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Environmental journalism

Opening series event highlights nature writers

KELLY FENG
Editor in Chief

A recent Writer's Life Lecture Series event featured Natasha Kassulke, journalism instructor and co-author of "Planting an Idea: Critical and Creative Thinking About Environmental Issues," and Andrea Zani, managing editor of the Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine, where they both discussed the need for environmental journalism.

Moderated by journalism instructor and former environ-



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mental reporter L. David Hansen, both writers encouraged the audience to use their passion and skill sets to support the natural world.

On Earth Day, Natasha Kassulke published her first book, "Planting

an Idea: Critical and Creative Thinking About Environmental Issues," co-authored with Jerry Apps.

Seeing political polarization affect the world's viewpoint on climate change, the two authors wrote the book to encourage others to use critical thinking to question and discover their role in combating climate change.

Because global warming impacts everyone, the guidebook is a starting point for having difficult conversations with different points of view.

Kassulke grew up on a small farm, giving her a backyard of wildlife and nature. Participating

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Student Activities Board plans referendum

KELLY FENG
Editor in Chief

The Student Activities Board (SAB) has approved conducting a referendum asking students to vote on student fees to boost student programs, activities and campus events. This restructuring would mean that all students would pay the same amount per credit for student activities instead of different amounts for students in different programs. Many clubs, activities and athletics have undergone budget cuts set last spring by 13%.

The SAB will hold a referendum Nov. 13-19 to set the student activity fee at \$12.30 per credit, with the ability of SAB to decide to increase it by up to 3% each year.

The SAB stated that the referendum is needed because the amount of revenue generated by the Student Activity Fee is no longer enough to support the clubs, organizations, athletic teams, and events that this fee has funded for decades. The SAB also stated that the cost of food, travel, supplies, and competitive wages has increased significantly in recent years, affecting all the student groups and activities.

The amount requested during last spring's budget process was \$200,000 more than was able to be funded this year, which resulted in all organizations needing to make decisions about what to cut in student activities, programming or student employment coming into this year.

In the 2023-2024 academic year, student groups were forced to decide what to cut to balance the budget. Some cuts include athletic cuts from their competitive schedules, Intercultural Exchange cutting hours for student employees and United Common Ground eliminating a student position from its leadership team.

The Student Activity Fee revenue supports student events and groups that enhance the student experience including 50 student clubs, with more than 2,000 members across

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Wisconsin wants to modernize financial aid for college students

KAI BRITO
Copy Editor

Wisconsin legislators are proposing changes to Wisconsin's financial aid processes that would expand eligibility to more students, thereby increasing affordability and accessibility to students. The two bills (S.B. 380 & A.B. 381) are making their way through the Wisconsin State Legislature and could be sent to the Governor's desk before the end of the year.

The major changes proposed in the bills include updates to the language on

Expected Family Contribution in state statutes to Student Aid Index, repealing a Wisconsin requirement to register for Selective Service, and revising the Wisconsin Grants Program to be more friendly towards students.

A fair portion of the bills are language updates to bring Wisconsin State Law in line with changes from the federal government, which passed the FAFSA Simplification Act that will go into effect July 1, 2024.

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Clarion reporters Kai Brito, left, and Kodiak Koessl, center, interview State Rep. Dave Murphy on Assembly Bill 381 which covers an expansion of Wisconsin Grants and Financial Aid Modernization.

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OFF THE SHELF

By Rachel Becker, Librarian

What are open educational resources?

Textbook and learning material costs continue to rise for students across the world, along with rent and food. Madison College has a fantastic textbook rental program which allows students to borrow many of their textbooks needed for courses. While this is a great step toward reducing the overall financial burden for students, we can do more. This is where “open educational resources” come in.

Open educational resources are freely available textbooks and learning materials which, through the magic of copyright, can be reused, customized and shared by anyone globally.

Unlike commercially published textbooks, like Pearson or McGrawHill, open educational resources can be written by anyone knowledgeable in the subject, including instructors, students, people working in the field and more.

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What sets them apart from other freely available online resources is how they go from an idea to a published textbook. Much like peer reviewed articles found in library databases, open educational resources go through a rigorous review and editing process by a team of experts before anyone can access them. This means they are generally just as trustworthy as any commercial textbook.

What’s even better, anyone can adapt the textbook to fit their teaching or learning style, including making it accessible for those who require a different version of the text (for example, making

College, but for everyone on Earth.

An additional kudos to the Wisconsin Student Government who tirelessly advocated for open educational resource funding at the state level since 2018. In 2023, they saw their hard work pay off in the form of a \$3 million grant for Wisconsin Technical College System colleges’ open educational resource development.

Since creating high quality open educational resources takes valuable faculty, staff and student time, these funds will be used to build new open educational resources to support affordable and accessible learning across our Wisconsin Technical College System.

Want to know more? Check out the Madison College Libraries’ open educational resources research guide at <https://libguides.madisoncollege.edu/OER>.

it into an audiobook).

Instructors at Madison College are creating fantastic open educational resources for students already. Let’s give a shout out to the math department for their hard work toward reducing learning material costs and creating specialized content for our students. The nursing program engaged in a years-long process to create open educational resource versions of key nursing textbooks and create virtual reality learning modules.

These, along with other projects, are helping improve learning and affordability for students, not just at Madison

PUBLIC SAFETY

By Sgt. Lucas Adler



CLARION STAFF PHOTO

Public Safety reminds students to lock your bikes when using the racks on campus.

Use a bike lock to prevent theft

Riding your bike to school has many benefits, including exercise and saving money on gas. Unfortunately, there has been a higher than usual number of bike thefts recently in the Madison area, and at Madison College. Unfortunately, some students have had their bikes stolen from the bicycle racks on campus. This has occurred when the bikes were not locked up in the bike rack.

When coming to campus, please utilize the bike racks found near the entrance of the building and be sure to use a bike lock. Bike thieves look for crimes of opportunity, and an unlocked bike is an easy target. If you forget your bike lock, please stop by the Public Safety office. We will find a way to secure your bike while in class.

I’d also like to use this opportunity to remind the college community to keep

all of their valuables locked up, as there has also been some thefts of phones, electronics and cash. This is generally a result of these items being left out in the open, and unattended. Always keep valuables with you. If you notice any suspicious activity, or have any information regarding any of these thefts, please contact Public Safety.

Public Safety has Officers available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. You can reach us anytime by calling 608-245-2222. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at lfadler@madisoncollege.edu.

WolfPack Alerts

Have you signed up for WolfPack Alerts from Madison College? These alerts notify you of school cancellations or about emergencies on or near campus. If not, please do so on our webpage. Registration is free, easy and takes about a minute on your mobile device. In addition to our Facebook page, we have a Twitter account! Be sure to follow @PublicSafetyMC to stay informed of what’s happening on your campus.



CAMPUS UPDATES

Clarion Staff

Make a Difference Day Volunteer Fair

Join 20 community agencies in need of volunteers for the Make a Difference Day Volunteer Fair on Tuesday, Oct. 24, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Truax Room D1630.

While you are visiting agencies, participate in on-site service activities, register to vote, enjoy a light lunch and sign up to win gift cards and other prizes.

The agencies include: health-related opportunities, working with children with special needs, outdoor opportunities, working with the elder, public radio, food pantries, working with veterans, community centers and more.

The event is sponsored by the Madison College Volunteer Center.

Bystander intervention training planned

October is domestic violence awareness month and Madison College is offering bystander intervention training.

The session will be held on Oct. 26, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Register in advance at <https://surveyMonkey.com/r/9JLB5W7>. Once you register, you will be sent a link to join the virtual workshop.

WolfPack Closet seeking professional clothes

The WolfPack Closet is now holding a “Fall Fill-the-Racks” drive until Nov. 10, and you can help contribute! If you have professional clothing items that are new or gently used that you’re willing to donate for our students, now is the time.

Bring your professional clothing items (laundered and within five years old) to Career & Employment Services at Truax, weekdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

The WolfPack Closet a Madison College Career and Employment Services program that aims to provide current students with business attire from a wide selection of clothing.

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College president announces his plans to retire



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Madison College President Dr. Jack E. Daniels II speaks at an event.

KELLY FENG
Editor in Chief

After 11 years of stewardship, Madison College President Jack E. Daniels, III, has announced he will retire in June of 2024. The announcement was made at the Madison College District Board meeting on Oct. 4.

In an email to Madison College faculty and staff, Daniels reflected on some of the milestone accomplishments that they have collectively achieved:

“We’ve established Madison College as an engine of innovation, a driver of economic impact, and a collaborator in far-reaching community and educa-

tional partnerships. We’ve significantly changed the physical landscape of our facilities and reshaped the perception of a high-quality, community college experience,” Daniels said.

Daniels arrived at Madison College in 2013 from the Los Angeles Southwest College and quickly became a community and college leader. He has served area non-profits and the business community, working with multiple organizations, reflecting Madison College’s role as a catalyst for economic and workforce development.

“Madison College stands head and shoulders above most and is exceptional in what it does and provides. And our

faculty and staff understand, fully, our role in the community, and how we can best serve and have meaningful and lasting impact that changes lives,” Daniels said.

Daniels reflected how they have collectively established Madison College as an engine of innovation, a driver of economic impact, and a collaborator in far-reaching community and educational partnerships

Daniels noted the collective accomplishments of listening to our community’s greatest need, advocating for an expanded presence, notably the Goodman South Campus, to serve and support the south Madison community.

Providing friendly support for veterans

BRADLEY BURT
Business Director

On Nov. 11, each year, America honors veterans on Veterans Day. At Madison College, Veterans Resources Services (VRS) honors them each day by providing support for college readjustment success.

Readjustment starts with reintegration from military life into an academic environment, which starts when the choice to exercise G.I. education benefits is made. Upon enrollment, those who serve, served and their families receive instruction from one of the “Top 10 Military Friendly” colleges according to the “Veteran Services” page found on the college’s website.

Madison College shares its military friendly success through VRS Associate Manager Samantha Moen, who has a passion for welcoming veterans on campus, which is part of her role as a leader and as employee of the “Retention Initiative and Student Engagement Program (RISE),” provided through the Madison College TRIO Student Supports Program.

“I love this job because I get to merge two of my passions together, being a veteran and education,” Moen said regarding her position amongst the Madison College veteran community. “I know that education can break down barriers and want to be a resource to veterans.”

Moen not only works at Madison College but serves as a member of the Wisconsin Air National Guard and has been for over 19 years. Moen works in maintenance and performs x-rays and ultrasounds on F-16 and F-35 fighter jets, who inspects aircraft for cracks, corrosion and delamination. Moen also deployed three times, including two war zone deployments.

“My favorite memory from service is volunteering for the Badger Honor Flight,” Moen said. “Being an escort for World War II or Vietnam War veterans, while being a fellow military member myself, is a humbling experience.”

Moen noted that Madison College received the “2023-24 No. 1 Large Community College for Veterans Award” and that VRS, as a network of readjustment support, plays a major part for providing success. VRS provides services such as advising, helps navigate coursework selection, provides benefit guidance, application assistance, counseling, peer support, information about and location of the Student Veterans Club, which greets members of the military community with a resource center where all can



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Samantha Moen is the associate manager of the Madison College Veterans Resource Services program.

visit on campus. Moen serves as a support beacon amongst a community with specific needs above and beyond the standard college enrollment and attendance confusion.

“I want to help them navigate the higher education system and to learn how to pinpoint their goals, teach them to advocate for themselves and connect them with resources that make it all possible,” Moen said.

Military friendly represents not only veterans, but spouses and their families who receive benefits. Military friendly includes those actively serving and members of the National Guard and Reserves, which oftentimes gets overlooked when recognizing those who are part of the military demographic. Moen, working side-by-side with veterans and service members, helps them succeed by providing a friendly advising environment, who fondly recalled an experience working with a married couple.

“One of my favorite moments was during my first semester,” Moen shared. “I got the opportunity to work with a husband-wife couple that were both veterans and both first generation college students.”

As another military friendly accolade, Madison College boasts being the title holder of the “2023-24 Military Friendly Spouse School.” VRS also provides services to those who do not serve but receive college benefits, which is an experience Moen shares fond memories of. Collectively, student veterans, service members, spouses and their dependents face the crucible of reintegration success into college life and Moen guides them through the process.

“Veterans and other military connected students sacrifice so much for our country,” said Moen. “I want to pay

it back in a small way and thank them by helping them achieve success in this next phase of life.”

Madison College, through VRS, provides a pathway for overcoming barriers to success student veterans and service members face by offering opportunities for members of the military friendly community to make lasting memories. Madison College, through Moen’s collaboration with student veterans and servicemembers, invests in success by going above and beyond as a Top 10 Military Friendly institution and meeting sociological needs. Barriers await those who serve in the military when returning home and Moen meets them where they are at and guides them from the community college readjustment phase into the University of Wisconsin classroom as transfers.

“I learned a lot about advising during my two years with them. They were so patient and kind,” said Moen recalling her story about working with a married couple both attending Madison College. “It was a wonderful experience. I’m proud to say that they are both now students at UW-Madison. Seeing our veterans and military connected students achieve their goals makes it all worthwhile.”

Friendly military staff like Moen and military friendly campuses like Truax connect the student veteran, servicemember, their families and those who support their success. On Veterans Day 2023, Madison College offers pathways for building connecting links and opportunities for those who identify as military culture an open door to the freedom of academic expression to explore the next chapter of their career. Madison College’s military friendly commitment leads the United

States by placing those who served and serve in alignment with those seeking usage of hard-earned benefits, which in return builds trust and leaders who enter the workforce successfully upon completion and transfer to their next destination.

“Students succeed with VRS because they feel connected and valued,” Moen stated. “We work hard to create an environment that is inviting, informative and dedicated to supporting veterans and military connected students.”

As a military friendly service, VRS works together with the Veteran Education Benefits team, which consists of two support staff who served. Ryan Murphy and Allan Locia as a team ensure students, whom they work with, know their benefits, take the classes they need for their program and are able to get credit for their military training and experiences. To advance veteran success, the team provides academic support and also promotes using the Vets Club, which provides outlets for social, recreation and service activities for supporting veterans, service members and their families.

Moen and her team encourage all who are a part of the military friendly community of student veterans, service members and their spouses and families to support the Vets Club by getting involved, which meets on Thursdays in room D1673 at the Truax campus from 10:30-11:30 a.m. If you are new to the Truax campus, need success support as a student veteran or service member, visit the Veterans Resource Center where Moen’s office is located. Congratulations to the VRS team for your success and hard work supporting and serving those who served and continue to serve while attending college and Happy Veterans Day.

Students speak in defense of transgender rights

KAI BRITO
Copy Editor

Two Madison College students testified at the Wisconsin State Capitol in defense of transgender rights to participate in sports at the K-12 and collegiate levels, as well as access gender-affirming medical care for youth.

The Wisconsin State Legislature earlier this month held public hearings for a trio of bills that would impact students at Wisconsin schools. One pair of bills centers on proposed athletics rules requiring transgender youth to participate in K-12 sports (AB 377) and transgender college students to compete on athletics teams (AB 378) that correlate with their sex assigned at birth.

The other bill (AB 465) would prohibit health care providers from engaging in, referring, or providing medical care that would alter the body to change the sex of a minor, or anyone under the age of 18 years old.

Athletic teams and competitions

Amelia Roys is a Madison College student and lifelong Wisconsin resident who testified for the first time at the Capitol this Wednesday. For Roys, she said the transgender athletics bills would deprive other students from the opportunity to participate as part of a team, work towards a common goal and have an outlet to physically improve themselves.

Roys, a transgender woman, began to explore gender perceptions her senior year of high school and joined the track team to help solidify her identity. She wasn't the fastest member by a longshot, being the only senior competing at the Junior Varsity level, but her goal was mainly to improve personal fitness in a social context. She said being a member of the track team allowed her to do just that.

"Fundamentally, to see the self-determination of trans people stripped away, even though I'm not in HS anymore or under 18, it felt personal. That was me just two years ago," she said.

The author of the pair of sports bills, Wisconsin State Representative Barbara Dittrich, has been a longtime proponent of women's achievements in sports, introducing the "Protecting Women in Sports Act" back in 2021.

In her written testimony, she stated that the bill is not meant to be interpreted as transphobic, hateful or a ban on transgender individuals as a whole. Her primary concern is to help girls succeed in sports and prevent transgender athletes, like swimmer Lia Thomas, from competing on an uneven playing field with an unfair advantage in women's sports.

Rep. Dittrich said she knows at least six known transgender students participating in WIAA sports out of more than 85,000 estimated students who participate in school sports across Wisconsin. Overall, she says this is "a matter of equality and justice" for female athletes.

But Roys thinks that there is too much of a focus on competition and that supporters of the bill are speaking from the position that school sports are exclusively to win games, bring home scholarships and acquire trophies. From her perspective, she didn't join the team to win a title or a championship but rather to participate in an activity she enjoyed with peers.

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) is the regulatory agency that oversees high school sports in Wisconsin, and they have registered in opposition to the bills. In the past, the WIAA has also registered in opposition to Rep. Dittrich's original bills from 2021.

The current WIAA Transgender Participation Policy considers a number of criteria to determine a student's eligibility to participate in sponsored athletics, including but not limited to (1) documentation supporting a student's stated gender identity, (2) written verification from a health-care professional and (3) medical records of hormone therapy.

Medical care for transgender youth

Theo Shulman is no stranger to public discourse. He studies Political Science in the Liberal Arts Transfer program at Madison College, serves at the Vice President of Public Relations for Student Senate, and was the Constituent Services Intern in the Office of Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers.

Shulman registered in opposition to AB 465 and spoke in-person for public comment on the bill. As a transgender man, he viewed it as his public duty to speak on behalf of other transgender youth who are seeking gender-affirming

medical treatment.

"It's not a question of bravery, it's a question of having a voice and using it... speaking for all of the people that this bill would affect and be harmed by," Shulman said. "It's what I hope anyone would do, speak out in a way that would have to be heard."

In Shulman's public testimony, he shared his own transition journey, beginning at the age of 18 which he says ultimately "saved his life." He views the legislation as a restriction on an individual's freedom of personal identity and right to privacy. As a bold finisher to his statements, he injected a medical dose of testosterone into his leg during the public hearing.

Several physician groups, including the Wisconsin Medical Society, Wisconsin Public Health Association, and Medical College of Wisconsin, have registered in opposition to this bill. On the national level, four major medical groups have issued statements of support for gender-affirming medical care, including the largest professional medical group, the American Medical Association, according to Wisconsin Watch.

At least 22 states have current laws that ban access to gender-affirming care for minors and many transgender youths, approximately 45%, live in states that have lost access to, or are at risk of losing access to, that medical care according to the Human Rights Campaign.

What's next for the Legislature?

Given the current makeup of the Wisconsin State Legislature, the trio of bills are likely to pass and be sent to Gov. Evers' desk. But when the bills were first introduced, Evers made it clear that he would veto those bills.

"Trans kids, people, and families are part of our world," Evers said in a tweet. "And any time you want to mess with them, you're going to get a veto from me. Pretty simple."

Gov. Evers' reaffirmed his commitment to reject the anti-trans laws and met with folks opposed to the set of bills targeting trans athletes and access to gender-affirming medical care. Each of the bills has been referred to the committee, but do not yet have a date set to be heard on the legislative floor.

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academic, interest and identity-based clubs, including:

- Nine Division II intercollegiate athletic teams, with nearly 200 student-athletes.
- The student-run Clarion newspaper, radio, and Yahara Journal literary magazine.

- Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, which has more than 525 current members.

- Student-led music ensembles and theater production, with free performances.

- Campus-wide events hosted by the Programs and Activities Council.

- The WolfPack Connect platform, which helps students to connect with events and student groups at Madison College.

- Supplies for the Early Learning Campus, Madison College's on-campus childcare center.

- Funding for over 100 student employees annually.

- WolfPack Welcome.

The SAB voted to propose raising the student fee so that it is a flat fee for all students, becoming more equitable.

Currently, students taking classes at Truax, Goodman South, Commercial Ave., and online pay a Student Activity Fee of 6.5% of tuition.

Madison College has two different tuition rates, depending on the classes taken.

For students in Liberal Arts Transfer courses, the per credit amount of the Student Activity Fee is equivalent to \$12.30 for the current academic year. For students in Vocational/Occupational courses, the per credit amount of the Student Activity Fee is equivalent to \$9.55 for the current academic year.

More information regarding the Student Activities Reference will be available in the next several weeks.

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The bills received support from the University of Wisconsin System, Wisconsin Technical College System and the Wisconsin Association of Independent College and Universities.

From the ideas that each of these organizations advocated for, the item that may produce the largest impact for students is increasing the 10 semester limit to 12 semesters and removing the half-time enrollment requirement for Wisconsin Grants. The organizations stated that this would provide students who are enrolled less than half-time equal access to Wisconsin Grant funding.

Advancing a bipartisan solution

This bill has garnered bipartisan support amongst members of the legislators. The changes have been moved forward by two Republican lawmakers, Senator Joan Ballweg (R-Markesan) and Representative Dave Murphy (R-Greenville), who authored each of the bills for their respective chambers.

For Rep. Murphy, on a practical level he said this bill would simply just bring the state of Wisconsin in alignment with federal guidelines.

But on an educational level, he wants to increase access for students that are looking to better align themselves with skillsets they think are needed to succeed in the workforce marketplace. He pointed out the need to serve students who are not necessarily looking for a degree, but rather to take classes part-time or gain additional certification that they need to advance their career.

Rep. Murphy serves as the Chair of the Committee on Colleges and Universities, but because of Legislative

rules, the bill cannot be referred to a committee that he currently chairs. So, while he can't say for certain the bill will pass, he said he believes that this could pass overall with the current makeup of the legislature.

"We talk about lack of bipartisanship in public government, but somewhere like 90% of the bills that are brought up have bipartisan support," Rep. Murphy pointed out.

Last month the State Senate unanimously passed S.B. 380. Last month the State Assembly held a public hearing and referred A.B. 381 to the Committee on State Affairs. At this time, there is no scheduled date for a committee meeting to discuss and vote on A.B. 381.

Opportunities for rural students

For Sen. Ballweg, she also sees this bill as offering a "no-brainer" solution that would benefit all students looking to achieve higher education in Wisconsin.

She also noted that the bill also offered financial aid options for farm and industry short course program students, which is not necessarily the serving the traditional student coming out of high school, but she believes that the system needs to expand education opportunities to innovate rural communities.

"As a rural legislator without a big city UW campus, we still need to have representation... Kids from every district need higher education," Sen. Ballweg said. "I really think it's important to have access for everyone in Wisconsin that wants to pursue some form of post-secondary degree."

Overall, Sen. Ballweg says the proposed changes would create more opportunities for everyone, making Wisconsin's financial aid programs more accessible to students who are not eligible under the current rules.

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in 4-H was an integral part of her environmental awareness. She soon learned that her accessibility significantly influenced how she approached environmental storytelling.

The book emphasizes critical thinking, using data and analysis to make one's own judgment.

It also serves as a guidebook for people seeking to contribute but not always knowing how to go about it.

She encouraged observing floods, winter changes, hurricanes, or weather anomalies. By monitoring the weather, we can see the incremental changes contributing to global warming.

With an audience of writers and photographers, Kassulke invited them to consider different forms of environmental journalism. She said to look for opportunities to write, saying that one way to get a byline would be to write for the student newspaper, The Clarion.

Photography is also crucial.

Kassulke pointed out National Geographic photographer Joel Sartore as an example of someone who recognizes the affects of climate change. Sartore has made it his goal to photograph every endangered species. He hopes to get the public to care and save species from extinction by sharing and showcasing his photos.

Referring to Sartore's photos of endangered species, Kassulke observed, "You know what bothers me? What about the ones that are

gone that we didn't even know existed?"

Andrea Zani is the managing editor of the Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine, a quarterly publication with a circulation of 90,000. Through nature writing, Zani believes in educating, engaging and entertaining readers.

Entertaining is a way to engage people who may want to avoid reading environmental stories. If a journalist approaches the information as enjoyable, the audience will be more inclined to read and learn more about climate.

The magazine shares important information, like wildlife management and native plants. It also profiles today's environmental leaders, for example, Tra Nelson, the daughter of the Earth Day founder.

It revisits important history, like the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. "You can't fix the future if you don't remember the past," Zani said.

Zani believes a key factor for future journalists is to listen to people and hear their stories.

Both writers emphasized that awareness begins by staying in the moment and paying attention to our surroundings.

By concentrating on the environment, relishing the outdoors and staying in the moment, we have less chance to destroy it.

Remaining present generates ideas for environmental journalists. Kassulke encouraged the audience to think about their own story and what is the best way to tell it.

"We plant an idea. You go ahead and do something with it," Kassulke said.

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THEBUZZ

Questions asked to you, our readers.

What clubs and activities are you involved with at Madison College?



"I am a part of the Programs and Activities Council and president of La Raza Unida."

- Luis Hernandez-Ponce



"I am part of the Yahara Journal and I'm starting the Honors Program."

- Stevie Brachman



"I am involved with Student Life. I was part of the ELT and I am president of BPA."

- Mackenzie Carstens

OURVIEW

The Clarion Editorial Board

Vote yes on the Student Activities Referendum

The Student Activities Board (SAB) has approved conducting a referendum asking students to vote on restructuring the student fee to boost student programs, activities and campus events.

As a member of the SAB, we believe it is necessary to pass this referendum to support other organizations, including The Clarion Newspaper, to keep operating at full capacity for the student body.

What is the Student Activity Referendum?

The SAB will hold a referendum on Nov. 13-19 to set the student activity fee at a flat rate of \$12.30 per credit, with the ability of SAB to increase it by up to 3% each year, as deemed necessary due to the pace of inflation.

The fee does not necessarily increase yearly, and it must be voted on by the SAB for any increase to occur.

The current fee is calculated as 6.5% of the per-credit tuition rate. Based on the different tuition rate, Occupational Program classes currently cost \$9.55 per credit, Liberal Arts Transfer classes cost \$12.30 per credit and courses offered at Regional Campuses cost \$3.25 per credit.

This Referendum proposes both the Occupational/Vocational and Liberal Arts so that they pay the same amount per credit for student activities instead of different amounts for students in various programs. However, the Regional Campuses will continue to pay \$3.25 pre credit because of the limited access to resources that are traditionally focused on the main Truax and Madison-area campuses.

Why is the referendum needed?

The amount requested during last spring's budget process was \$200,000 more than was able to be funded this year, which resulted in all organizations needing to make decisions about what to cut in programming or student employment coming into this year. This resulted in a 14.9% reduction in organizational budgets and many

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Prioritize preventative care

Early screening is the best way to fight breast cancer

KELLY FENG
Editor in Chief

Every October, we see a sea of pink ribbons spotlighting breast cancer awareness.

Awareness is more than wearing pink, appearing at a fundraiser, receiving swag or running a charity race. Awareness means prioritizing preventative care.

Preventive care means early screening. While breast cancer is sometimes found after symptoms, many women with breast cancer have no symptoms, so regular

breast cancer screening is vital.

Screening means checking a woman's breasts for cancer before there are signs or symptoms. Screening cannot prevent breast cancer, but it can help find breast cancer early, catching the disease when it is the most treatable.

Preventive care also means making proactive lifestyle choices. This includes eating a healthy diet, drinking alcohol in moderation and being physically active.

What we need to know:

- Breast cancer is more common than some may realize, accounting for 12.5% of all new annual cancer cases worldwide, making it the most common cancer worldwide.
- About 13% (about 1 in 8) of U.S.

women will develop invasive breast cancer during their life.

- In 2023, 297,790 new cases of evolving breast cancer are estimated to be diagnosed in U.S. women.

- In 2023, 2,800 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed in men. A man's lifetime risk of breast cancer is about 1 in 833.

- More than 4 million women have a history of breast cancer in the United States, including women currently being treated and women who have finished treatment.

- About 30% of all newly diagnosed cancers in women yearly are breast cancer.

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The benefits of owning chickens

MADDIE THORMAN
Managing Editor

My favorite animal is the chicken, but not many people like these silly birds as much as I do. When I mention that I have chickens, people tend to grimace and then tell me that chickens are scary, ugly or mean. Sometimes the assumption is accurate, but if you spend time with your chickens, they tend to be little sweethearts.

However, there are a few things to know about chickens before you even think about owning them.

Chickens need a shelter with enough room to lay their eggs and roost at night. If not given enough room, the chickens' "pecking order" becomes a bit of an issue. They can become irritated and peck each other to try and get more

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MADDIE THORMAN / CLARION

Maddie Thorman raises 13 chickens at her rural Johnson Creek home. While having fresh eggs is a benefit, Thorman said she simply enjoys raising them mostly as pets.

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clubs have undergone budget reductions set last spring by at least 13%.

Why isn't the fee able to support existing needs?

In the past, lower enrollments due to COVID and increased remote options for online and commuter students, as well as an ongoing tuition freeze limited funding.

As an example, full-time student enrollments (FTEs) in recent years such as 2022 (7,176 FTEs) have overall declined 15% from 2019 pre-COVID levels of enrollment (8,486 FTEs), which resulted in a decrease in Student Activity Fees that are directly tied to tuition rates.

Since at least 2007, the Occupational Fee and Transfer Fee have been mismatched in tuitions and therefore fees between the two types of students.

What benefits will the referendum provide?

The amount of revenue generated by the Student Activity Fee is no longer enough to support the clubs, organizations, athletic teams and events that this fee has funded for decades. The cost of food, travel, supplies and competitive wages has increased significantly in recent years, affecting all the student groups and activities.

Entering the 2023-2024 academic year, student groups were forced to decide about what to eliminate to balance the budget. Some of those cuts include:

- Athletics cut competitions from their competition schedule for multiple teams.
- The Intercultural Exchange cut hours for student employees, limiting their hours each week.
- United Common Ground could not fund its entire leadership team and eliminated one student position.

- Student Senate reduced their budget for food at events, travel to a national advocacy conference and decreased the Senate President's hours.

- The national travel budget for clubs and organizations was cut, while the funding from last year needed to be more to cover the cost of two clubs traveling to national competitions.

- The Volunteer Center reduced its travel budget, offering local alternative break options instead of traveling to farther locations. They also cut the funding for bringing speakers to campus.

If the referendum passes, we can restore and strengthen the students' activities to include:

- Funding over 100 student employees annually at a wage of \$15 per hour.
- Supporting our 50 clubs with more the 2,000 members.

- Sponsoring nine Division II intercollegiate athletic teams, with nearly 200 student athletes.

- Funding student-led music ensembles and theater productions, with free performances for students.

- Supplies for the Early Learning Campus, Madison College's on-campus childcare center.

- Supporting the continued publishing of the student-run Clarion newsletter and newspaper, Clarion radio and Yahara Journal literary magazine.

As members of a student organization that supports WolfPack students, we need this funding to allow our mission of telling the stories of students who are changing their lives at Madison College.

We highlight club students who are driven to build leadership skills, uphold our school's athletics teams and elevate ideas of social justice. We practice traditional grassroots journalism, so we can share the stories that matter most to you, our readers and Wolf Pack students.

Vote YES on Nov. 13 on the Student Activities Referendum.



MADDIE THORMAN / CLARION

One of Maddie Thorman's pet chickens named "Feet" forages in the yard.

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room, leaving the other chicken with bald patches. It can also be a good idea to have close-able ventilation that can be open for hot nights or closed for cold nights.

One important thing people forget about when getting chickens is that they are not just there to lay eggs for you. They are living, breathing animals that need to eat to produce eggs. Besides the crumbles, pellets or mash you will have to provide for your chickens, they will eat just about anything they can get to. If they can get to it, they will eat your grass, flowers and garden.

Besides eating greenery, chickens are omnivores, meaning they will eat bugs and meat. Chickens also sometimes need help forming the eggshell, I recommend getting some crushed oyster shell for them. Sometimes chickens get a deficiency in calcium, making the eggshell paper thin, breaking when you go to retrieve the egg.

I consider eggs a small benefit of owning chickens, as they are more of a

pet to me than livestock. I always look forward to seeing my chickens after school, as they race to greet me as I get out of my car. It can bring a rough day back to a good day, like how cats or dogs might cheer someone up.

My 13 hens have individual names and personalities, and as unique as they are, they all love one thing: food.

If I walk out of my backdoor with a bowl of food scraps, they run towards me from however far away they are. Sometimes they're nearby, but others – usually my white Easter Egger, named Baby – will sprint about 90 feet from the back of my yard. If you have ever seen a chicken run, you know that it makes "birdwatching" a little funnier.

As funny as chickens can be, if you are thinking about getting chickens, one thing to note is that depending on where you live there might be rules about owning chickens. In the city of Madison, you must obtain a chicken license to own hens specifically and pay a \$10.00 fee.

For more information visit your city's website or cityofmadison.com and search "obtaining a city of Madison chicken license."

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- According to the American Cancer Society, breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in women. (Only lung cancer kills more women each year.)

The month-long awareness campaign is working. Breast cancer death rates have been steadily declining

since 1989, for an overall decline of 43% through 2020. The decrease in death rates is believed to result from finding breast cancer earlier through screening, increased awareness and better treatments.

As the hustle and bustle of fundraisers, talent shows or "walk, bike or run" races end, don't let the awareness fade when November arrives.

Keep in mind what awareness really is and prioritize preventive care.

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Entries accepted through
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YAHARA JOURNAL



The Clarion e-newsletter

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We want to help you keep our Wolfpack in the know.

My Madison College experience is better because...

... I am developing necessary skills

for my career, while having fun participating and coordinating events and activities I love!

– Madalyn Breunig
Volunteer Center



... I participate in PTK.

As a regional vice president of the honor society, I've expanded my resume and made connections with students from other schools!

– Morgan Witthun
Phi Theta Kappa



... of intercollegiate athletics.

It provides a way for me make friends, express myself, and be prouder of my school which in turn creates a more fulfilling college experience.

– Gabe Young
WolfPack Men's Soccer



... of involvement and leadership opportunities.

I originate from a country where involvement at school is not a thing. Madison College has taught me how fulfilling it is to be a part of a student club.

– Grace Zongo
Executive Leadership Team



... of the friends I've made

through working at the Volunteer Center.

– Alex Kaiser
Volunteer Center



... of my role in PAC.

It offers me the opportunity to connect with many people, make important decisions, grow personally and have fun.

– Assane Ouedraogo
Programs and Activities Council



... of the sense of community.

The college sponsors a variety of clubs, events and extracurricular activities that help students engage with one another.

– Rasmata Kabre
Executive Leadership Team



... of campus events.

I have met a lot of people interested in the same things as me who I would not have met without events hosted by Madison College clubs.

– Maddie Thorman
The Clarion



... it's not just a place to get a career for yourself,

but to make long-lasting friendships, connections and resources to be a better student and overall person in the community.

– Inez Pickelsimer
Fort Atkinson Student Senator



... of the lifelong connections I made

at campus events, the leadership opportunities I gained being part of PTK, and the support I have received belonging to clubs and groups.

– Barbara Bahr
PTK & Peer Health Educator



Some of the opportunities made possible by Student Activity Fees.

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A collection
of stories
to read for
HalloweenGRANT NELSON
Staff Writer

A book series I would highly recommend this Halloween season is “The Necronomicon” collection of HP Lovecraft short stories. The set of five books are available for checkout from the Madison College Library.

These stories are filled dark magic, demonic cults, monsters and creatures from the darkest corners of creation.

Readers will find little joy or happy endings in this multiverse of madness in these stories. The books deal with gothic horror and the quest for knowledge, which leads to dark and evil gods that slumber in the most foul places on earth and beyond.

Lovecraft was the inspiration for modern day horror. Even Steven King was inspired by Lovecraft’s stories!

These books really focus on the dark unforgiving the universe. The higher powers in the books are not kind or benevolent, but rather uncaring alien beings that could stomp out all of human life if they felt like it.

The Lovecraft mythos is told in many different settings and deals with all sorts of monsters and demons that often prevail against the characters, so no chosen ones here.

Look for “The Necromonicon” series if you seek to dwell upon the evils of creation. But be warned, Lovecraft had very harmful views that bleed into his works, so it could be difficult reading at times. Other than that, have a nice time losing your sanity.

RESTORING WISCONSIN'S
NATURAL LANDSCAPESKAI BRITO
Copy Editor

Most Saturday mornings, Alex Kaiser wakes up bright and early to drink his morning coffee and prepare for a morning of environmental labor with the University of Wisconsin – Madison Arboretum. He takes part in the “Restoration Work Party” events hosted by the Arboretum to restore the natural landscape and engage in ecological stewardship by removing non-native invasive plant species in the local habitat.

The Arboretum is a historical preserved landscape that hosts multiple land cover classes within its boundaries, including tallgrass prairies, savannas, wetlands and several forest types. There are more than 1,200 acres and 513 acres across multiple properties and land within the Yahara Watershed.

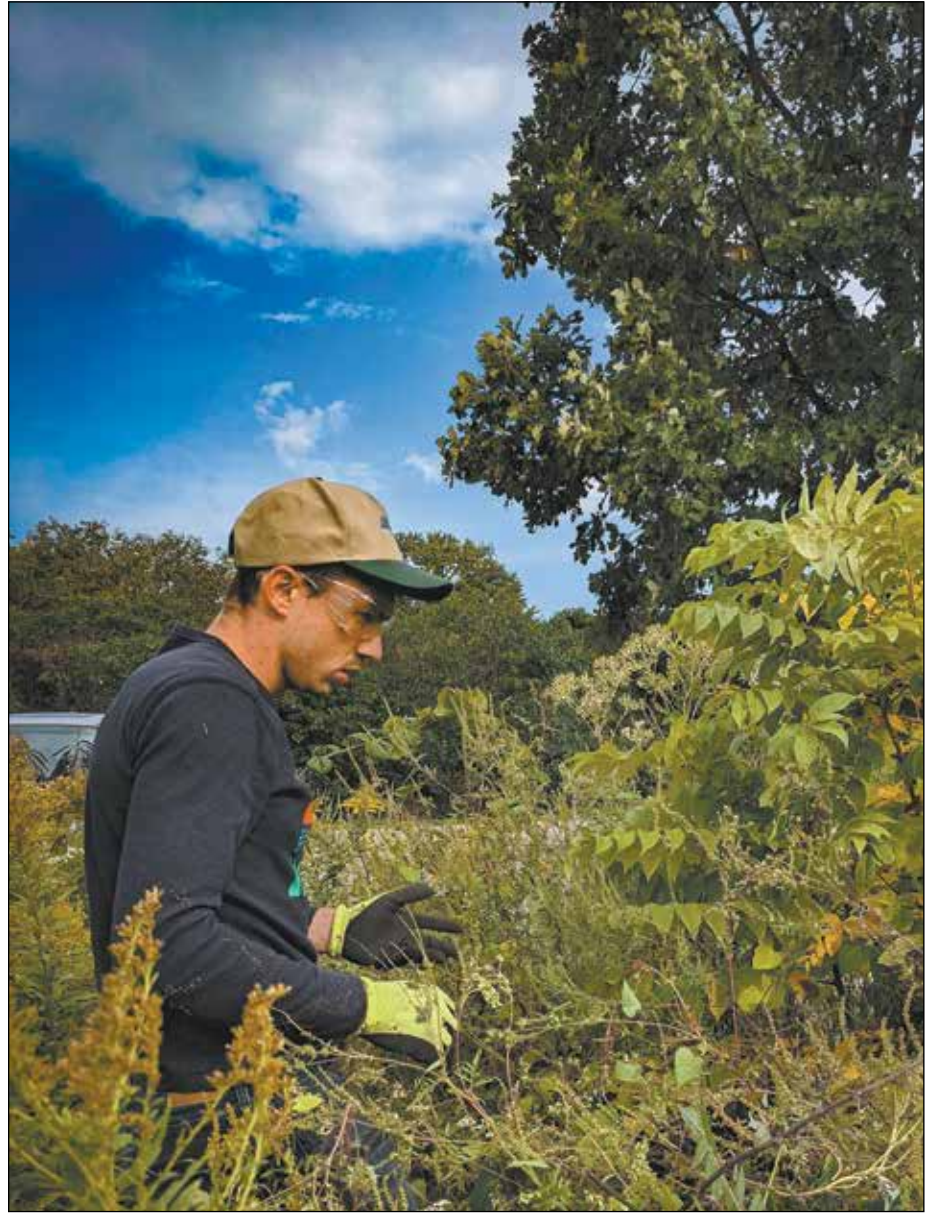
Kaiser is the Alternative Breaks Coordinator for the Volunteer Center and he hopes to inspire other students to volunteer their time and effort towards natural landscape preservation. He recently started just this summer, joining his first work party on Saturday, September 2nd this year.

Part of why Kaiser is so invested in this cause is because he wants to be part of a community that comes together to conserve the Earth through service work. He admits that sometimes it can feel overwhelming to think about the problems of the climate crisis, but he overcomes those feelings by taking direct action for the environment through regular, consistent acts of service.

“[Volunteering] is a way to actually get outside of the mindset of powerlessness,” Kaiser explained. “This work isn’t going to necessarily save the world... but it’s a tiny step in the direction of making a difference, and overtime, maybe it actually can do just that.”

Kaiser also bikes to the volunteer sites to reduce the environmental impact on the environment and because he enjoys staying physically active. The worksites vary each Saturday, with each area containing different plant species to be removed, some of which include oriental bittersweet, buckthorn, grapevine, and false climbing buckwheat.

The volunteer work parties take place the first four Saturday mornings of each month, February through December. Contact Alex at the Volunteer Center <volunteercenter@madisoncollege.edu> to join the Work Party crew.



KAI BRITO / CLARION
Alex Kaiser, the alternative breaks coordinator for the Volunteer Center, pictured above, takes part in a Restoration Work Party hosted by the Arboretum. “(Volunteering)” is a way to actually get out of the mindset of powerlessness,” Kaiser said. “This work isn’t going to save the world ... but it’s a tiny step in the direction of making a difference.” At left, Kaiser is pictured with Madison College student Kai Brito.



HEIDI CUNZENHEIM / CLARION

The Mackenzie Center in Poynette provides a healthy learning environment to learn about science-related topics.

Mackenzie Center informs the public
about serious environmental issuesHEIDI CUNZENHEIM
Staff Writer

The Mackenzie Center, located in Poynette, Wisconsin, is a diverse education center that has been in operation since the 1930s. Throughout its operation, this wildlife center has developed a healthy learning environment where people of all ages and backgrounds can enjoy science-related topics. Visitors are free to navigate through the park and visit a variety of

attractions, including the wildlife area, science museums, and nature trails. Not only do these displays teach guests about the environment, but they also show the public ways to conserve our surroundings.

The Mackenzie Center’s purpose is essential because it informs the public about serious environmental issues that the science community has been fighting to solve. Therefore, the Mackenzie Center successfully engages its visitors by using multiple

resources to promote the preservation of the environment.

A sign at the Mackenzie Center describes the center’s mission and purpose. This center “provides a life-long home to unreleasable animals for education.” The animals that inhabit this center were either injured, orphaned, or raised in captivity and can no longer survive in the wild. Their mission is to teach the public about preserving wild-

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Star Wars Series Ahsoka

GRANT NELSON
Staff Writer

I have fallen in love with the new “Star Wars” series “Ahsoka.” Set in the New Republic era, in a time of rebuilding, the lone Jedi Ahsoka Tano and her crew battle a cult of Imperial Dark Jedi.

The Dark Jedi are trying to reinstate Great Grand Admiral Thrawn in the galaxy to reunify the Empire.

I fell hard for this show because of my love for “Star Wars” Legends and the New Republic era of books and comics I grew up with.

The New Republic and its worlds, the Dark Jedi and the ships from this legend have given form to the show and does great justice as a visual and storytelling thrill.



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Rosario Dawson stars as Ahsoka Tano in “Ahsoka.”

The story revolves around Ahsoka and the Rebels’ crew, giving reason for Rebels fans to rejoice. There are ties between the many different story arcs, all merging with Ahsoka.

The show, its story and visuals draw in even the most casual fan and outweighs the need to watch Rebels.

“Ahsoka” brings back the Old Legends concepts,

like the heir to the Empire books with villains such as Thrawn and his Dark Jedi followers, all being brought into the canon.

“Ahsoka” is a breath of fresh air after the great failure of the sequel trilogy. Fans of the Legends will love this show, Rebel fans will love it, and, in fact, any “Star Wars” fan will love this show. So, feel the force around you and return the galaxy far, far away.

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The work of Madison-based artist Roberto Torres Mata has been on display in the Truax Gallery. The exhibit is titled, "Mi Casa Es Su Casa / My Home is Your Home."

Immersive works of Roberto Torres Mata

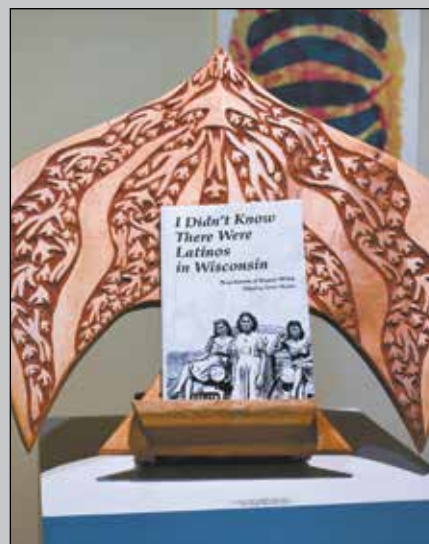
PAUL BECKER
Arts Editor

Madison-based artist Roberto Torres Mata's art exhibit in the Truax gallery, "Mi Casa Es Su Casa / My Home is Your Home," is a collaborative effort with writers and textile artisans from Oaxaca, Mexico, and other local artists. The theme in each piece is the journey of immigration and the viewpoints of people who are seeking a new home in the United States. The month-long gallery show ends Oct. 20.

Mata uses various colors to reference nature and to communicate the long journey through land, air and water, as well as quick brush-strokes, hand-brushed text and other mix-mediums. Many of his pieces feature the faces and figures of migrants. Mata says, "Mi Casa Es Su Casa' is a welcoming space for all to immerse themselves with artwork and poetic voices." And the voices of those who seek

opportunities and safety.

Mata is originally from Huntington Beach, California. He received his Masters in Fine Art and Printmaking at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He is the most recent recipient of the Chazen Prize, and is the current fellow for the Education Graduate Research Scholars at UW-Madison.



Resident Evil 4 remake is worth buying

GRANT NELSON
Staff Writer

A game totally worth buying this time of year is "Resident Evil 4" remake.

In this game, players take the role of a CIA agent sent to work backwoods Spain investigating a cult that has kidnapped the president's daughter.

You come face to face with hordes of undead, monsters and a plot to

infect the human race with a parasitic organism.

The game is filled with shooting mechanics with nightmarish monsters and a very engaging story set in a very scary fashion.

You often switch between Leon the agent and back up characters as you travel throughout medieval dungeons and forests filled with nightmarish creatures that often demand resource gathering and survival

tactics. The game really encourages you to grab everything you can find in the world to make each stage alive. The game's guns are great, and you often feel like you are stuck in a movie.

The intent was to remake the game as it was originally written back in the early 2000s, with modern tech to bring Capcom's vision to life. I say go buy the game and get your shotguns ready.

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life and the ecosystems they inhabit. This sign also mentioned that most of the animals at the center were local to Wisconsin. Visitors are met with more signage as they continue through the different enclosures. These signs were positioned at each animal's habitat and describe vital details about the creature.

For instance, the deer enclosure signs outlined their diet, behavior, reproductive, and physical information. There were also posts that described how to identify the various snakes, insects, and birds that live around the center. These signs offer a dual purpose for visitors. Not only do they provide some general knowledge about local wildlife, but they also hint at conservation tactics that would help preserve their population.

For example, another sign by the deer enclosure included a description of how difficult food is to find in the winter for deer populations. The sign then mentioned that some tree species do not lose their leaves in winter, which is a great food supply for deer populations. These informational signs are a terrific way to subtly inspire change by encouraging visitors to think about the outlook of wildlife populations and how to conserve them.

In addition to informational signs, there were also boards with interactive displays. For example, the bird enclosure had a diagram of different birds' wingspan sizes. Visitors could measure their arms against the board and get an idea of which bird had a similar wingspan to them. The entrance also had a statue of Smokey the Bear, where the public could take a selfie with him. After taking a picture, visitors could also read about fire prevention and how forest fires can affect the environment. The interactive displays at the Mackenzie Center encourage guests to become more involved and excited about conservation efforts. Therefore, the interactive and informational signs located at the Mackenzie Center give the guests a better understanding of wildlife and key conservation tactics.

Each museum at the center is housed in different buildings that resemble a small log cabin. These buildings were spread throughout the center and were visibly falling apart. Some of these buildings were built in the late 1800s, so their appearance is understandable. For instance, the logging museum held dusty logging tools, photographs and broken models that displayed how logging occurred in earlier generations. This museum also focused on how natural resource gathering affected and continues to hurt the local ecosystems. Even though the upkeep of this museum was in need, the knowledge gained while exploring the artifacts was immense.

After the logging museum, I toured the conservation museum. This building was engaging and included a wide variety of animals like bears, lynx, foxes and many more. This building was used to describe the habitats, diet and behavior of several unique animals that were not seen in the wildlife area.

In addition to the museums, there are also nature trails that wrapped around the park. Several signs along the trail outlined the distinct types of trees and wildlife that lived in the area. The trails offered a peaceful and relaxing activity that also showed visitors how beautiful nature is when it's preserved. Overall, the wildlife area, museums, and trails at the Mackenzie Center show how we, as humans, can conserve the wildlife and natural resources that encompass our daily lives.

Throughout my journey at the Mackenzie Center, I found that their message and purpose were clearly executed. At every point of my trip, I always knew what the center was trying to convey. Additionally, the center's website, run by the Department of Natural Resources, was incredibly helpful and easy to navigate. I read about upcoming events hosted by the Mackenzie Center, further descriptions of the museums, and much more. Therefore, after I visited the Mackenzie Center, I knew that their purpose was to inform their audience about wildlife and natural resources to promote conservation. They promote conservation to visitors through the wildlife center, museums, and nature trails.

The learning platforms that the Mackenzie Center uses are effective in informing visitors and shedding light on conservation problems that the science community has faced.

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MEET THE PACK

Profiles of WolfPack athletes

MEN'S SOCCER

CARTER UHLMANN

A freshman forward on the Madison College men's soccer team, Carter Uhlmann has played in all 13 games this season and has started 11. He is tied for second on the team in total points, with three goals and three assists. Uhlmann has taken 15 shots, including seven on goal. His most recent goal came on Oct. 10 against Joliet.

A graduate of Oregon High School, he helped lead his team to the 2022 WIAA



UHLMANN



WEISENSEL

Division 2 state title. During his high school career, he scored 12 goals and had 15 assists. The son of Alex and Matt Uhlmann, he is a human resources major at Madison College.

VOLLEYBALL

KENDALL WEISENSEL

A sophomore libero/outside hitter on the Madison College volleyball team, Kendall Weisensel leads the team with 328 digs and shares the lead in service aces with 47. A year ago, she was named All-Region First Team and set a school record with 83 aces. She also led the team with 391 digs and had 256 kills.

Weisensel was an honorable mention All-Big Eight Conference player at Sun Prairie High School her senior year at the school. A liberal arts major at Madison College, she is the daughter of Chris and Erik Weisensel.



JOSEPHINE SEGRADO / CLARION

A student works out with free weights recently in the Madison College Fitness Center.

Two floors of training space

WolfPack Fitness Center is packed with students looking for gains

KAI BRITO
Copy Editor

The Fitness Center is a big hit among new and returning students looking to relieve their stress with some physical activity.

The center was recently remodeled in the Spring of 2022.

The space now has two floors of equipment with room for free weights and machine-assisted movements on the first floor and standard bike, elliptical, and treadmill machines on the second floor to target cardio training.

The Fitness Center is open Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and with slightly reduced hours on Fridays, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. There are no open hours during the weekends, and it will be closed after the academic term ends.

According to Bill Kegler, Fitness Center Director, the peak time that



JACKSON CROSSEN / CLARION

Students use the cardio equipment on the second floor balcony of the Truax Campus Fitness Center.

could make your wait time longer is Monday through Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Any up-and-coming "gym bros" might notice that other members often use benches, but Kegler says that anyone can take benches from

the squat racks as long as they are not in use.

However, for the cable crossover machines, gym users will have to wait their turn as only three

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Golf team wins third-straight tournament

CLARION STAFF REPORT

A come-from-behind victory in the Rend Lack College Invitational on Oct. 9 and Oct. 10 gave the Madison College golf team its third consecutive tournament victory of the fall season.

The team wraps up the fall season having won five team trophies in seven events. Madison College has not won that many events in a complete season since the 2006-07 team posted seven victories.

During the fall season, the team won the Highland "36" Invitational, the Texas Roadhouse Madison College Invitational, the Judson Invitational, the College of DuPage Invitational and the Rend Lake College Invitational. It finished fourth in the Frank Wrigglesworth Blugold Invitational and sixth in the Culver's-Edgewood College Fall Classic.

In its final tournament of the fall season, the WolfPack rallied from a seven stroke deficit after 27 holes on the first day of the tournament, to win by two strokes after the second day.

Freshman Deegan Riley was the top individual player for Madison College, posting rounds of 70, 78 and 75 for a seven-over-par 223 that placed him sixth overall. He had a team-best 32 on his opening nine holes and carded 12 birdies throughout the tournament for his sixth top ten finish of the fall.

Sophomore Brady Callmer improved his score by 10 shots on the second day of the tournament to help lead the team's rally. He finished with a two-day total of 232 which placed him 11th overall.

Jacob Brown, a freshman, finished in 13th place with a 223, while sophomore Brent Schmiesing finished 18th with a score of 238. Freshman Alex Sutter rounded out the scoring for the WolfPack with a two-day total of 253.

Madison College is now off for the winter break. The WolfPack will resume competition in late March.

The spring season will wrap up with the WolfPack's first-ever appearance in the NJCAA Region 4 Division II Tournament at PrairieView Golf Club in Bryon, Ill., on April 28-30. The top three teams and the next seven individuals will earn spots in the 2024 NJCAA Division II Men's Golf National Championships.

Young sets new record in WolfPack win over College of Lake County

CLARION STAFF REPORT

Gabe Young scored two goals against College of Lake County on Oct. 14 leading the Madison College men's soccer team to a 6-1 victory and set a new school record.

Young is now the team's all-time leading scorer. He has nine goals so far this season after scoring a record 25 as a freshman. His career total of 34 surpasses the prior record of 33 set by Toby Andrews in 2017.

Against College of Lake County, Young gave his team a 1-0 lead and tied the record with a goal 18 minutes and 7 seconds into

the match. Angel Gongora scored a little more than a minute later to push the lead to 2-0.

Young then broke the record late in the first half, with a goal at the 38:14 mark off a pass from Adrian Henkovic. Joao Mendonca also scored twice in the match, while Lucas Krikava had the other WolfPack goal in the match. The six goals scored was a season high for the WolfPack.

Madison College now stands at 5-4-4 with two matches remaining before



ETHAN JAMES / CLARION

» SEE **RECORD** PAGE 12 Madison College's Gabe Young, right, is now the career goals leader with 34.

Women's soccer team has 3 straight ties

CLARION STAFF REPORT

The Madison College women's soccer team is on an unusual streak, having finished in a tie in its past three matches. Most recently, Madison College and the College of Lake County played to a 1-1 tie on Oct. 14.

Delaney Bracken scored 13 minutes and 25 seconds into the match off an assist from Logan Vollert to give the WolfPack a 1-0 lead. The goal was Bracken's sixth of the season.

The lead held up until the closing minutes of the match, when the College

of Lake County scored its only goal to tie the match.

Madison College now stands a 7-3-3 overall with two matches remaining before post-season play begins.

Madison College 3, Joliet Junior College 3

Each time one team scored, the other hand an answer and Madison College and Joliet Junior College played to a 3-3 tie on Oct. 10.

Joliet scored first, but minutes later Bracken scored to tie the match. After Joliet recaptured the lead, Bracken net-

ted her second goal just before half to even the score at 2-2.

Atziray Ocampo gave the WolfPack its only lead of the game at 63:39 in the second half. But Joliet responded with a goal of its on less than a minute later.

Madison College 0, Moraine Valley CC 0

Solid goalkeeping play by Morgan Thompson helped Madison College preserve a tie in a scoreless match against Moraine Valley Community College on Oct. 8. Thompson made saves on all eight of the shots on goal.



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Madison College's Kendall Weisensel (center) digs the ball during a match on Sept. 27.

WolfPack volleyball nearing another 20-win year

CLARION STAFF REPORT

Despite playing a more challenging mostly Division 2 schedule, the Madison College volleyball team is one win away from matching its win total from last season.

The WolfPack stands at 19-8 this season, after finishing 20-12 a year ago. The team has three regular season matches left plus post-season play to improve its standing.

Madison College has won three of its last four matches, including an upset of fourth-ranked Heartland Community College.

Most recently, the team split a pair of matches at the College of DuPage Triangular on Oct. 14.

Madison College opened the event with a 3-1 victory over College of DuPage. Courtney Gorum led the team in kills with 21 and joined Kendall Weisensel for the lead in digs with 14. Daryn Schaefer led in assists with 32.

The next match saw Madison College fall to Rock Valley College, 3-1. After splitting the first two games, Rock Valley won the last two games to win the match. Gorum had 16 kills and three blocks to lead the team, while Weisensel had 11 digs. Hope Hesselberg added 24 assists.

Madison College celebrated sophomore night on Oct. 5 with a 3-0 sweep of Kishwaukee College. Before the match began, the team recognized sophomores Tyra Anderson, Gabby Hack,

Daryn Schaefer, Sophia Venne and Kendall Weisensel. Gorum led the team in kills with 10, while Addyson McHugh and Anderson both had nine.

On Oct. 3, Madison College won a back-and-forth match against Concordia University's Junior Varsity team, 3-2. Concordia won the first game handily, 25-14, but Madison College took the next two, 25-21, 25-20. A 25-19 win by Concordia in the fourth game forced a fifth game that Madison College won, 15-11. Gorum had 17 kills, four aces and three blocks to lead the team.

Next up for the WolfPack is the Madison College Quad on Oct. 20, followed by a match against Milwaukee Area Technical College on Oct. 24.



JOSEPHINE SEGRADO / CLARION

Students use the weight machines that are available in the Fitness Center.

TRAINING

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machines can be used for that movement. Therefore, the best choice is to plan a flexible workout routine with substitute exercises, such as dumbbell chest fly.

As an additional use, the gym is also available to students when not in use by the basketball, volleyball or other athletics teams. Madison College also uses the Fitness Center for academic coursework on health and fitness topics to teach students about the theories behind exercise science.

For long-term inventory mainte-

nance and remodeling planning, the Center has plans to collect user data via observations of equipment usage during certain times of day and member interest surveys.

The Fitness Center offers a wide range of opportunities for students to engage in physical movement to enhance their overall personal health. As a frequent gym-goer, Director Kegler emphasizes the health benefits physical training can bring everyone.

"I want to see more people work on their health, whether physical or mental, so they can be successful in their student endeavors, work endeavors, or whether they're interested," Kegler said.

RECORD

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post-season play. The WolfPack hosts Triton College on Oct. 17 and travels to College of DuPage on Oct. 21.

Madison College 4, Joliet Junior College 3

Madison College converted all four of its shots on goal to beat Joliet Junior College at home on Oct. 10. Four different players scored for the WolfPack during the match. Mendonca scored the first goal for Madison College, tying the match at 1-1 at the 38:22 mark. Carter Uhlmann and Isaiah Breininger scored early in the first half to give the WolfPack a 3-1 lead. The final goal came from Krivika to seal the win.

Moraine Valley CC 2, Madison College 1

After falling behind, 2-0, in the first half, Madison College wasn't able to generate enough offense to rally against Moraine Valley on Oct. 8, falling 2-1. Young scored Madison College's only goal of the match, converting on a penalty kick early in the second half.

Madison College 0, South Suburban College 0

Neither team scored as Madison College and South Suburban College finished in a 0-0 tie on Oct. 3. It was the fourth tie for the WolfPack this season.

MCSPORTS

Madison College schedules and results.

VOLLEYBALL

Schedule

- AUG. 18** at McHenry CC Opening Weekend Tournament, vs. Des Moines Area CC, **3-2 LOSS**; vs. Illinois Central CC, **3-1 WIN**
- AUG. 19** at McHenry CC Opening Weekend Tournament, vs. North Central Michigan, **3-0 WIN**; vs. Iowa Central CC, **3-0 WIN**
- AUG. 23** at home vs. Morton College, **3-0 WIN**, vs. Highland Community College, **3-0 WIN**
- SEPT. 1** vs. Triton College, **3-0 WIN**; vs. Joliet Junior College, **3-1 WIN**
- SEPT. 9** at Kankakee CC Triangular vs. South Suburban College, **3-0 WIN**; vs. Kankakee CC, **3-0 WIN**
- SEPT. 15** at Heartland CC Tournament vs. Rock Valley College, **3-2 WIN**; vs. John A. Logan College, **3-0 LOSS**
- SEPT. 16** at Heartland CC Tournament vs. Parkland College, **3-0 LOSS**; vs. North Iowa Area CC, **3-0 WIN**
- SEPT. 22** Madison College Tournament, vs. Lincoln Land CC, **3-0 LOSS**; vs. Minnesota West CTC, **3-0 WIN**
- SEPT. 23** Madison College Tournament vs. Lakeland University JV, **3-0 WIN**; vs. Spoon River College, **3-1 WIN**
- SEPT. 27** at home vs. Bryant & Stratton College, **3-0 WIN**
- SEPT. 29** at Parkland College Tournament vs. Kirkwood CC, **3-1 LOSS**; vs. Lincoln Land CC, **3-1 LOSS**
- SEPT. 30** at Parkland College Tournament vs. Des Moines Area CC, **3-0 LOSS**; vs. Heartland CC, **3-1 WIN**
- OCT. 3** at home vs. Concordia University, **3-2 WIN**
- OCT. 5** at home vs. Kishwaukee College, **3-0 WIN**
- OCT. 14** at College of DuPage Triangular vs. College of DuPage, **3-1 WIN**; vs. Rock Valley College, **3-1 LOSS**
- OCT. 20** Madison College Quad vs. Sauk Valley CC, noon; vs. Heartland CC, 2 p.m.
- OCT. 24** at Milwaukee Area Technical College, 7 p.m.
- NOV. 1** NJCAA Region 4 Tournament Quarterfinals.

MEN'S SOCCER

Schedule

- AUG. 26** at home vs. Prairie State College, **3-1 LOSS**
- AUG. 30** at home vs. Malcolm X College, **1-0 WIN**
- SEPT. 5** at Rock Valley College, **1-0 WIN**
- SEPT. 10** at home vs. Illinois Valley Community College, **1-1 TIE**
- SEPT. 12** at home vs. Kankakee Community College, **3-0 LOSS**
- SEPT. 16** at Black Hawk College, **3-3 TIE**
- SEPT. 19** at Milwaukee Area Technical College, **1-1 TIE**
- SEPT. 23** at Harper College, **2-1 LOSS**
- SEPT. 27** at Bryant & Stratton College, **5-3 WIN**
- OCT. 3** at home vs. South Suburban College, **0-0 TIE**
- OCT. 8** at home vs. Moraine Valley Community College, **2-1 LOSS**
- OCT. 10** at home vs. Joliet Junior College, **4-3 WIN**
- OCT. 14** at College of Lake County, **6-1 WIN**
- OCT. 17** at home vs. Triton College, 2 p.m.
- OCT. 21** at College of DuPage, noon.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Schedule

- AUG. 18** at Oakton College, **3-2 WIN**
- AUG. 26** at home vs. Prairie State College, **2-1 WIN**
- SEPT. 5** at Rock Valley College, **4-0 LOSS**
- SEPT. 12** at home vs. Kankakee Community College, **2-0 WIN**
- SEPT. 19** at Milwaukee Area Technical College, **9-0 WIN**
- SEPT. 23** at Harper College, **4-0 WIN**
- SEPT. 27** at Bryant & Stratton College, **6-0 WIN**
- SEPT. 30** at home vs. Waubesa Community College, **5-1 WIN**
- OCT. 3** at home vs. South Suburban College, **3-1 LOSS**
- OCT. 6** at Black Hawk College, **cancelled**
- OCT. 8** at home vs. Moraine Valley Community College, **0-0 TIE**
- OCT. 10** at home vs. Joliet Junior College, **3-3 TIE**
- OCT. 14** at College of Lake County, **1-1 TIE**
- OCT. 17** at home vs. Triton College, 4 p.m.
- OCT. 21** at College of DuPage, 2 p.m.

THE LIGHTERSIDE

Puzzles and Cartoons

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Scary Story and Art Contest

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