and she’s been an inspiration to the game and myself,” Sibley said.

Hearing from the professionals and understanding their views on the boycott made the decision easy to make for the three players. Sibley described how they didn’t want to disrespect all the work the national team had done with the boycott to get to this point.

The players considered the opportunity of having the chance to wear the red, white and blue, but ultimately decided to stand with the other college players and pass on the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. But they said the reaction since the decision has been one of the most interesting parts of the story.

“We’ve gotten a ton of support from everyone on campus, family and friends. We’ve received crazy support for the decision that we made,” Moran said.

The story was picked up on Monday by ESPN, with Sibley and Moran appearing on ESPN’s Outside the Lines. WCCO in Minneapolis also featured the two on a story Monday night.

“I honestly think it was so eye-opening that [our story] really took off and got a lot of attention. Even though we don’t

think we play a big part in women’s hockey, we still have a say in future generations,” Sibley said.

But with all the controversy surrounding the world championships and trying to find replacement players, the story can finish with a happy ending. On Tuesday night, the boycotting national team and USA Hockey came to a four-year agreement that will pay players beyond the six-month Olympic period, according to the Associated Press.

“It’s really exciting that they came to this before the world championships on Friday. To know that me and Dani and Paige were all a part of that and that we could help change women’s hockey forever, it unified us as women’s hockey players,” Moran said.

Sibley also said that the national attention received by this story could have a further impact on the future of women’s hockey.

“This shows women’s hockey is earning the respect it deserves from the top down to the youth. It deserves respect from everyone and has so many people involved,” Sibley said.

The US National Team can now focus beyond the off-the-ice issues and return to playing in the World Championships. The United States plays Canada at 6:30 p.m. on Friday night in the first round of the 2017 International Ice Hockey Federation Women’s World Championship.

UWRF women’s tennis wins first match in over two years

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The UW-River Falls women’s tennis team broke a 30-match losing streak on Sunday, March 26, taking down Div. II University of Minnesota Crookston 8-1.

The win was the first for UWRF since the fall 2014 season, and the first under second-year Head Coach Dan Stumpf. The match was the first action the team has seen since placing seventh in the WIAC tournament in October.

The Falcons traveled to Bemidji, Minnesota, on Sunday to compete against Div. II schools University of Minnesota Crookston and Bemidji State. Even though the match was set for noon against a team up one division, the Falcons came ready to play.

Brittany Asfeld put in a dominant performance in number one singles, defeating Whitney Erickson 6-3, 6-2. She also teamed up with Krista Haglund to take down Whitney and Reanne Erickson 8-5 in doubles.

Anna Fessenmaier, Karli Helland, Aliza Doherty and Taylor Norby also won singles matches in the afternoon. The strong all-around performance gave the team an 8-1 victory and a much-needed win.

“It was awesome that our hard work has finally paid off,” Helland said. “We’re all really passionate about the sport, and that’s something we use to our advantage. We can only get better from where we were.”

The road to this victory wasn’t an easy one. The Falcons showed they could be competitive in the fall season, losing a close match to UW-Stevens Point 4-5 and taking a few matches off of a strong UW-Oshkosh team. But for this win to come on the heels of a long offseason shows the focus UWRF needed in order to come out hot.

“I think we were all really excited to get back on the court, and we brought our ‘A’ game,” Helland said. “We’ve put in a lot of hours with the same drills to master [our shots], and it’s hard not to get better when you put in that work.”

The performance can also be a testament to the work Stumpf has put in during the short time he has been head of the program. Helland said Stumpf’s focus on clearing the net, improving the team’s footwork and volleying abilities and putting away points at the net has been key to their improvement.

Helland used these tools to achieve the most lopsided win of the afternoon, crushing Adrianna Tiede 6-0, 6-0 in her number four singles match.

“I was just being consistent with my shots and not trying to do too much with it, while also using opportunities to my advantage,” Helland said.

The Falcons had trouble finding the same success in match number two on the day against Bemidji State. While Crookston came in at 0-10 on the season, Bemidji State entered the match at 9-3.

UWRF would get rolled in every match, with the closest contest coming in number one singles from Brittany Asfeld. She managed to take four games from Morgan Opp in the second set before falling 6-2, 6-4.

The decisive loss to Bemidji State may have put a small damper on the weekend, but the competitive nature the Falcons showed against upper-level talent could prove to be valuable as the season wears on.

“We have high hopes for what we can do. We’re more than capable [of competing]; it’s just applying everything we’ve learned on a single day,” Helland said. “They were both DII teams, so there’s no reason we shouldn’t be able to compete that well with teams in our division.”

The Falcons return to action on April 9 when they travel to De Pere, Wisconsin. They will take on Concordia University and St. Norbert College at noon and 3 p.m.

Weather makes softball season unpredictable for UWRF

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Collegiate softball in Wisconsin and the rest of the Midwest always turns into a wild roller coaster ride due to sporadic weather patterns. The weather often creates disadvantages and problems for softball teams.

To combat the rain and snow, the UW-River Falls softball team traveled earlier this month to Florida to play in tournaments, as it does nearly every year. This year, the Falcons played in Clermont and Kissimmee in the PFX Games and the Rebel Spring Games.

The Falcons played more than 10 games in less than a week, and although it can be an enjoyable time traveling to Florida, it can take a toll on a team as well.

“It’s more or less the 12 games in the span of seven days,” said UWRF Softball Head Coach Amber Dohlman, who is in her second season. “When we’re up here (in Wisconsin),

we play a doubleheader, and you get a break, play a doubleheader, and you get a break. There’s no time for us to figure anything out down there.”

With the inadequate preparation time, Dohlman added that it creates major pressure on her team to perform.

“That’s a fourth of your season,” said Dohlman. “After spring break, we’re almost halfway done with our season. If you have a bad week, it decides your whole season.”

Besides traveling long distances, the other large issue the team faces is finding places to play before the weather conditions allow it. Multiple domes are located around the Twin Cities metropolitan area, but booking a game in one of them can cost a pretty penny.

Finally, the lack of continuity within the rules at the different venues the team plays at creates a large gap between ballparks. Dohlman said that every dome the team plays in has its specific set of rules.

“If we’re in a dome, and it hits the ceiling, it’s an automatic

out,” Dohlman said. “Depending on the size of the dome that we play in, any home run is considered a double, because of the distance of the fences and the heights of the fences.”

The dimensions of a field have a large impact on how the game is played, but other features such as the speed of the field affect the flow of a game, as well. Dohlman said that the turf is a quicker-playing surface, which can create havoc on a routine ground ball. Dohlman said if her team could avoid playing in domes, it would.

“They cost a ridiculous amount to play in. To play in Rochester, the Luther Dome Tournament, it costs \$350 a game,” said Dohlman.

The Falcons are home now after going 5-6 on the trip to Florida. Due to some scheduling rearrangements, the Falcons’ first home game is slated for April 8 against UW-Stevens Point. Until then, the coaches and players will cross their fingers for winter to be no more.

Universities, businesses offer resources to teach students how to be professional in the workplace

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Recent college graduates struggle with professionalism skills, but universities and businesses are working to fill in the gaps.

Studies have shown many college students are well equipped in the skills that involve science and technology, but they are lacking in those — such as dress and presentation — that will help them move up into leadership or management positions.

One study revealed that while 87 percent of recent graduates feel well prepared for their first job after earning their diplomas, only half of hiring managers agreed with them.

“It is a real issue,” said Derrick Edwards, president of AGS Data Systems, a data analytics internet-based software company in Hudson, Wisconsin.

“The difficulty is more firmly rooted in the technology-based industry,” added Edwards. “In education, music is not going to change much over time. None of that really becomes outdated. But in computer science, the industry changes so quickly. Many recent graduates have not had an opportunity to work on their problem-solving skills.”

Not only are businesses trying to fill the gap, but so are students. Some of them are working themselves to make changes.

“There definitely is a trend that graduates are not prepared,” said James VandenBergh, UW-River Falls student body vice

president, who is majoring in economics, business management and English. “We need to take control of our education and seek out the resources to make the change ourselves.”

Professionalism is considered required for recent college graduates to have a successful career. Graduates with these skills are more valuable in the professional world, according to a report about workforce preparedness.

The study also showed that most people expect a college education to equip them with these skills, but on most campuses, it’s up to students to attend workshops or job fairs that address professionalism — it’s not something that is part of the curriculum.

“All of the professional career aspect... is optional for the student,” said Melissa Wilson, director of Career Services at UWRF. She has been working with students and others to figure out how to help students obtain these skills before they graduate.

One way students can learn how to conduct themselves is at a professional etiquette dinner. VandenBergh has attended the Etiquette Dinner that Career Services hosts a couple times a year. He also has tapped into other resources.

“My uncle has had a huge influence on me,” said VandenBergh. “When I go to a professional setting, I always wear a suit.” His uncle works for a California technology company and has given VandenBergh books such as “Dress for Success,” which have really helped him understand what it means

to look and be professional.

“If you are wearing flip flops to a job fair, you won’t get through that gate. We send you back home and you can come back,” said Wilson. “It is not acceptable and it really surprises at least 10 students on that day.”

The university works to inform students, but there are many who don’t see or get the information. Even basic things, such as shining their shoes or ironing their shirt, can be new information for some students, said Wilson.

“Everybody defines professionalism different, but it is the most important aspect of getting a job after college,” said Wilson. “For me, it’s about how others are viewing us. Are we consistent?”

Wilson said there are lots of resources and opportunities for students and alumni to help sharpen their professionalism skills in the Career Services office at UWRF, and she encourages them to stop by.

“This really isn’t anything new; it’s an age old problem,” said Edwards. “Transitioning students from a place where the professors teach and then test doesn’t really match what industry does, which is more planning, executing and analyzing. We have a long way to go when it comes to teaching students how to problem solve, which could eventually land them in leadership roles.”



Katelyn Anderson/Student Voice

The university has several resources for students to gain professional experience, including the Etiquette Dinner, which was on March 28.

Risk of Lyme disease increases as warmer weather nears

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With warmer weather approaching, environmental experts are reminding outdoor enthusiasts to protect themselves against Lyme disease.

Lyme borreliosis, more commonly known as Lyme disease, is caused by bacteria called *Borrelia burgdorferi* that lives on deer ticks. The ticks often travel on deer or mice through wooded areas. The disease can often cause a rash resembling a bull’s-eye and flu-like symptoms. If not treated with antibiotics, the disease can lead to severe joint pain or even paralysis of muscles in the face.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, reported Lyme disease cases have doubled across the country since 2001 with most cases seen in the Upper Midwest and Northeast. Locally, researchers believe the disease isn’t necessarily spreading, but human exposure to the deer tick is growing.

“What we’re determining over time is that the ticks that carry the Lyme disease — the deer tick — is expanding geographically its range,” said Janet Jarnefeld, a tick specialist technician with Metropolitan Mosquito Control District, an

organization monitoring tick-borne diseases in the Twin Cities since 1990.

Jarnefeld said researchers aren’t exactly sure what has caused an increase, but one possibility is a warming climate, which increases the amount of time ticks have to travel.

“We kind of have a new normal,” Jarnefeld said. “No one can really say exactly what the reasons would be for the increase in the number of ticks that are out and the spread that’s occurring, but one of the hypotheses is climate change.”

Fred Bonilla, an associate professor in the UW-River Falls Biology Department with a doctorate in infectious diseases and pathology, said climate change is a growing concern for those studying tick-borne diseases.

“The transmission of Lyme disease is mainly in the warmer months — our summer months — that’s when most of the transmission occurs,” Bonilla said. “The survivability of a tick is really important, so if it is surviving longer, we may start seeing an increase in cases in April or May as opposed to our typical June or July.”

Jarnefeld said deer ticks have already been seen this year, which is likely due to a stretch of warm weather in the middle of February.

About 1,300 confirmed cases of Lyme disease were reported

across the state in 2015, according to the Wisconsin Division of Public Health. The highest numbers were recorded in June and July.

For people looking to explore the region’s woodland areas, Jarnefeld said there are easy steps people can take to prevent the transmission of the disease.

“Keep yourself along a center of a trail. Keeping yourself from shrubs brushing against you, you’re going to reduce the opportunity for ticks that are hanging out on the ends of the brush,” Jarnefeld said.

Jarnefeld also recommended people wear light-colored clothing and tuck their pants into their socks. Bonilla said people should be aware of the importance of protecting themselves from the disease.

“Like any disease, it has signs and symptoms that can have consequences,” Bonilla said. “In some cases, if it’s left untreated there could be some severe consequences.”

Jarnefeld said people must be aware of how early during the year ticks are coming out and how late in the year they can still be found. In 2015 and 2016, the MMCD reported finding ticks as early as March and as late as December.

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‘Beauty and the Beast’ remake maintains magic of original while adding new elements, expanding character backstory

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“Beauty and the Beast” got remade! Is any other introduction needed when discussing one of the greatest Disney animated films? For those of you who don’t know, Disney plans to remake essentially all of its original animated films within the next few decades, 22 to be exact (so far). This includes “Aladdin,” “The Lion King,” “Mulan,” a Cruella de Vil origin movie (staring Emma Stone), “Snow White” and many more.

This has me both very excited and also slightly skeptical, because I don’t want Disney to just churn these films out with the sole purpose of making a lot of money and have them turn out like crap.

“Beauty and the Beast,” however, does not fall into this category. This is a wonderfully magical film that brings the original feeling forth while adding new elements to the story. Some of you might be saying to yourself, “Wait, they added new elements to the story? Is that a good thing or bad?”

Rest assured that it is a good addition to the film. Specifically, the question of what happened to Belle’s mother is something new that is addressed. I like this aspect actually, because it was something that I really never thought of with the original. It adds a lot more heart and character development, and a few new scenes are created because of it.

Since the original film came out in 1991, there have been 26 years of advancements when it comes to animation. The good thing about all of this is that the new animation technology still keeps the original feeling of the film. The musical numbers are very much the same, but it adds a lot of vibrant colors and great special effects to amplify this original feeling.

With the film now featuring a lot of special effects and, of course, not actually having a talking candlestick and clock (disappointing, I know), there is a lot of green screen work. Sometimes it is a little more noticeable with how Belle reacts, but this is a very small critique.

Now let’s talk about Emma Watson and the rest of the cast. They are excellent! Watson is a very believable Belle. She has a great singing voice and also has a believable romance with the Beast. This movie focuses a lot more on the gradual development of the relationship and how it turns romantic than the original did (longer screen time and a bigger budget help out a ton).

The Beast (Dan Stevens) is really great as well, with some excellent animation that captures both his beastly nature and gentle side.

Last, but definitely not least, is the great relationship between Gaston (Luke Evans) and Le Fou (Josh Gad). They are hysterical! Together they create a lot of funny moments that had me and the rest of the audience laughing. Altogether, the writers did an excellent job with the characters and bringing new qualities to the film.

I just have to say this: If you have a problem with the “gay character(s),” get over it. Seriously.

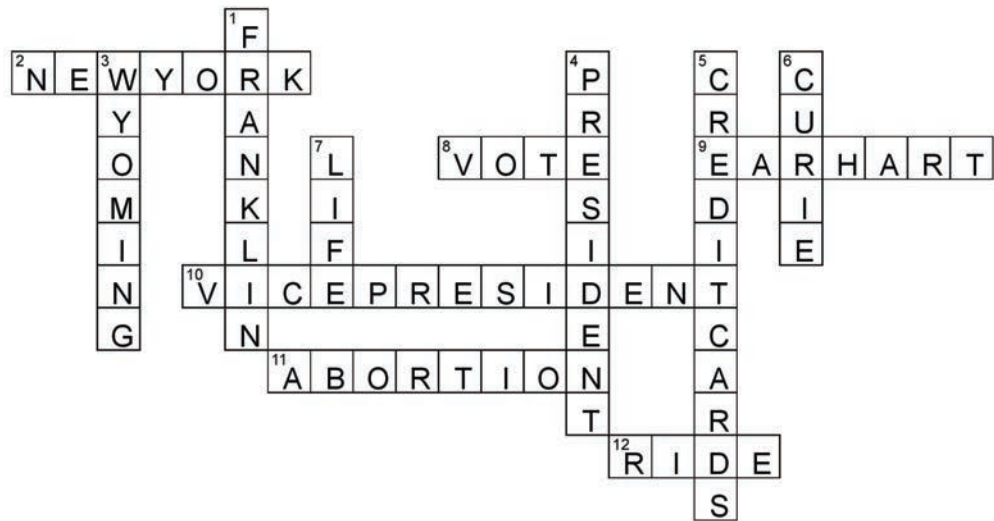
“Beauty and the Beast” maintains the elegance and enchantment of the original film while bringing a fresh spin to the table. If you haven’t seen this already (with this being the seventh-highest grossing opening weekend film in history, I assume a lot of you already have), you need to go see it!

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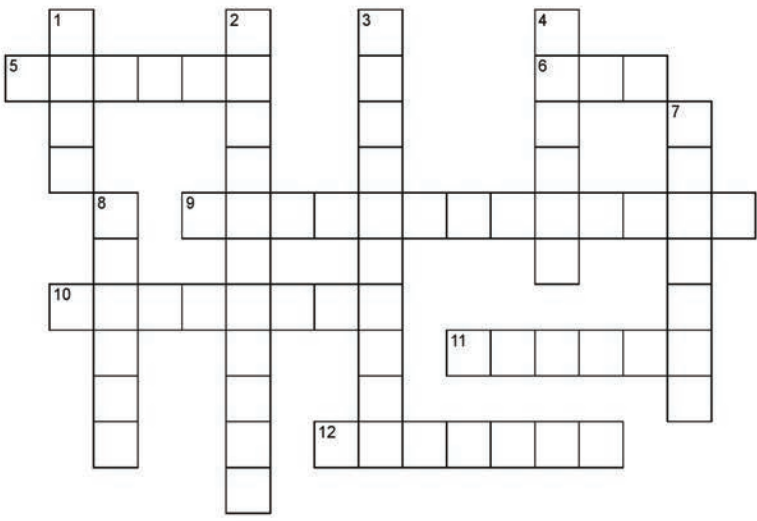


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- ACROSS
- 5 This company quickly removed its "mic drop" prank from its email service after people complained on April 1, 2016
 - 6 April Fools' Day is also known as ___ Fools' Day
 - 9 As a prank on April 1, 2016, the United States Army tweeted that it had found a way transport soldiers this way
 - 10 You've been a victim of this if you've ever clicked a link and unexpectedly encountered an iconic Rick Astley song instead
 - 11 Some historians think the holiday comes from a switch to the Gregorian calendar in this European country
 - 12 This cushion makes it sound like you have flatulence as you sit down
- DOWN
- 1 Other historians link the day to the Hilaria festival held in this Italian city
 - 2 Some historians think that the original "April fools" were those who continued to celebrate this day on April 1 after it had been moved (3 words)
 - 3 You can "deactivate" bar soap by painting it with this (2 words)
 - 4 For approximately 10 days in April of 2015, Google Maps had a feature that allowed one to play this game
 - 7 Burger King advertised a left-handed version of this sandwich in 1998, and people actually ordered it
 - 8 Placing plastic wrap on this bathroom fixture could make a mess

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