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In terms of diversity, CAFES needs improvement

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Christian Sosa is one of three kids from a mixed-heritage family. His mother’s side of the family is from the U.S., his father’s is from Honduras, and Sosa was born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He’s a native English-speaker, but while he was growing up, his parents tried to teach him Spanish with primer books. He learned some of the language, but it didn’t flow naturally at first.

When he was in seventh grade, however, Sosa’s parents sent him to spend some time living with an aunt in Honduras. There he learned Spanish and the culture from his father’s side of the family.

“That’s kind of where my life really began to pick up and started,” Sosa said.

Now Sosa is following the footsteps of his father, who was a dairy science major when he went through college. Sosa is a junior at UW-River Falls, and as he’s beginning to step into the job market, he’s finding that his cultural heritage has lent him an edge in the agricultural field, where Hispanic workers are common.

“If you think about it in, like, big picture sort of terms, I kind of have somewhat of an advantage because, you know, I have the other side of the culture and everything, and actually I’m fluent in Spanish as well,” Sosa said. It allows him, he added, to connect with Hispanic workers on a deeper level than most of his peers.

Sosa’s cultural diversity opens up opportunities, both for him and for those who hire him. But Sosa is a rarity at UWRF, especially within the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Science.

University enrollment reports show that that out of almost 6,000 students at UWRF, 87.9 percent are white. If you look closer at how diversity is distributed among the four colleges, 2017 data from Institutional Research shows that CAFES is the least diverse with 94.25 percent white students. For comparison, the College of Business and Economics has the most diversity, though it is still 81.61 percent white.

A lot of this, said CAFES Dean Dale Gallenberg, has to do with the fact that UWRF and the larger River Falls area is primarily white. A lot of recruitment for the programs within the college is done at events such as Farm Technology Days, which is a regional event that is largely visited by the local farming community.

“Is there cultural diversity?” Gallenberg said. “Yes. Would I say it is ‘great’ diversity? No. But I would also say, typically, the folks we talk to are representative of that industry within that region.”

Certain programs within CAFES see this discrepancy more sharply than others. Brittany Smith is a third-year senior in agricultural engineering technology who will be graduating early this May, and she said that she doesn’t know of any non-white students from her major. Not only that, but the major is heavily male-dominated as well.

“There’s quite a few girls in ag. majors in general,” Smith said, “but specifically ag. engineering, there’s very few.”

As a female in a heavily male-dominated career path, she said she finds that she often needs to work extra hard to prove that she’s just as capable as men at her work. In group projects, she sometimes gets the impression that her male peers are try-

ing to out-compete her. In the job market, she said that her supervisors in the industry tend to seem surprised and impressed when she meets or exceeds the standards they expect of men.

“You just have to do so much more to stand out,” Smith said.

Youngmi Kim is an assistant professor who teaches classes within the agricultural engineering technology major, and she said she hears about a lot of stories like Smith’s. Only 15 percent of majors in the program are women, she said, and she doesn’t think that there’s enough support for female students who feel like their opinions and work are not valued.

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Photo by Sophia Koch/Falcon News Service
Assistant Professor Youngmi Kim gives her class on waste management Monday morning to white, mostly male students as part of the agricultural engineering technology major in CAFES.

Planning for emergency: firefighters perform orientation walk-through of UWRF library in case of future crisis

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UW-River Falls Pre-major Adviser Molly Foley found herself advising not students, but firefighters Monday as the River Falls Fire Department performed a pre-planning walk-through of the Chalmer Davee Library.

Though a learning ground to many of the department’s firefighters, the campus library was commonplace to Foley, who in addition to working for the university in the Chalmer Davee basement is in her 22nd year of serving as a volunteer firefighter for the city. As the fire department conducted its drill, Foley’s knowledge of her campus work environment gave her much insight and knowledge to share with her firefighting colleagues.

“It was familiar to me because I know the building,” Foley

said. “So I was just trying to think, if you hadn’t been in that building in a long time, what would be some things to point out?”

Among the things she pointed out were places, passageways and pieces of equipment that remain entirely unexplored and off limits to much of the campus community and general public. However, all of the discrete building aspects that were visited during the walk-through were things that the firefighters need to be aware of in the case of various emergencies.

“This is the main fire alarm panel for the entire university,” said firefighter Doug Rudesill as he informed the department of the campus-wide broadcasting system installed in the library. “With this one here, with the microphone, you can talk to any dorm room, or any collection of rooms, or entire buildings – everything! Kids can be in their bedrooms sleeping and you can talk to them.”

Another one of the building’s hidden locations that made the route was an entrance to the campus’ steam pipe tunnel system, a crawlspace with steam pipe running through it that connects to every building on campus. The buildings are all heated by steam from the campus power plant, according to firefighter Mike Moody.

“Actually, going under Cascade to North Hall,” Moody said, “it keeps the ground warm enough so that when it’s really cold out, instead of the snow being plowed off, it freezes down in to ice in that one short spot. Most people never figured that out.”

The Fire Department would be called to the tunnel crawlspace if one of its maintenance workers were ever to have a heart attack or medical issue, according to Moody.

With 48 firefighters currently serving on the department, it was necessary for the firefighters to split into two groups when conducting the pre-planning drill. Both groups drew looks of intent curiosity from students who happened to notice the sudden-but-brief invasion of their study habitat.

“At first I didn’t know they were firefighters, so I was kind of confused as to who were all these people standing here,” said Lucy Schetnan, a UWRF Spanish major. “It was interesting because I wasn’t sure what was going on.”

Upon learning who the people were and what they were doing congregating in the library, Schetnan developed a deeper perspective about campus safety.

“It’s a good reminder that we have all these people in our town to provide that kind of assistance when we are in need of help like that,” she said. “It just shows that we have a good group of people that are here to protect us.”

Initially, the department had planned to conduct the pre-planning walk-through at the Falcon Center instead of the library. However, the plans were altered due to two new classes of firefighters that have joined the department since the last time the drill was performed at Chalmer Davee a couple years ago, according to the department. All but one firefighter at River Falls has already completed a walk-through of the Falcon Center since its September opening, which made the campus library more of a priority.



Photo by Nathan Lukasavitz/ Falcon News Service
Firefighter Doug Rudesill informs his colleagues of an alarm panel at Chalmer Davee Library on Monday.

News Briefs: University of Wisconsin-River Falls students raise \$2,600 for Puerto Rico Hurricane Victims

This semester’s University of Wisconsin- River Falls’ Sales and Event Planning class raised \$2,600 for the victims of Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico through their “Pies for Puerto Rico” event sponsored by Renewal by Anderson and partnered with Random Acts. The event took place at the University Center on campus from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, December 6th, 2017. “Pies for Puerto Rico” was a pie your professor event drawing the support of 30 UWRF professors and administrators willingly allowing students to throw pies at them to raise money.

With the recent devastation brought to the region by the hurricanes, the class felt like they needed to step in and help. Donating the proceeds of their event to this cause was a no-brainer. When Professor Jennifer Willis-Rivera heard about the idea, she wanted to join her forces as well causing the class and Random Acts to partner up for “Pies for Puerto Rico.” The proceeds are being used by Random Acts to buy and distribute toys to children in Puerto Rico for the holidays. Willis-Rivera, the Development Manager for the organization, said that Random Acts “...loves to do anything to promote acts of kindness and especially right now with the situation Puerto Rico is in.”

Random Acts is a non-profit organization started by the CW’s Supernatural cast member, Misha Collins on Twitter in 2009. Since then the organization has undergone several changes to become what it is today. They are set out to “...conquer the world, one random act of kindness at a time,” as stated on the Random Acts website.

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UWRF to host seminar on effective ways to market livestock

Experts from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls and the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection will present a seminar focusing on effective ways to market livestock January 19-20, 2018, at the UWRF Mann Valley Farm in River Falls.

With a focus on beef and pork, highlights of the seminar include:

- Cutting demonstrations
- Value-added products
- Direct marketing panel
- Financial loan availability
- Labeling requirements

Attendees will also travel to Sailer’s Food Market and Meat Processing, Inc. in Elmwood to obtain an inside look at the operation of five generations of successful meat processing. The seminar (Friday, Jan. 19, from 6-8 p.m. and Saturday, Jan. 20, from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.) costs \$75 per person and includes supper on Friday, as well as a continental breakfast and lunch on Saturday.

Registration is required before Jan. 12, 2018, by calling 715-425-3581 (leave message) or emailing elizabeth.whitchurch@uwrf.edu.

The seminar is made available through UW-River Falls and UW-Extension.

UWRF senior receives Gilman International Scholarship

Nicholas Schlaeger, a University of Wisconsin-River Falls biomedical science major from Grantsburg, is one of fewer than 1,000 students nationwide to receive a Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship to study or intern abroad during the 2017-18 academic year.

Schlaeger, asenior, is one of only 11 students in the UW System to receive the scholarship that is named for the late Congressman Benjamin Gilman (R-NY). Gilman served in the U.S. House of Representatives for thirty years and chaired the House Foreign Relations Committee.

Gilman Scholars receive up to \$5,000 to apply toward study abroad or internship programs with additional funding available for language study overseas. Since 2001, Gilman Scholarships have enabled more than 25,000 students of diverse backgrounds to engage in meaningful educational experiences abroad.

“I’m honored to receive a Gilman Scholarship,” Schlaeger said. “I have been doing research with Dr. Huang for almost a year now and his work has gotten me interested in cancer biology. I feel prepared for graduate school because of everything that he has taught me here at UWRF.”

Schlaeger plans to take part in UWRF’s Taiwan Biomedical Program in January with Cheng-Chen Huang, associate professor of biology.

Global engagement is one of UWRF’s top core values. According to the National Survey of Student Engagement, one in four UWRF seniors had either studied abroad or was in the process of doing so in 2017 – a rate 36 percent higher than the UW System as a whole.

The Gilman Program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and is supported in its implementation by the Institute of International Education.

For more information, call the Office of International Education at UW-River Falls at 715-425-4891 or visit <https://www.gilmanscholarship.org/>.

New holiday gift offerings available at Falcon Foods

The holiday season is here and Falcon Foods at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls is ready to give you a hand with your holiday preparations. Falcon Foods is offering the following items in addition to traditional holiday cheese boxes this year:

Cheese of the Month Club membership: The recipient will receive three blocks of cheese (flavors chosen based on availability) shipped directly to them for each of the three months of February, March and April. This option is perfect for a cheese lover and is one that keeps on giving long after the holidays are over!

Honey from the UWRF Bee Club: Individuals can substitute a block of cheese or summer sausage in a cheese box with an 8 oz. bottle of honey.

Holiday ice cream cakes: Serve your guests a special treat with Falcon Foods ice cream cakes.

As usual, a variety of holiday cheese boxes are also available for purchase. Combinations of pre-selected blocks of cheese with some boxes also containing Falcon Foods summer sausage or a custom multi-wood cheese board are also available. Or, create your own custom cheese box containing four different cheeses chosen from 12 flavors.

Giving the gift of Falcon Foods cheese and products is a great way to provide thoughtful gifts for your family and friends while also supporting important educational programs at UW-River Falls.

The UWRF dairy and meat pilot plants provide students with valuable, hands-on learning experiences that are applicable to their future careers. Student workers and interns make Falcon Foods cheese, ice cream, and summer sausage under the direct supervision of licensed faculty and gain practical experience in production, sanitation, and quality assurance. Cheese and ice cream are produced using milk from the UW-River Falls Mann Valley Farm and summer sausage is produced from livestock raised on the Mann Valley Farm as well as from local farms.

Falcon Foods cheese boxes can be ordered online at go.uwrf.edu/falconfood or in person and can be picked up at the Falcon Foods Store in the Food Science Addition on campus or shipped via ground shipping for orders placed by Monday, Dec. 18. Falcon Foods Memberships to the Cheese of the Month Club may be ordered at any time until the last week of January. Credit card payments are accepted both online and in-store. Large/bulk orders are best ordered by email or over the phone.

The Falcon Foods Store is located on campus in 149 Food Science Addition. The store is open Thursdays 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. and Fridays from 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For more information, call 715-425-4161 or email falconfoods@uwrf.edu.

Student Senate Update: Dec. 12

The Student Senate discussed amendments to their bylaws. Topics brought up include:

- GPA requirements for being on the Senate – it was amended to 2.5, cumulative.
- No SGA member can be elected to the Senate if convicted of breaking a university policy. The Senate discussed whether this applies to someone whose case is under investigation. Ultimately, it was decided that membership will be suspended in this situation until the investigation is complete.

The information in this update comes from the minutes posted to the Student Government Association Falcon-Sync page every week and from the live tweet posts gathered by Student Voice staff. The Student Senate meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Willow River Room of the University Center.

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Campus Events Calendar:

- **Frances Cohler Coffee Concert: Vanttoorne/Nieuwenhuis**
Friday, Dec. 15, 12 p.m.- 1 p.m.
Abbott Concert Hall, KFA
- **Fall 2017 Commencement**
Saturday, Dec. 16, 1 p.m.
Knowles Center
- **SCV Symphony Orchestra Holiday Concert**
Monday, Dec. 18, 7:30p.m.- 9 p.m.
Abbott Concert Hall, KFA
- **Chancellor’s Late Night Breakfast**
Tuesday, Dec. 19, 9 p.m.- 11 p.m.
Riverside Commons
- **Weekly Relaxation Practice**
Wednesday, Dec. 20, 3:30 p.m.- 4 p.m
162 Hagstad Hall

Visit uwrf.edu for a full schedule of events

Looking for advice?

The Student Voice has an advice columnist. To send her an anonymous note, find the Student Voice on Facebook or Twitter and click on the Google Doc link.

Weekly UWRF Crime Report

Thursday, December 7

- Theft was reported at Klienpell Fine Arts at 11:41 a.m.

Sunday, December 10

- Threats were reported at the University of Wisconsin- River Falls at 2:41 a.m.

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

Not the Duff you’re looking for: ‘Christmas Belle’ proves to be an unsurprisingly bad movie

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Here’s a fun fact: Every single year around July, Haylie Duff, the less prominent Duff sister, begins a journey in which she begins to film a parade of Lifetime and Hallmark Christmas movies. She’s done this to the point where half of my Netflix queue is just Haylie Duff Christmas movies.

It’s like she’s made some sort of pact with the candy cane twirling CEOs of Hallmark, who tell her, “You’ll film six increasingly cheesy Christmas movies for us, Haylie, and maybe someday people will know you in the same way which they do Hillary.”

I’m not going to send you into this with any illusions, because I believe that we all have the right to know when a movie is ripping off a “meh” franchise. “Christmas Belle” is Belle as in “Beauty and the Beast.”

But with no beast.

Just a sad lonely businessman. And Haylie Duff, whose character Belle works for her father appraising antiques.

Now if you are thinking that you’ve already seen “Beauty and the Beast” with the Beast being a businessman, you are correct. Enter the 2011 “Beauty & the Briefcase” starring Hillary Duff.

This is the offbeat Christmas knockoff of that – the movie that couldn’t afford to pay for the richer Duff sister. They assume that we’ll take the bagged wine substitute over the Pinot Noir 1892, and they are completely correct because I most definitely did in an I-don’t-know-the-difference-between-wine-because-I-cannot-legally-drink sort of way. (My status of alcoholic legality will be changed next week, during which I intend to nap.)

Haylie Duff is this lady named Belle who works for her dad’s antique shop. She has exactly one admirer despite being nice as heck and he is in all ways except by name, Gaston.

His name is significantly more horrible: Tony.

Tony loves Haylie Duff, he wants her more than anything and begs her to give him a chance. He personally thinks that the fact her father wants her to work on Christmas sucks, which is chill, and he low-key brings her favorite flowers: roses.

The reason he’s not chill is because he tries to take Belle out to dinner. When – for maybe the fortieth time – he is informed once more that she is unable to go, he decides to use the dinner reservation with another girl. Which I oddly respect.

Meanwhile, Belle is spending time with her father, a man who genuinely believes that Garfield is funny.

Spending time with a rich guy at a nice restaurant or spending time with your father who thinks Garfield is a comedic gem.

Belle is making good choices.

Belle has to go to this creepy old estate to estimate the value of – you guessed it – her favorite thing that isn’t roses: books.

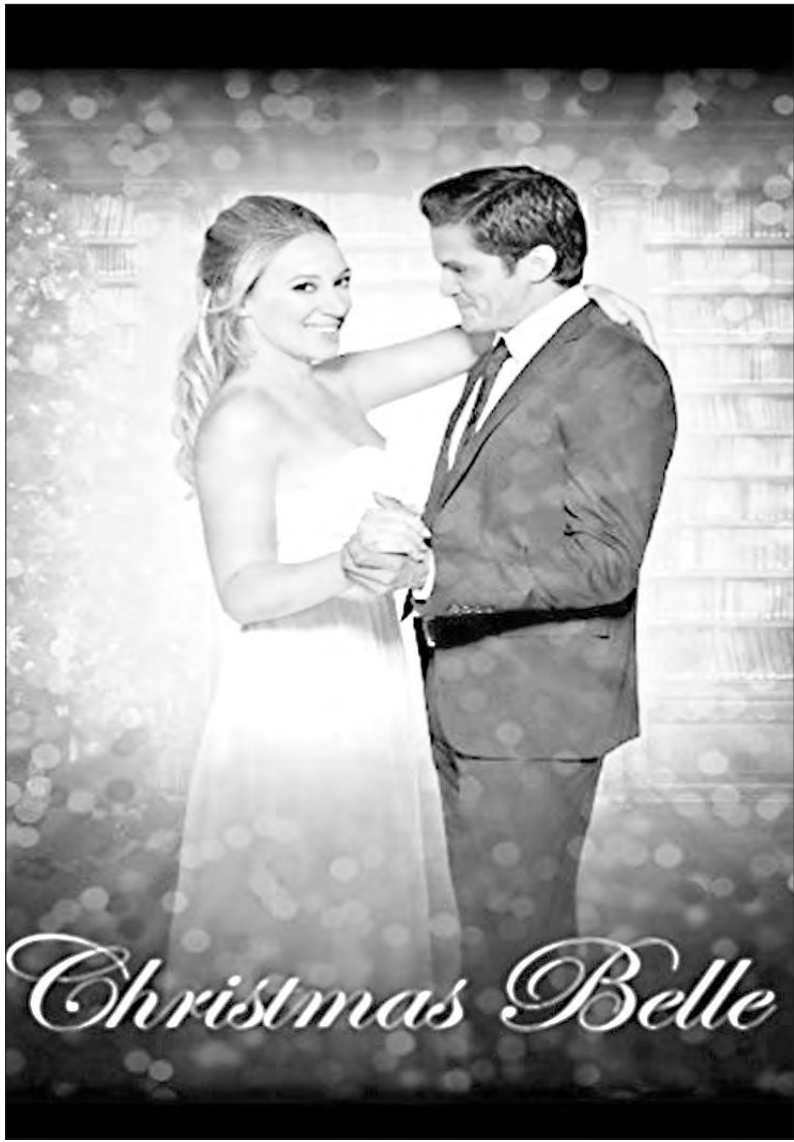
Belle Duff goes to town where everyone informs her that

the man is horrible. Nothing really happens except for setting some background details.

Beauty and the Duff has to go to her accommodations, the exact house where she is cataloging items for auction. Because, you know, where else will you hole up the help when you plan to sell your million dollar mansion? The hotel?

The Beast is exactly as rude and inhospitable as you would imagine from a man who is unwilling to pay hotel expenses for a girl he made travel to the boonies. He looked kind of like a Spanish Soap Opera villain the whole time and it weirded me out. Like Antonio Banderas (The man who plays Puss in Boots) in literally anything that isn’t “Shrek”.

Also, he has a mole.



And they centered the camera on the mole in some shots. His name is Hunter – not the mole, but the man. The mole is too prominent of a figure to require an actual name. In fact, whenever the mole did come into view, it was always in the same location on my screen. I know because I locked an arrow down about fifteen minutes in.

None of that matters, though, because his dog is named Beast.

Hunter is sad and mean as heck because someone died. It wasn’t his grandparents, who I assumed passed away fairly recently due to the whole, “inheriting this estate and it being imperative that I not own it long.” Instead, it was his fiancée.

Forget grandma.

Apparently, his fiancée is in the floorboards of his family estate – painted every picture and hand wrote every novel. The fact that it is owned by his family and therefore a location dominated by the heritage of his family is forgotten.

Everything after that moved pretty slow. Dead wives and fiancées are a dime a dozen to heterosexual male leads and therefore they can cast them aside at a moment’s notice.

But since this “Beauty and the Beast” ripoff doesn’t quite have the grand emotional audience connection that every Hallmark movie strives for (likely because it’s a knock-off of a very well known Disney movie’s Hillary Duff knockoff), no one really cares.

A Christmas dance is canceled via nondescript unofficial signs. It’s back on due to being a rich heterosexual male with no hobbies other than the pursuit of love. This leads to an obligatory Beauty and Beast ball scene.

And at one point the guy threw stuff, which was like it.

The emotional climax of the movie is the evil twin from a Spanish soap opera throwing books as his mole remains static.

The movie was bad but entertaining. I reached that point in every person’s life where you watch bad movies solely because you are emotionally numb inside at the moment and this is the only joy in your life.

“Oh, I get it, the old lady that’s bound to the house by duty and talks like a Victorian lady even though we’re in the south? She’s Mrs. Potts,” I said out loud to myself as I ate instamashed potatoes and fought the stinging feeling of failure in the back of my skull.

“What an original and wonderful, well thought out movie,” I chimed as I fought back hysterical sobs about family disappointment. “A tale as old as time? Haha, I think I’ve heard that line before.”

You may think to yourself, “Oh it’s probably better than other movies in the Hallmark lineup because it has a more gradual, realistic pace.”

Have you ever watch emotional anxiety slowly seep out of your body and waited to be emotionally bled out? Because let me tell you, this movie is about as fun as that.

½ Duffs.

Not horrible, but not the superior Duff movie.

Happy finals everyone. May your moles be properly framed and your Christmas dances be brought back to life by a rich man-child.

In terms of diversity, CAFES needs improvement

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“I don’t think that there’s any systematic help for a student who feels this way,” Kim said. Students, she said, always have the option of coming forward and talking with their professors. This can help them gain the support they need, but the problem lies in that not many people want to come forward with problems like this.

“I got this information after actually asking them, rather than them coming to me,” Kim said.

It’s a shame, Kim said, because there are advantages to having a gender-diverse workforce in the agricultural engineering field. Women, she finds, tend to be more detail-oriented, and men tend to be more “big picture” oriented. By combining the two viewpoints, she said, bigger problems can be solved.

“There’s a synergistic effect when they work together,” Kim said.

Similarly, cultural diversity can allow for larger and more complex problems to be solved because of the different viewpoints being brought into the picture. Case in point: Kim is herself from South Korea, where she got her master’s degree in biological engineering in 2001. In Korea, she said, the mix of genders within the engineering field was very different. Her peers within her major were about 50-50 male-female ratio, and she found it very strange to come to the U.S. and find that her field was male dominated in this country.

Kim’s unique viewpoint, much like Sosa’s ability to speak Spanish, gives her unique abilities in her place of work. She can perceive problems that others might not even see, and she has begun mobilizing efforts to fix the issues by submitting research proposals that look into the problem and suggest potential solutions.

Among the things she wants to see added to CAFES, she said, are more female professors in the college and more female guest speakers to serve as role models. She would also like to see the addition of a women-in-science club on campus where female students within CAFES can gather and offer each other support.

“It’s kind of difficult to solve,” Kim said, but added, “Engineering is about solving problems.”

Inclusion Alliance’s reach for solutions exceeds council’s grasp on resolutions

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Editor’s note: This is the second of a two-part series. See Part 1 here.

HUDSON — The white board in the crowded room at the former library building filled with comments and concerns about what is happening in the community to enhance diversity and inclusion. At this point, it became clear to the group that change needs to happen.

Tony Bol orchestrated the discussion from the front of the room as his daughter, Yasha Bol, took notes. The discussion shifted from discrimination historic and recent to what can be done next.

The group put together a value statement. “It does not ask for money and it does not change laws,” Tony Bol said. “It asks the city of Hudson to value inclusion and embrace diversity and create a welcoming environment.”

The problem is the city government has not given this issue much attention, he said, a week before the City Council voted on Nov. 20 not to put anymore resolutions on its agenda unless five of the seven council members back it. “We wanted people to vote on it so we can be accountable,” Bol said. “We can see who votes and who doesn’t vote for inclusion. They don’t want to let it get that far. They want to kill all resolutions that are being suggested.”

As well as having trouble getting through to the city, an organization called Citizens for the St. Croix Valley opposes much of the inclusivity and diversity group’s message.

Hudson resident and Citizens for the St. Croix Valley member Pat Sabin said the divide Hudsonites are experiencing reaches global levels. “We are not experiencing some little spat on the local level. These battles are going on all over the state, our country, literally the world,” she wrote in a letter to

the editor in the Hudson Star-Observer.

“Where I and other Citizens for the St. Croix Valley stand on various issues is not rooted in fear but in history, fact (research, first-hand information), wisdom and (for many) the Bible,” she said. “It is difficult to debate issues when the other side relies on political correctness, feelings, emotions and social justice.”

Bol doesn’t mind the backlash, he said. “We want everyone to voice themselves. We will voice our voice, and when we hear their voice, you get to know what it is they think.”

The inclusion group created a game plan of what to do next. The first thing decided was to take an inventory of diversity going on around town in churches, schools and the Hudson Hospital.

The next step is looking for partners who can help the group reach its goals, including having speakers, meetings and forums with those in positions to help, such as educators and business owners.

One member of the group suggested going door to door and having conversations about diversity and inclusion. “I like the courage in there,” Bol responded. “Not everyone can do what you’re suggesting. It takes a certain kind of person. I think it is a good challenge.”

With the room filled with those eager to help in any way they could, Bol suggested the group get to work. “There is a lot of power in this room,” he said. Letters to the editor were discussed and the consensus was that those types of letters do not always have to be negative; it is important to share positive experiences with diversity and inclusion.

The group has since been circulating a petition for diversity and inclusivity and has officially named themselves the Hudson Inclusion Alliance. They have a Facebook page where meetings and other updates are posted.

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EDITORIAL

Online classes, while tempting, need further development

Online classes are often subjected to complaints from students across UW-River Falls. One of the more infamous courses that students once had to take was online physical education, which prompted students to exercise with videos and corresponding questions about heart rate and diet. Anyone over the level of freshman knows about this course, and knows that the course was rarely, if ever, taken seriously. Eventually, it was changed to in-person because it was very obvious that it was not achieving desired results.

The online phy. ed. course is a prime example of all of the problems that the Student Voice staff sees with online courses. To begin with, it was ineffective at holding students to do their work. The questions could be answered without bothering to watch the videos, and professors had no way of telling if the registered individual was actually completing their own coursework.

This problem is consistent with most online courses, and it’s not entirely something the professors can control. Because they are not meeting regularly on a face-to-face basis, it’s near-impossible to ensure that students do their own work, or in fact that they do work, period.

Many of these classes are discussion-based, and students are required to post regularly and comment on their group’s responses. This does not work, however, if a significant portion of the class does not contribute. Professors can reorganize their classes so that this only affects those who don’t contribute in a timely manner, but this is still a detriment to the course goals. In a face-to-face class, the professor would have a better chance of encouraging participation from even reluctant students.

Most of the appeal of online courses boils down to the factor of convenience. In a perfect world, online courses would allow students to do their work when they have time off from jobs or other engagements. However, students tend to abuse this feature and use it to push off their workload until the very last minute. This encourages bad habits, and it makes it difficult for students to actually get anything out of the class.

The other reason online courses are a persistent feature at universities is because they offer a way to teach more students material with fewer resources. UWRF has been downsizing its faculty over the past two years, and so a lot of basic, general education classes have moved online so that a single professor can teach 40 or 50 people at a time in a class.

Not only does the university not have to pay for more professors, but it also gets a heftier payment from each online course – an online course fee is attached to the cost of each class, which can tack on an additional \$50-\$400, depending on credits and which college it falls under.

We urge the university to make every attempt to focus on in-person classes. We understand that online courses will be a necessity when money is tight, and we also understand that the idea of using digital interaction is exciting. However, this is a new technology and there is not yet a solid system for making sure that students actually get what they’re supposed to out of their courses. Nothing can fully replace face-to-face interaction with a professor.

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Letter to the Editor: tax reform bill is at the expense of most Americans

Dear Editor,

Anyone who has been paying attention knows that the GOP tax “reform” bill in its House and Senate versions is basically a massive give-away to the richest Americans at the expense of everyone else.

Impervious to the warnings voiced by hundreds of economists, educators, health care professionals and advocates for children and the poor, the Republican-controlled Congress appears hell-bent on ramming through a bill of potentially disastrous consequences that most of our representatives and senators will not even have read.

This is bad enough in itself, but even worse is the calculating animosity driving it. Stephen Moore of the conservative Heritage Foundation, President Trump’s economic advisor, has approvingly called the tax bill “death to Democrats.” Its provisions are intentionally designed to hurt more liberal areas of the country.

Moore says the tax cuts “go after state and local taxes, which weakens public employee unions. They go after university endowments, and universities have become play pens

of the left. And getting rid of the mandate is to eventually dismantle Obamacare.”

I would like to know when we stopped being “one nation indivisible” and when it became okay for one party to collectively punish the constituency that didn’t vote for it. Under the 1949 Geneva Convention, collective punishment of an enemy is a war crime. How is the GOP’s collective punishment of democratic constituencies not a war crime against the American people?

In his Second Inaugural Address, an earlier Republican president spoke of “binding up the nation’s wounds,” “with malice toward none, with charity for all.” Our current president instead appears dedicated to tearing our wounded country apart.

GOP, the season of traditional “good will” and generosity toward others is upon us. Look into your hearts. Is this cruel new America the country you want and claim to love?

Thomas R. Smith, a former UWRF student and poet with seven published books

Horoscopes by Beth: December 15

Bethany Lovejoy

Columnist

“Lo, how does thy in possession of silly effeminate wiles approach the holiday of Christ? How may I be certain of the rightfulness of my actions if I am but a peasant, unaware of the planet’s alignment and their tricks within thy fate?”

This is what you probably thought this morning, but don’t worry because your friendly neighborhood reviewer is here to read those planets and align those signs for you.

I know what you’re thinking: “Beth all you do is review weird romance movies and go to Aldi with your mom.”

Well, you’re not wrong, because that is completely true. However, you are likely unaware that my talents are far more marketable than my ability to consume bad romance movies of my own free will.

Because I am psychic as heck.

Just this past week my roommates have been delighted by my ability to catch the microwave at the last second, saving them from waking up at two in the morning to witness my nightly macaroni and cheese.

I have predicted breakups of which a religious figure of importance could not see coming. Even the breaker was not sure it would happen, but I knew, I encouraged.

I have woken up before my alarm repeatedly this semester.

I am so psychic, in fact, that my boyfriend recognized my psychic psychicness and bought me a tarot deck. As soon as alcohol may legally touch my lips, I will be able to channel the powers of divination of the unconsciousness and tell fortunes from within my mind’s depths.

Most importantly, I have looked at the moon and thought to myself, “Yeah, that’s a pretty nice moon, tomorrow’s going to be a good day for me.”

And thus, tomorrow was a good day for me!

Thus, it has been a duty given to me — nay, granted to me!—to tell you about how the planets have aligned for you in specific.

And those who were born kind of around the same time as you.

Aries

As the ram, you are prone to occasionally ramming into things, mainly doors and children’s dreams.

This month is a good month to do it. Venus and Earth have aligned in a way that would make ramming things beneficial for your health. I’m not saying that you should, like, ram your head into your tests or anything, unless of course Venus is whispering that to you.

Then, I guess, yes?

Taurus

Did you know there’s supposed to be a meteor shower either tonight or sometime soon? Apparently, there’s supposed to be. I hope there is. If there’s a meteor shower, then please make sure to note this to Dr. Korenic (of Astrology 101 fame), as Jupiter’s position says that you should acknowledge awesome professors.

Gemini

You know how Jamie Lee Curtis always smiles in the Activia commercials despite definitely being aware that her yogurt brand is the one most well known for fiber content. Keep her in mind as you approach this month. Pitfalls will be plentiful and you should check your suspension because

otherwise you’re going to be shaken.

Cancer

The fault is not in your stars. You’re going to find a tall handsome stranger this month.

I can’t really describe what they’ll look like or be like, so you’ll probably miss them in line at Chipotle or something. Blame Venus and Neptune for not being in a position of clarity for me.

Leo

You’re going to take long naps and short trips to Target, as Mercury is out of the Target range. Consider this a blessing, since Target will have plentiful items within the \$1-5 range. Those things add up, my Leo.

Virgo

You’re going to find lots of stray cats this month. Jupiter and Mercury are in the cat position in relation to your side. Just remember that not every cat you find is your own.

Libra

I think that Libra is the lobster or crab thingy? I’m not fully sure. Rest assured, however, Neptune is in position and you will be going to Red Lobster. Not by someone with Beyoncé level money, so you won’t be eating the whole ocean.

But the bread’s pretty nice.

Scorpio

According to the Facebook memes Scorpios are supposedly very mean.

This month Mercury, Earth, a planet beginning with an A and Neptune are aligned. It’s time for you to maybe not be mean. Though, if you wanna, good for you, go for it.

Whatever the heck the new one is

What even are you, who are you? Why are you?

Ponder these questions for a month or so. Jupiter’s in a really bad position for clarity in relation to wherever your star sign is located.

Sagittarius

It either is or was your birthday week. This is great for you and all and you’re going to feel really pleased about it for like a hot minute.

But it’s okay, your birthday is just another day for people and no one really cares. Eat some pudding, buy some leg warmers and marathon “Sabrina the Teenage Witch.” Despite it all, you’re worth it, baby.

Capricorn

It’s been a weird month for you and it’s about to get weirder. You know what I mean man, don’t go lingering around any corners or anything because it’s just a bad time. Pluto is in the corner of Saturn’s shadow right now and it’s giving you some vibes.

Aquarius

Saturn’s ringing out on you, man. This would be a good time to catch some gnarly waves and frost the tips of your hair. Nothing appeases the Saturn saint more than frosted tips and board shorts.

Pisces

Avoid squirrels and knee-high socks this month. Your moon is in the anti-above-the-knee-squirrel-living zone and it’s not good for your mojo.

If you avoid these things entirely, your mojo will be through the roof. Dance in public or flirt with a barista or something.

Bethany Lovejoy has probably gotten three hours of sleep in the past five days. She eats brownie mix without making the brownies.

Actively making friends in college can have an effect on graduating on time

Lauren Simenson

Columnist

The fall semester of my last year in college is almost over, and for the first time, I am feeling nostalgic about saying goodbye to my seat neighbors in my classes and even to some of my small group members. I have now reached a point in my collegiate career where everyone I know is starting to graduate, which means that the chance to see them for a couple hours each week is disappearing.

This is one of the first times in college I have ever been remotely sad or sentimental for the changing of the semester. This past semester, for one of the first times in college, I have been fortunate to be a member in some incredible small groups and to find myself sitting next to people I have instantly found a connection with.

I did not realize how much I was lacking small-talk and just a friendly face to sit next to in class until I managed to make friends that I actually want to call my “friends” and not just “class friends.” It made a difference to me to be able to look forward to seeing them when I came to campus. I’m not, however, the only one who thinks making friends in college is important.

In a National Public Radio article published in November of last year, a researcher at Dartmouth College studied how making friends in college can affect your experience as a student at college. Janice McCabe, the researcher who was interviewed by NPR, found that building a network of friends at college has many positive impacts on a student’s academic and social life.

McCabe mapped out these friendship connections between students and found that in relationships between friends that “provided academic motivation and support, every one of them graduated.”

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She also found the reverse in cases where friends distracted each other from schoolwork, where “only half managed to graduate within six years.”

To me, the results of this study are nothing too unexpected. I have always known that friendships are important for your social health. What I was surprised about, however, is how important she found friendships to be in getting students to graduate and to graduate on time.

I looked forward to going to class this semester because I knew I had people to talk to who were excited to talk to me. This feeling really made me realize how difficult it is to make friends as an adult, and that I am actually not so great at it.

In college, making friends and then maintaining them takes much more of a conscious effort than in high school. In high school, you are trapped with people you grew up with for five days a week, eight or so hours a day, for four years. Being with people that much guarantees a friendship to blossom.

In line with McCabe’s findings, I suspect that making close friends in high school is a necessary coping mechanism which makes those four years bearable. College, on the other hand, is much less consistent and you cannot rely on being in the same place at the same time to begin and continue a friendship.

Next semester I am going to actively try and make friends – a new thing for me. That does not mean that I will forget about the relationships from this semester, however. It took nearly four years for chance to sit me next to people I’d like to sit next to outside of class, and I do not intend for all of that fate to be wasted.

Lauren Simenson is a senior majoring in journalism and communication studies. Her interests include eating dark chocolate, online window shopping and reading anything she can get her hands on. While not at work, at school, taking naps, or doing homework, she likes to cook, canoe, fish and write.

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This week we are featuring **Tori Schneider’s** photo essay titled: **“Nayrus: finding her own way”**

STUDENT voices

Compiled by *Tori Schneider*

What are you most looking forward to for J-Term?



Chris Gregg - Senior
“Sleep”



Dan Coan - Freshman
“Playing some pond hockey”



Chance Bonneson - Sophomore
“Probably just to take a break from all the work. It’s a lot of work being a college student.”



Brittany Brooks - Freshman
“Relaxing”



Katie Schubring - Freshman
“Going home and being with my family”

National anthem protests raise questions nationally, within the UWRF football team

Zach Dwyer
Falcon News Service

“The only way you can ever bring change is to make people uncomfortable.”

Ugel George said that about social change after playing football for UWRF this past season. George is from the U.S. Virgin Islands and grew up in an all-black neighborhood, which is a much different background from the majority of students at UWRF. He has a strong stance concerning racial equality, specifically the topic of national anthem protests that have been a mainstay in the media this fall.

This issue was important enough that it reached all the way down to football players at UWRF at the Division III level. Head coach Matt Walker met with a selected group of players comprised of captains, military members and players of different backgrounds to try to reach a team consensus on how to tackle the issue.

“I think the biggest thing is being open-minded,” senior football player Jason Caballero said. “It’s important to see everyone’s viewpoints. You don’t have to agree with it, but to have a better world, it’s about making an attempt, and then we can try to find a common ground.”

The Falcons took into account the fact that the majority of protests at the point they discussed it were being directed at President Trump and not the original message. They also weighed the effects it could have as a distraction and what effect it could have at the Division III level compared to the national platform NFL players have.

“We had a good conversation and made a really unified decision,” sophomore football player Freedom Hunt said. “We weighed causing more conflict versus people feeling left out, and the team decided to stand up during the anthem.”

Hunt is an active member of the U.S. Army, but he doesn’t see the kneeling protests as any disrespect toward the flag and understands the meaning behind the action. This idea of disrespect toward the flag and national anthem has been one of the key points in the debate about the decision to kneel. Vice President Mike Pence even left an Indianapolis Colts game in October after players kneeled during the anthem.

However, George didn’t feel like the decision to only involve leaders or captains in the initial conversation was the best way to handle the situation. He said there was never a meeting with the entire team where they openly discussed their opinions with everyone.

“Some people felt like their opinion spoke for the team,” George said. “But I can’t speak for you, and you can’t speak for me. We have different upbringings and experiences for the way that I feel.”

George said that some of the efforts to neutralize the meaning of the protest or downplay it because it is disrespectful shouldn’t be upheld. Nobody, he said, will be able to see that there needs to be a change until people are talking and feel uncomfortable about a topic.

“You’re uncomfortable with me taking a knee during the national anthem because it means something to you,” George



Tori Schneider/University Communications
Jason Caballero, a senior defense lineman for the UW- River Falls football team, stands for the national anthem during a game this fall.

said. “Well I’m uncomfortable with living in a country where my skin color is deemed as dangerous.”

George said that there were thoughts about individuals wanting to take a knee, but they ultimately decided to follow the rest of the team’s lead and continue to stand.

The nationwide debate began with NFL quarterback Colin Kaepernick taking a knee during the national anthem at the beginning of the 2016-2017 season. Kaepernick made it clear he was protesting against police brutality toward minorities and for racial equality.

While there was limited participation from athletes last season, the number steadily rose throughout the preseason and early weeks of the regular season, with about 25 players kneeling or waiting in the locker room during the national anthem to follow Kaepernick’s protest.

However, the number rose to over 150 NFL players early this season when President Trump challenged the athletes, claiming they disrespect the flag with their actions and that they should be fired. Close to 20 team demonstrations also took place in week three, but the number of people continuing to protest has dwindled drastically in recent weeks, with less than a dozen players committed to continuing the cause.

“The major issue with this whole effort is it’s distorted from what (Kaepernick) aimed,” said Sam Gale, a history professor who teaches a course in sports history at UWRF. “It was to draw attention to racial injustice and conflicts with law enforcement and the African-American community.”

Gale said the narrative has now changed to a protest of the

military, the flag, soldiers, the national anthem and Trump. Gale said it’s critical to get the focus back on the original message and not the lost meaning it currently has.

Caballero doesn’t agree with the notion that taking a knee is distracting and a radical way to protest.

“It’s not very disruptive and it’s a silent protest,” Caballero said. “I’m expressing my freedom of speech, yet at the same time I’m not disrespecting anyone.”

According to CDR data for UWRF, only 1.7 percent of students at the university in 2016-2017 were African American. However, the NCAA sports ethnicity breakdown for 2016-2017 showed that 10.7 percent of football players at UWRF are African American. With the increase in players on the football team from the Las Vegas area this season, the number is even higher in 2017 for athletes of color. This has led to even more voices in the locker room with differing backgrounds and experiences.

Walker and the team also had a large meeting to discuss their unified stance. He left the opportunity open for players to meet with him individually if there were more comments or concerns on their stance. Caballero said one of the main goals was to keep as a family, even if they don’t always agree on each other’s views.

The athletic department didn’t have much to comment about the topic, said interim Athletic Director Crystal Lanning. “Our football coaches and players have talked about these issues in-house as a team, and the department has supported this route.”

UWRF Sports Schedule

December 15 Men’s Hockey vs St. Scholastica, 7:05 p.m.

December 16 Men’s Basketball at Northwestern, 3 p.m.

December 16 Women’s Basketball at St. Kate’s, 3 p.m.

December 29 Men’s Basketball vs St. Olaf in Eau Claire, Wis., 5 p.m.

December 29 Women’s Basketball vs Dickinson College in Whittier, Calif., noon

December 30 Women’s Basketball vs Emmanuel College in Whittier, Calif., noon

January 3 Women’s Basketball at UW-Stevens Point, 7 p.m.

January 3 Men’s Basketball vs UW-Stevens Point, 7 p.m.

January 5 Women’s Hockey at Concordia Moorhead, 7 p.m.

January 6 Women’s Hockey at Concordia Moorhead, 2 p.m.

January 6 Women’s Basketball vs UW-Whitewater, 3 p.m.

January 6 Men’s Basketball at UW-Whitewater, 5 p.m.

January 6 Men’s Hockey vs Gustavus, 7:05 p.m.

January 7 Women’s Hockey vs Korean National Team (exhibition), 4:05 p.m.

January 9 Men’s Hockey vs St. Thomas, 7:05 p.m.

January 10 Men’s Basketball vs UW-Platteville, 7 p.m.

January 10 Women’s Basketball at UW-Platteville, 7 p.m.

January 12 Women’s Hockey vs Northland, 7:05 p.m.

January 12 Men’s Hockey at St. Olaf, 7:30 p.m.

January 13 Women’s Hockey vs Northland, 2:05 p.m.

January 13 Women’s Basketball vs UW-Oshkosh, 3 p.m.

January 13 Men’s Basketball at UW-Oshkosh, 5 p.m.

January 13 Men’s Hockey at Bethel, 7 p.m.

January 13 Men’s Track and Field at Minnesota Open

January 13 Women’s Track and Field at Minnesota Open

January 16 Women’s Hockey vs St. Norbert, 5:05 p.m.

January 17 Men’s Basketball at UW-La Crosse, 7 p.m.

January 17 Women’s Basketball vs UW-La Crosse, 7 p.m.

January 18 Men’s Hockey vs UW-Eau Claire, 7:05 p.m.

January 19 Women’s Hockey at UW-Stevens Point, 7 p.m.

January 20 Women’s Hockey at UW-Stevens Point, 2:30 p.m.

January 20 Women’s Basketball at UW-Stout, 3 p.m.

January 20 Men’s Basketball vs UW-Stout, 5 p.m.

January 20 Men’s Hockey at UW-Stevens Point, 7 p.m.

Home games in **BOLD**

Sports Recap

Men’s Basketball

Five players scored in double figures to help the Falcons remain a perfect 6-0 at home this season with a 71-57 win over St. Thomas. The Tommies weren’t able to knock down their shots on Saturday, shooting 31 percent from the field and only 17 percent on three-pointers on 35 attempts. Brennan Witt led the Falcons with 15 points and 8 rebounds, Alex Herink scored 14 points and grabbed 8 rebounds and Austin Heidecker came off the bench for 13 points and 9 rebounds. UWRF went on an early run in the second half to increase their five-point halftime lead and hold on for a double-digit win. The team now sits at 7-1 overall before they travel to Northwestern on Saturday.

Women’s Basketball

The Falcons got back on track at Don Page Arena with two wins on their home floor. UWRF dominated Luther on Saturday with a 68-47 victory after leading 40-20 at halftime. Luther only managed to shoot 27 percent from the field, despite forcing numerous turnovers off of full-court pressure in the fourth quarter. Brynn Liljander led the offense with 17 points, while Taylor Karge had a solid game of 10 points and 8 rebounds. Crystal Pearson added 15 points off the bench on 6-8 shooting to provide a much-needed spark. UWRF

got off to a slow start on Sunday when they trailed Concordia Moorhead 38-31 at halftime. The Falcons responded by only allowing 21 points in the second half to take a 70-60 win over the Cobbers. Liljander and Karge were the top scorers on Sunday as well, scoring 21 and 18 points. Karge also added a team-high five assists. Liljander was named WIAC women’s basketball player of the week for her performances against Luther and Concordia. The team now sits at 6-2 as they approach WIAC play. UWRF next travels to St. Kate’s on Saturday before a short break before their California tournament in late December.

Men’s Hockey

UWRF split a series with Lawrence University this past weekend at Hunt Arena. On Friday night all of the scoring occurred in the second period as the teams combined for five goals. UWRF got on the board first when Joe Drapluk scored 20 seconds into the period to put the Falcons up 1-0. Lawrence responded with three consecutive goals in a span of nine minutes before junior forward Thomas Clayton was able to close the gap to 3-2. The Falcons outshot their opponent by an incredible 46-18 margin, but couldn’t find the back of the net in the third period when it counted. The teams returned on Saturday night for a rematch, where UWRF controlled the pace of the game from start to finish. They took twice as many shots as Lawrence, with four different UWRF players scoring a goal: Cayden Cahill, Jessie Brown, Eddie Matsushima and David Landau. The 4-1 victory moves the Falcons to 4-8-1 overall before they host St. Scholastica on Friday night.

Women’s Hockey

The Falcons dropped two hard-fought games against Gustavus this past week. Game one was played last Wednesday, where the Gusties got off to a 2-0 lead on UWRF. Carly Moran responded with two goals of here own in the second period to even the game up. Haley Nielsen added a goal in the third period as well, but Gustavus added a power play goal with only two minutes remaining to claim a 4-3 win. Diana Draayer had three goals for the Gusties to take the win at home, even though they were outshot 33-16 by the Falcons. UWRF returned home on Saturday for a rematch with the Gusties and got off to an early lead when Callie Hoff scored her sixth goal of the year to put the Falcons up 1-0 in the first period. The game would remain scoreless until Gustavus forward Kaitlyn Klein scored two power play goals in the third period to bring her total to nine on the season. UWRF wasn’t able to respond to the two late goals and fell to the Gusties 2-1. The Falcons now sit at 6-4-1 and 2-1 in the WIAC after losing their last three games.

Fall and J-Term 2017 UW-River Falls Graduates

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Bunn, Adrianne Leigh	Finholt, Stephanie Marie	Johnson, Benjamin T	McIntyre, Chelsey Lee
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Buria, Katie Nichole	Flom, Robert Dale	Johnson, Chad Allan	McRoberts, Benjamin James
Buschwitz, Amanda Vale	Fong, Edward Pei-Da	Johnson, Elijah Jeirel	Melberg, Brittani Lynn
Bylander, Benjamin John	Fouts, Abigail Louise	Johnson, Eric Dylan	Melby, Christopher Jon
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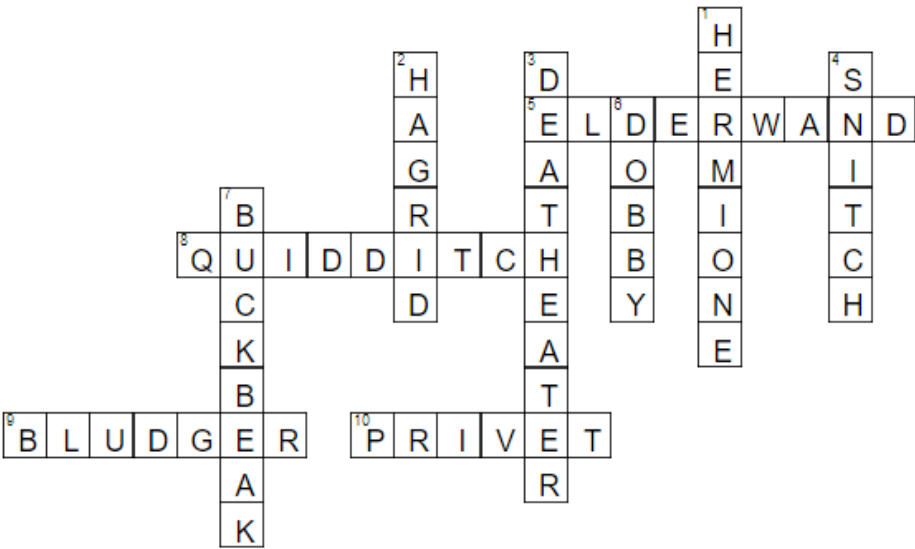
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