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## Proposed budget may cut funding for UW System

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UW-River Falls could face drastic cuts in staff and services as a result of the state finance bill currently being debated in Madison.

Every two years the state Legislature and the governor come to the table to determine how to spend state dollars. Everything from health care to college funding is included in the state's budget, according to the UW System web site. This year there is a large divide among legislators on what to do with the funds.

Wisconsin does not have a law that sets a deadline for the new budget and the previous fiscal year budget ended on June 30, according to Vice Chancellor of Administration and Finance Mary Halada.

This year, the Conference Committee, which finalizes the budget, is split evenly between the two parties, with four representatives each. Their task is to negotiate a budget based on the Democrat led state Senate budget proposal and the Republican led state Assembly budget proposal.

The Governor and the state Senate both proposed budgets that would increase funds to the UW System, including allocating new money for growth initiatives that are being set up to bring new students to the UW System, according to the UW System Web site. Their budgets also allocate funding for the Wisconsin Higher Education Grant program, a financial aid program for low-income students.

The State Assembly proposed a very different budget. The Assembly proposal slashes the UW System budget by \$119 million, according to the UW System budget Web Site.

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## UWRF rounded up for another year



Niki Paton/Student Voice

**UW-River Falls Rodeo Club second year team member Rachel Lynn Tiedeman received first place in the women's barrel racing event during the UWRF Frontier Days Rodeo competition of the Great Plains Region of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA) Sept. 15. Tiedeman earned a time of 33.53 for the UWRF Rodeo Team in barrel racing beating Adriane Marie Kochie of the UW-Platteville who came in second with a time of 34.12. For Tiedeman's accomplishment she will receive \$737 and a UWRF rodeo belt buckle.**

## Bomb scare causes University Center evacuation

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In what is being called a prank by River Falls Police, the UW-River Falls University Center was evacuated late on the first day of the first full week of classes on campus.

The incident took place between 10:15 and 10:25 Sept. 10 outside the University Center.

"Students were upset enough by the comments by this individual where they felt the need to call this in," River Falls Police Sergeant Jeff Linehan said.

The individual that allegedly made the threat was Jacob Graber, 20, UWRF student.

"The comment that was made wasn't so direct as, 'there's a bomb and it's going to go off in the University Center,'" Linehan said. "It was much more discreet."

Graber made a comment to three students exiting the University Center asking them if they had heard about the bomb in the building and another comment to the effect that people were going to die, according to a report filed by Sergeant Janis Bock of the River Falls Police Department.

In the wake of many school shootings and other terrorist incidents university officials and local police aired on the side of caution in handling the threat and decided to evacuate the University Center.

"People need to realize, especially because of the timing of it [being near] the anniversary of 9/11, that things like this will not be taken lightly," he said.

The first call the students who heard the alleged threat made was to UW-River Falls Public Safety. That call came in at approximately 10:26 p.m.

The call was then sent out to the Pierce County Sheriff dispatcher who then notified the River

Falls Police Department. As soon as they arrived on the scene, the public safety officers involved took on an assistance role.

The decision to evacuate the University Center was a precautionary measure, UWRF Director of Public Safety Dick Trendle said.

The building was staffed and there were a few students inside who were taken outside.

Graber was taken into custody shortly after the threat was made and was also cited for underage consumption that night. Earlier this week Graber was also charged with disorderly conduct as a result of this incident.

Chancellor Don Betz was notified and actually came to campus to make sure everything was okay.

"I went to the UC late the evening of the incident after Blake's call because the information available at the time was unclear, and I wanted to be sure that there were no continuing issues," Betz

said in an e-mail interview. "When I arrived at the UC after 11:30 p.m. all was quiet."

There was also a bomb threat at UWRF Sept. 28, 2006, which led to the evacuation of North Hall at 9:30 a.m. Sept. 29. That incident led to UWRF administration to review their policies and practices in emergency situations.

"For something to happen at that late of an hour I'm extremely pleased as to how it was handled," Blake Fry, special assistant to the chancellor, said. "It was definitely an improvement to the way it was handled in North Hall (last year)."

The latest incident emphasized the new emergency situation plans that UWRF administration will be working on this year, Fry, who will chair the campus emergency response team, said. UWRF was the first Wisconsin University to receive a disaster-planning grant, which will help in creating contingency plans in the event of an emergency.

## Street preachers cause a commotion on campus

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As students milled about the University Center last Wednesday, they were greeted by some familiar guests.

For the second year in a row, Brother George "Jed" Smock and his street preaching companion Michael Leisner shouted sins and condemned a large and vocal crowd of UW-River Falls students.

"I think that his (Smock's) idea is good, but I think the way he is giving it is offensive," junior Ciara Ahrens said. "He is not getting his point across."

Ahrens' sentiments towards Smock were shared by many students in attendance, including senior Ben Hoglund who called him an "extremist to the extreme."

Smock, an evangelist from Missouri who spearheaded the organization Campus Ministry U.S.A., said things relating to women being inferior to men and preached about such topics as pre-marital sex and homosexuality. His Web site, www.bro-jed.org, features a FAQ page, a "Bulletin Board" where people

can post questions and comments and a section which lists the books and tapes he has for sale.

According to his business card, Smock has been "preaching the word of God for over 30 years." Even a simple YouTube search for "Brother Jed Smock" elicits 23 results, including videos of his appearances at other college campuses through the years and even clips of him and his wife Cindy on the "Sally" talk show in 1988.

During their visit at UWRF, which lasted over four hours, Smock and Leisner faced opposition from students who chose to speak out against what they were preaching.

"He (Smock) is doing me a service by proving just how ridiculous what he believes is," sophomore Trevor Tomesh, president and founder of the Freethought Society of UWRF, said. "His logic is completely flawed and he doesn't back it up. He's doing nothing productive for society."

Though the majority of students in attendance did not seem

## Residence halls receive a facelift

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Over the summer many upgrades have been made to the residence halls on campus. They are designed to increase comfort and convenience for students staying on campus.

Student Affairs Employee Gregg Heinselman was in charge of overseeing the project.

"This summer we focused our efforts on two primary projects: west side residence hall landscaping improvements and Hathorn Hall west wing renovations including bathrooms, doors, etc....," Heinselman said.

At the conclusion of each school year a number of community and environmental surveys are conducted of the students whom are residents on campus to determine where improvements could be made. One of the biggest improvements is the restoration of the bathrooms and doors in

Hathorn Hall.

"The bathrooms in Hathorn Hall are original to the age of the facility and are in need of repair," Heinselman said. "Hathorn East wing will be upgraded summer of '08 to compliment the upgrades we accomplished this past summer."

Along with the interior renovations, landscaping has been added to the outside of Hathorn to provide a more attractive environment for students to compliment the interior changes.

"There are a lot of different things," sophomore resident Jake Kresel said. "They have newer furniture and they fixed the lighting in the dorms that were a problem last year."

Hathorn Hall is the first residence hall to receive the upgrades, and once finished the other nine residence halls will be getting similar upgrades. Due to the time and

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Kenny Yoo/Student Voice

**Brother George "Jed" Smock uses extension cords to demonstrate his view that homosexuality is unnatural. Smock travels to university campuses across the country.**

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VOICE SHORTS

Meeting to discuss future of Cascade Ave.

River Falls is planning reconstruction of Cascade Avenue from Spruce Street to Wasson Avenue. There is a meeting Sept. 24 to further discuss a concept plan for the project. According to the City of River Falls, traffic volume will increase by 15,000 annual average daily traffic over a 50 to 60 year time-frame. This is an upcoming project for the city. The plan had been pushed back due to budget constraints.

Establishing the plan for improvements will require cooperation from the city, UW-River Falls and the citizens of the area. The city is making phases for this undertaking by first developing a precise concept plan. After a plan is developed the city hopes to find funding for this large project.

Chicago Cuatro Orquestra to perform

The Wyman Series is offering an array of artistic performances, starting Sept. 24 with the Chicago Cuatro Orquestra. The Cuatro is a string instrument, similar to a guitar, with a history of more than 300 years. Two Puerto Rican brothers, Orlando and David Rivera, started the Chicago Cuatro Orquestra. The orchestra’s purpose is to educate and entertain.

The concert starts at 8 p.m. in the Abbott Concert Hall in Kleinpell Fine Arts and is free for UW-River Falls students. The concert is open to the public. Admission is \$3 for 18 and under and \$5 for the general public.

Professor to lead ethanol presentation

Corn ethanol is receiving a tremendous amount of media coverage as the prime candidate for ultimately replacing high-priced and increasingly scarce gasoline supplies.

On Sept. 24 both students and the community can explore the process of producing ethanol on a vast scale, how it is created and the resources - both monetary and physical - required to make corn ethanol a reality. Discuss the national and global impacts of diverting corn from its traditional role as a food commodity toward ethanol production and what other energy alternatives might be considered. Presented by Dr. Brad Mogen, department of biology.

The presentation will be at the lower-level of the River Falls Public Library from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The event is admission-free.

New York Times senior editor to visit

Greg Brock was appointed a senior editor at *The New York Times* in May 2006 after spending four years as the paper’s news editor in the Washington Bureau. He oversaw coverage of the White House, Congress and all government agencies. He was news editor on the Foreign Desk during the 9/11 attacks.

He will be on campus 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Riverview Ballroom. This is a free event open to the public. The *New York Times* and the American Democracy Project sponsor his appearance.

UW-River Falls goes to Egypt for J-Term

Students, faculty and the public now have the opportunity to travel to Egypt over the January Term 2008. The informational meeting about the Jan. 8-20 trip will be at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 27 in Kleinpell Fine Arts room B107.

The trip includes visits to cities such as Cairo, Memphis, Giza, Luxor, Aswan and other surrounding areas, as well as a Nile River cruise and an air excursion to Abu Simbel. Participants will explore pyramids, temples, tombs, the Citadel, Sphinx, City of the Dead, Aswan High Dam, Valley of the Kings and more.

The package is all-inclusive with airfare and all accommodations. The estimated cost of the trip is \$3,990 plus tuition for students enrolled for credit.

The study tour is led by Art History Professor Steven Derfler. For more information, contact Derfler at 715-426-0639 or steven.l.derfler@uwrf.edu.

Local artists display unique textiles

Through Sept. 24 students can stop by to see the exhibition of Guatemalan textiles. The hand-woven objects are from the personal collections of local artists. There are more than 60 items, by seven different artists.

The exhibit contains clothing, including shirts, skirts, pants, head coverings and hair ornaments. All of the pieces were made in the traditional Mayan dress style of several villages, each having their own distinctive elements with patterns, colors and weaving structure.

The hours of Gallery 101 are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., as well as Sunday 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The gallery is located on the first-floor of Kleinpell Fine Arts.

Poet visits public library, reads new book

Poet Evelyn Klein will be at the River Falls Public Library from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sept. 25. The Minnesota poet will be reading from her new book, *From Here Across the River*. Klein’s book of poems illustrates her journey of self-discovery. Klein explores topics of love and relationships.

Klein’s work has appeared in journals, newspapers and other publications. Klein grew up in Milwaukee, received her Master of Science teaching degree from UW-River Falls, and now works in Minneapolis.

After the reading audience members are welcome to read their own works. To sign up to read call Kate Chaffee at 425-0905.

Afton man innovates sewage treatment

Afton resident Clint Elston has designed the world’s first self-contained sewage treatment system, which is housed in his basement. The system reuses dish, shower, sink and laundry water, and recycles it into drinking water.

The system collects food particles and toilet “matter” in a tank where thousands of small red worms live. The worms eat the waste and turn it into soil. Bio-Matter Resequencing Converter is the official name Elston has given his system. Elston removes about 10 gallons of soil from the tank each year and uses it as compost for his plants.

A computer system monitors the water, tests it for problems and the water goes through an extensive filtering process. The system’s total cost is about \$55,000. Elston’s company Equaris builds the system and about 10 units have been sold around the world.

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SENATE

Senate begins year with positive outlook

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The first two Student Senate meetings have already taken place, and after getting some basic paperwork out of the way, Senate officials are optimistic about plans for the upcoming academic year.

During the first meeting, returning members reacquainted themselves, followed by the introduction of new members. Although Nate McNaughton has been previously involved in Senate, he did move to a new position as he was appointed as chairman of the ethics committee and parliamentarian by a unanimous voice vote.

Although the Wisconsin State Senate and the bipartisan Joint Committee on Finance have essentially agreed upon budget

recommendations by Gov. Jim Doyle for the UW-System and UW-River Falls, the state of Wisconsin has yet to pass a budget for the 2007 to 2009 biennium, according to Senate’s agenda for Sept. 11.

Due to reductions in the prospective budget, as well as the students the reductions may pose a threat to, a motion was unanimously passed for Senate to encourage the conference committee to approve the proposed budget. Pushing for a hasty solution is necessary at this point, Legislative Affairs Director, Craig Witte said.

“We need to have a stance in order to make the urge for resolution stronger,” Witte said. “This directly affects students.”

Although the second meeting was briefly delayed by a tornado warning that gathered stu-

dents in the basement of the University Center, it didn’t take long after the warning lifted to get down to business.

Senate’s financial situation as well as homecoming and increased handicap-accessibility to certain buildings were among the topics discussed, and the motion was passed to finally allocate money for prizes to be given to students for completing last year’s MAPIT survey. Lakiesha Townsell and Craig Witte were appointed to the Ethics committee by a unanimous voice vote as well.

Last week’s motion to combine the Women’s Issues Committee into the Diversity Issues Committee was brought back into focus and discussed in detail.

While some immediately supported the motion, others

seemed reluctant for fear of losing sight of what Women’s Initiatives is really about.

“I don’t like the idea of getting rid of the ‘women’s issues’ part, since it seems like we’re dissolving the ‘women’ part of the committee,” senator-at-large Amy Bohrer said.

After accepting an amendment to include women’s initiatives in the committee’s name, the motion was passed by a majority vote.

Overall, the meetings went well and all signs point toward a promising year, President Derek Brandt said.

“It’ll be a good year,” Brandt said. “I think we’re going to see a lot of voices become active in upcoming weeks.”

RFPD to be more assertive in downtown area

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The River Falls Police Department (RFPD) is pursuing an aggressive plan of action this semester. The goal in mind is to allow River Falls residents and UW-River Falls students to coincide peacefully.

The force has decided to increase the number of officers on duty on certain nights of the week, River Falls Chief of Police, Roger Leque said.

Although there has not been an increase of disturbances or incidents, the fact that such episodes have been a continuously recurring problem is a concern for both community residents and business owners.

Students may have already noticed the new additions, which were implemented back in April 2007.

Even though the number of complaints has not risen in the past years, the River Falls police force is hoping to begin to see a decrease in problematic occurrences. Reported disturbances have mostly revolved around loud commotion during the late night

hours and frequent littering on local neighborhood property. This tends to occur throughout the walking corridors of River Falls in the vicinity of certain houses which host parties.

The police force are on the lookout for behaviors that have been troublesome in the past. The RFPD will be watching for acts of vandalism, theft, open bottle, littering, assaults, underage consumption, driving while under the influence and public urination. By informing the UWRF students and River Falls residents on what the police force will be enforcing, Leque hopes to reduce citations and incidents.

“We are trying to raise awareness for the community but we are also holding people accountable for their actions,” Leque said.

While some UWRF students may argue that the RFPD is targeting the college students specifically, Leque was quick to disregard the notion.

“We are not focusing on the University,” he said. “Instead we are trying to raise awareness for the whole community.”

Some UWRF students agree with Leque.

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RIVER FALLS POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

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**Sept. 1**  
• Rebecca G. Troop, 19, was cited \$172 for underage consumption.

**Sept. 2**  
• At approximately 4 p.m. at 716 Wild Rose Ave. a vehicle registered to David and Cindy Krutscher backed into a light pole near the east service road and knocked it over.

**Sept. 3**  
• Bradley J. Rhode, 20, was cited \$172 for underage consumption.  
• Joshua M. Miske, 20, was cited \$172 for underage consumption.  
• Rachel N. Bartel, 21, was cited \$83.80 for possession of an open container.  
• Jack C. Baggerley, 19, was cited \$83.80 for possession of an open container.

**Sept. 4**  
• Elizabeth M. Johnson, 20, was cited \$172 for underage consumption.  
• Andrew C. Yost, 21, was arrested and charged with OMVWI.  
• Tyler D. Troutman, 19, was cited \$172 for shoplifting from the River Falls Shopko.  
• Nicholas D. Asper, 19, was cited \$579 for underage consumption, resisting or obstructing and disorderly conduct.  
• Stephanie A. Bijoch, 18, was cited \$249 for underage consumption in McMillan Hall.  
• Stephen G. Ritter, 20, was cited \$249 for underage consumption in McMillan Hall.  
• Mark L. Ineichen, 19, was cited \$249 for underage consumption in McMillan Hall.  
• Jennifer M. Kraemer, 18, was cited \$249 for underage consumption in McMillan Hall.  
• James M. Mueller, 19, was cited \$249 for underage consumption in May Hall.

**Sept. 5**  
• Thomas B. Jensen, 21, was cited \$172 for disorderly conduct.  
• James J. Jensen, 23, was cited \$172 for disorderly conduct.  
• Cauncey E. Vacek, 18, was cited \$249 for underage consumption in Hathorn Hall.  
• Benjamin M. Peters, 18, was cited \$249 for underage consumption in Hathorn Hall.

**Sept. 6**  
• At 1:45 a.m. a UW-River Falls Public Safety officer responded to a disturbance call in K-lot. The officer witnessed one individual striking another individual who was on his knees and two others, Cory R. Fritz, 20, and Joshua M. Coulter, 19, attempting to break up the skirmish. Upon the officer’s arrival, one of the suspects fled into the direction of Stratton Hall. The other individual, Caleb J. Barber, 21, ran straight at the officers squad car. Shortly after the officer learned that Coulter was wanted by the North Hudson Police Department. He was subsequently taken into custody. Barber was also taken into

custody and taken to the Pierce County Sheriff’s Office for disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

• Kerissa E. Nelson, 20, was cited \$249 for underage consumption in Johnson Hall.

**Sept. 7**  
• Kristopher D. Berklund, 18, was cited \$172 for underage consumption.

**Sept. 8**  
• Brigid R. Stapleton, 19, was cited \$172 for underage consumption.  
• Lisa A. Hove, 19, was cited \$172 for underage consumption.  
• Kelly M. Nelson, 20, was cited \$298 for second offense underage consumption.  
• Jacob P. Haseltine, 18, was cited \$249 for underage consumption in Grimm Hall.  
• Donald E. Nelson, 20, was cited \$249 for underage consumption in Grimm Hall.  
• Janelle A. Morehouse, 18, was cited \$249 for underage consumption in Parker Hall.  
• Sophia G. Wilson, 19, was cited \$249 for underage consumption in Grimm Hall.  
• Stephanie A. Weissshahn, 19, was cited \$249 for underage consumption in Grimm Hall. Weissshahn was transported to River Falls Area Hospital for alcohol poisoning.  
• Jessica L. Odden, 19, was cited \$249 for underage consumption in Grimm Hall. Odden was transported to River Falls Area Hospital for alcohol poisoning.  
• Taylor J. Langer, 18, was cited \$249 for underage consumption in Parker Hall.  
• Michael A. F. Shanley, 18, was cited \$249 for underage consumption in Grimm Hall.  
• Nicholas P. Monerotti, 21, was cited \$109 for loud and unnecessary noise.

**Sept. 9**  
• Amanda Carrion, 18, was cited \$249 for underage consumption in Hathorn Hall.  
• Hunter D. Nerison, 20, was cited \$249 for underage consumption in Grimm Hall.  
• Joseph S. Gangl, 18, was cited \$249 for underage consumption in Grimm Hall.  
• Cory J. Windorff, 20, was cited \$249 for underage consumption in May Hall.  
• Jordan D. Radovich, 20, was cited \$249 for underage consumption in May Hall.  
• Jordan J. Schultz, 18, was cited \$249 for underage consumption in Grimm Hall.  
• Amanda S. Pritchard, 20, was cited \$249 for underage consumption in May Hall.  
• Beth L. Kodesh, 20, was cited \$249 for underage consumption in Grimm Hall.

**Sept. 10**  
• Jacob R. Graber, 20, was cited \$172 for underage consumption. Graber was also booked in connection with an alleged bomb scare.

**Sept. 12**  
• Tanner J. Wilson, 18, was cited \$172 for an ID card violation.

**Sept. 13**  
• At approximately 12:20 a.m. a power outage occurred due to an individual breaching a substation by the UW-River

Falls intramural fields and flipping a power switch. The power went out as far as Osceola, Wis. There are no suspects at this time. If anyone has any information, they should contact River Falls Police Investigator Charles Golden.

• Marisa L. Pearson, 19, was cited \$172 for underage consumption.  
• Crystal A. Sobotta, 19, was cited \$172 for underage consumption.  
• Katie L. Heicie, 18, was cited \$172 for underage consumption.  
• Taylor T. Dressen, 19, was cited \$172 for underage consumption.  
• Megan L. Holen, 18, was cited \$172 for underage consumption.  
• Samantha J. Thoreson, 19, was cited \$172 for underage consumption.  
• Steven C. Maciosek, 20, was cited \$172 for underage consumption.  
• At 12:54 a.m. an 18-year-old male was sexually assaulted at 710 Blue Stem Path. The suspect was a UWRF student.

**Sept. 14**  
• Amber L. Starr, 19, was arrested and charged with OMVWI.  
• Zachary A. Worthing, 18, was cited \$249 for underage consumption in Hathorn Hall.  
• Jason A. Wiesner, 18, was cited \$375 for second offense underage consumption in Crabtree Hall.  
• Luke P. Leahy, 18, was cited \$249 for underage consumption in Crabtree Hall.  
• Michael D. Sampson II, 18, was cited \$249 for underage consumption in Crabtree Hall.  
• Ashley L. Snow, 19, was cited \$249 for underage consumption outside Karges Center.

**Sept. 15**  
• Gregory P. Erickson, 21, was cited \$172 for shoplifting from the Holiday Gas Station at 302 S. Main St.  
• Nathan G. Hicks, 19, was cited \$249 for underage consumption in May Hall.  
• Steven J. Linzmeier, 19, was cited \$249 for underage consumption in Stratton Hall.  
• Seth A. Thompson, 20, was cited \$249 for underage consumption in Stratton Hall.  
• Matthew D. Reschetz, 19, was cited \$249 for underage consumption in Stratton Hall.

**Sept. 16**  
• Jenna. J. Lee, 23, was taken to LE Phillips detox center in Chippewa Falls, Wis.

**Sept. 17**  
• Jacob P. Haseltine, 18, was cited \$172 for underage consumption.  
• Corey M. Williams, 24, reported that approximately \$1,450 in horse dewormer medication was taken without permission from the supply room next to his office in the horse barn at Lab Farm 1 sometime between 10 p.m. Sept. 14 and Sept. 17.



# Budget: Suggested cuts would affect campus community

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This would cut the UWRF operating budget by \$2.8 million. The University would struggle to make up the loss.

“We would have to cut services, reduce the number of classes in certain areas, and certainly have to reduce our part time employees,” UWRF Chancellor Don Betz said.

The Assembly budget includes no increase to the Wisconsin Higher Education Grant, which would put 200 students at financial risk, according to a press release from the chancellor’s office.

The plan does allocate money for the UW Systems growth plan initiatives, but it is not enough to offset the cuts to the operational budget.

“If you give me no money, I’m still going to have to pay for old bills,” Halada said.

The Conference Committee is tasked with compromising and coming up with a budget that both sides can agree on, Halada said.

The split in views is causing this process to be delayed.

“Both sides are standing firm on their position,” Halada said. “Very little progress is being made.”

With such a large divide, even a compromise could mean cuts to the UW System budget. UWRF has previously absorbed \$3.7 million in cuts over the last six years, according to a press release from the chancellor’s office.

The proposed budget would mean more drastic cuts across campus.

“The gap is so great between what the Assembly proposed and what the Governor and the Joint Finance Committee proposed, that if in the compromise, they strive toward a middle of the figure it would still be a drastic cut,” Betz said.

The Assembly budget also proposes a tuition cap of four percent, according to the State Budget Web site.

The annual budget is based on a 5.5 percent increase for the 2007-08 fiscal year, according to a UW System press release.

The restriction of the tuition cap would create an additional nine million dollar deficit.

“The percent that has been paid by the state has been losing ground,” Halada said.

“Students have been paying more of their bill than they ever have historically.”

Very little progress is being made, and it could be another month or more before a budget is decided on, Betz said.

The Conference Committee still needs to work on a compromise before sending it back to the Assembly, Senate, and governor for approval.

Student Senate President Derek Brandt remains hopeful.

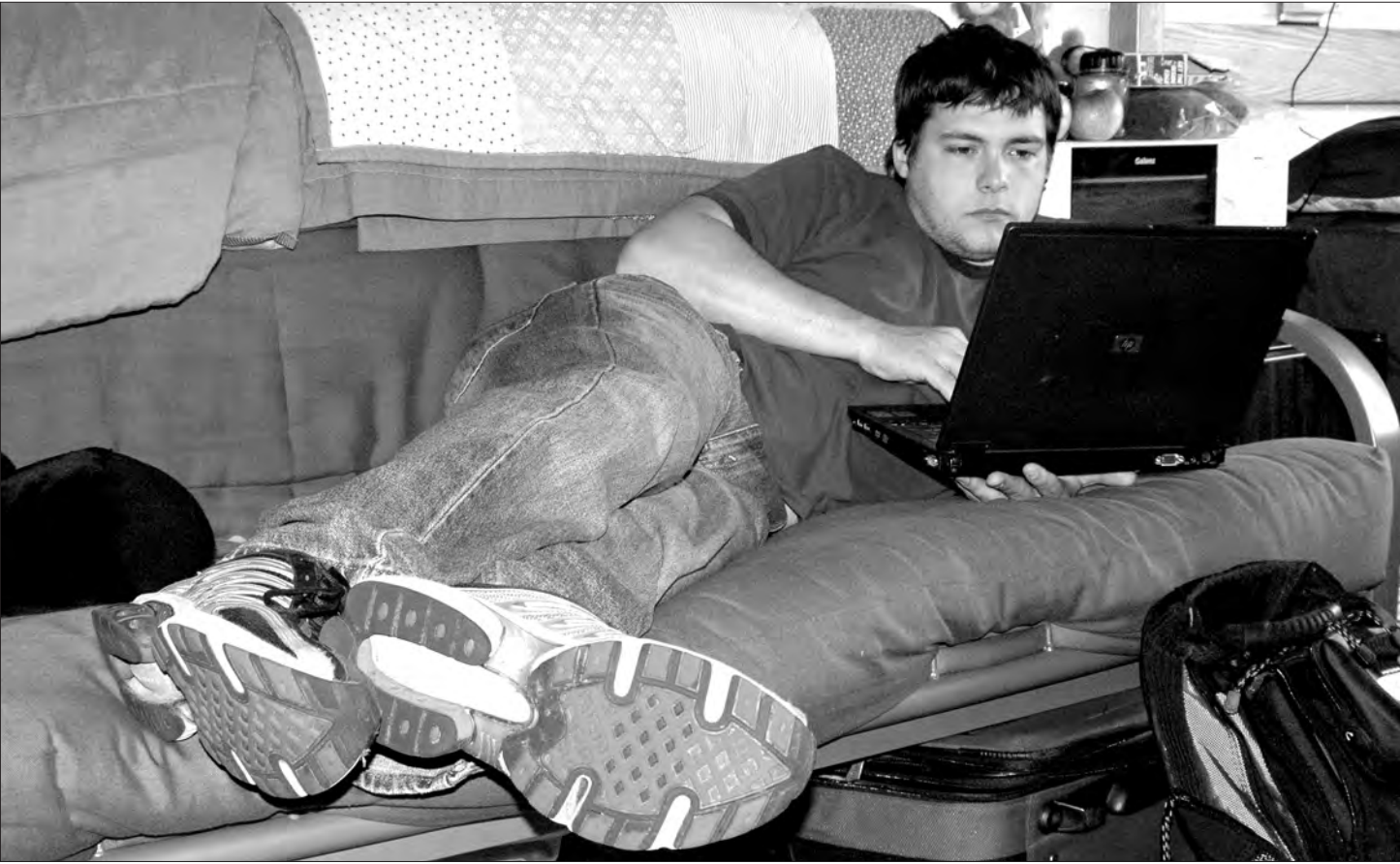
“What I really want to see is a compromise,” Brandt said. In the meantime, Betz recommends writing to your state representatives and encouraging them to continue to fund higher education.

“Students need to contact their legislator or their senator” Betz said. “What moves these people is when they hear from constituents.”



Mary Halada

# Hall Upgrades: Improvements include wireless Internet, better bathrooms, enhanced exterior



Abby Piette/Student Voice

Dan Sarawar, a resident of Hathorn Hall, utilizes the new wireless technology recently installed in residence halls.

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costs of the upgrades, they were put on a 20 year plan to address and complete all of the facility renovations.

Heinselman is acting as the director of Residence Life for the fall semester until January when Sandra Scott Duex assumes the position. Duex is currently serving as the associate director of Residence Life at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

“She brings twenty two years of experience working in the Residence Life profession and is currently chairing the Certification Task Force for the Association of College and University Housing Officers

International,”

said.

Along with the upgrades to the interior and exterior of the residence hall, Frednet has set up wireless internet. Paul Bladl is the network administrator for Frednet and oversee of the new addition.

The residence halls are equipped with the wireless internet in specific areas of the halls. It is located in study lounges, lobbies and TV lounges. Coverage is not avail-

able everywhere and does not work in dorm rooms due to interference.

Each room needs a separate server from which to connect.

“Wireless internet is only guaranteed in areas that have a sign with the instructions and a message saying we guarantee coverage,”

Bladl said.

For the dorm rooms, students are supplied two wired ports and ports will be provided to those students who are staying in temporary housing.

“Wireless servers brought into

the dorms are banned by the university due to the interference it causes,” Bladl said.

Improvements to the dorms and to the internet services will continue to progress in the years to come.

Chancellor Betz emphasized how important the upgrades to the facilities are to the students and the University community.

“These improvements are important to our students and provide more attractive and functional surroundings,” Betz said. “The additions and upgrades to the campus were implemented for the comfort and convenience of the students and it is the administrative goal that it encourages all to take care of the campus facilities.”

# Street Preachers: Continue to condemn university students across the country



Kenny Yoo/Student Voice

UWRF student, John McConville, entertains students while street preacher, Michael Leisner, makes an example out of McConville, condemning him as an immoral person.

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to agree with what Smock and Leisner were advocating, freshman Derrick Vail appreciated their presence and the words they spoke.

“I think he (Smock) is trying to prove God’s existence and disprove evolution,” Vail said.

At one point, Vail stood alongside Smock in challenging the beliefs and lifestyles of the students gathered.

“This won’t work on the student body as a whole,” he said. “We’re hoping that at least one person will listen. If at least one person listens it will be worth it.”

After Smock had preached for nearly an hour - which included an impromptu song in where he

sang, “It’s not okay to be gay, it’s not okay to be a homo” - Leisner took over and continued to put women down and demean their place in society. He even

“It is actually helping our campus community because it’s helping people realize how batshit crazy these people are.”

Trevor Tomesh

told the crowd that his wife “mainly stays in two places - the bedroom and the kitchen.”

“God created women to have children,” he said. “Why do you think women have breasts?”

Vail admitted that many of the students do not want to listen or

will not listen, but hoped that they will still realize the message that Smock and Leisner were trying to get across.

“We do believe that what we’re preaching is the truth,” he said.

Tomesh, a “hardcore atheist,” said that Smock and Leisner would be “harming society if they actually influence people,” though he also noted that their presence on campus is a blessing in disguise.

“It is actually helping our campus community because it’s helping people realize how batshit crazy these people are,” Tomesh said. “I’m glad they’re here on campus today because it’s showing how freakin’ ridiculous they are.”

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EDITORIAL

# Turnitin implies a lack of trust

Why do honest students pay, literally and figurative-ly, for the actions of a dishonest minority?

This will be the fourth semester the UW-River Falls faculty will have the services of a tool aimed at raising the bar for academic honesty. But besides the \$6,000-per-semester price tag of Turnitin, the price being paid is on the psyche of students forced to use the plagiarism deterrent and even in the relationship between students and their professors.

It’s understandable that professors should want to take advantage of a tool like Turnitin, but like any new tool or device created by mankind, the total repercussions of it usually aren’t fully thought out or realized until some damage has already been done. One problem Turnitin poses for students: it deters the creative writing process. While professors who use Turnitin may rest easy knowing that every paper will be cross-referenced against a seemingly endless data-base of written material, catching even the slightest plagiaristic gaffe, students can become unnerved because of that exact reason. Students using Turnitin will ask themselves if some of their original work might be flagged because someone else had the same thought they did. When writing, a person’s first thought shouldn’t be ‘I should make this sound unique because if I don’t Turnitin might flag it.’ While it is easy to see why professors would want to save themselves from taking the time to check for plagiarism, they should ask themselves if it’s really worth it, especially if it hinders honest students from doing the best work they can because they’re terrified what they write might match the work of one of the billions of pieces of literature that Turnitin cross references their paper with.

But the main problem caused by the use of Turnitin is the breakdown in trust between professors and students. College is supposed to be a place where young people are supposed to transition into adulthood. To act like an adult one needs to be treated like an adult. How can students do that when they are treated like criminals who can’t even be trusted to write a legitimate paper? A lack of trust also has a reciprocating effect. When people don’t trust someone else they in turn are saying you shouldn’t trust them. In an ideal learning environment at least some level of trust is necessary. Hopefully the level of trust between students and faculty won’t ever deteriorate beyond the level of repair.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Memorial heartens college Republicans

I, on behalf of the College Republicans, want to thank the entire campus community for their overwhelming positive response to the 9-11 We Remember Project.

The aim of this project was simple, and I can tell you in one word: remembrance.

It is alarming how quickly America moves on from events even in recent memory.

Thank you UWRF!!

I do offer a challenge to those who disagreed with this project: improve it. It is so easy to be critical, and much harder to actually make a difference in life. And being an obstructionist isn’t making a difference.

I also challenge and ask the College Democrats of UWRF to distance themselves from the

moveon.org ad against Gen. David Petraeus. It was shameful for a group to so arrogantly challenge a professional warrior’s patriotism and honesty, our country would be far better served by more men and women like Gen. Petraeus and fewer moveon.orgs.

**Nicholas Carow,**  
**UWRF College Republican**  
**Chair**

### Students’ behavior is rude, embarrassing

Last Wednesday, there were a few “Christian” gentlemen speaking in front of the University Center drawing some large crowds. Being an Evangelical Christian myself, I was interested in finding out what these men had to say. I recognized one man from an event in front of Hagstad last year. He

and one of the other speakers were quite radical in their teachings and seemed very harsh to me. The third speaker was more soft-spoken and sincere. I was not surprised by what these men were saying or why they were saying it. But there were many things that made my blood boil, and none of these had anything to do with the three speakers.

Some students were listening intently, having to strain to hear what the men were saying. Other students laughed and shook their heads; completely disagreeing with everything they had to say. But some students went out of their way to try to embarrass or upset the men speaking, and this is when I started getting upset. One of the speakers expressed his opinion of Greek communities being sinful and bad influences. Afterwards, a bunch of Greeks were yelling and harassing him.

I have recently been heavily

recruited by a fraternity, and the actions of these select students made me seriously doubt if I wanted to be associated with these groups. The actions taken by our students were disgusting and extremely disrespectful, and it made me embarrassed to be a student of UWRF.

I would also like to let the student body know that the vast majority of Christians do not agree with what these men were preaching yesterday. There is not one sentence in the Bible that says that anyone should hate another.

So I would like to say that although the speakers were out of line, the actions taken by students were outrageous, disgusting, childish and rude. This was the first time in my three-year career that I was truly embarrassed to be a Falcon.

**J.J. Mosher**  
**Student**

# Student Voice not just about campus

In the midst of creating a weekly newspaper, it’s easy to lose sight of the big picture.

Since the beginning of the semester, more than a dozen student journalists have been busy reporting on events and people on this campus, making sure they have accurately captured the facts of their assignments. Photographers have been out and about, too. The past several days have seen increased activity on the third floor of North Hall as editors of the *Student Voice* have spent long hours refining stories and planning the design of this first issue of the new academic year.

Even I, the faculty adviser to the newspaper, have kept busy,



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**Andris**  
**Straumanis**

badgering the editor with story ideas, helping the fresh business office staff get on its feet, and fussing over concerns like the budget and printing contract.

That is what it takes to produce a newspaper. The students whose articles and photographs you see in this issue, and whose editing and design skills have been tested, are learning about the kind of commitment needed to be professional journalists. Not all of them are bound for careers in journalism, but all of them are getting a taste for the responsibility they have assumed.

It is a large responsibility: informing the community about

what’s happening on campus, bringing focus to issues of concern to students, challenging and even entertaining readers. It is a responsibility, I am convinced, that we often lose sight of as we devote our attention to preparing the next issue of the newspaper.

Two weekends ago I attended a conference in Latvia on media and democracy. The conference sought in part to understand the status of news organizations in a country that 16 years ago renewed its independence after a half-century of Soviet occupation. Once viewed as vital to the push for freedom, the media in Latvia now are dismissed by many consumers as mouthpieces for particular political or economic elites. Concentration of media ownership by home-grown oligarchs and foreign interests (even Rupert Murdoch has bought into Latvia!), lack of financial support for investiga-

tive journalism, questions about the ethics of those who work in media, and constant fights over funding of state-run radio and television are just some of the issues facing the country. Close up, it was heartening to see the passion with which conference attendees—media professionals, academics, politicians and consumers—debated those issues.

Now, remembering the discussion from afar, I am reminded of the critical role journalism can and should play in the life of a community and a nation.

If I could inscribe a dedication into this first issue of the school year, my wish for the staff of the *Student Voice* would be to not lose sight of the big picture, or of their passion, as they go about their responsibility of covering the campus community. And for the campus community, I would wish that you remember this is your newspaper, too. Read it, use it, engage it.

## Falcon stereotypes less evident than review says

I now have a great deal of admiration for Sociology majors. Anyone who is able to observe and understand human behavior in great detail and not go utterly insane is brilliant. I, however, am going utterly insane with every small societal realization. Although I haven’t been completely oblivious to the stereotypes found on UWRF’s campus, I have only recently realized just how recognizable they are to my peers.

The Princeton Review described our student body as “a mixture of farmers and eclectic hipsters.” In my home just off of campus my roommates (who, keep in mind, are truly caring individuals) had an even more detailed approach on these stereotypes.

“Oh yeah, I’ve had stuck-up horse-riding bitches in a lot of my classes,” acknowledged one of my roommates. I have gathered that these supposed conceited horse riders are most commonly attractive, talented individuals who are extremely (and not bashful about) their knowledge and familiarity with horses. Thus, because horses are

found on farms, these young women must fall under the “farmer” stereotype in The Princeton Review.

My roommate’s boyfriend, a whisker-bleached, jean-wearer from Minneapolis, explained his experience inside the bars of River Falls. Apparently, he didn’t fit in too well with these “cowboy hat-wearers” and “their girlfriends with facial hair.” With a giggle, he told me that River Falls has a lot of “all-natural folk.”

It’s nice to know that The Princeton Review is at least half-right with their assumptions of the River Falls student body, but who are these “eclectic hipsters?” They could very well be the mysterious one-eyed students who seem to be aimlessly wandering the paths of our campus with headphones blasting their favorite band (who, of course,

they knew about way before they were on the radio).

Or perhaps “eclectic hipsters” are the marijuana-reeking art majors you will find in the back row of your Plants and Society class. When another source gossiped that these seemingly euphoric individuals, tangled in their hemp anklets, “probably (pronounced “prolly”) have some sort of sexually transmitted infection” I realized that, although these stereotypes have a lot of truth to them, they are mostly silly assumptions.

We are all individuals here on UWRF’s campus, despite what stereotypes are looming over us. And as an added bonus for the majority (farmers), even though “eclectic hipsters” might seem like the cooler stereotype to fall under, I’d take facial hair over Chlamydia any day. Go Falcons.



Anne is a Junior studying Creative Writing. She loves astronomy and her main goal in life is to dance like David Byrne from the Talking Heads.

**Anne**  
**Mayer-**  
**Chapleau**



# Student response to street preacher lacks maturity

Last week, incoming freshmen were treated to a highly anticipated annual event here at River Falls: the traveling ministry of Brother Jed. As a perpetually outraged preacher bent on saving America’s youth from the dangers of Caligula-style orgies and Miller Lite, Brother Jed uses a unique style of confrontational evangelism to spread his angry message. Full of bluster and rage, one thing this zealous Bible humper is able to do is attract an audience.

I joined the horde for awhile, mostly to observe the interaction between Brother Jed and his listeners.

I have to say, I am embarrassed and disturbed by the reactions of many students. Some tried to out-shock Brother Jed by saying atrocious things about Jesus. Others blew cigarette smoke in his face, called him names, chucked

debris at him and generally acted like nine-year-olds. I was saddened by these behaviors—they were insulting to everyone except the intended target. Combating Jed’s hateful venom by lowering the standards of decent human behavior to his level serves no purpose other than to satisfy his craving for controversy.

Soon, students began to speak up and fight off Brother Jed with different words. Some people foolishly tried to employ logical argument, which, of course, failed pathetically. It should be immediately obvious that Brother Jed and his traveling

circus don’t subscribe to anything like logic. It is naïve and stupid to assume that everyone respects the rules of reason. Historically, humankind has been a species of irrational beliefs and illogical pursuits. Nobody embodies this idea more than Brother Jed. In my opinion, trying to use logic with him is a pointless and tired tactic. Sure, everyone knows Jesus preached love, compassion, and tolerance. If Brother Jed doesn’t know that, screw him. He doesn’t deserve to know, and confronting him on the point will accomplish nothing. After those people made their

attempts at logical argument with Brother Jed, the old preacher was then confronted by a group just as obnoxious and immature as himself: River Falls’ own piratey Pastafarians. These so-called worshippers of logic donned buccaneer costumes (for whatever reason) and marched next to Brother Jed, preaching with equal zeal about the Flying Spaghetti Monster. This make-believe god is the figurehead of a satirical religion created to illustrate the logical gaps and irrationalities of Christianity and other major faiths. The way it is employed by the Pastafarians of UWRF should embarrass free thinkers everywhere. This type of reaction plays right into the hands of Brother Jed, who thrives off the attention of protesting college students. It is especially embarrassing to see the level of discourse degraded so

much that it consists only of red-faced zealots marching around like angry toddlers, spouting off nonsense about oppression and Nazism (!?).

While some students acted in a way that I think is immature and absurd, I must say that there were plenty in attendance that remained cool and detached. Most spectators were able to listen to Brother Jed and laugh at his jokes without taking his venomous insults personally. I also admit that hate is a hard thing to listen to, but in this case, it was as easy as walking away. If everyone disregarded Brother Jed and made sure his sermons fell on deaf ears, only then perhaps the cranky old prune would stop coming to our school. Maybe next year our freshmen will be part of a strong, united campus that can rise above Brother Jed instead of sinking to his level.



Joe Hager

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# Europe trip gives student independence

Originally I wanted to write about my crazy summer job. Working for Residence Life spun my summer sideways, and too many emotions were spilled from that experience. But it’s not summer anymore, and enough has happened in the past weeks that it is vital to my emotional health to express the things racing through my head involving the fall semester.

I am a foreigner now. After a week in Paris with other Wisconsin students, I was pumped to stay in London alone for two months. Paris was beautiful and always a fun time. London has shown me what it is like to be alone and to find a good time amongst yourself.

There were days that I didn’t speak a word for hours because Londoners don’t speak to strangers. From being a suburban girl to a small town girl, I relied on my extroverted personality to make friends. Now, being an international city girl, all of that is thrown out the Tube’s tiny window and is spinning into the windy tunnel. Everyday I strut down the street with my hands in my pockets, portraying a real local attitude. I am actually totally clueless about my whereabouts but still try to keep a positive mood.

Location is key. The current place that I reside in is on the outskirts of the city and is completely dead and depressing. Trash

flies up into the air and back down with an angry force at the numerous double-deckers and littering fools.

Being in the heart of the city is a blessing. I have gone to posh nightclubs with caution of club drugs offered and have seen the celebrities posing for cameras. The River Thames is beautiful with its bridges and walkways. The parks, only walking distance from each other, are a close bid to a one-woman sleepover.

Though I still sit in these beautiful parks and bridges alone, I watch couples cuddle and kiss. I watch friends joke and share beers. I sincerely miss my friends and receiving hugs from loved ones. There is nowhere in this city that I can call home. I don’t have my own bed or bedroom to lay naked, cry or exercise in. I own no cell phone to call any friends I might make or the friends I already miss. I only have a pen and paper and one pound to pay for an hour worth of Internet.

Standing strong is necessary to get through the day. I could have done the International Traveling Classroom program to experience Europe, but I need a real experience away from Wisconsin. Now let loose from my comfort zone, I can tell dear Bobby D [Bob Dylan] that I know how it feels to be on my own, to have no direction home. To be a rolling stone is to be completely free.



Teresa Aviles

Teresa is a journalism major and a geography minor. She is enrolled in the Semester Abroad: Europe program and is currently doing research on the River Thames in London. Later in the semester she will be independently backpacking across Europe.

# Joking compromises university reputation

I’m sure many of you were witness to the spectacle on the steps of the University Center last Wednesday, and by now you know what, the fuss was all about.

Once again, religious fanatics arrived to battle students over issues such as homosexual lifestyles, abstinence, smoking, drugs and drinking, not to mention the values of religious fervor. I didn’t stay long, but I heard enough to be disgusted.

But let me say right here and now that I am not about to take issue with what was said. I disagreed with both parties. But this is not my issue.

My issue is with the fact that, while both parties in the “debate” clearly exercised their rights to free speech, neither one exercised any respect of that right. Instead of having a lively debate for opposing viewpoints to be shared and discussed, we had preachers shouting, students screaming, pirates flaunting and porn magazines flying, all amidst praise of the “Flying Spaghetti Monster.”

It was infuriating to see my fellow students get up in front of that crowd and talk as loudly as they could about something so ridiculous as the “Spaghetti Monster” and blurt comments that had no point other than to distract listeners and disrupt speakers. Sure it’s entertaining, but it was rude, childish and entirely uncalled for.

I have heard students say that what happened last Wednesday didn’t matter, because no one wants to listen to anyone preach religion these days. I find that hard to believe. Out of the thousands of students that attend this school, how can anyone assume that not one person would actually want to listen to what these people have to say? And if one person wants to listen, who do we think we are to

prevent that one person from hearing what he or she wants to hear? After all, college is supposed to be about becoming your own person. Who said that person has to love sex?

As I said, I don’t care what either side said. I do care that some students here would stoop so low as to completely disregard something as simple as civility and respect.

So what if you don’t agree. So what if these men come here every year, screaming death and damnation to everyone who walks by. Let them bear the burden of looking the fool when no one pays them any mind. Also, give those students who want to listen the opportunity to hear what there is to be said.

It really upsets me that this is how we choose to represent our campus and our community. It’s not just a joke. This was a gathering on state property, in plain view of anyone who happened to walk by, whether that be students, locals, visitors to the area, or even children. And it did attract enough attention to warrant the presence of two public safety officers.

Here at River Falls we have an advantage—one that I fear most students fail to appreciate: we are a little-known university. While that does give us a lot more freedom to act with hardly any thought to our reputation, it also means that we have the room to establish a reputation.

Our little school has already crossed state borderlines with last year’s newspaper burning incident. Do we really want to add to that image? College is supposed to be the final stepping stone into the working world, and future employers do consider the school their applicants come from. Do we really want the providers of our future careers to assume that we are disrespectful, inconsiderate and closed to differing ideals?



Katrina Styx

Katrina is a senior majoring in English with a Journalism minor. She loves words and hopes to make a career of editing.

# Celebrity punishment fails to promote integrity

American media headlines have been plagued with the outrageous recklessness of celebrities and professional athletes, from the Atlanta Falcons quarterback, Michael Vick and his pit bull slaughterhouse to Disney Channel’s 18-year-old “High School Musical” star Vanessa Hudgens and her sleazy nude photos leaking to the Internet. This isn’t anything new; summer headlines were frequently concerned with such shenanigans as Paris Hilton’s jail fiasco, Lindsay Lohan’s OWI and apparent cocaine problem, and more recently, O.J. Simpson’s arrest on Sunday for an alleged armed robbery of sports memorabilia.

It seems that American celebrities and professional athletes feel that they are above the law or even an exception to it. It’s not a new concept to American judicial officials—they have dealt with such proceedings since the establishment of Hollywood itself. Recently the idea of professional athlete conduct clogged news headlines across the nation. If it’s not Vick and his dog fighting antics, it’s the Bears’ linebacker Lance Briggs fleeing the scene of his \$350,000 totaled Lamborghini. According to CBS2chicago.com, “He was charged with leaving the scene of an accident, a misdemeanor, and failure to give immediate notice and improper lane usage.”

In regards to the accident, Briggs’ fellow teammate, Nathan Vasher said, “No one really knows exactly what happened. So we’re just trying to have a good day at practice, try to get us another win next week.”

You don’t have to be an employee of the Chicago Police Department or have a degree in criminal justice to know the obvious. Lance Briggs was likely drunk, or under the effects of some sort of illicit substance. The long and short of it, Briggs was released on \$100 bond and has court on Oct. 4. In another case, Vick was federally charged with illegal dog fighting. Much speculation has taken place surrounding the mystery of the events Vick actually took part in. Animal rights activists around the

matches Vick and company apparently gambled on. Dogs that were severely injured and could not further compete were either drowned or hanged as means of execution. I don’t think I would have such a problem with the fighting if they were to use such means as euthanasia or even the old-fashioned technique used in “Old Yeller,” for example—pointblank execution. At the very least I would not get rid of one of the most charismatic quarterbacks to ever see the field because his colleagues made poor decisions.

As for celebrities Hilton, Britney Spears and Lohan, they straight up deserve the punishments they’ve received, and then some. But Lohan’s OWI, Hilton’s 45-day jail sentence for violation of her probation in lieu of an alcohol-related reckless driving case, and Spears’ stumbling performance and questionable motherly tactics all receive far more attention in national media than necessary. I feel their antics are treated with too few consequences.

These celebrities and professional athletes make more money than you and I do in a lifetime. Why do they receive preferential treatment in the American judicial system? We may receive the same punishments for similar actions, but we aren’t making \$100 million in our professional careers.

Celebrities and professional athletes receive a treatment from the American judicial system that flatters their popularity. They have been made examples of, yet most continue living their outrageously overcompensated lifestyles.



Erik Wood

Erik is a music fanatic. He is a biology major and finds passion in romance and slumber.

nation have protested that Vick should get no less than 18 months in federal prison and suspension without pay from the NFL. Coincidentally, the NFL Commissioner suspended Vick indefinitely without pay until 2010, while his trial beings sometime in November.

The whole situation with Vick really makes me think. I believe animals, like humans, have rights. However, pit bulls that are naturally bred to fight should be allowed to do so under certain restrictions. What gets me is the aftermath of the



Ben Casper, freshman

“It’s nice. I like the regular time blocks.”



Rose Carberry, sophomore

“It’s less efficient over all. You don’t get the one on one attention with professors because you don’t get the class time.”



Jaci Harens, freshman

“I like it being on the hour. It gives you enough time to go between classes.”

# STUDENT VOICES

## What do you think about the class times being shortened at UW-River Falls?

Shelby Sand, Junior



“I feel like some classes are a waste of time because they are so short that I feel like we’ll cover less and are moving at a much slower pace than previously.”

Walter Taylor, sophomore



“It’s less confusing. It’s on the hour so you don’t have to think about it”

Mike Kvalheim, super senior



“I like the blocks so far. It’s not really a noticeable difference for me. If it works for the professors then it’s a good move.



# Women’s tennis stars from overseas help Falcons

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For most students, UW-River Falls is located only a few hours away from their home. But for two members of the women’s tennis team, River Falls is practically across the globe from what they consider their hometown.

Freshmen Kozue Matsumoto is from Kasuga, Japan and Joan Wangui is originally from Nairobi, Kenya.

Wangui moved from Nairobi to the United States a few years back and lived near the Twin Cities.

“Playing tennis is the basic thing,” Wangui said. “The other thing is the climate is different here. It’s colder. But I didn’t have too many problems adjusting when I came here.”

Currently, Wangui is working her way up the ladder, like a number of other freshmen on the squad. Besides Wangui and Matsumoto, there are seven other freshmen on the team.

The team also has four sophomores, one who was a redshirt last season, two juniors and no seniors.

Prior to coming to River Falls, Matsumoto received an offer for a full scholarship at Division I Ohio State to play tennis.

However, before being allowed to attend the university, she had to pass her Test of English as Foreign Language (TOEFL) exam.

To attend a DI school, like Ohio State, Matsumoto would have had to score a 550 on the exam. However, to play for River Falls she only needed a 500.

After meeting with head coach Lee Lueck she decided that River Falls would be a good fit for her first year of school, so she came here in March of 2007 to begin to prepare for her exam.

Once she passed the exam in August, Lueck did all he could to help make sure that she would be ready for the start of the school year.

“I helped to make sure she got all her classes, she has 15 credits,” Lueck said. “And we got her a physical and got her eligibility forms. ...when we went to St. Norbert she was eligible.”

Matsumoto said that Lueck and the coaching staff has been nice to her this season.

Currently, Matsumoto is playing in the No. 1 singles position and is boasting a team best record at 7-0.

When asked about her undefeated record, Matsumoto was very modest in her response.

She said she felt she was playing “pretty good.”

She also is playing doubles for the first time with sophomore teammate Kathryne Ostrowski.

“She’s amazing,” Ostrowski said of her partner. “I forget how amazing she is until I play with her. Sometimes, as the sophomore, and her being the freshman, I feel intimidated trying to tell her what to do.”

The team started off with a 4-0 record heading into the Sept. 15 match-ups. They played UW-Whitewater, a team which Lueck has never beat in his coaching tenure and Div. I UW-Milwaukee.

Lueck said in recent memory he couldn’t remember a time when the Falcons have faced a Div. I school. He continued to say that the only reason it was on the schedule was because he wanted to give Matsumoto some experience with Div. I players.

Matsumoto beat her Milwaukee opponent 6-1, 6-3.

Overall the Falcons lost to Whitewater 7-2 and to Milwaukee 8-1.

While there is some talk of Matsumoto transferring to a Div. I school next year, Lueck thinks that staying at River Falls would be a good fit for her.

“She knows the campus community, the coaching staff and the players. She has a built in support system,” Lueck said. “At a Div. I school she’s still an individual, but in a big system. I feel she may get more personalized care here.”

Matsumoto was recently named the WIAC athlete of the week for the first time this season.

“She is so talented and is going to get so much publicity,” Lueck said. “Here, she is going to stand out.”

The Falcons were on the road Tuesday to take on conference opponent UW-Stout. They fell to the Blue Devils 5-4.

The Falcons next match is at home against UW-Stevens Point. Matches get underway at 3:30 p.m. Sept. 28 at the Ramer Field Tennis Complex. They will also play at home at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sept. 29 against UW-Oshkosh and Bethel University respectively.



*Kenny Yoo/Student Voice*  
**Freshmen Kozue Matsumoto from Japan and Joan Wangui from Kenya play on the Falcon tennis team. Matsumoto is No. 1 and recently defeated a Division I opponent 6-1, 6-3.**

## V-ball squad digs in after slow start

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Coach Patti Ford has labeled this year’s season as a rebuilding one. The team lost six seniors and return only four upperclassmen and two sophomore starters.

After beginning the season with a 1-3 record at the Platteville tournament on Sept. 7-8 and losing to Coe, Monmouth and Concordia, the team looked like it was in for a tough road ahead.

However, at the Ripon tournament, the Falcons beat out Carroll, Martin Luther, and St. Norbert for a record of 3-1 for the weekend.

“We finally have settled into a starting rotation, and I think players feel very comfortable out on the court,” Ford said.

A particularly young team this season has found that the one true formula for winning is not to have good digs or blocks, but good teamwork and experience. With returning seniors Krista Russell and Courtney Schroeder, and juniors Drew Hample and Nina Cooper as well as sophomores Kelsey Scheele and Gina DeRosa, the Falcons can definitely pull together a good team effort to help the rest of the team figure out their place on the court.

One headliner in the bunch is Scheele leading the team in the Ripon Tournament with a total of 57 kills for the weekend. Accompanying those numbers was an All-Tournament award given to Scheele for the second time this season.

Looking forward to the weeks ahead, the Falcons have a week grouping of games. They started conference play on Wednesday against Superior, and on Saturday they play Steven’s Point. The girls are starting on the bottom of the pack with a record of 4-9.

“Our goal, as we enter conference play, is to compete at the highest level,” Ford said. “The WIAC is a tough conference, and this year is no different than years of the past.”



*Evans Meredith*

**Falcon freshman Michael Zweifel leaps to catch a touchdown pass during the first quarter against St. John’s University Sept. 8.**

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In the last year, the position of assistant coach has been a revolving door for the Falcon football team.

After 11 years with the team, Assistant Coach and Defensive Coordinator Kevin Bullis resigned last November.

When he stepped down, the defensive coordinator position was filled by veteran coach Stan Zweifel, who was hired on April 3. Coincidentally, Bullis played college football for University of Minnesota-Morris for four years under Stan Zweifel.

In a press release from the time of Zweifel’s hiring, Athletic Director Rick Bowen was quoted as saying, “It is rare that an opportunity presents itself to hire a man of Stan Zweifel’s talents and abilities. Stan’s ability as a coach and a recruiter will reap immediate benefits to our football program.”

Stan Zweifel’s time with the Falcons was short lived. However, as he resigned on July 24, just under four months after he was hired.

In a telephone interview, Stan Zweifel said his resignation was “probably the toughest decision of my life.”

Stan Zweifel left UW-River Falls to become the athletic director at Beloit Memorial High School. He said the decision “came down to my last son [Mark] who is a senior at Whitewater [High School]. The Beloit job would allow me to see his senior year.”

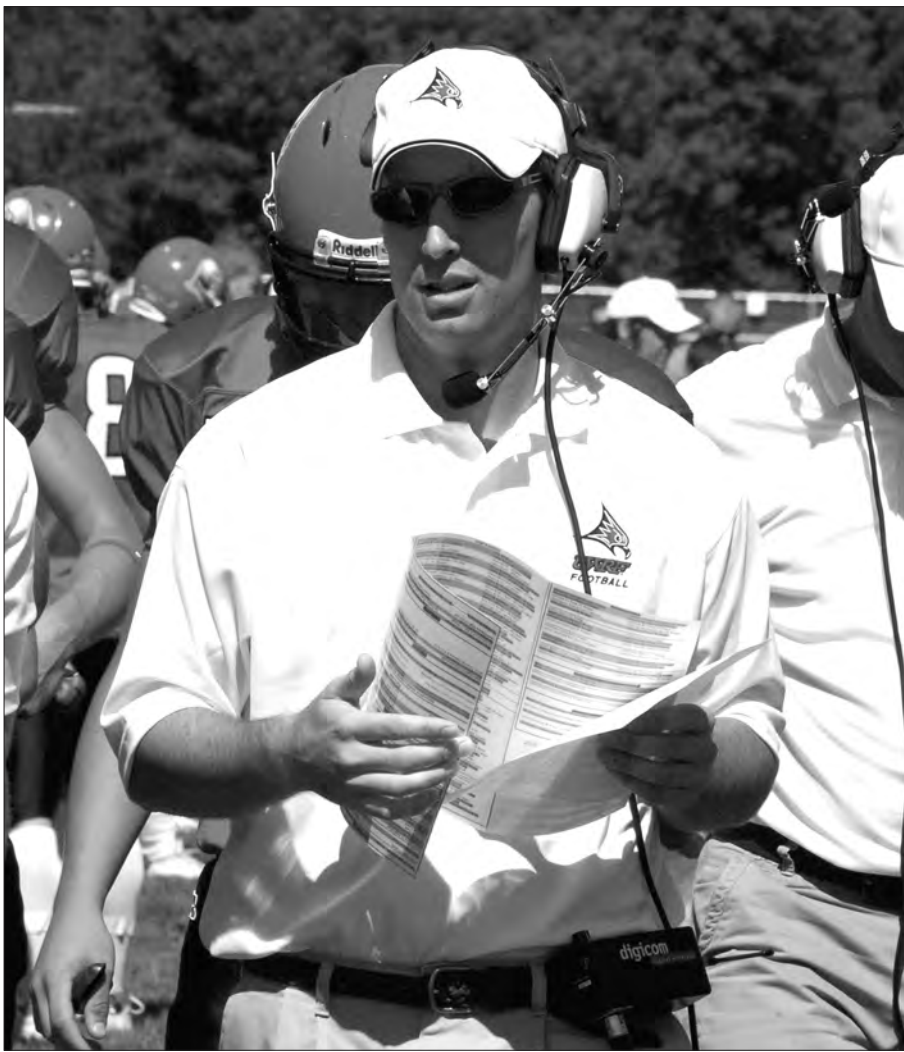
Stan Zweifel has another son, Michael, who is a freshman plays wide receiver for the Falcons.

Michael Zweifel said in an e-mail interview that he felt a little bad when his dad resigned.

“I know it was harder on him than it was on me because he really wanted to coach me,” Michael Zweifel said.

Stan Zweifel’s replacement is former Falcon player Scott Imrie. Imrie played defensive back for the Falcons from 1993-96, playing in every game during that period. As assistant coach he will be responsible for coaching the defensive backs and working with the other assistants on coordinating the defense.

Since 2001, he has been the head coach at Delavan-Darien High School and has taught agriscience there since 1997. He received his undergrad degree from UWRF in agricultural education and his masters in curriculum and instruction with an emphasis in athletic administration.



*Kenny Yoo/Student Voice*

**Scott Imrie replaces Stan Zweifel as assistant coach signed on a one year contract for the UWRF football team.**

Imrie was hired quickly, just four days after Zweifel resigned.

“There was a coaching vacancy late in the summer which created an emergency hire situation. The athletic department was aware of my reduced contract situation at my previous school, and the fact that I was seeking a full-time position. Everything seemed to work out,” said Imrie in an e-mail interview.

Head coach John O’Grady said that it has been understood since the hire that it was only for this year, but that he “sure would like to [keep Imrie past this year].”

“He’s been a guy we’ve had an eye on for a number of years,” he said. “The hire has been fantastic because for the ten years that Imrie coached in high school, he’s been coaching a defense similar to the one at UWRF,” O’Grady said.

“I actually played against coach Imrie back in high school, so I knew him already and his high school teams were always very well coached. He coaches on the defense and I play offense so he never really coaches me, but I know he is a great coach.”Michael Zweifel said



SPORTS WRAP

Falcons fall short in shootout with Lutes

The Falcons were unable to overcome giving up 28 first quarter points to Pacific Lutheran University, losing 48-37 at Ramer Field on Saturday.

RF outscored PLU 30-20 over the final three quarters, but the difference was in the first quarter, when the RF defense gave up more than 200 yards of total offense to PLU.

RF showed determination all day and started the second and third quarters with touchdown drives.

To start the second quarter UWRF went 64 yards in six plays, ending with a 16-yard Storm Harmon to Ryan Hansen connection for Hansen’s second touchdown of the day. UWRF missed the extra point try. UWRF added a field goal and PLU added a touchdown and both teams went into halftime with PLU owning a 34-16 lead.

The efficient PLU offense continued to click as they opened the second half with a 61-yard touchdown drive that lasted only 2:11. After the next RF drive stalled near midfield, the next PLU offensive possession ended with a lost fumble on its 10-yard line. UWRF handed the ball to Anderson three consecutive times, the final one being a touchdown run of one yard.

After capitalizing on one of the few PLU mistakes of the day, UWRF found itself down, but not out of the contest, trailing PLU 41-24 at the end of the third quarter.

With 12:36 left in the fourth quarter, UWRF had all the momentum. PLU was forced to take a time-out, starting at a third-and-20 from their 24-yard line after a sack by junior defensive end Michael Mueller and a false start penalty. But, on third and 20, PLU was able to connect for a 76-yard touchdown pass that all but ended the Falcons’ hopes for a comeback.

With the loss, the Falcons now go into their bye week with a record of 1-2. Their next game will be a WIAC away game against UW-Stevens Point on Sept. 29. Action starts at 1 p.m.

Golfers compete in Oshkosh Invite

Falcon golfers Katie Kantrud, Jenna Gutzwiller and Courtney Swanson all competed in the UW-Oshkosh Invitational over the weekend.

Kantrud shot a 103 on Saturday and came back with a much better round of 89 on Sunday to finish at 192. Gutzwiller shot a 98 on the first day and a 104 on Sunday for a 202 total. Swanson shot 104-106 for a two-day total of 210. UW-Stevens Point’s Michelle Pascavis shot a 156 to win individual honors.

Par was 73 on the Westridge Golf Coure.

Stevens Point won the team title with 664 strokes.

The Falcons will next play at the Carthage Invitational Sept. 21.

Falcon soccer suffers overtime loss

UWRF’s Julie Sperstad scored her second goal of the season to tie the game, but UW-La Crosse scored its second goal of the game in overtime on Saturday to take a 2-1 win.

La Crosse scored in the 31st minute of the game for the lead in the first half. La Crosse outshot the Falcons in the first half 15-9.

Sperstad, with her game tying shot, tied the contest in the 77th minute with an assist to Jen Terry, her first of the season. Sperstad led the team with five shots in the game, two of which were on goal.

La Crosse scored its second goal of the game in the 92nd minute in overtime to take the win. Falcon goalie Emily Stieler finished with eight saves the game. La Crosse goalie Amanda Clark made seven saves.

The Falcons, now 1-5 overall and 0-1 in the WIAC, will next play at 4 p.m. Tuesday against St. Thomas.

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WIAC Standings	W	L	WIAC Standings	W	L
Eau Claire (3-0)	0	0	Eau Claire (2-1)	4	2
Oshkosh (3-0)	0	0	Whitewater (2-1)	4	2
La Crosse (2-0)	0	0	La Crosse (1-0)	3	0
Stevens Point (2-0)	0	0	Stout (1-1)	4	1
Platteville (1-1)	0	0	Osh Kosh (0-1)	2	1
Stout (1-1)	0	0	River Falls (0-2)	5	5
Whitewater (1-1)	0	0	Stevens Point (0-2)	3	3
River Falls (0-2)	0	0			

Volleyball			Soccer		
WIAC Standings	W	L	WIAC Standings	W	L T
Oshkosh (14-1)	1	0	UW-LaCrosse (4-1-0)	1	0 0
White Water (11-2)	1	0	UW-Stevens Point (3-2-1)	1	0 0
River Falls (5-9)	1	0	UW-Stout (2-4-0)	1	0 0
Eau Claire (8-4)	0	0	UW-Eau Claire (5-0-1)	0	0 0
Stout (8-4)	0	0	UW-Superior (2-1-1)	0	0 0
Stevens Point (10-5)	0	0	UW-Oshkosh (1-5-0)	0	0 0
La Crosse (11-2)	0	1	UW-Whitewater (5-2-0)	1	0 0
Platteville (11-5)	0	1	UW-Platteville (1-2-3)	1	0 0
Superior (9-5)	0	1	UW-River Falls (1-5-0)	1	0 0

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Going the distance to cross the finish line



Jens Gunelson

Freshman Dominique Dukes races in the UWRF Triangular on September 7. Dukes and partner Anthony Orlando placed 13th with a time of 37:14.

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The 50 to 70 miles that these men and women run a week has already begun to pay off, as the season opened with both the mens and womens teams participating at the St. Olaf Invitational on Saturday.

Leading the way for the Falcon women’s team was sophomore All American Becca Jordahl who was crowned athlete of the week of the WIAC and finished first in the race beating a close opponent by only one footstep. Jordahl’s title winning time was 22:21, just 21 seconds from the school record.

Another leader was team captain Maria Michaud, who finished first and 17th respectively in the 6,000 meter individual race.

Leading the way for the men’s team with top performances in the 8,000 meter individual race was sophomore Chad Ernst, who’s time of 26:13 earned him 21st place as well as a new personal record.

Freshman Rich Mark, who, remarkably, in his first collegiate race finished 27th with a time of 26:58.

A notable performance was that of senior team captain Andrew Reckard, who’s race

time was just shy of new personal record.

However, the mens team has had three of its five top runners take the season off, providing them with an entire year of training.

This will allow the current runners to get more experience under their belts as they build towards what the team hopes is an extremely big season next year.

Following the women’s 12th of 25 and the men’s 17th of 27 finishes in overall team points, first year head coach Keven Syverson had much praise for his team’s performance.

“Overall, I feel pretty good about the way we raced as a squad,” Syverson said. “I was especially pleased with the way every runner finished hard out there. We had some real gutsy races.”

The outlook following the first competition is similar for both teams.

“In each case, the runners in the one and two spots have stepped up and made themselves known,” Syverson said. “But there are still several athletes in the hunt for the three, four, five and six spots.”

With this in mind, Syverson has some goals set for the teams.

“Realistically, our women should be working towards being 5th or 6th in the conference leading up to a top 10 regional finish,” he said. “On the flipside, out of nine teams in the conference, our Men should be sixth or higher.”

Next up for the Falcons is the Eau Claire Blugold Open, 5 p.m. Sept. 21.

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# Getting to know Betz, Foster

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Summer vacation is out of the question if you are the head of a university.

While many students at UW-River Falls spent time soaking up the sun and sleeping in until noon during the past couple of months, Chancellor Don Betz remained on duty.

There were educational conferences to attend, international university contacts to strengthen, and, perhaps most importantly, preparation to be done to help ensure a successful 2007-08 school year at UWRF. After all, work doesn't cease for a university administrator once June hits.

"It's a 365 day job," Betz said. "Summer is a continuation of fall, spring and winter."

At the beginning of his third academic year at the University, it is clear that the hours logged by Betz during the past three months were more than necessary. 2007-08 proves to be a watershed year for UWRF. The University's strategic plan, entitled "Living the Promise 2007-2012," is in its first year of implementation. Next month, the UW Board of Regents is expected to visit campus for the first time in ten years and the University is up for re-accreditation in April.

Betz said he feels the pressure but anticipates nothing less than success.

"I expect us to do very well," he said.

With the confidence and optimism that Betz exudes as UWRF's 16th chancellor, it's almost enough to make one forget that he did not originally plan on an academic career.

When the former Boy Scout from Seattle entered the University of Denver's International Relations graduate program in 1967, he had aspirations of serving as a diplomat. Betz' professors, however, believed that a future in university teaching was the way to go. "At that point, I hadn't really thought about it," he said.

However, he was convinced enough to follow their suggestion, and combined his love of international relations with education.

"I threaded the two together," Betz said.

That decision has resulted in over 30 years in higher education for Betz. He wouldn't have it any other way.

"I've felt a good part of my life is that education has chosen me as much as I have chosen it," he said. "It has been very personally rewarding."

Administrative Assistant Dianne Monteith witnesses Betz' dedication daily.

"I sincerely enjoy working with Dr. Betz," she said. "He is enthusiastic and energetic about everything and truly compassionate about our students and their education."

With so much on his plate, it may seem as if UWRF's most recognizable faculty member has little time for leisure. But it's not all work and no play for Betz. The father of two has cultivated a list of globally themed pastimes, among them traveling, world cinema and sampling ethnic cuisine.

## Another shoulder for students to lean on

She calls a 53-acre hobby farm located south of River Falls home. Happiness, in her opinion, is running at least 20 miles per week. And this school year, you can find her in 116 North Hall on the UW-River Falls campus.

Meet Connie Foster, UWRF's new interim provost. She assumed duties Aug. 1.

Foster is a familiar face to the UWRF community, having recently served as dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies, and before that, as head of the Health and Human Performance department and women's athletic director. A 23 year UWRF veteran, she has also spent time in the classroom and on the playing field, as a professor of physical education and head coach of the defunct women's gymnastics team.

However, becoming second in command to the chancellor was a prospect the 57-year-old had never entertained.

"I have never thought about being a provost," Foster said. "I real-



Kenny Yoo/Student Voice

**Interim Provost Connie Foster accepted Chancellor Don Betz' offer to step in as interim provost in August.**

ly enjoyed being a dean and never had aspirations to move."

But when Betz called her this summer asking if she would be willing to take the job in the wake of Charlie Hurt's departure, Foster jumped at the chance.

"Opportunities like this don't really come around very often," she said.

As head of the University Planning Group, Foster is responsible for overseeing the implementation of "Living the Promise 2007-2012," UWRF's plan to meet the demands of the 21st century. "Being able to tie our resources to our plans and to make that whole process more transparent," is one of her goals, she said.

Thus far, Foster said she has enjoyed her tenure as interim provost. However, her busy schedule means that she doesn't get to interact with the UWRF community as much as she would like.

"I miss the exposure to faculty and students," she said. "Here [in North Hall] I walk out the door and there's nobody in the hallway." But Foster has a method for keeping her spirits up: physical exercise, and lots of it. The California native is an avid runner, swimmer and cyclist, having competed in both marathons and triathlons. She considers physical exercise a "stress reducer," and strongly advocates it for everybody.

"I encourage students and faculty to find some activity that they really enjoy and commit some time to it," Foster said. "It's just helpful, I think."

As interim provost, Foster has made a good impression on her new workmates.

Wendy Stocker, executive assistant to the provost and chancellor for academic affairs, had words of praise for Foster's abilities.

"She is a wonderful, dedicated and caring person," Stocker said of the new interim provost. "She is driven and determined to 'get the job done' for the students."

The chancellor will be interviewed by Rose Rongitsch Sept. 25 from 5-6 p.m. on WRFW's "Let's Talk."

## Chancellor supports reshuffling

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The arrival of the 2007 fall semester at UW-River Falls brings with it not only changes in the trees, but also various changes in senior leadership positions at the University.

Numerous faculty members have taken on new roles at UWRF and Chancellor Don Betz said that he believes every change will contribute to the betterment of the institution.

The domino effect began as Connie Foster transitioned to the interim provost position as a result of former Provost Charlie Hurt going back to teaching in the Department of Computer Science and Information Systems. Faye Perkins has stepped in for Foster as the interim dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies. Susan Tarr has taken Perkins' position at interim status as the chair of the Health and Human Performance (HHP) Department. Mark Meydam has taken on a new role as the director of admissions.

"The number of changes that have occurred have not been extreme, but they have been purposeful," Betz said.

He said that he has a vision for the University and is working to make that vision a reality through a thorough review of the leadership team at UWRF as a whole.

Betz said it is his responsibility as chancellor to develop a leadership equation that includes a combination of individual strengths, which he must be conscious of.

"You try to meet the needs in the best interest of the institution in the long run," Betz said.

Foster said Betz offered her the interim provost position in June.

Betz said that he and Hurt made a mutual decision for Hurt to step down as provost and return to his teaching position.

Hurt and Foster declined to comment on the exact reasons behind the change, while Betz said it was "about the issue of the fit and building the team."

Both Hurt and Betz said they still hold each other in high regard and remain friends.

After five-and-a-half years as chair of the HHP department, Perkins was asked by Betz in July to fill Foster's old position at interim status. The decision did not come easy, as she had to temporarily resign from her 19-year softball coaching position at UWRF. Perkins said she is confident that she can hold her own in her new position.

# Alumna leaves \$1 million gift to UWRF

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A woman with nearly lifelong ties to UW-River Falls who made a life of giving to others, left her alma mater \$1 million for scholarships.

Alpha Lucile Spriggs, better known as Lucile, was born on July 30, 1916 in Olmsted County, Minn. When she was still a toddler, her father Roy got a job teaching agricultural engineering at UWRF, then known as River Falls State Teachers College, and the family moved to River Falls.

In 1934, Spriggs joined her father at River Falls State Teachers College as an english and history major. Spriggs played tennis, wrote for the Student Voice, acted in plays, managed the finances of the Young Women's Christian Association and played violin in the Symphony Orchestra while maintaining a GPA that kept her in the Honors Club

through college, according to the 1937 Meletean (a yearbook) and 1930s Student Voice articles.

Spriggs graduated in 1938, then began her career of serving others. Spriggs enlisted in the American Red Cross in October 1944, a military card from a file in University archives indicates. Spriggs was responsible for "military welfare work" and hospital duties. Next, Spriggs settled into a job at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Minneapolis, where she worked in social services, according to a press release prepared by the UWRF Office of Public Affairs. Nancy Devine, UWRF Foundation president, said that Spriggs regularly donated money to UWRF for scholarships throughout her later life. Sprigg's biggest gift, \$1 million, came after her death in 2005.

"She never shared with us her intentions to make this generous gift," Devine said.

Though she never formed a family of her own, Spriggs kept in contact with a close circle of childhood friends who also attended River Falls State Teachers College, Devine said. "From what I understood, she outlived many of her friends," Devine said. "So we were kind of like an extended family."

This connection Spriggs felt with the University may have influenced her to make such a large donation, the biggest to come from one person in UWRF history, Devine said.

Spriggs' father's role at UWRF may have also factored into the decision, Devine said. An article in the Dec. 19, 1936 edition of the Student Voice illustrates the level of Roy Spriggs' involvement on campus through the course of his 32 years as a professor at River Falls State Teachers College; when a new machine shed needed to be built at the campus farm, Professor Spriggs drew up the plans himself. Spriggs

asked that the donated funds be dispensed as the R.E. Spriggs Family Memorial Scholarship in honor of her father and her mother, Maude.

Spriggs specified only that the donation was to be used for scholarships, Devine said. The UWRF Foundation made the decision to make them leadership scholarships, Devine said, because Spriggs "was very involved as a University leader."

"I think it's a good choice," said senior Isaac Adediran about the decision to use Spriggs' donation for leadership scholarships.

Adediran has never received a leadership scholarship for his work as president of the UWRF Pre-Medical Society. As a student leader, it has been tough for him to devote himself to school while trying to pay for tuition, Adediran said.

"If I actually had a scholarship in my freshman year," Adediran said, "it'd be great."

## Police: Security increased to keep peace

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"I think that it is not necessarily prejudice against the college students, but I think the plan is good because students will be safer and it's for the benefit of the students," sophomore Laurie Cicchese said.

The hope for this following year is that the citizens of the River Falls community act as responsible and respectful residents regardless of their age, Leque said.

Stratton resident assistant, Ross Bender also defended the RFPD's newly implemented plan.

"The job of the police department is to ensure safety within the community, and if they feel that this is the best way to do so, I agree with them," he said. "College students can have the privilege of going out and having fun, and doing whatever they choose to do, but if they're doing things that are illegal or a disturbance to the community, then RFPD should have the right to punish them accordingly."

In spite of the support for the enforcement's additions, some students feel as though the police force is focusing too much attention on the minor behavior of students. Junior UWRF student, David Stanton, is one particular example.

"I think the cops should be out taking care of real problems, not kids drinking that aren't hurting anything," he said. "If they are causing problems or driving, then yeah, go after them but putting more cops out for underage drinking is not a wise use of funding."

Leque believes that it is a misconception that students feel that the force always seems to be looking to hand out minors.

"We hope that the UWRF students do not have any negative interactions with our police force," Leque said. "Unfortunately, when people are under the influence, we have to deal with them at their worst behavior."

The RFPD wishes to let River Falls residents and students know that the department is there to serve them, and they encourage questions about issues or concerns.



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**River Falls Police Officers Bryan Jensen and Matt Peterson stand watch outside Ground Zero Sept. 15.**

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# Hit cable show comes to River Falls

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Over the summer half-a-dozen recent River Falls graduates and current students had the opportunity to work a job that some may consider the job of a lifetime.

Ryan Brennan, JJ Hornung, Sarita Meinking, Melissa Murphy, Charlie Sowa and Ryan Stridde spent three-and-a-half weeks this summer working on the set of the HBO series *Hard Knocks*.

Meinking graduated in May, but all the others are current students. The show was in town to feature the Kansas City Chiefs football team who hold their annual summer training camp on campus. The Chiefs have been holding their training camp on campus at the Ramer Field complex since 1991.

*Hard Knocks* is a weekly, hour-long show with no commercials that gives an inside look to a professional sports organization. This season lasted for five episodes. Half the shows were filmed during summer camp at River Falls and the others were filmed in Kansas City.

This isn't the first season of *Hard Knocks*, the Baltimore Ravens and Dallas Cowboys have also been featured on the show.

NFL Films has had interest in working with the Chiefs for a number of years, and before the timing didn't seem to be right. But now, it worked and the rest is history, said Associate Director of Public Relations Pete Moris.

Most of the six students received recommendations from professor Evan Johnson to be show assistants.

Brennan, Hornung and Sowa were field production assistants, Stridde was the audio production assistant, Murphy was the video tech manager and Meinking was the office production assistant.

Murphy was working her summer job at Menards when Johnson called to see if she would be interested in working for the show.

She recalls the next few days following Johnson's call wondering what was going to happen next.

"I was on edge for three or four days, and I never heard from anyone," Murphy said. "I didn't know if I had to do an interview or send in a resume. Then a man from NFL Films called and asked me if I'd have three and a half free weeks and I said 'Yes' and he said, 'OK, you're in.'"

Brennan also had to play the waiting game after getting an e-mail

from Johnson telling him about the *Hard Knocks* show.

"He gave NFL Films my info, and I didn't know what to expect," Brennan said.

Eventually Brennan heard from the production company and was set to start his job.

Johnson, a Communication Studies and Theater Arts professor recommended five out of the six students for the summer position.

"They were candidates because they all have solid production experience from their CSTA coursework, combined with great attitudes," Johnson said. "That combination was exactly what NFL Films was looking for."

As a Field Production Assistant, Brennan would typically go out with a camera and audio person out on the field. He would bring extra batteries and tapes to make sure the crew would have everything they would need.

"I would help headset players and coaches, and I would listen to what they were saying and take notes on what they were saying," Brennan said.

While Brennan was out with the players Murphy spent a lot of time indoors working on tapes.

"Every day I would take what was taped at the practices, go to the office in the Crabtree basement and cross convert the tapes and ship them to New Jersey twice a day," Murphy said. "I also would always do just whatever they needed help getting done."

While some may worry that a show of this nature could paint a negative picture of a program, Chiefs officials never seemed worried. After the show aired, there was a bunch of reactions from people involved in all aspects of the program.



Submitted Photo  
Evan Johnson put together this photo montage depicting five UWRF students who helped with the filming of the *Hard Knocks* show.

"They told us right away their intent was to be entertaining," Moris said. "The reactions that we've got from fans, players and coaches has been 99 percent positive."

Brennan said this experience was indescribable. He said one of his favorite aspects of this whole process was watching the show with his family and being able to tell them that he helped with a certain shot or that he took notes for the storyboard.

Murphy is a marketing communications major and knows this experience is going to be valuable to her future.

"It was a really good experience," she said. "A lot of people don't realize the opportunities that this University can give you."

The show's series finale aired Sept. 10.

# Kanye West takes hip-hop to new levels



Matt Loosbrock

Graduation, Kanye West's third album isn't just a hip-hop masterpiece, it's an evolution. The disc builds and improves upon West's past offerings: each song is deeper and heavier (The College Dropout was catchy, but most of the songs didn't leave much of an impact), and the album is more polished and tightened than Late Registration, which included

some unnecessary skits. More so, the musicality has improved vastly. As you hear orchestral stings take over snare beats, or how a piano interlude will sneak its way into a chorus, you may wonder if you're even listening to a hip-hop record.

*Graduation* isn't as politically focused as Late Registration, but the words dropped by West have just as much of an impact. Every time you listen, you will love it. In fact, every time you hear it will only make you enjoy it more, as each hearing of a chorus, a hook, a word - it only makes listening to *Graduation* that much better. As a whole, the album is about returning from a journey - one which you grew up and learned from - and coming back to confront your past.

The album begins with the entrancing and bittersweet "Good Morning." There's a cynical tone in his words as he says, "Did you even see the test? You got D's ... cheated on every test," and goes on saying, "I'm like a fly Malcom X ... by any jeans necessary." The song sets the tone for the rest of the album, where West gets everything off his chest.

"Can't Tell Me Nothing" is a slower tune which West wants people to let him live how he wants ("This is my life homie ... You decide yours ... Old folks talk about back in my day ... But homie, this is my day"). On "Everything I Am," West blasts away all stereotypes and expectations, listing off awards, clothes, cars, actions and other things people tell him he

should or should have to be ("Here we go again ... Everybody saying what's not for him ... But everything I'm not, is everything I am").

That's not to say that every song on *Graduation* is as complex and serious. "Champion" begins with a disco-like wave of music that carries the chorus "Did you realize that you were a champion!" Also, "Stronger" revives an old school bass beat that is complimented by a robotic voice echoing in the background, as good as any guitar could try, while a synthesizer hits chords to match West's melodic style of rapping.

The album really shines when West is haunted by his past. On "Homecoming," West tells the story of a girl he knew and had to leave behind

to follow his dream, while Chris Martin (yeah, the guy from Coldplay) sings "Do you think about me now and then? ... 'Cause I'm coming home again." The most intriguing song goes to "Big Brother," which is about West's mentor, Jay-Z. He tells a complex tale about the evolution of their relationship, and about "sibling rivalry" to become No. 1. It's the best way to end the album: looking at who you were and the events that made you grow. That's graduating.

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# 'Brave One' draws mixed feelings from reviewers



Ken Weigend

Fear. It causes us to sweat bullets, our heart rates to skyrocket and our vision to become blurred. Sometimes, fear causes us to buy a gun and shoot every lowlife we can find. A little extreme, but that far-fetched jump is the same one "The Brave One" is built on.

"The Brave One" is the latest Cracker Jack crime drama aiming its sights at reforming the world through harsh imagery and biting dialogue. Jodie Foster plays Erica Bain, a New York DJ who has her whole life brutally ripped away from her as a gang of street thugs puts her in a coma, beats her fiancé to death and even steals her dog. After three weeks, Erica awakens to a life darker than her worst nightmares. She must not only cope with her morose singularity in life; she must also combat her fear of the city she once loved so much.

Drama veteran Terrence Howard steps in as Detective Mercer, a stereotypical New York cop complete with an ex-wife and a brooding nature. Mercer and Erica fortuitously cross paths a little too often as Mercer investigates a series of homicides that is actually Erica's bloody path of vigilante justice.

This kind of cat and mouse chase that blurs the lines of

morality works fine on paper but "The Brave One" gets to ambitious for its own good. It jumps from detective flick to revenge tail to sorrowful look at agony and back again. This identity crisis could be forgiven if the individual parts were strong enough to make up for a substandard whole. But they don't.

The investigative portion houses little detection and a promising character piece about bitter revenge crumbles into a string of petty murders committed by a woman the audience doesn't so much feel is hurt, but is rather told is angry. As the movie progresses, Foster's rage and grief must be spoon-fed out since director Neil Jordan allows very little time for the horrific reality to settle in.

Erica's character doesn't help this disjointed feeling either with her almost schizophrenic-like mood flops between scorned bloodlust and utter abhorror of what she has become. She hates herself for the monster inside but walks the streets every night, finger on the trigger, looking for her next victim. Sadly, that poor woman Foster personifies deteriorates into a pissed off woman with a gun, one viewers have trouble connecting with.

Occasionally a ray does break through the gloom. The script surprises with impressively poignant observations on violence in our society and Foster and Howard both bring intensity to their roles that pump some energy into the film.

All of this swirls together to a black & white, grim fairy-tale ending that leaves viewers with

a sense that justice doesn't really matter as long as they hit first.

It's very few and far between moments of brilliance, the only fear "The Brave One" leaves me with is a fear to go back to the theater.



A.J. Hakari



Ratings for movies are based on a scale from one to five. A film that scores five stars is worth seeing at least once. A film that scores one star is horribly acted or directed, with no substance.

With the release of "The Brave One," there's inevitably going to be much discussion about how star Jodie Foster built her career on similar roles of emotional wrecks-turned-take-charge heroines in movies like "Flightplan" and "The Silence of the Lambs.

But what's truly important is how she manages to do a knockout job with each performance, a tradition of playing women who try to heroically ditch their emotional baggage that continues with "The Brave One."

Foster plays Erica Bain, a radio show host who spins sentimental tales about New York City's fading glory. But she gets a big dose of the Big Apple's bad side one night, after a group of muggers beat her fiancé to death and do a nasty number on her as well. Erica emerges from the incident a changed woman, afraid to step foot out of her apartment and so afraid of the world around her that she illegally buys a gun for protection.

One night, though, she ends up using her newly bought piece to blast away a homicidal creep - an action that both repels and intrigues her.

As Erica finds herself taking out the scum of the city sleazebag by sleazebag, she tries coming to terms with the monster she's slowly becoming, all while a detective (Terrence Howard) begins to pick up the trail of her string of vigilante killings.

It's hard to find a really good movie with a strong heroine at its core, one that doesn't feature her as a superhuman vixen (a la "Ultraviolet") or really oversimplifies her background (a la

"Enough").

But "The Brave One" gets things right by presenting its protagonist as a woman who's torn between doing a job that the city's police seem to be falling behind on and curbing her newfound bloodlust before it spirals out of control. Erica's inner conflicts are the heart and soul of this film's sense of dramatics, focusing more upon her damaged psyche than on turning the story into a two-hour trip to the shooting gallery.

One of the most talented actresses out there, Foster does an admirable job of taking on her character and not making her instantly likable due to her situation, purposefully making the process difficult with Erica's slowly loosening grip on the idea of justice to great effect.

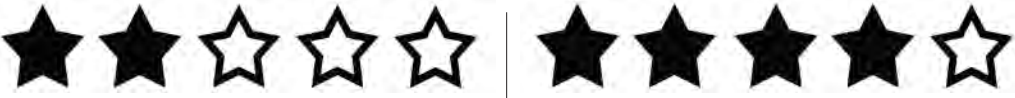
Here to parallel Erica to a lesser extreme is the great Terrence Howard, whose detective character is also frustrated over having to obey the law even though his gut instincts are telling him otherwise in certain cases.

Aside from a sort of chintzy finale, the flurry of emotions swirling within "The Brave One" is guided almost perfectly by director Neil Jordan, who's proven himself an expert at handling delicate, potentially dull stories amazingly with movies like "The Crying Game" and "Interview with the Vampire."

It's not often that you get to see an action movie with something to say, but "The Brave One" does a near-perfect job of injecting some brains to go behind the bloodshed.

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