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Unlocking pathways to higher education

U.S. Department of Education invests in community college pathways to learning

KAI BRITO
Staff Writer

Last week officials from the U.S. Department of Education, U.S. Department of Commerce, and Jobs for the Future came to the Madison College Truax Campus for an education, industry and workforce development summit called Unlocking Pathways.

The summit is designed to increase and expand career success opportunities for high-wage, high-demand and skills-based jobs for graduating students. This was the third summit hosted this year, specifically focused on the CHIPS and Science Act for technology, manufacturing, and

engineering type careers at two-year community colleges and technical schools like Madison College.

Some high-profile guests that were in attendance were Department of Education Under Secretary James Kvaal and Deputy Secretary Cindy Marten, as well as Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers.

At the Federal level, the Department of Education is focused on connecting young people to post-secondary credentials and addressing the record number of students that are dropping out of high school. But part of that work is also focused on finding solutions for students who come back later in life to pursue higher education and workforce credentials.

Under Sec. Kvaal stated that the picture of the average student of today is much different, with students who can be older,

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Gov. Tony Evers speaks at the Unlocking Pathways Summit hosted at the Madison College Truax Campus.

The Clarion launches an e-newsletter

KELLY FENG
Editor in Chief

A lot happens within the Madison College community. The Clarion wants you to know about it quickly, so we are launching an electronic newsletter.

According to Pew Research, more than eight in ten U.S. adults (86%) say they get news from a smartphone, computer or tablet “often” or “sometimes,” including 60% who say they do regularly.

News spreads faster through our mobile devices, whether we are checking the weather or our messages. Readers turn to newsletters for a trustworthy source of news and information. So we are going digital, with the Clarion eNewsletter going straight to students’ inbox weekly.

But it’s more than delivering your news electronically.

In the fall 2023 semester, 35% of Madison College courses were completely online, and 43% of the college’s enrollments this semester come from these online courses.

With such a large amount of students learning remotely, we want to build our ties with those who may only visit the campus occasionally.

Expect to be kept informed of breaking and school-related news. Our newsletter will highlight campus groups and events, offer entertainment reviews and put the spotlight on Madison College.

Our writers will share their take on local dining, movies,

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Madison Metro bus stops now display both the old and new system routes.

Navigating the Madison Metro changes

TESSARA CLARK
News Editor

This summer, the Madison Metro public transportation system underwent its most dramatic changes in over two decades, affecting bus stops, routes and schedules city-wide. These changes include a complete redesign of most of the city’s public transportation service, from bus stop locations to pick up frequencies to different route names.

The system redesign is intended to address public concerns about accessibility and convenience, including issues with lengthy transfers, excessive trip lengths and confusing system routes. As written

on the Madison city website, the system update will help, provide better access to jobs, reduce travel times and improve transit equity throughout the region.” To achieve this goal, the new Madison Metro system employs fewer routes that run more frequently, particularly in the most well-traveled areas of Madison. The update will, by late 2024, also include rapid transit, which will reduce travel times further by providing express travel along the most frequented roads in the city.

Since the new system focuses on more direct routes for efficiency, a lot of bus stops have been closed city-wide and removed from routes. These include

some stops along Commercial Avenue, Stoughton Road, and other high traffic roads, among numerous stops in less-frequented areas. Many new bus stops have also been opened.

Additionally, Madison Metro’s updated system is intended to reduce transfers for passengers, and as such the north, east and west transfer stations have all been closed. The south transfer station, located directly across the street from Goodman South, will remain open, being converted into an ordinary bus stop. To help riders who do need to transfer routes, buses now announce what routes overlap at each stop

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OFF THE SHELF

By Julie Gores, Associate Vice President, Libraries & Academic Support

New programs added to library, tutoring services

The waning days of the summer season are upon us and that means the start of school. Welcome!

In addition to our usual plethora of services and resources, the Libraries and Academic Support team have been working hard on some new initiatives designed for your success. I would like to share them with you.

Finding reliable, accurate and truthful information is important to us all — and is becoming more difficult to find with biased sources, personally-created content and even artificial intelligence. Our teaching librarians have created a new approach, aptly named PROWL: Pause, Retrace, Observe, the Five W's and Look, to help.

This new method of conducting research and finding information for your assignments, projects and papers is a fool-proof way to ace your class. Not only is this an important skill for school, but it is a critical life skill you will



use forever. Our librarians are masters at research and the go-to people for the best support.

And speaking of research, the library will be offering their first Research Award to a student who exemplifies sound research skills. Students can submit papers through December finals. Entries will be judged by a panel of library staff with the winner being announced in January.

Judging will be done with a standard rubric grading of the reflective paragraph, the body of the research project and the sources used. The award can go towards tuition or as needed by the winner. All the more reason to work with a librari-

an and hone those skills.

Our Student Achievement Center is proud to announce our new classroom embedded tutoring program. It will provide qualified, well-trained tutors directly into classrooms as requested by faculty. Studies show that having a tutor inside of the classroom can help a student succeed. Of course, this service is in addition to tutors we have available for walk-in and online service to help with math, science and more at our six campus locations.

The Center is also launching a new service for our regional students titled RegionsConnect Tutor Lab. This program offers regional students exclusive and

expanded access to our professional tutors also known as the Academic Engagement Partners.

These tutors can cover all the heavy-duty courses like Intermediate Algebra, Anatomy & Physiology, Chemistry and many more. They will be available online twice a week for six hours for immediate support. Contact your regional Achievement Center or Library for more information.

Last year our Library and Achievement Center staff had almost 1.5 million engagements with our students ranging from technology needs (the library is the main student computer help desk) to research to study skills to tutoring.

In the Student Satisfaction Survey conducted last fall, students ranked our resources, services, and staff among the highest in satisfaction. We hope you will stop in and/or call to see for yourselves. Best of luck to all of you.



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Construction on the new Madison Metro Rapid Transit Stations near the Truax Campus on Anderson Street is nearing completion, but may cause some traffic delays early in the semester.

PUBLIC SAFETY

By Sgt. Lucas Adler

Public Safety offers students a range of services

Welcome to Madison College! During the school year, Public Safety will publish an article in the Clarion informing the college community of recent events and notable calls that Public Safety has responded to. We welcome everyone to stop by the office and introduce themselves and we hope you all have a successful school year.

Here are some quick facts about Public Safety:

- Public Safety has Patrol Officers available 24 hours a day, 365 days per year. The Public Safety Office, Room B1240, is staffed Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. You can reach us by stopping by the window or dialing 246-6932 (Non-Emergency) or 245-2222 (Emergency/After Hours). If you are trying to reach an officer after normal business hours or on the weekend, please dial



245-2222. Be aware that during this time Wisconsin State Capitol Police dispatches for Public Safety.

- We are currently accepting applications for Student Help Patrol Officers, stop by the office to pick up an application or apply online at joinhandshake.com.

- Students are no longer required to display a physical parking permit. Students are required to register their vehicles on the Madison College website. Simply type "Parking" in the search tab of the Madison College website and click "Student Vehicle Registration."

- Public Safety has Jump Packs available to jump start your car in the event your battery dies at no charge, we only require a photo ID. You must be the registered owner of the vehicle, or the vehicle must be registered to your parent.

- Public Safety can unlock your vehicle if you lock your keys in your car. We again require a photo ID, and you must be the registered owner of the vehicle or the

vehicle must be registered to a parent.

- Public Safety offers escorts to your vehicle if you do not feel comfortable walking to your car. Just stop by the office or give us a call.

September is Campus Safety Awareness Month.

Here are some tips to help keep you safe on campus.

- Get to know your Public Safety Department. Stop by our office and say "hi" or visit our webpage on the Madison College website.

- Be cautious after dark when walking to your vehicle. If possible, walk with a friend or classmate and try to park in a well-lit area. Public Safety offers escorts as well, just stop by the office or dial 246-6932 to request an escort.

- Be careful getting into your vehicle. Have your keys or key fob ready and keep an eye on other vehicles parked near yours. If something doesn't seem right, call Public Safety and go back inside.

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The financial struggle of rising food prices

KAI BRITO
Staff Writer

As summer ends, school activities pick up and students spark life back into the campus hallways. But when Madison College student, Truman Way came back to Truax for a quick bite to eat, he ended up paying more than he expected.

Effective Aug. 1, all dining services and cafeteria prices increased to keep up with the pace of inflation. For Way, that sticker shock is yet another price increase that he must take into consideration when budgeting for the upcoming school year.

Like many students at Madison College, Way is a part-time commuter working towards a Liberal Arts Transfer degree. He is invested in student life as General Manager of Clarion Broadcasting and the Vice President of Nerds of the Round Table.

Because of his campus commitments, he is often found in the Truax Building during the school day, so he relies on the cafeteria for convenient access to his meals.

"When you're on campus and you're hungry, you're not going to go drive down to Kwik Trip for food. It's just much more convenient and efficient to eat (at Madison College)," Way said.

Although, that convenience now comes at a higher price, prompting students like Way to consider the cost of buying lunch while on campus.

The cost of inflation affects everyone

When Madison College Administration decided to increase the cafeteria prices, they considered many factors, chiefly citing the rising cost of inflation. The overall price increase of some of the common food items is under a dollar, at \$0.87, a 21.7% increase from last year's prices.

The increases are also not standard across the board, but rather a strategic price increase for each food item in response to the rising cost of materials.

This is only the second time in the last five years that prices have been increased in the cafeteria. The last time being in August of 2021 as COVID-19 restrictions were lifting and the cafeteria opened back up. Historically, Dining Services has a longtime trend of being

Food Item	2022-23 price	2023-24 price	Price increase
Big breakfast	\$4.49	\$5.99	\$1.50
Eggs (per scoop)	\$0.99	\$1.49	\$0.50
Breakfast potatoes -side	\$1.69	\$1.69	\$0.00
Extra breakfast meat (1)	\$1.29	\$1.99	\$0.70
Egg & cheese breakfast sandwich	\$2.99	\$3.49	\$0.50
Egg, cheese & meat breakfast sandwich	\$3.29	\$4.49	\$1.20
Breakfast burrito	\$4.29	\$5.49	\$1.20
Lunch entree	\$5.99	\$6.99	\$1.00
Hamburger	\$2.69	\$3.49	\$0.80
Cheeseburger	\$2.99	\$3.99	\$1.00
Bacon cheeseburger	\$3.39	\$4.49	\$1.10
Veggie burger	\$3.99	\$4.99	\$1.00
Crispy chicken sandwich	\$3.79	\$4.99	\$1.20
Grilled cheese	\$2.49	\$3.49	\$1.00
Grilled cheese add meat	\$3.49	\$4.99	\$1.50
Fries	\$1.29	\$1.99	\$0.70
Chicken tenders	\$5.29	\$5.29	\$0.00
Cheese curds	\$4.69	\$5.99	\$1.30
Burrito	\$7.50	\$8.49	\$0.99

Food price increases from 2022-23 school year to 2023-24 school year, provided by Kim Henderson, Campus Services Manager.

unable to generate enough revenue to support its expenditures.

According to Ben Monty, Budget Director, the Dining Services department falls under "Enterprise Fund" types, which are operations that are intended to generate revenue via self-sustaining services, like daily food provisions or printing needs. However, Dining Services has not been able to financially support itself for the last 10 years, with the worst financial performance occurring between 2020-2022, during the COVID-19 pandemic shut-downs.

Part of that is due to wage increases approved by the District Board. In July, full- and part-time Madison College employees received up to a 4% raise, and student employees saw a \$1 increase to the hourly minimum wage from \$14 to \$15 per hour. The increase in wages means higher expenditure in the Dining Services budget.

The other major influence is a decline in customer base since the traditional flow of students who would usually frequent the cafeteria are not returning to campus. While college enrollment has improved since the pandemic with 24,722 students enrolling in 2022, Madison College has been unable to reach pre-pandemic levels of enrollment with 33,360 students enrolling in 2019.

Additionally, Madison College has always had a reputation as a commuter college, but Monty suspects that commuting has only become more popular even since the COVID-19 pandemic. However, many students take advantage of Online and Hybrid learning models, which reduces the number of students that would physically be on the Truax Campus.

"We're not trying to run [the cafeteria] purely to make money. We want to keep the prices affordable for students, but at the same time, we can't just keep losing money. At some point we have to cover those losses," Monty said.

From a financial perspective, Monty is certainly correct that more funding is needed to address the deficit in the Dining Services budget.

With credit to Dining Services, the revenue has increased from \$1,326,000 in 2021 to 2022 to \$2,033,000 in 2022 to 2023, but there is still more work needed to turn Dining Services into a true Enterprise Operation.

Helping students offset cost

The Campus Services Manager, Kim Henderson, presides over Enterprise Operations. With two years

at Madison College under her belt, with the struggles of reopening the cafeteria after the pandemic, she is looking to change the way students see dining services.

Henderson understands the financial burden of students, especially related to food insecurity amidst the current state of the economy. In fact, she has even covered the bill for some students to be able eat because she has seen how difficult, and sometimes even shameful, it can be to ask for help with food.

"Most students are very prideful, so they don't want everybody to know about their food insecurity. So, we created a voucher, so it doesn't identify students," Henderson said.

Overall, that is why her department strives to find ways that ease the price burden for students and connect them to the proper resources to access reliable and healthy food options on campus. Using new meal deals, discounts and vouchers, students can make the cost of food more affordable.

In addition to the traditional Meal of the Day deal, there are three new lunch deals piloting this Fall term. Either a burrito or full panini sandwich with a side (chips or cookie) and fountain soda costs \$9.99, or students can sub a half panini sandwich for \$6.99

as a package deal.

By depositing money on the OneCard, students can save 10% on food purchases at any campus dining spot. Dining Services has also been working in partnership with Counseling Services to expand voucher options to allow students with food insecurity to access meal options at low and no cost.

Quality matters

For students, taking advantage of these opportunities can make a substantial difference in cost savings as the prices slowly creep up over time. And while the overall average cafeteria price increase of \$0.87 is not much, those increases add up over time and can impact tightened budgets.

Still, to a degree, students like Way do understand the reality of the situation given the rate of inflation. But even so, Way said that he would not mind paying more if the quality of the food better matched the price he was paying.

"The meals aren't awful. It's mostly just OK overall, but the quality just isn't there so the food doesn't feel worth the price that I'm paying," Way said.

Henderson acknowledges that there are many rumored comments, both good and bad, about the quality of the cafeteria food from students, so she is determined to collect quantifiable data on consumer opinions. She said she likes to operate on certified facts, not rumors, so Dining Services plans to roll out a survey so that students submit anonymous feedback for improvement.

Starting on Sept. 5, the cafeteria will place a secure box in the atrium around the corner to collect survey responses from cafeteria patrons. The box will remain available throughout the year and will periodically be checked so Dining Services can respond to feedback.

Henderson says that this is just one of the many improvements she plans to roll out this year.

Working with her Dining Services team, Lisa Hunter, David Dorst and Mike Riese, together they will be processing the survey responses and strategizing plans for how to innovate the cafeteria and serve a product that students can enjoy.

Price among many changes at the Truax campus cafeteria

PAIGE SHAPIRO
Opinion Editor

Earlier this month, the cafeteria at Truax campus implemented a series of changes, including a price increase and new items added to the menu. The price increase was due, in part, to inflation and supply chain shortages. Additionally, there will be new items added to the menu for the cafeteria as well as the bakery.

David Dorst, the Executive Chef of Dining Services and Beth Peters the Sous Chef at Truax campus's cafeteria, spoke on the significance of the price increase, and how the changes could affect students.

"We haven't significantly raised our prices since 2019. As everybody knows from supply chain issues and inflation... we had implemented some price increases for those reasons. But we can't deny it's not going to affect students," explains Peters.

Some discounts and aid are provided for meal assistance. Recently, the cafeteria introduced meal



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The Truax Campus Cafeteria offers many options.

deals at the panini and taqueria stations. Provided in the deal the buyer will get chips, a cookie, and a soda, all costing between \$7 to \$10. Also, if a person uses a one card to pay for food, students get a 10% percent discount and faculty and staff will get a 5% discount.

With changes to the price of food, there are also new menu items coming to the cafeteria.

Some of the new menu items include a grilled

chicken sandwich and a possible additional item to be added is vegan falafels.

Dorst and Peters say that tofu is the deciding factor on the outlook of vegan options. However, Tofu is expensive and harder to locate. Another very possible, but not set in stone decision is bringing back the pizza station. They will continue to investigate, adding small changes to the menu soon.

On the bakery side, dirt cakes and cake pops are on the horizon for new desserts. Only slight changes will be made to the banana bread. The banana bread will be making a change to banana muffins instead. The recipe will be the same, but just in a different form, which provides more time and efficiency to cafeteria staff due to short staffing.

The cafeteria has been focusing on cross training their employees due to staff shortages. They have been focusing on Madison College event catering and are the sole providers for the catering program. As a result, they are working hard at providing support for students and staff.

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family caretakers, or full-time workers. But safety net programs can sometimes work across purposes and conflict with providing support for students who intersect multiple categories of underserved populations.

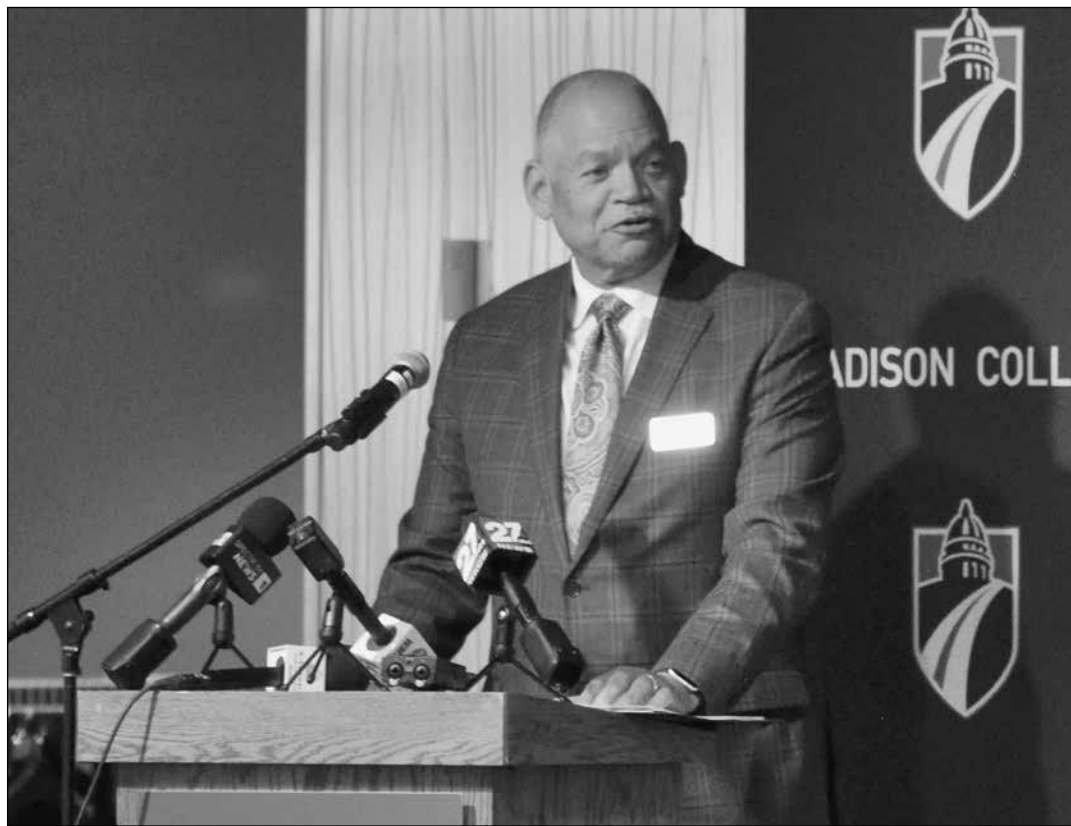
“Many of the basic needs programs like SNAP or housing, I think, are designed to try and screen out students on the idea that students are temporarily low income, but they have upper middle class parents that they can always fall back upon,” Under Sec. Kvaal said. “That’s just a fundamental misunderstanding of who students are today.”

Beyond systems, Marten also noted that we need to focus on the individuals that make up the system.

“The very best things that we design start when lean in not just hear what students have to say, but really listen to them,” the Deputy Secretary said.

“We want to exquisitely design systems, not just in the walls of the schools, but across communities that give kids the keys that they need to drive their future.”

As a systems-minded person, Deputy Sec. Marten is focused on finding the bright



KAI BRITO / CLARION

Madison College President Dr. Jack Daniels speaks at the Unlocking Pathways Summit hosted at Madison College earlier this month.

spots of success that are sustainable across the board and can be replicated in other areas of the county.

At the state level, Gov. Evers focused on the pipeline from educational and apprenticeship training programs to the workforce. He cited the historically low unemployment

rate (2.6%) and high workforce participation coupled with a shrinking labor pool as the primary reasons for why Wisconsin needs to invest in workforce development programs.

“It is our best interest as a state to do everything in our power to ensure we are help-

ing people enter and be successful in our workforce,” Gov. Evers said. “From apprenticeships to upscaling opportunities to access affordable housing, childcare, public transit, and more, we are committed to connecting those dots here in Wisconsin.”

Evers placed extra emphasis

on childcare opportunities for working parents who need access to affordable and reliable childcare to be able find jobs that work for them.

This is in context of his recent call to the State Legislature for a special session focused on providing additional funding from the \$4 billion budget surplus for childcare resources and providers.

However, the leaders in the Legislature have indicated that they will not be taking up that issue, instead passing a middle class tax cut that Evers had previously vetoed.

Madison College President Dr. Jack Daniels affirmed that career and youth apprenticeship programs were the key to keeping talent in Wisconsin.

“The key to creating opportunities for young folk is through partnerships with businesses, K12, and community service organizations that recognize the importance of growing a quality workforce,” Daniels said. “This is especially true in Wisconsin where the demand for employees is much greater than our supply.”

Overall, President Daniels emphasized that Madison College is a community-oriented school and said the vast majority of graduates from this school and technical schools across the state stay and work in Wisconsin.

Resolution honors students becoming first responders

CLARION STAFF REPORT

The Student Senate passed a resolution on Aug. 10 to celebrate and show support of Protective and Emergency Services students at Madison College.

The resolution states: “Madison College Student Senate would like to formally recognize and honor our students in the Protective and Emergency Services programs from (9/3/23 – 9/10/23) on all Madison College Campuses.”

As part of that effort, the Student Senate will sponsor events during that week in collaboration with Student Life, including a Remembrance Event in the Fire Bay on Sept. 11. In addition, the Senate will spotlight some of the students as a way to recognize them.

The following are three spotlights on Protective and Emergency Services students, sharing what inspired them to join the program.

Kenny Miller EMT-B Paramedic Fellow

What motivated you to join the protective services field? Growing up, my father would always get cuts on his head from shaving, and I remember always trying to make bandaids for him using a small square of toilet paper, scotch tape, and Saran Wrap. While they wouldn’t work, I was always so proud to be able to attempt to help my dad when he had a cut.

Why are you interested in a career as a first responder? That passion has now turned into helping strangers without hesitation — being trusted enough to help someone on their worst day. After trying and deciding that law enforcement and firefighting weren’t for me, EMS fits me perfectly.



Kenny Miller



Evan McConley

Evan McConley Fire Protection Technician

What motivated you to join the protective services field? I’m pursuing a career in the fire service because of my passion to serve my community. I’ve always wanted to work a protective job, whether that be the military or police, and when I tried the MATC fire academy, that’s when my eyes truly opened.

Why are you interested in a career as a first responder? I love the family atmosphere this service accompanies and the hard-working attitude of everyone involved. This career is something I can see myself doing for a long time, and I’m willing to put my all into it.

Karalyn Dehn Law Enforcement Officer

What motivated you to join the Protective Services field? I have always had a strong desire to help people in crisis. The field of Law Enforcement has allowed me to comfort and provide assistance to people in some of their darkest times. It is very satisfying to help people through these challenging times and see them in a better place down the road. Knowing that I have made a difference in people’s lives provides me great satisfaction.

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in addition to the names of the roads corresponding to the stop. Riders can transfer at any ordinary bus stop that serves two or more of the new Metro routes.

While on the topic of new routes, they now have lettered names and simpler courses to be more easily interpreted on a route map. Although they do not follow the exact same paths as the former routes, the new routes provide similar coverage as the old, and buses still drop off directly to Madison College campuses. The Madison Metro system has also extended routes to and from Sun Prairie, and service to Middleton, Fitchburg, and Monona is still available. An up-to-date route map can be found on the Madison city website.

The routes that drop off on the Truax campus are, after system updates, the A (east to west through Madison into Sun Prairie via East Washington Avenue) and the L (north to south through east Madison along Sherman, Stoughton and Pflaum). Although the south transfer point located directly across from the Goodman South campus ceased to be a transfer station during the system update, it will receive service from the B (north to south through downtown Madison). It is noteworthy that the A route no longer drops off at the bus shelters near the welcome center and health building on the Truax campus, but instead at a separate stop across Anderson Street from Truax campus.

Despite the changes to Madison Metro, many aspects of the previous system remain the same.

The bus fare is still \$2 per ride, with reduced rates for youth (17 or younger), disabled and elderly passengers. Madison College student

bus passes are available for pick up in the student life center for students enrolled in the fall semester, as has been the case for previous semesters.

Some bus routes did not change much during the June 11 updates. In particular, the 80’s routes on the UW-Madison campus received only slight modifications and kept their numbered names; they are still free to ride. The other remaining numbered routes are the 28 and the 38, which provide additional service to downtown Madison.

As for Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), the plan is for Madison Metro systems to include new express bus service starting in late 2024. These new BRT routes will replace what are currently routes A and B, crossing through downtown Madison from east to west and north to south. They will stop at both the Truax and Goodman South campuses.

The BRT system was originally designed to help shorten travel times along the busiest routes in the city, and it will achieve this goal with a few key characteristics. The buses will travel in lanes for rapid transit only, enabling them to bypass congested traffic and provide faster transport for riders. Bus stops will be along the center of roads rather than on the sides, which reduces holdups with bicycles, parked cars and turn lanes. Madison Metro also plans for buses to pass through intersections more easily by holding green lights when a rapid transit bus is approaching.

BRT system buses are planned to pick up passengers every 15 minutes from stations with level boarding (for wheelchair accessibility). They will otherwise act as ordinary Metro system buses, with a fare of \$2. Bus passes (including Madison College student bus passes) and transfers are expected to function the same on BRT as on regular Metro routes.

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books and things to do around town. We introduce you to staff members, fellow students and provide sports updates. Links will take you from the electronic newsletter to our website, where you can learn more. We will offer electronic content like videos,

podcasts and photo slideshows.

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THEBUZZ

Questions asked to you, our readers.

What did you do over the summer?



"Went to Spain and Ireland."
- **Norah Burke**



"Officer things for PTK, hosted Violet, went hiking, took lots of photos."
- **Bridgett Moss**



"Internship in Door County. Worked at the front desk of a hotel."
- **Morgan Witthun**

Impact of affirmative action ruling

Ruling could increase the admissions advantage of the wealthy and powerful

CLAIRE LIDDICOAT
Staff Writer

Within the hallowed halls of justice, where words carry the weight of a nation's conscience, the United States Supreme Court has once again cut to the core of a contentious and consequential issue that has long divided the country. The Court's holding that Universities may not use an applicant's race as a "plus factor" in admissions has sparked impassioned and divisive discussions across the states. It is important to know the collateral damage as our secondary education system adopts the precedent set last June.

Two cases filed by Students for Fair Admissions, Inc. (SFFA) were brought before the Supreme Court challenging the impact of the factor of race in college admissions. In a six to three decision, the Court struck down affirmative action programs at Harvard University and the University of North Carolina, stating that they violate the Fourteenth Amendment's Equal Protection Clause and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. This effectively bans race-based admissions programs in 4-year universities across the United States

The impact of this decision has been widespread, and changes within admission systems across the country will begin rapidly. Race-based programs that have been in use for decades are not to be used by any university admission system. New systems will have to be put in place by admissions offices to ensure that they can fulfill their commitment to a diverse student body and then hope that those methods stay out of the scrutiny of the Supreme Court.

The first group who will suffer the impacts of the ruling will be early-decision applicants for the Class of 2028. Until then, no other applicants will be



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Supporters of affirmative action protest near the U.S. Supreme Court Building on Capitol Hill on June 29, in Washington, DC. In a 6-3 vote, Supreme Court Justices ruled that race-conscious admissions programs at Harvard and the University of North Carolina are unconstitutional, setting precedent for affirmative action in other universities and colleges.

affected, but a decision like this has already shown how detrimental it can be to diversity in states like Michigan and California. Affirmative action has already been banned by voters in 1996 and 2006.

The public university systems of both states filed briefs to the Supreme Court in the rise of SFFA v. Harvard, disputing the arguments that SFFA made for race-neutral alternatives to affirmative action. SFFA used Michigan and California as examples of success stories with the ban on race-conscious admissions systems. Both university systems have seen decreases in diversity in their student bodies since the ban.

In the brief that the University of California school system (UC) submitted to the Court, UC stated that, "After Proposition 209 barred consideration of race in admissions decisions at public universities in California, freshmen enrollees from underrepresented minority groups dropped precipitously at UC and dropped by 50% or more at UC's most selective campuses."

Even with many widespread efforts to increase diversity of all sorts, UC still struggles to enroll a sufficiently diverse student body. This is especially apparent at the most selective campuses, where there is a widespread feeling amongst African American,

Native American and Latinx students of underrepresentation and racial isolation.

Even if the struggle for diversity is the most prominent in highly competitive schools and only affects a small percentage of people who attend elite universities, it does not make the impact any less consequential. Diplomas from these universities are incomparable invitations into positions of wealth and power. Politicians and government leaders are disproportionately from elite schools, as well as leaders in media, technology and financial

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A customer looks over options in the Truax Campus Atrium Café.

Plentiful choices at the Atrium Café

VALERIE UTASKI
Staff Writer

There are plentiful meal choices available at the Atrium Café on the Truax Campus to support your health and wellbeing.

The Café offers a large breakfast menu. Egg platters, breakfast burritos or English muffins are just some of the many choices. If you're in a hurry, you'll find an assortment of grab'n'go items like yogurts, donuts, scones and more. Coffee, juice, milk, and my favorite choice - water - are all available.

Lunch service begins at 11 a.m., with a made-to-order Panini station (half or whole options), a beautiful fresh salad bar and the grill.

There are many seating areas around the café to enjoy your meal and plenty of ways to interact with the staff. My daughter loves asking David to make her favorite turkey wrap and a rainbow salad at the Panini station, giving her a substantial K-cal energy boost for the day. Joan sees us for breakfast and greets us with a smile every time.

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spaces. Eight of nine current Supreme Court Justices of Harvard and Yale graduates.

The link between elite universities and positions of authority cannot be ignored and will ultimately lead to less diversity and representation among influential individuals throughout the United States. This is why race-neutral programs that can accomplish the same goals as affirmative action must be put in place so that as our communities grow and become more diverse, our universities follow suit.

An aspect that remains untouched, however, is the admissions systems that specifically include athlete recruitment and legacy students, whose admission is not solely based on extracurriculars, GPAs, or test scores, but on who their parents are and how much time and money they could dedicate to a sport. Legacy admissions directly benefit many white students, who often have a family line of graduates from a university, originating from a time when people of color were not allowed to use the same bathrooms, let alone learn in the same classrooms as white students.

Regarding athletic-based admissions, those who are recruited to play college athletics are usually those who had the time, money, and resources to play a sport at a high enough level to achieve attention from college recruiters.

In an essay from the UCLA Law Review, they found that across six Ivy League universities, 71% of freshman student-athletes were white (Jayakumar et al., 2023).

This shows that white student-athletes are more likely to have the ability to pursue athletics at a higher level because they more often than not possess the things necessary for them to succeed both in their sport and academically.

Both legacy and athletic-based systems have remained untouched, however, and continue to take up admissions spots, scholarship money and financial aid.

While this decision in many ways was a step back in time to an admission system that excluded people of color from spaces for higher education, knowledge and growth, all hope is not lost in the admission system. Thankfully, many admission offices have been anticipating this decision for a few years, so many already have plans in place, while still complying with the ban, to proactively prevent the regression of diversity at universities. Time will tell with the application and enforcement of this ban, but for now, the struggle continues for reaching a diverse and equitable America.

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While there, check out Rocha's Taqueria, where you can build your own tacos and burritos. The staff members are eager to answer your questions. The cashiers are especially helpful when the chefs are busy.

The Atrium Café offers choices for people with food allergies. It has gluten-free options, vegan alternatives and nutritional information.

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The food is affordable and I do not have to worry about how to feed myself and my daughter when the meetings get stacked with class time – and let's not forget the reward of a tasty hazelnut latte at the Coffee Shop right next door.

I can't think of a better way to start my day.

THE COST OF EDUCATION



PHOTO PROVIDED TO THE CLARION

Students pose with Department of Education Officials at the SSTAR Lab. Pictured are, front row, from left: Mercedes Hernandez-Natera, Sinetra Wilson and Kai Brito; back row, from left, Deputy Secretary Cindy Marten, Sheng Ying Vang, Kate Westaby, Casey Konkol, Under Secretary James Kvaal, Lai'Kita Buie, Kris Flugum.

Affordability is key to dream of college

Interest-free student loans would be a great start

KAI BRITO
Staff Writer

From the cost of tuition to the daily cost of living, college students are struggling to find ways to make higher education work amidst the backdrop of our current economic reality. This is true particularly for community college students, where affordability is a chief concern for making the college dream possible.

That is why U.S. Under Secretary of Education James Kvaal and Deputy Secretary of Education Cindy Marten invited a delegation of students from Madison College, Edgewood College and UW-Madison to share stories of our experiences paying for college and receiving financial aid.

I was one of five students invited from Madison College to the Student Success Through Applied Research Lab for a roundtable discussion. We used this opportunity to advocate for the expansion of financial aid funds and other benefits programs. Overall, our concerns fell into two categories: Affordability and Accessibility.

Every year in March, the Wisconsin Technical College System sets the tuition rates for all 16 technical colleges for the following year. Historically, those meetings result in a tuition increase, with 1.72% being the average rate of increase over the past five years (2019-2023).

While those increases are fairly modest and below the pace of inflation, the increases are contextualized by the state of the economy. Students feel the burden of perpetually rising tuition rates in tandem with an increased cost of necessities like rent hikes, climbing gas rates, and the seemingly never-ending spike in food prices.

In our conversation, my proposal was to go back to the roots of the college conversation and champion the Free College for All Act. In 2021, as part of his American Families Plan, President Joe Biden pitched two years of free community college, providing tuition-free enrollment and funding

for teachers and teacher-training.

And while I personally believe in that ideal, I also recognize that it is not feasible in our current political and economic climate. Back in June, the Supreme Court struck down President Biden's student loan forgiveness plan in a six to three ruling, ending the hopes of millions of Americans as student loan payments restart in October.

But a simpler proposal to help alleviate the college burden would be to implement zero percent interest student loans. Recently in August, Representative Joe Courtney and other congressional democrats introduced the Student Loan Interest Elimination Act which would refinance the interest rate of all existing Federal student loans to zero percent and cap the maximum interest rate at four percent for all new Federal student loans.

And this bill is just one of many attempts to address the ballooning price tag for student loan interest. Back in 2019, and again in 2021, Florida Senator Marco Rubio introduced the Leveraging Opportunities for Americans Now Act which would cut the interest rate on federal student loans. With some bipartisan support signaled from across the aisle, suddenly student debt relief does not seem so impossible.

The other students in our group focused on access to student financing options. Part of the problem with financial aid is that students do not have the knowledge or awareness to be able to access funds that they are qualified to receive.

When I first started attending Madison College, my goal was to obtain a professional certification as a Certified Fraud Examiner through the Forensic Accounting & Internal Auditing Certificate. It was not until speaking to an advisor about career prospects and sharing my person-

al story that I learned I qualify for WorkSmart, a program for unemployed and displaced workers. The only reason I can pursue an associate degree is because of the support provided from this program, which I did not know about until after I was already in school for one term.

In addition to lack of knowledge or communication of these programs, sometimes benefits programs work against each other with eligibility requirements.

For instance, to receive SNAP Benefits, half- and full-time students must either be working at least 20 hours a week in paid employment, take care of a child, be in a work study or on-the-job training program, or meet some other specific requirements. These limitations prohibit students from accessing need-based assistance programs, but the reality is that these services would help the average student.

At Madison College, the average age for a student is 29 years old. The reality is that the average student attending school is not a well-off recent high school graduate whose parents are footing the bill. Students can be single working parents, formerly incarcerated individuals, laid off seasonal workers, GED/HSED seekers, or anyone who is returning to school to advance their career.

The bottom line is that we need to increase financial aid options for an expanding definition of "the average student" attending two-year technical colleges.

Because many students, including myself, believe that graduating from Madison College would change our lives for the better. So, my request to the Department of Education is to fund students that are seeking to invest in themselves, starting with community colleges.

The bottom line is that we need to increase financial aid options for an expanding definition of "the average student" attending two-year technical colleges.

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The Bella Nock Circus Extreme Variety Show is a feast for the eyes, with stunning costumes and visual effects.

A breathtaking spectacle

Bello Nock Circus Extreme Variety Show is visually stunning and thrilling

SIERRA BRUNNER
Staff Writer

Bello Nock is a name synonymous with the circus. He is known as the "World's Greatest Daredevil" and has been performing in the circus for over 30 years. Nock's circus shows are not your average performance, but rather extreme and death-defying stunts that leave audiences on the edge of their seats. His circus, Bello Nock Circus Extreme Variety Show, is a show that is not to be missed.

A breathtaking spectacle of dancers, comedy and death-defying stunts, makes this show a masterpiece of entertainment with an array of talented performers who showcase their skills in front of a live audience.

The circus show features a range of acts that are both visually stunning and thrilling. The opening act features an amazing ringmaster and dancers moving with grace and agility. One could witness the cutest puppy pals, the awe-inspiring Wheel of Wonder performed by Nock and his daughter, and an adrenaline-pumping high wire act executed by Annaliese herself. And that's just scratching the surface of remarkable. Another highlight of the circus



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Daredevil acts with motorcycles are part of the Bella Nock Circus Extreme Variety Show.

show is the daredevil act. Bello, as a master of comedy, delights the audience with his hilarious antics. His performance is a perfect blend of slapstick humor and physical comedy. It's sure to tickle the funny bone of both children and adults.

One of the most thrilling acts is the motorcycle stunt, in which a group of motorcyclists ride inside a metal sphere only a few feet wide at high

speeds, performing dangerous tricks that are sure to leave the audience gasping in amazement.

The show is also a feast for the eyes, with elaborate costumes and stunning visual effects. The performers wear colorful costumes that are designed to enhance their performances, and to add to the atmosphere, the stage is also adorned with elaborate sets and lighting effects.

What makes Nock's circus show truly special is the passion and dedication of the performers. Nock has been performing in the circus since childhood and has dedicated his life to his craft. He has created a show that not only entertains but also inspires. His message is one of perseverance, dedication and pushing

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Chasing sunsets as a Santa Monica stringer during the Hollywood strikes

BRADLEY BURT
Business Director

So, what exactly does a "stringer" in the journalism field do anyway? And what is so cool about chasing sunsets?

The stringer connects the press with breaking news providing an extra set of eyes on the scene — what we call a "backpack journalist" at Madison College. The stringer walks the streets risking life and limb chasing police scanner tips and stepping on unwelcome turf. The stringer is the one get-

ting the job done.

"Stringers are journalists who provide news organizations with media coverage, often on a freelance basis," Indeed.com states. "Some people start their journalism careers as stringers since it can help them develop their skills and help them find future employment in the industry."

The hustle

Finding a breaking story is the art of being a stringer. On Aug. 15, 2023, my journey to Los Angeles offered the

opportunity to test drive a day in the life of being a stringer for the Madison College Clarion. The trip lasted roughly 36 hours, consisting of taking a super cold shower at Dusk Hotel on Sunset Boulevard to conduct market research seeking answers about the Hollywood strikes.

After bumping into our V.I.P. van tour guide, the reality of Los Angeles manifested quickly. Fear, loathing and the road ahead would take a three-hour tour into the Hollywood Hills, our tour guide shared his story about leaving

the life of being a background actor stating, "we wait around doing nothing for days making minimum wage. Tour guide is my dream job."

The journey as a stringer

My certificate journey began in 2018 through the Intro to Entrepreneurship course after developing the Bob Cobb Freelance Ink LLC business plan. The plan evolved into a practicum

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oneself to the limit.

In conclusion, Bello's Circus Extreme Variety Show is a must-see for anyone who loves live entertainment. The show is a perfect blend of traditional and modern circus acts, with a touch of humor that is sure to leave the audience in stitches. The performers are all incredibly talented, and their performances are a testament to the values that go into their craft. Nock himself is a legend in the circus world, and his passion and commitment are evident in every act.

The show is not just about entertainment but also about inspiring audiences to push themselves to the limit and achieve greatness. The show celebrates the human spirit and shows what is possible when we believe in ourselves.

Overall, Bello's Circus Extreme Variety Show is a masterpiece of entertainment that is sure to leave a lasting impression on anyone who sees it.



SIERRA BRUNNER / CLARION
Costumes and stunts highlight the Bella Nock Circus Extreme Variety Show.

Delve into that dungeon and slay demons with 'Diablo 4'

GRANT NELSON
Staff Writer

After more than a decade and angry fans ranting, Blizzard studios dropped "Diablo 4." The demon slaying and dungeon grinding has never been better.

The game has gone full open world with multiplayer armies of heroes slaying the hordes of hell, delving dungeons and loot grinding.

The game has nothing but multiplayer fun for everyone in the form of events and an engaging story. I personally play the game for the story, but you can play it for the loot and the dungeons.

It's a blizzard game, so every-

one plays for different reasons. The Lore is deeply similar to Greek mythology or apocalyptic epics. There is a gothic vibe with wars between heaven and hell, both destroying the world.

What stands out is the leveling system and the creation of guilds. It is filled with towns and markets, where you can trade or go on quests.

If you are an angry ranting fan and don't want to support Blizzard, that is fine. But, for those like me, who simply like to game, "Diablo 4" is a great way for you and your friends to waste time.

Gather your party and descend into hell for some great loot!

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Kristin Mathews, a volunteer at the Willy Street Pantry since 2019, re-stocks the outdoor cabinet.

Fostering self-reliance

Social Justice Center's Willy Street Pantry offers more than food

KELLY FENG
Editor in Chief

Kristin Mathews remembers the first time she handed a new pair of socks to someone in need. She recalls their face lighting up with unexpected delight and boundless gratitude.

"Even if it's the most minute thing, like a clean pair of socks, and somebody's so overjoyed, they're almost crying. It's like, oh my God, it makes you do a self-check."

Mathews, a retired East parks supervisor for the City of Madison, has volunteered at the Willy Street Pantry since 2019, a free community and essentials pantry that relies on donations.

The Willy Street Pantry is part of the Social Justice Center, which houses 20 social justice organizations, hatching new projects and start-ups.

Mathews stocks and maintains the pantry throughout the week, where non-perishable food items are stored in the outdoor pantry at the corner of Williamson Street and Few Street and are available 24-7.

Wednesdays at 3 p.m. is a free food pop-up where the Willy Street Co-Op and the Fresh Food For All donate fresh food and produce, with many grocery items coming from Festival Foods.

Supplementing the pop-up pantry are resources that include the "essentials pantry." The under served can find diapers, toiletries, move-in kits, and household items available by appointment on Wednesday from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Pick-up requests can be made through an online form.

In 2020 and 2021, during the height of the pandemic, the Willy Street pantry, like many nonprofits, experienced high giving, but the donations have since declined.

Feeding America estimates the number of people who received assistance nationwide to be 53 million in 2021 and 49 million in 2022.

While the Federal COVID Health Emergency has ended, vaccines and medication are free. However, food assistance is still needed, with many



KELLY FENG / CLARION

The outdoor pantry is located at the corner of Williamson Street and Few Street.

experiencing food insecurity.

A typical day for Mathews is to stock non-perishable in the morning. Stocking groceries only takes a few hours, but the pantry is picked over quickly.

When asked about the pantry's most popular food item, Mathews was frank.

"Honestly, as far as food, anything we get, the minute we put it out, it's gone. There's a huge need."

Formula and Diapers

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program offers food benefits to low-income families to boost their grocery budget. Still, it doesn't allow for hygiene products, shampoo, soap, or other necessary products like formula and diapers.

Those in need are often forced to choose between paying for necessities and buying groceries.

The pantry receives donations for necessities like diapers, which are donated from a local diaper bank every month, which they distribute to families.

Barriers

The Social Justice Center volunteers understand the barriers many people in need undergo.

Mathews describes the roadblocks she sees. She has seen the need and knows others who don't need these services don't fully understand the demand. She interacts daily with people who wonder why others can't make it alone.

"They're like, 'Well, why don't they just get a car? Why don't they just get an apartment?' It's like there are so many barriers along the way."

Mathews sees an unending list of obstacles, hurdles that often frustrate those most in need.

"It's not just a matter of getting a car. Then you have to register it, and then you have to get a license. 'And why did you let your license expire two years ago? Because I had to choose between paying for the reinstatement of my license or buying groceries.'"

Mathews says there are so many barrier levels that it's hard to comprehend. "There are just so many levels. It's ridiculous. Honestly, once somebody's in that hole, it's so hard to get out."

According to the Community Action Coalition, Madison is no stranger to food pantries, with approximately 50 food pantries, meal sites and shelters throughout Dane County. What makes the Social Justice Center stand out with so many resources available?

"We are a place where people can come in and know from experience or word of mouth that they won't be dismissed or looked down upon. They feel seen and heard."

Volunteering comes with challenging days, watching food donations run low or the demand for it too high. Remembering the delighted and grateful faces inspires Mathews, who feels on a mission.

"A lot of times, that's all new people need — is that connection."

New content makes 'Elder Scrolls' better than ever

GRANT NELSON
Staff Writer

The newest downloadable content (DLC) for "Elder Scrolls" online dropped this summer, and the world of "Elder Scrolls" is better than ever!

The game returns to the Dark Elf kingdom of Morrowind and all of its magic and politics, but this time the demonic Daedra hordes of Oblivion are invading. Daedra gods are threatening the whole world in their infernal conflict amongst themselves to control the universe.

You travel across the volcanic Morrowind and its caste-based cities, with its backstabbing politics and into the Lovecraft-like world of Apocrypha. It is a vast rotten world of demons and undead that is the universe's wastebin of knowledge, books and lore.

The world is well done when it comes to art and feel, with whimsy and dread all at once. The demon world is filled with dungeons and events that bring flavor to the game.

It includes a new Mage class as well, and the main story and world exploration feels alive and open enough to get lost in.

What really sells this DLC is the fun and sense of adventure which has been lacking for the last year or so, with the bland experimentation of the last DLC. With the very Lovecraftian gothic feel for everything, the game feels fresh.

Return to the world of the "Elder Scrolls" and nerd out in the demonic universes of forbidden knowledge.

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pilot through the Investigative Journalism and Documentary Storytelling courses.

I braved the uncharted waters of the pandemic as a live stream reporter and ended up profiling Bobby Seale and his advocacy after visiting Madison College.

The Journalism Certificate credits are transferable to the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

The course is referred to as "Backpack Journalism," offering techniques for researching.

Can be taken as electives recognized by Financial Aid through dual attendance at both the university and community college aside from declaring a major.

The Clarion offers an experience for developing a side stream of revenue called "bootstrapping," created through the Center for Entrepreneurship and the Madison College Challenge. Bootstrappers can take on freelance jobs to help pay for operating costs, college tuition and most of all, trips to Los Angeles.

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Editor's note: The video created while working as a stringer in Santa Monica can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/wkO8H0f2B28>.

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MEET THE PACK

Profiles of WolfPack athletes

MEN'S SOCCER

PHIL MCCLOSKEY

A sophomore on the Madison College men's soccer team, Phil McCloskey was the starting goalkeeper for the team last season. He allowed just 23 goals in 17 games for the 12-5 WolfPack, recording 101 saves on the season. His efforts earned him post-season recognition, where he was named second team All-North Central Community College Conference and to the All-Region 4 team.



McCloskey



Thompson

McCloskey was a three-sport athlete at DeForest Area High School, competing in soccer, tennis and swimming. The son of Sandra and Mark McCloskey, he is a liberal arts transfer major at Madison College.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

MORGAN THOMPSON

Morgan Thompson is a sophomore goalkeeper on the Madison College women's soccer team. Last year, she helped lead the team to an 8-4-2 record. Thompson recorded 115 saves on the season, the second highest total in school history. She played in 13 games, allowing just 18 goals. Thompson was named first-team All-North Central Community College Conference and All-Region 4.

A graduate of New Galarus High School, she was team captain as a senior. The daughter of Lori and Phil Thompson, she is a finance major at Madison College.



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Madison College middle blocker Courtney Gorum (9) waits for the serve during a match on Aug. 23 in Redsten Gymnasium.

FROM COACH TO PLAYER

Coaching helped Gorum see how much she missed playing

KELLY FENG
Editor in Chief

It started at a volleyball camp in the summer of 2022. It was an athletic skills camp where kids learned the ins and outs of volleyball and worked with experienced players. Courtney Gorum and Mallory Stone, two former UW-Madison players, coached together at a Badgers camp, teaching middle schoolers.

Stone had recently begun coaching volleyball at Madison College and approached Gorum with an idea.

"I was looking for an assistant coach. I asked her what she was doing because I knew Courtney wasn't playing. She was interested, and we pulled her along here."

In the fall of last year, they started coaching for the WolfPack women's volleyball team — Stone as the head coach and Gorum as an assistant.

Taking the job three weeks before the season, Stone's first year posed a few challenges, with four incoming players but no returners.

Without enough players during the practice sessions, both coaches filled in during drills, repetitions or as players. Gorum fit right in with the other players, blending well as a teammate and a leader.

Under Stone's coaching debut, the WolfPack was impressive. The coach and her team made confident strides with the program's first 20-win season since 2017, finishing with a 20-12 record.

Seeing how well Gorum played with the team, Stone developed the idea of Gorum's possible volleyball return.

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Women's soccer team ready for Division II

CLARION STAFF REPORT

Several unknowns are facing the Madison College women's soccer team this season.

First, it is making the move to NJCAA Division II, along with other WolfPack teams. The team had won four Region 4 Division III titles in the last six years.

Secondly, it has to replace 11 players from last year's team, which won a conference and regional title and posted eight wins. Gone are top scorers Madison Johnson, Lexi Kulow and Lize Foye who scored a combined 15 goals and had 12 assists.

Finally, it has an all-time high 16 newcomers to the team, many of whom will be called upon to play significant roles this season.

Coach Matt Schwartz, who returns for his eighth season leading the team, is excited about what the season holds. He has eight returning players, including four who received post-season honors last year, and sees a lot of talent in the incoming class.

Team captains Keirstin McHugh, a forward, Savi Pursley, a midfielder, and Peyton Yaun, a defender, will serve as team captains this year. They are joined by goalkeeper Morgan Thompson, who had the second highest number of saves in a single season with 115 last year.

"We have a great core group coming back this fall that will

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Voung, returnees provide experience to WolfPack

CLARION STAFF REPORT

Only six players with playing experience return to the Madison College men's soccer team, but they will provide a solid foundation for new Coach Logan Fye.

Leading the list of returnees is first-team All-American Gabe Voung, who led the nation in scoring last year with a school record 25 goals. The forward was the Region 4 player of the year and conference MVP.

He is joined by all-Region 4 players Angel Gongora and

Phil McCoskey. Gongora, a midfielder, was named to the all-Region 4 team and all-conference team after posting four assists during the season. McCloskey started all 17 games last year and made 101 saves during the season.

Defender Adrian Henkovic returns after missing last season due to injury, and hopes to regain his all-region form from 2021.

Also returning are Joao Mendoca, a forward who played in 17 games and scored

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ANDRES SANCHEZ / CLARION

Madison College's Gabe Voung, right, led the nation in goals last year with 25. The first-team All-American was among four returning players who received post-season honors a year ago.

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But it was more of a bantering joke. Eventually, the imagined scenario became more of a possibility.

Stone started researching any playing eligibility for Gorum. As it turns out, eligibility was not an issue.

Because Gorum had never played for various reasons — being redshirted, undergoing COVID-19 and medically retiring, she had plenty of eligibility left. However, the qualification did not fall under the Division I NCAA umbrella, as her eligibility clock for Division I has run out.

The good news was she had plenty of time left with the NJCAA level, where she is allowed two years to play.

“I was like, I’ll do it — if it’s legal, why not? Coaching here made me miss it [playing].”

As an athlete, Gorum is also a student, taking courses in the Addiction Studies certificate program, enhancing the psychology degree she earned at UW-Madison.

Being away from the game since 2020 posed few challenges for Gorum. Already in shape, as a former athlete, she returned to the rigorous volleyball conditioning and training she learned from the Badgers.

Complementing her conditioning, Gorum’s muscle memory from volleyball helped launch her return.

Last month, she suited up and joined the WolfPack, playing a variety of positions. The excitement of returning, especially during the first game, allowed her to be present and have another perspective.

“It was fun looking back at it. I didn’t feel nervous. I didn’t think about it. I was most excited that I got to play again. Because I know a lot of people don’t get this chance.”

Being a coach has raised her volleyball IQ, and she uses that edge as a player and teammate. Through coaching, she realizes it’s very different on and off the court, allowing her to see from both sides.



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Madison College’s Courtney Gorum (right) and two teammates line up to receive a serve during a match on Aug. 23 in Redsten Gymnasium.

“I have that third-person point of view when I play now that allows me to identify systems. Or what other teams are trying to do to us to find their success.”

Her ability to recognize the other side’s game plan helps her with team communication. She can convey her perspective so her team can understand. She believes this point of view has made her a better player than before she retired.

Stone feels Gorum’s journey reflects their coaching collaboration, where Stone strategized, and Gorum encouraged team building.

“We balance each other really well. Courtney allowed me to do a lot of practice planning and coaching. Courtney was super relational with the kids,

which fostered exactly what happened. She was able to create good relationships and teach in a different way than what I was teaching,” Stone said.

If the early season indicates how the season will unfold, they have made the right move.

Consider the weekend of Aug. 18th, Gorum had 27 kills, helping the team to an upset win over No. 11 Illinois Central College, breaking the previous school record for kills in a match.

An idea planted by the coach made a reality by the player.

Gorum is grateful for her time coaching because of the added experience it has given her as a player. “It’s much more fun to see the whole game and help my teammates.”

Now, she’s breaking records.

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help carry their experience over to the new players,” Schwartz said in a news release posted on the athletic department website.

“We will be looking to Peyton (Yaun) and Savi (Pursley) to bring the edge to a rebuilding defensive unit that will be most likely featuring a number of first years.

“Kierstin (McHugh) will be invaluable up top for us, and hopefully can

continue to build on the momentum she finished last season with. Anytime you can return a goalkeeper is an enormous benefit to your program and Morgan is one of the best to mind the sticks.”

The team opened the season with a come-from-behind 3-2 road win over Oakton College on Oct. 18. McHugh scored the game winner at the 72 minute mark, her second goal of the game and the seventh of her career.

The other goal was scored by Camille Gilbertson, a freshman from Cottage Grove, early in the second half

to tie the game. Pursley had assists on the WolfPack’s first two goals.

Gilbertson is one of the incoming freshmen expected to contribute this season. She is joined by forwards Atziray Ocampo and Delaney Bracken, midfielder Emma Purcell and Logan Vollert and defenders Mirella Zielke and Alyssa Moore.

Madison College will open its home season on Aug. 26, with a match against Prairie State College at noon.

The next home game will be on Sept. 12 against Kankakee Community College at 3 p.m.

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two goals, and Naseem Jobeety, a defender who played in 15 games.

Madison College’s roster features 17 players who joined coach Fye as newcomers to the team. Fye spent the past 10 seasons with NCAA Division III Wisconsin Lutheran College, where he worked his way up from graduate assistant to associate head coach.

Madison College finished last season 12-5 overall and won the North Central Community College Conference title for the second time. The team advanced to the NJCAA Midwest District Tournament, where it lost to Richland College, 4-0.

The season opens with a match against Prairie State College on Aug. 26.

The next home game for the WolfPack is Aug. 30 against Malcolm X College at 7 p.m.

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** at home vs. Triton College, 3 p.m.; vs. Joliet Junior College, 7 p.m.
- SEPT. 9** at Kankakee CC Triangular vs. South Suburban College, 1 p.m.; vs. Kankakee CC, 3 p.m.
- SEPT. 15** at Heartland CC Tournament vs. Rock Valley College, 4 p.m.; vs. John A. Logan College, 6 p.m.
- SEPT. 16** at Heartland CC Tournament vs. Parkland College, noon; vs. Heartland CC, 2 p.m.
- SEPT. 22** Madison College Tournament, vs. Lincoln Land CC, 2 p.m.; vs. Minnesota West CTC, 6 p.m.
- SEPT. 23** Madison College Tournament vs. Lakeland University JV, 11 a.m.; vs. Spoon River College, 3 p.m.
- SEPT. 27** at home vs. Bryant & Stratton College, 7 p.m.
- SEPT. 29** at Parkland College Tournament vs. Southeastern CC, 4 p.m.; vs. Lincoln Land CC, 6 p.m.
- SEPT. 30** at Parkland College Tournament vs. Parkland College, 11 a.m.; vs. Vincennes University JV, 3 p.m.
- OCT. 3** at home vs. Concordia University, 6 p.m.
- OCT. 5** at home vs. Kishwaukee College, 7 p.m.
- OCT. 14** at College of DuPage Triangular vs. College of DuPage, 10 a.m.; vs. Rock Valley College, noon.
- 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, 2 p.m.
- AUG. 30** at home vs. Malcolm X College, 7 p.m.
- SEPT. 5** at Rock Valley College, 3 p.m.
- SEPT. 10** at home vs. Illinois Valley Community College, 2:30 p.m.
- SEPT. 12** at home vs. Kankakee Community College, 5 p.m.
- SEPT. 16** at Black Hawk College, 1 p.m.
- SEPT. 19** at Milwaukee Area Technical College, 2 p.m.
- SEPT. 23** at Harper College, 2 p.m.
- SEPT. 27** at Bryant & Stratton College, 5 p.m.
- OCT. 3** at home vs. South Suburban College, 6 p.m.
- OCT. 8** at home vs. Moraine Valley Community College, 7 p.m.
- OCT. 10** at home vs. Joliet Junior College, 4 p.m.
- OCT. 14** at College of Lake County, 3 p.m.
- OCT. 17** at home vs. Triton College, 2 p.m.
- OCT. 25** NJCAA Region 4 Tournament Play-in Game.

WOMEN’S SOCCER

Schedule

- AUG. 18** at Oakton College, **3-2 WIN**
- AUG. 26** at home vs. Prairie State College, noon.
- SEPT. 5** at Rock Valley College, 5 p.m.
- SEPT. 12** at home vs. Kankakee Community College, 3 p.m.
- SEPT. 16** at Black Hawk College, 3 p.m.
- SEPT. 19** at Milwaukee Area Technical College, 4 p.m.
- SEPT. 23** at Harper College, 4:30 p.m.
- SEPT. 27** at Bryant & Stratton College, 7 p.m.
- SEPT. 30** at home vs. Waubesa Community College, 1 p.m.
- OCT. 3** at home vs. South Suburban College, 4 p.m.
- OCT. 8** at home vs. Moraine Valley Community College, 5 p.m.
- OCT. 10** at home vs. Joliet Junior College, 2 p.m.
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- OCT. 26** NJCAA Region 4 Tournament Play-in Game.



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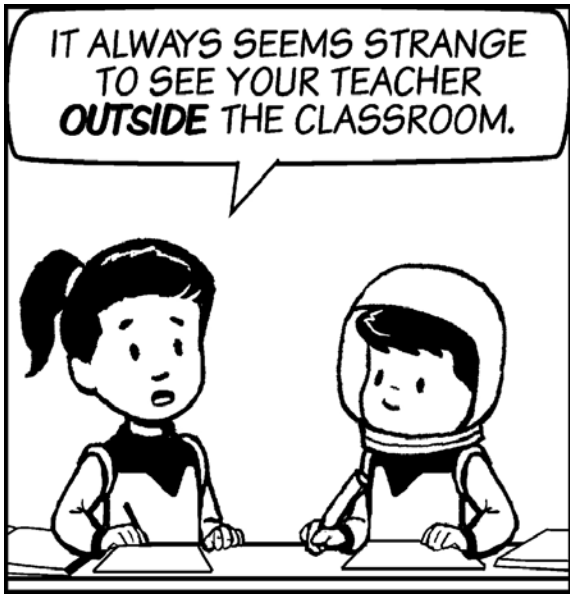
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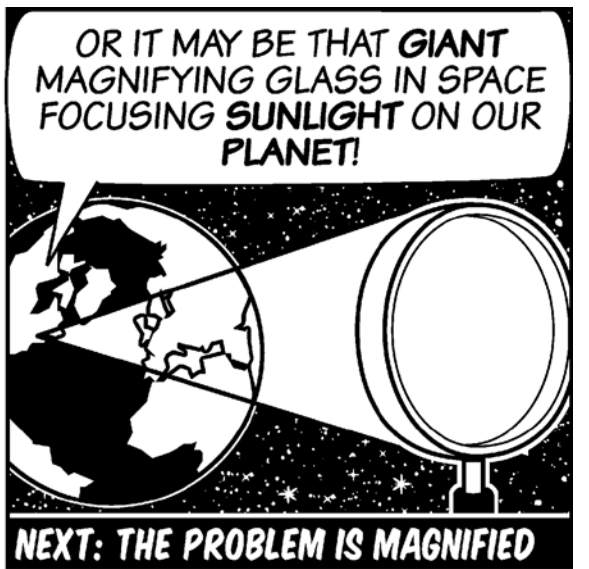


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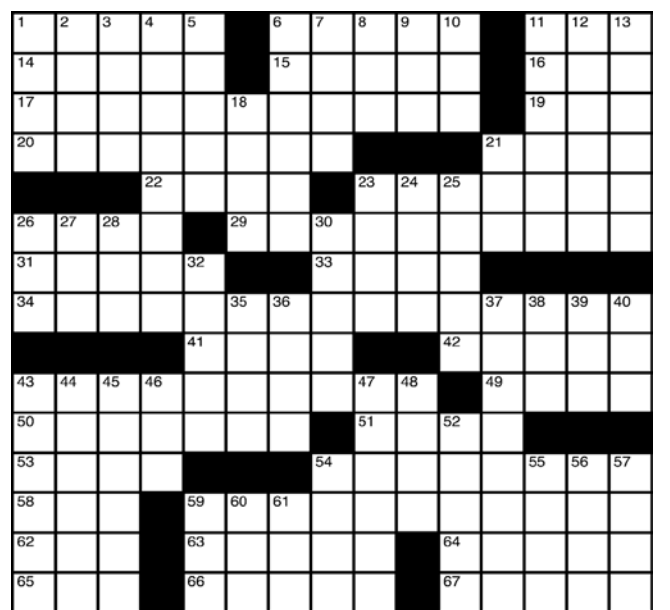
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- 29 Word processor error finder
- 31 "The Shipping News" novelist Proulx
- 33 Earth goddess
- 34 Vow made while shaking one's fist or when referring to the ends of 17-, 29-, 43-, and 59-Across?
- 41 "You crack _!"
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- 43 Something opened while on Safari?
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- 50 _ Stone: software for language learners
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- 53 Enclosed by
- 54 TV 64-Across from the planet Remulak (or France)
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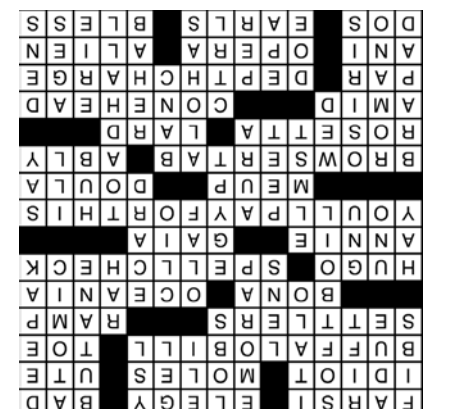
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- 37 "The Wind in the Willows" residence
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- 39 Under the weather
- 40 Remark
- 43 Undergarment insert
- 44 Pecorino _ cheese

- 45 God of the dead, in ancient 30-Down
- 46 Become one
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- 5 Writer Calvino
- 6 Genre for Lil Uzi Vert
- 7 Tosses gently
- 8 One of the "Manningcast" brothers
- 9 Hair goo
- 10 Couture initials
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- 12 Super hot, as wing sauce
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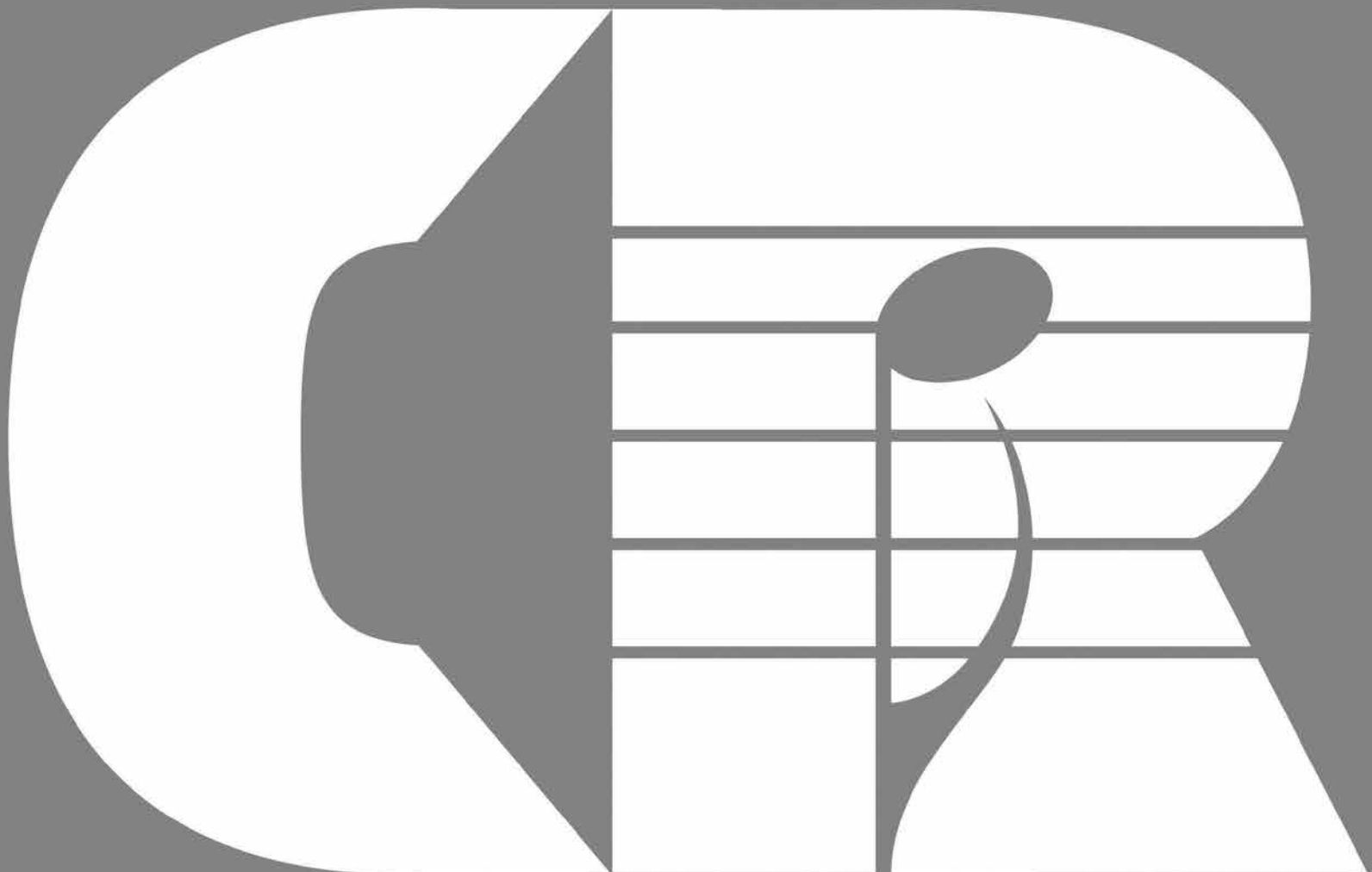
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