



STUDENT VOICE

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Chancellor's office hosts 10th annual International Thanksgiving

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Every year over the last decade, UW-River Falls Chancellor's office has hosted an International Thanksgiving. This year, all international students were sent an invitation for Nov. 21 in the University Center Ballroom.

The tradition began in the home of Chancellor Dean Van Galen and his wife, Mary Van Galen. The couple invited the students into their home on the Sunday before Thanksgiving back in 2010.

"It was an effort to help our international students learn about American culture and Thanksgiving and really bring them together to help them feel welcomed on our campus," said the chancellor.

They had about 35 guests and space was tight, according to Van Galen. In 2012, the dinner was moved to campus. Members of the community are invited to serve as table hosts. The table hosts range from various members of the chancellor's advisory council, of the business community, state legislators, leaders from River Falls and also regional legislators. The table hosts are there to facilitate conversation with the international students.

"This year, both representative Shannon Zimmerman and state senator Patty Schachtner will attend. Many of them enjoy attending the event and talking to international students. I think it's a really nice way to communicate the value of our university and also our focus on global engagement," said Van Galen.

Catered by Chartwells, turkey will be served along with mashed potatoes, stuffing, apple pie, pumpkin pie, beans and cranberry sauce. Van Galen said the turkey is brought out on a large tray and there is a ceremonial carving of the turkey, along with a toast of a non-alcoholic beverage. This year, it is expected that



Last years ceremonial cutting of the turkey with Chancellor Dean Van Galen and several international students.
Photo courtesy of Dina Fassino



2018's International Thanksgiving dinner
Photo courtesy of Dina Fassino

between 70 and 80 students will attend.

In previous years, the dinner took place in the Ann Lydecker Living Learning Center. This year's dinner will be part of the university's Summit on international engagement. "This place is closer to my dorm so maybe this place is better in terms of location," said Sihoon Yang, a junior from South Korea majoring in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL).

Kanako Seki is a TESOL major from Japan who attended the dinner last year. "Last year was my first time to celebrate [Thanksgiving] and I love the pumpkin pie. We don't have

it in Japan." She continued, "Most of my friends don't like the pumpkin pie so I ate my friend's [pie]."

Seki enjoyed learning about the Thanksgiving traditions in the U.S. She will spend the Sunday before Thanksgiving celebrating with her host family. Over Thanksgiving break, she will be traveling to Chicago with a friend from Taiwan.

Taehyun Choi is a freshman from South Korea, majoring in Biology and Biomedical Science. This will be his first time celebrating Thanksgiving.

"For me, I expect to meet many students and eat delicious food from the Thanksgiving dinner," said Choi.

Yang attended the dinner last year. "I really really liked the food. I can't remember everything I ate that day but the mashed potatoes were pretty good. I feel like international students also get to see the chancellor and because he's a person in a high position, international students get a sense of recognition maybe," said Yang.

Yang said he plans to celebrate Thanksgiving when he returns to South Korea: "Maybe not exactly according to the American way, but trying to get the best ingredients that we can."

What do you look for in a friend?

By Hallie Diekoff



Tom Wong
“Honesty.”



Miranda Geszvain
“Honesty for sure and definitely loyalty and also a good sense of humor.”

Hudson Schamberger
“A good listener.”



Nikki Bryant
“Similar interests.”



Savannah Linkert
“Someone that shares the same personalities and interests as me, someone who is willing to put others before themselves.”



Caleb Moberg
“Similar values and similar interests is important to me, and nice too.”

Eryn Crump
“I look for loyalty and trust and someone I can be serious with but also funny and have a good time no matter what we do.”



Sam Fristed
“Loyal and trustworthy, they have to have my back and preferably funny.”



UW System president to retire in 2020

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UW System President Ray Cross announced in late October that he would retire.

Cross worked in higher education for 42 years, and became the UW System president in 2014.

"President Cross has been a strong advocate for the UW System and for UW-River Falls, in particular, during his time as UW System president," said David Travis, UWRF provost in an email comment.

Dean Van Galen, the UW-River Falls chancellor, knew Cross for many years. Prior to becoming system president, Cross was the chancellor of the UW-Colleges and UW-Extension.

"I felt he would be an excellent leader of the system and I believe that has turned out to be the case. He was a great colleague as a fellow chancellor and I think he has brought to his role a great perspective," Van Galen continued, "He has brought a lot of that knowledge and experience to his role in a very successful way."

Lisa Erickson is a UWRF 2017 alumna. She served as a one year nontraditional student regent on the Board of Regents in 2016. Erickson worked with Cross throughout this time.

"When I was first appointed, he was the first to call and congratulate me," said Erickson.

She remembered Cross as quick witted and caring, fostering an atmosphere of inclusivity. Erickson said Cross was not only devoted to the UW System, but to Wisconsin as a whole. Cross was involved with schools from preschool up to the college level.

President of the UW Board of Regents, Andrew Petersen, organized a nine member committee to conduct a nationwide search for a new president, according to the UW System. Petersen said after the Committee has identified the qualities they're looking for in a president, the discussion will be opened to faculty, staff, students, and other stakeholders will have public opportunity to give feedback on what to look for in the president.

"The system president, with the regents, does set a direction and a tone for the system," Van Glen continued, "Ray has taken time to talk to our students, our faculty and staff while he's been on the campus. That means a great deal to the River Falls community, and certainly to myself as chancellor."

UWRF community mourns the death of former student

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A former University of Wisconsin-River Falls student died Oct. 12 by suicide. Ben Zayzay 19, was a football player on the UWRF football team and was also a member of the Black Student Union.

Zayzay was born on Dec. 19, 1999. He lived in Brooklyn Center. Zayzay attended Fridley High School and was a part of the high school football team.

According to an article in Bring Me The News, the UWRF Black Student Union described Zayzay as "happy, loving and super funny man that impacted many and was someone you

could always depend on."

The university offers counseling to any students, faculty and staff that may be struggling with mental health through Counseling Services. There are also resources for coping with grief due to death and tragedy and are available through the Student Health and Counseling Services page on the UWRF website, uwrf.edu.

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is always available 24 hours a day and seven days a week. They are available to help anyone in crisis and offer free emotional support. Call 1-800-273-8255.



Ben Zayzay, former Falcon football player
Photo courtesy of obituary

UW-River Falls hosts Reimagining the Liberal Arts

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As the liberal arts have been under pressure both at the national level and in the state of Wisconsin in recent years, universities have begun to have campus, community, and system wide conversations on what a liberal arts education means for students life after college. Recently, 19 deans from the UW System met in River Falls, WI to discuss the future of these fields of study on their campuses.

"We're trying to educate folks in terms of the value in the liberal arts," said Charles Martin-Stanley, associate dean of the College of Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. Students and parents are often career-focused, he said, and tend to look for majors that appear to lead to specific jobs. "What some people do not realize is that there are experiences and skills in the liberal arts that are transferable."

The Reimagining the Liberal Arts initiative was started by College of Arts and Sciences Dean, Dean Yohnk, after a group of faculty and staff at UWRF began to have discussions on how the campus has defined the liberal arts in the past and present, to help define the changing landscape of the liberal arts for the future.

Yohnk spoke on the topics and importance of these meetings, saying, "They may be about challenges our campuses are facing, or initiatives that are coming forth, or we can share ideas and insights, best practices, what worked, what didn't work. And really having a collective body of deans from across the UW System who are honestly and sincerely sharing those kinds of projects, feedback, recommendations, suggestions is invaluable."

This two day meeting had deans sharing updates from their campuses on strategic plans that gave insight on the status of liberal arts and STEM programs. There were deans attending the meeting from campuses that include: UW-Eau Claire, UW-La Crosse, UW-Oshkosh, UW-Platteville, UW-River

Falls, UW-Stevens Point, UW-Superior, and UW-Whitewater.

"We all share the common goal of the Association of American Colleges and Universities Liberal Arts and America's Promise LEAP initiative," said Yohnk. The AACU LEAP initiative began in 2005 as an advocacy to promote the importance of the liberal arts for students on the national level to help them prepare for, "a nation dependent on economic creativity and democratic vitality."

"What I see the deans meeting doing is connecting us by all getting in the same room periodically and sharing how we are individually committed to the liberal arts which can only spark us to do similar things on our own campuses," said Nicholas Danz, Dean of Academic Affairs at the University of Wisconsin-Superior.

"I find these meetings to be very beneficial because it gives the deans within the UW System an opportunity to talk with colleagues, to collaborate in terms of identifying pressing issues or issues on the horizon," said Martin-Stanley.

"We are all advocates for the continuation of America's long tradition of liberal arts education, that also have elements of applied practical career focus, that are naturally embedded in liberal arts. For example, effective communication skills, critical thinking skills, working corroboratively and creatively in groups, those kind of course skills that you get from the liberal arts," said Yohnk.

"We share strategies, practices, in terms of how we might address particular issues on our campus," said Martin-Stanley. At UW-La Crosse, one of these strategies is to redefine the liberal arts with less use of the word 'liberal' in the title, as people find the word to be too heavily attached to politics these days and some can easily be turned off from hearing it connected to higher education. "We learn about how things are done on other campuses, what strategies they use. It's a really good support for deans to be able to share and collaborate and partner with other deans."

UW-Superior is recovering from a recent set back on the liberal arts when 25 academic programs were suspended on

October 31, 2017. Liberal arts related programs that were a part of the suspension included broad field science, communicating arts media studies, history, journalism, political science, sociology, and theater. Since that time, the administration leadership has been working to reestablish good relations with the faculty who were impacted by these program suspensions the most.

"Even though we have a lot of students and we are committed to those students too on the career prep side, there has always been a strong commitment to the liberal arts," said Danz. This has been a strategy UW-Superior has been working on for almost two years now. When the program cuts from October, 2017 occurred, there were many people, from students on campus, to alumni, and even on the Superior City Council, that believed the value of these liberal arts programs were not being seen from the decision makers on the suspensions.

"One big goal on our campus is to clarify what it means, because there is this confusion, it's status is in doubt might be another way of putting it. We will always do the liberal arts to some degree, we need to crystallize what our commitment is and be clear and proud about it," said Danz.

At UW-River Falls, one of the major goals is incorporating the fundamental needs of liberal arts in career paths that are not necessarily found in the college of arts and sciences, such as neuroscience, elementary education, or dairy farming.

"Those are very practical and applied programs, which of course, we acknowledge that we need to have as we prepare people for their work lives in the future. However, the goal would be that the campus provide that robust liberal arts education that gives them the foundational, essential liberal arts skills that they are going to need for all of those jobs and in their daily life," said Yohnk.

As the world begins to move into a new decade, deans from across the UW System continue to develop ideas on how they will evolve the liberal arts into an adapting world focused on more STEM based career fields.

UW-River Falls hosts third annual Freeze Fest

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Freeze Fest is coming to the UW-River Falls campus the evening of December 3. This is the third consecutive year Student Involvement, Residence Hall Association, and Campus Recreation has come together to put on a night of students getting together outside of the classroom.

Starting at 7:00 p.m., Campus Recreation is kicking off the night with a trench ball tournament in the Falcon Center’s Auxiliary Gym. By 9:00 p.m., crate stacking, open soccer, skate, and recreation will begin and go until midnight. Crate stacking will be hosted by Falcon Outdoor Adventures, and open soccer will be hosted by Campus Recreation. Both events will be held in the Knowles Field House. Free crafts, hot cocoa, and cookies will also be available, along with dogs looking for a cuddle. No registration is necessary for this free event.

Student Involvement has been hosting this event for a while, but this marks the third year Student Involvement, Residence Hall Association, and Campus Recreation have teamed up for the Freeze Fest.

“This event is being hosted as a way to enjoy the end [of] the semester,” said Elise Koop, the events and activities coordinator for Student Involvement at UW-River Falls. “It is important to get involved outside of the classroom, and our office is in place solely for that out of the classroom involvement. Getting involved and doing something fun is a key ingredient to the college experience. Once you feel invested both in and out of the classroom you are able to feel a connection to the campus, the community, and feel a sense of belonging. Freeze Fest is one of the many events we put on to allow this connection to happen. Come and try out crate stacking; eat a cookie; and pet a dog! What fun!”



Students at last years Freeze Fest pose with Freddy Falcon
Photo courtesy of Ryan Rudesill

Schedule of Events:

- 7pm - Midnight - Trench Ball (Dodgeball) Tournament with Campus Recreation @ Auxiliary Gym
- 9pm - Midnight - Crate Stacking with Falcon Outdoor Adventures @ Knowles Field House
- 9pm - Midnight - Open Soccer with Campus Recreation @ Knowles Field House
- 9pm - Midnight - Open Skate with Residence Life @ Hunt Arena
- 9pm - Midnight - Open Recreation with Campus Recreation @ Fitness Center, Knowles, Page Arena
- 9:15pm - Midnight - “Blades of Glory” playing inside Hunt Arena on Video Board

Shopko’s optical store moves to new River Falls location

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Since late May, the former Shopko property in River Falls has sat vacant save for the optical business. But as of this week, the entire site will be empty as Shopko Optical moves to a new location at 1674 Commerce Court.

Meanwhile, it is unclear what will become of the former Shopko site at 1777 Paulson Road. The property is managed by Raider Hill Advisors, a private retail real estate investment and advisory firm based in New York City, but the site is owned by 1777 Paulson Road LLC, according to St. Croix County tax records. The property has an estimated market value of almost \$3.4 million, according to tax records.

“We have a contact with Raider Hill Advisors, who owns the Shopko property, and we are always in constant contact with them,” said Keri Schrenier, River Falls economic development specialist. “Whenever we have a lead, we send it to Raider Hill since they are the owners of the property.”

Raider Hills Advisors did not respond to a request for comment. Shopko, a retailer that once had more than 360 stores in 24 states, declared bankruptcy in January. While the River Falls location initially was not on the list of store closings, it too was forced to shut down after the company announced it could not find a buyer for its properties. New York-based Monarch Alternative Capital announced in a May press release that it had acquired Shopko’s optical business, which includes almost 80 stores including the location in River Falls.

University encourages use of first-generation resources

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On Friday, Nov. 8 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., UW-River Falls hosted a first-generation resource fair with the hopes that students would reach out, ask questions, and become more aware of the resources that are available to them.

This fair consisted of about 14 different organizations and programs on campus coming together to offer their services. Ability Services; the Honors Program; Student Involvement; Undergraduate Research, Scholarly and Creative Activity; Financial Aid; and Residence Life were all in attendance to name a few. The fair also included a slide show of faculty and staff of UWRF, who are first-gen, sharing a snippet of their story; as well as a ton of free giveaways, and a chance for students to share their stories.

The definition of a first-generation student has some gray areas, but UWRF bases it on the parent's college history. If a student's parents did not go to college, finish college, or receive their bachelor's degree from a four-year institution, the student is considered to be first-gen. "I don't know how to describe it because we don't necessarily know it yet," said Sara Peters, the assistant director of New Student and Family Programs. "It is a self-identified trait, so a lot of people do not know it and haven't recognized it yet."

Based on student admission applications, forty percent of the student body at UWRF is considered to be first-gen. This number may be higher, but many students are not aware of their first-gen status due to the complex definition. Emma Jorgensen, a freshman studying agricultural business and equine science, says, "I did not know I was

first-gen because both of my parents attended college but didn't finish it." Developing relationships and connections is the first step when it comes to first-gen students.

Many of these students struggle with the transition process, and simply don't know how to handle obstacles in this new environment. Peters, who was a first-gen student, says, "It can make a difference when your family has insight, and first-gen students might not have that." A lot of these students are struggling with how to find good support, especially when their families may be inexperienced.

Besides the resource fair, there are other places first-gen students can go to ask questions and get information. All of the services that were present at the fair have offices that students can take advantage of. Students are encouraged to use these resources on campus to have the best college experience possible. Rachel Harris, a senior studying psychology and communications, gave future first-gen students advice, "Don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone. You're here for a reason. You belong here. Get involved, and make the best of your experience here."

The hope is that other students on campus can assist in making that environment a reality. Peters states, "Even for students who aren't first-gen, there are so many unknowns. We have a really caring community of students that helps students persist and be successful."

Finding the support needed around campus can be difficult for a first-year student in general. For a first-gen student, regardless of the challenges faced within the college experience, it is important to keep in mind that UWRF strives to create a welcoming environment. First-gen students are doing something important, exciting, and making a lot of people proud.



Txee Yang and Madeline Kohn, student involvement interns explaining to a student the benefits of utilizing resources on campus.

Photo courtesy of Pat Deninger



Hushi Vang, Kia Lor, Txee Yang, Mai Youa Vang are all first generation students
Photo courtesy of Pat Deninger

UW initiative aims to help students succeed in math courses

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The UW System has implemented a plan to increase student success in their first college-level math courses.

The changes, part of the Math Initiative project, are taking place across all 13 UW four-year institutions.

Alice Pulvermacher, the principal investigator and project director of the initiative, said the priorities of the initiative are increasing enrollment in math courses in a student's first year in college, reducing the amount of students taking non-credit bearing developmental courses, improving math courses overall and ensuring these math credits will transfer between UW schools.

"Math has been a primary barrier for student retention and graduation, as a result. So we wanted to do something about that," Pulvermacher said.

The project began in 2018. In the first year, Pulvermacher and her team worked with universities to come to an agreement on common course descriptions and learning objectives in college algebra, statistics and quantitative reasoning courses. Each type of math was then aligned with the appropriate majors.

According to Pulvermacher, defining the appropriate course pathways for each major will lead to improved advising, since students will be able to take math courses that are more relevant to their field of study. For example, the quantitative reasoning course aligns with arts and humanities majors. Quantitative reasoning will be offered in spring semester. It is a math class with few algebra requirements.

"This particular course that we're adopting is one that has a lot of real world numbers in it. Current events type of data that you consider and analyze," said Laurel Langford, chair of the UWRF math department.

Another strategy used in the Math Initiative was to find a common cut-off score for the Wisconsin math placement test. Universities can then decide to put their cut score at or below the standard. Langford said River Falls has a lower cut score in comparison to other UW schools.

"We place more students into college algebra rather than a prep course compared to a lot of the schools in the system," Langford said.

The initiative also will reduce the number of students taking developmental math courses. These courses do not count towards graduation, and as a result they often hurt retention rates. Instead, the UW System is introducing a corequisite for college algebra.



UWRF students in Tim Boerner's Calculus I course work on a math problem.
Photo by Brooke Shepherd

"The corequisite is aimed at people that are most likely to be taking college algebra but not succeeding," said Langford.

Timothy Boerner, a lecturer and director of the UWRF Math Help Center, helped develop the corequisite last summer. He said it will give students a chance at extra practice.

"When I took calculus as a freshman, there was something similar in a way. We would have lecture on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and problem solving on Tuesday and Thursday where we could work on problems. This corequisite is going to be similar," said Boerner.

The Math Initiative received funding through a three-year \$2.3 million grant that the UW System was awarded by the Madison-based Ascendium Education Group, a nonprofit loan guarantor. Going forward, Pulvermacher and her team plan to work with educators in the state's technical college system as well as K-12 systems, helping educators understand the courses that students will be taking at the college level.

Annual River Dazzle, complete with chili crawl, set Nov. 29

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As the holiday season approaches, River Falls is preparing for its own celebration in what is now a tradition known as River Dazzle.

This year's event — scheduled from 1-7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 29, in downtown River Falls — marks the 22nd annual River Dazzle. In 1997, the event was originally organized by the River Falls Main Street Business Improvement District. Over time the River Falls Chamber of Commerce has partnered with the Business Improvement District and together

they help to bring River Dazzle to fruition.

River Dazzle includes events such as Letters to Santa, the River Dazzle parade, ice carving and the Chili Crawl.

The Chili Crawl is one of River Dazzle's largest events. During the Chili Crawl attendees are given a card with all the different businesses that are participating. Attendees are encouraged to visit each business and try the chili. At the end of the day if an attendee tried at least eight types of chili they are entered into a drawing to win a prize. People also vote for their favorite chili.

River Dazzle can and does change year to year. During the planning of the 2017 event, Marissa Bazey, the Chamber of

Commerce event and program manager, decided to bring in an ice sculptor.

"I added him my first year. I had seen it done in other towns and thought it would be fun to add," she said. Since then the ice sculptor has continued to return.

Over the years River Dazzle has become a staple celebration for the city of River Falls that in recent years has attracted more than 1,500 community members.

The event schedule is found online at <https://bit.ly/2NuytFA>.

UWRF hosts international summit

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UW-River Falls hosted a week-long Summit on International Education and Engagement. It was a week packed with events and activities focused around goal two of UWRF's strategic plan: global education and engagement. The main idea of the Summit is to celebrate accomplishments related to that goal, and to make a statement that the campus is committed to maintaining the successes it's had thanks to international students and study abroad opportunities.

Events of the Summit included faculty- and student-led presentations, speakers from around the world, performances, food and meals, and plenty of opportunities to get involved with hands-on experiences. Kelsey McLean, program manager in the Office of International Education, summed it up best by stating, "Every day has something really unique and fun to offer." At the end of the week, there was also a raffle drawing to give away international swag bags.

Among the presenters were notable speakers Amer F. Ahmed and Ann Bancroft. Ahmed is an internationally renowned speaker encouraging inclusivity and diversity. Bancroft, from Minnesota, is a U.S. National Women's Hall of Fame inductee who has traveled to the ends of the Earth; she is the first known woman to reach both the north and south poles.

Two faculty-led presentations introduced many students to PechaKucha. Meaning "chitchat" in Japanese, PechaKucha is a type of presentation that encourages more showing and less telling. Presenters prepare 20 slides, and get 20 seconds of commentary per slide. Professors spoke about their experiences abroad and opportunities that students can get involved in with their studies.

One of the most anticipated performances of the week was a one-woman show on the opening night of the Summit. Qurat Ann Kadwani performed 13 different characters, depicting the experience of immigrants. She showed the struggle of finding her identity while balancing her ethnic heritage with American culture.

Other performances of the week revolved around dance and music. Ceilidh dancing, a form of traditional Scottish dancing, was performed with instructions being called out so anyone could easily join in. It was international karaoke night on Wednesday, where anyone could sing their favorite song of any language. Friday featured a Somali music and dance workshop, allowing students to learn about musical traditions, history, and current practices in Somalia. Later in the evening, Somali guest artists performed traditional music and dance forms.

Two dinners were featured over the week. Tuesday was an etiquette dinner, which featured a Somali dish and taught students standard business dinner etiquette. Thursday was a Thanksgiving dinner, allowing international students to experience a traditional U.S. Thanksgiving meal. There was also an event on Wednesday, called "teaching kitchen," that allowed some students and staff to get involved with preparing international dishes. Food and recipes from Somalia were featured, and some participants were able to sample the dishes created.

Not all events were held on campus; a celebration of international successes wouldn't be complete if it all happened in one area. Various presentations about global manufacturing policies, higher education in the Netherlands, and international

business partnerships were held in different places around River Falls.

There was a field trip opportunity to visit Midtown Global Market in Minneapolis. The market has food stalls and shops to learn about and eat different foods from around the world. Student agricultural clubs allowed students to learn about the heritage of the animals at Mann Valley Farm. McLean said, "They're putting this really fun international global twist on learning about the animals we have here on campus."

The Summit displayed the importance of international students and study abroad programs for our campus and our community. McLean stated that she would like if every student were able to study abroad, but "if you can't study abroad, you can still have an international experience here on campus by the other things that are available."



**Whitney Baehr running information table for the Summit.
Photo by Melissa Thorud**

University Police investigate sexual assault in parking lot

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A sexual assault occurred on Nov. 18 on the University of Wisconsin-River Falls campus. The assault happened at 6:30 a.m. in the "J" parking lot, which is located between Hagestad Hall and the Agricultural Science Building.

Information was confirmed by Chief of University Police Karl Fleury. The suspect was stated to be unknown by the victim and was a white male who appeared to be 20-30 years old. The man was driving a pickup truck but the color, make and model were all unspecified.

Fleury was unable to realse any further information.

According to the UWRF 2018 Annual Security and Fire

Safety report's crime statistics, there were a total of 12 sexual offenses that occurred on campus property during the entirety of the year.

Some tips from Fleury included being aware of the surrounding area, walk in larger groups, let people know where you are going and when you arrive somewhere and if anyone sees anything suspicious, or witnesses a crime in progress, call 911. "Everyone should be aware wherever you are and it's important to always be practicing safety," said Fleury.

There are resources available in the River Falls area for anyone who has been a victim of sexual assault. The St.Croix Valley Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) offers information on what victims should do after the assault.

According to the SART website, it is important to call 911

or go to the nearest emergency department. Victims can also call the SART hotline at 715-425-6443, which is open 24 hours and seven days a week, for any support.

There is also a list of exactly what is recommended that victims do after an assault on the SART website: stcroixvalleysart.org.

The University offers support and resources to anyone that may be affected. The counseling services are available to all students, faculty and staff. They are located in Hagestad Hall. There is also information on what to do and who to contact on the UWRF Counseling Services webpage. There is a Campus Victim Advocate within Counseling Services that is available to provide any advocacy, prevention techniques and outreach to victims.

STUDENT VOICE

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display ads and classified ads must be able to be submitted no later than Wednesday at noon during the week of publishing. Information on publishing schedule can be obtained by contacting the editor.

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As new season nears, softball field at UWRF faces water problem

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The newly improved UW-River Falls softball field outside of the Falcon Center is experiencing problems with water not draining properly, which may cause delays once the new season starts in spring semester.

Once water gets on the field, it doesn't drain away, resulting in standing water.

"We've tried aerating the outfield and top-dressing it with sand to make the soil more absorbent," said William Folk of Falcon Center Operations. "This hasn't been as effective as we would like. We still have a wet outfield, which is not good for play or the health of the grass."

The Falcon Center is looking to install a system that will allow water to percolate down to the drain tile and lead it away from the field. Since the weather is unpredictable through the winter, it is unlikely work will be done before the season starts.

The women's softball team's season starts Feb. 29 with a double-header at home against Bethany Lutheran College.

Perkins Field, named for former UWRF softball coach Faye Perkins, saw a major upgrade during the second phase of the Falcon Center project. The site for the softball field was excavated in the fall of 2014 and most of the work was completed by the fall of 2015. The field has a "real stadium" feel to it, unlike most softball fields in Division III sports. A seating area meant to hold 300 people was added when the scoreboard was installed in the spring of 2016.

Falcons basketball heading to D3 Hoops Classic in Las Vegas

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Falcon News Service

The UW-River Falls men's basketball team has booked its D3 Hoops Classic trip for December in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The basketball team is scheduled to play games at the South Point Arena in Las Vegas from Friday, Dec. 27, to Monday, Dec. 30. River Falls will play two games during that four-day stretch which will count for its official record for the 2019-2020 regular season.

The first game will be played against New Jersey City University on Dec. 29 and the second game will be against Muskingum University of Ohio the following day, the final day of the tournament.

Matt Keller, the senior point guard for UWRF, has been on two long-distance trips since he started playing basketball at UWRF in the fall of 2016.

"Last year we went to Colorado and a couple of years ago to California," Keller said. "It was just a really good bonding experience with the guys and kind of makes everyone even more comfortable with each other. It gives us a feeling of unity and trust with one another and helps us buy into the process."

For Keller, the experience provides a boost to the roster that can be valuable when the

Falcons begin playing Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) games shortly after they return from the trip.

"Just to have the guys be together and creating memories with each other will help out chemistry," Keller said. "It gives our team the opportunity to compete against teams from other states and lets us represent where we come from. So, there's a sense of pride that results from a trip like this."

Jeffrey Berkhof, the head coach of the men's basketball team, said the trip this year wasn't officially planned during the off-season. The team added the D3 Hoops Classic because it was having trouble finding non-conference opponents.

"Having to find 11 is hard. We try to go on a trip every couple of years. We went to Colorado last year," Berkhof said. "This would normally be an off-year, but we needed to find two more games. This was sitting there, and it worked in our schedule and I heard really good things about it from other coaches."

Through tournaments like the D3 Hoops Classic, River Falls will play tough competition that will prepare the Falcons for a difficult conference schedule against WIAC opponents. Berkhof is chasing his third WIAC Tournament Championship since 2007.

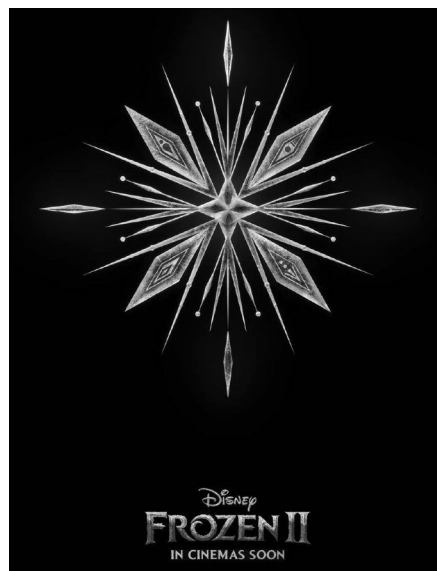
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Frozen 2

Ford v. Ferrari

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Editorial: Regulate advertising not sales of flavored vape juice

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There has been recent controversy over whether or not flavored vape juice should remain available to consumers in the United States. Some vaping companies have made decisions to stop sales and production of various flavored juices. The vape company JUUL has recently stopped production and sales of many flavored pods. President Donald Trump has also touched on the issue and had originally put forth a plan

to ban all flavored vaping products. Trump has since backtracked on his initial stance. Over the past decade, the use of vaping has grown so immensely that it has even been referred to as an epidemic. Electronic cigarettes or vapes were originally introduced to the U.S. market around the early 2000s and the products have gained popularity since, according to the Consumer Advocates for Smoke Free Alternatives Association. The overall use of vaping has come into question more seriously in recent months because of new found vaping-related illnesses that has lead to death in some users. There is still a question of what is causing these illnesses but as of right now, several health departments are urging patients to stop the use of vaping products, according to the Wisconsin Health Department. Vaping advertising has also been problematic. Some view these advertisements as controversial because they appear to be targeting a younger audience. Ads show colorful backgrounds with young smiling



Example of an advertisement produced by JUUL

models holding their juul proudly. Additionally, by having flavored juice, children may be more likely to be attracted to the products with flavors such as bubble gum, blue raspberry and watermelon. Juul is currently involved in several lawsuits that are claiming that their advertisements are targeting young audiences, according to an article from CNN. The concerns are that the company is advertising the vape products in a way that deceives a young audience, attracting them with fun flavors and pictures, but masking the potential risks. These products are meant to be sold exclusively to adults. When the products are being purchased, identification should be presented. If minors are seeking out these products, that is not necessarily the responsibility of the vaping companies, but perhaps the responsibility of parents and family environment. The Student Voice staff understands both sides of the argument. Advertising to target minors is wrong and irresponsible. However, the consensus was that if these products are made specifically for adult consumers, they should be able to have flavored products. If children are coming into contact with vape products, we believe this is an issue that should be addressed in the home, and not at the vape shop.



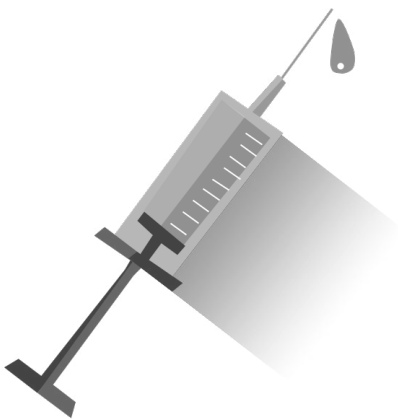
A student heads to class with a coffee and juul containing flavored e-juice. Photo by Brooke Shepherd

Flu shots and other vaccines raise concerns as flu season approaches

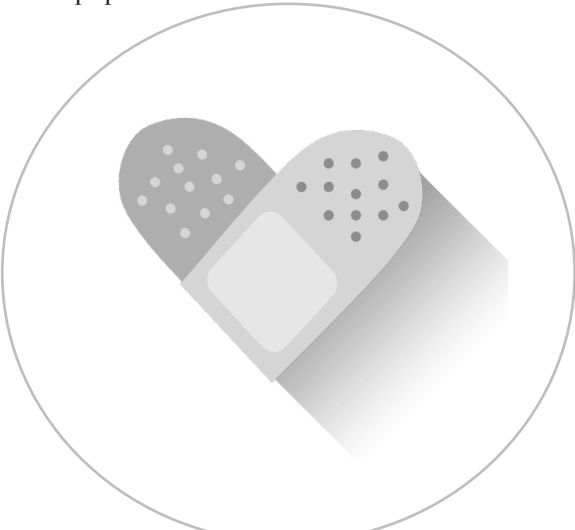
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In the United States, fall and winter are the most common times for contracting flu viruses, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This means vaccinations are on everyone's minds. However, more and more people are deciding not to vaccinate. With a measles crisis arising, those who are against vaccinations, or anti-vaxxers, may want to reconsider their opposition. Anti-vaxxers have different reasons as to why they choose not to vaccinate. A study done by Chephra McKee and Kristin Bohannon looks closer at these reasons. McKee and Bohannon found that people aren't vaccinating because of religious beliefs. All except four states exempt vaccinations for this reason. Muslims believe that vaccines are unacceptable because it contains pork-derived products. While other religions are unclear if they should support vaccines, the Catholic Church believes that vaccines are acceptable. Another common reason why people aren't vaccinating is because of personal beliefs. Parents believe

that natural immunity is better for their children. Other parents think their children aren't at risk for the disease. These parents don't see the real threat of these preventable diseases. The number of cases of measles was less than 100 in the past decade; this number has increased to over one thousand cases this year. New York has the most reported cases. More than 70% of the people in New York were unvaccinated. To counteract the number of unvaccinated people, a new bill, called bill S2994A, was passed that ended personal conviction waivers. This way people who believe vaccinations are bad still have to receive them. This bill helps protect those who surround anti-vaxxers too. Vaccinations are required to attend school, which causes fewer cases of measles in the United States. Since 2000, Minnesota has had 124 cases, which are mainly from importing the disease from other countries. Wisconsin has even fewer cases because of a high vaccination rate. To keep the number of measles cases low, remember to get your vaccinations and encourage those close to you to do the same. UW-River Falls offers free flu shots for students. This will be available Tuesday, Oct. 29, from noon to 2 p.m. in the Trimble Room 231 in the University Center. The clinics in town are also an option for getting a flu shot.



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Hi, how are ya?: Shane Dawson series review part two

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In the third video of the series, titled “The Dangerous World of Jeffree Star,” Star tells Dawson about how he doesn’t want something to be filmed involving his agent and Star having to do background checks on everyone working for him. Then it cuts to the opening credits.

News came out that Dawson made some inappropriate jokes about his cat in his past. People found those jokes from Dawson’s past and posted them on twitter to try and cancel him. Cancelling is a modern internet phenomenon where a person is outcast from influence or fame due to questionable actions. Every time Dawson comes up in the news people try and cancel him, so Dawson and his close friends decided that when this “cancellation” was threatened, they would throw a party. On March 18, after the old tweets resurfaced, they had their “Shane Dawson is over party.”

A week earlier they had the first design meeting with Anna, the head of packaging. They start talking about what the actual palette design should look like. They come up with a bunch of ideas like triangle shaped, an old television set, and a pyramid. They discuss all of these with Anna, and she put together some examples.

Also at the meeting they talk about impressions on the eye-shadows. Impressions are the artwork that they stamp on the eyeshadows in the palette. The artist of Jeffree Star Cosmetics shows some ideas he’s been working on, including a pig, triangles, tea cup, schooner glass, and a soda can. The group loves and approves of the impressions. Star and Dawson get word that the lab made samples of all of the shadows that they wanted. They decide to go to Star’s house to look at and approve all of the shades.

At Star’s house they go over the process to approve the shades. They first swatch it on their hands, and then test it with a brush on the eyelid. If they like the color and consistency, then it’s approved. If they don’t like it, they can send it back to the lab and tell them to add more pigment, pearl, or pay off.

Once they see how many shades they’ve chosen, it’s decided that they need to have another mini palette. Dawson comes up with a great name for the palette, the “Mini-Controversy.” They decide which shades are going to go in which palette. All the shades in both palettes look amazing.

The day following the “Shane Dawson is over party,”

Dawson is no longer trending on Twitter, and things seem to be going back to normal. However, Star explains that \$1 million worth of products was stolen from his warehouse. Star believes it was an inside job, and most of the products stolen were from his new, unreleased collection

To end the episode it cuts to Dawson and his boyfriend, Ryland Adams, at their house. Adams’ family joined them from Colorado for a vacation. Dawson planned to have Adams’ family come over because he wanted to propose. There is a super cute montage of Dawson’s and Adams’ best moments on video, then Dawson proposes to Adams, and he says yes. At the very end of the episode, they dedicate it to two of Star’s dogs, Diamond and Daddy, who passed away while filming the series.

The fourth video of the series, “The \$20 Million Dollar Deal,” is around 50 minutes long and was filmed in March. It starts with Dawson and his now-fiancé Adams on their couch, reading an email from Mark with some samples of Dawson’s logo for everything. There’s about 12 logo designs, and they don’t like any of them. So they reject all of them and will have to figure out some new ideas, which is scary because they need to have it finalized soon.

Star brings Dawson into his office to talk about how he needs to stand up for himself more. If he didn’t like any of the logo ideas, he just needs to say that and say more of what he’s looking for, without worrying about hurting people’s feelings.

Dawson and Adams are in the process of selling their old house and they go back to get Dawson’s car. They walk in the house to see how they have it set up for showings. It cuts to old videos of how they had it decorated and some of their favorite memories they had in that house.

Another meeting occurs with Star, this one is to figure out how many units they need to purchase. They have to estimate how much they think they will sell so they know how much to make. They want to sell out, and don’t want to have a bunch left over. This meeting is very important because it can make or break how much money they make in the end.

They then have a conference call with the makeup brand Morphe about if they want to sell Dawson’s collection in their stores. They are also calling to see what kind of deals they will make for Dawson.

They tell Morphe that they will have an 18-shade Conspiracy palette, a 9-shade Mini Controversy palette, 6 liquid lipsticks, clear lip gloss, a pig mirror, and a couple different makeup bags.

Morphe asks when they want to launch this collection and Star and Dawson tell them Nov. 1. The Morphe team is silent for a second and they ask if they could do it any earlier. Dawson comes back and says that with this palette being a conspiracy theme he didn’t want it to come out in October, with its close proximity to Halloween. Dawson wants this palette to be versatile; he wants it to be an everyday used palette, but also hopes that it encourages creativity. Star mutes the call and says that he thinks that Morphe probably has another influencer coming out with something for the holiday’s and they’re worried about their release dates conflicting with Dawson’s.

Star and Dawson go to Star’s lab, where they produce and package the makeup. They get suited up with hair nets and face masks before they go into the lab. They meet up with Sabrina, the lab project manager, and she gives them a tour of the building and helps them finalize Dawson’s shadows, as well as give them a first look at the lipsticks. The final eye-shadow shades are all approved, and his six liquid lipsticks look amazing and are all approved. They also talk about a lip gloss, because Dawson loves lip gloss. They come up with the great name: Shane Glossin’.

Shane and Star travel to Morgan Adams’ apartment, Ryland Adams’ sister. They ask her what kind of makeup she likes, to get ideas about what people would like. They find out that people like neutrals to wear on an everyday basis, but also like to play with color.

They go back to Jeffree’s warehouse and meet with Sean, the leader of JSC/Killer merch branding. He shows them a couple more ideas for Dawson’s new logo. They take a look at a few mockups, and decide on one that they’re happy with.

They then go over final shade placements for both of the palettes. They get opinions from some of Star’s employees and get them all finalized. Both of the palettes look incredible, and I can’t wait to get my hands on them.

The whole Star team meets with Shane to figure out the final details for how many palettes they should make. They decide that they are going to buy and make 1 million palettes. They tell Dawson that they are going to make around \$35 million from Morphe and JSC. Dawson will take home around \$10 million if they sell all of the palettes. Dawson freaks out because that’s the most money he’s ever made.

The video ends with Dawson playing around and getting better at makeup. It also shows some upcoming things for the next couple episodes.

Until the next episodes, I’ll see you soon.



Title frame for ‘The Conspiracy Collection reveal’



Reagan Responds

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What are your thoughts on the Gophers' success so far this season? Do you believe that they will keep it up? What are your predictions for the remainder of the schedule?

This season the Gophers have completely changed their identity as a college football program. What was once a program filled with defeat, failure and sub-par results is now being recognized on a national level for the first time in at least 15 years. P.J. Fleck and his enthusiasm, energy and schematic play-calling have put Minnesota on the map as a major college program.

Going into the season most analysts – and local media members – had the Gophers at a ceiling of about six wins. Instead, the Gophers started the season by winning their first nine games, including a win against Penn State which was ranked as the fourth-best team in the country at the time the game was played.

As somebody who was at that game, I felt the energy in that stadium. Attendance was over 50,000 people and empty seats were few and far between. The energy at TCF Bank Stadium on that Saturday could best be described in two words – nervously optimistic.

It seemed as if football fans in Minnesota – a state that has dealt with continuous football heartbreak – were ready to see a victory in their most important game in nearly 20 years.

After that game ended and Minnesota had a 31-26 victory, students flooded the field, spilling over the protective railings until the majority of the football field was no longer visible.

The impact of a season like this, no matter how it ends, has changed the landscape of college football in Minnesota for years to come. Recruiting classes will be improved and Minnesota will have a chance to truly make some noise in the Big 10 in the next couple of years. But first, Minnesota will have to find a way to get to Pasadena this year to play in their first Rose Bowl since 1962.

What are the benefits of joining student organizations on campus?

The value of joining clubs on campus can't be understated. As a freshman and sophomore at UW – River Falls I wasn't involved in any clubs on campus. If I could go back, that would be the thing I would change.

I can still remember sitting in the stands at the homecoming game in 2016 and thinking to myself, "I should be announcing this football game, I know I would be good at it." However, I didn't get involved with the radio station until my junior year of college. I missed out on two years of fantastic opportunities, a lot of sports and a lot of great friends.

During my junior year of college, I also joined the Student Voice, which is where what I'm writing right now will end up – a printed newspaper. My experience at the Student Voice has been similar to that of WRFW. I have made a lot of friends and learned a lot about myself and my writing along the way. Without these two student organizations, I wouldn't have enjoyed my time at River Falls nearly as much.

Essentially, joining student organizations on campus was one of the best decisions I ever made in my four years here. They had an incredible impact on my life and I'm sure that student organizations would have a similar impact on your life, just pick something you're interested in or passionate about.

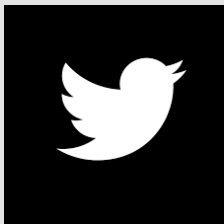
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Edible Inspirations



Pumpkin Pie

- 1 can of pumpkin
- 1 can of condensed milk
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1 tsp. ground nutmeg
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 9 inch pie crust (unbaked)
- whipped cream

Preheat oven to 425 degrees fahrenheit. Whisk pumpkin, sweetened condensed milk, eggs, spices and salt in medium bowl until smooth. Then pour into crust. Bake 15 minutes.
Reduce oven temperature to 350 degrees and continue baking 35 to 40 minutes or until knife inserted 1 inch from crust comes out clean. Let it cool, and add whipped cream!
Prepared and photographed by Brooke Shepherd



Beef Nachos

- Rice
 - Beef
 - Taco seasoned cheese blend
 - Sour cream
- Prepared and photographed by Hudson Schamberger



Fettuccine Alfredo

- 24 ounces dry fettuccine pasta
- 1 cup butter
- 3/4 pint heavy cream
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1 dash garlic salt
- 3/4 cup grated Romano cheese
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese



Chicken Dinner

- Grilled chicken breast
 - Mashed Potatoes
 - Sweet corn
- Prepared and photographed by Hudson Schamberger



Fresh Salsa

- 5 pounds of Roma Tomatoes ~ 10 cups prior to chopping
- 3 cups chopped onion
- 1 ¾ cups chopped green pepper
- 5 jalapenos – finely chopped
- 7 cloves minced garlic
- 2 ½ tsp ground cumin
- 2 ½ tsp ground black pepper
- 2 ½ Tbsp canning or pickling salt
- 1/3 chopped fresh cilantro
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1 ¼ cups apple cider vinegar
- 15 oz tomato sauce
- 12 oz tomato paste

Slice tomatoes in half and place on baking sheet skin side up. Broil for 5-8 minutes until the skins begin to pucker. Peel skins off and lightly crush tomatoes. Combine all ingredients in a large pot and boil. Simmer for 10 minutes. Sterilize pint size canning jars in boiling water for 15 minutes. Lids/rings should be warmed in near boiling water. Fill jars leaving ½ inch at the top and seal. Boil in a water bath for 20 minutes. Remove jars and cool to room temp making sure the seals pop.

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