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UW-River Falls music professor charged with second degree assault

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A UW-River Falls music professor has been charged with second degree sexual assault of a 13-year-old girl, according to a criminal complaint filed in St. Croix County District Court in Hudson.

Professor Thomas William Barnett, who is in his 10th year at UWRF, was charged after an alleged incident at the Hudson Theatre on Aug. 16.

According to the complaint, Barnett approached the girl and her 14-year-old boyfriend after their movie was finished. Authorities allege Barnett identified himself as part of the security for the movie theater, and said that he needed to speak to the girl alone.

According to the complaint, Barnett said he had video footage of the girl and her boyfriend at the theater, and that he would post it on the news and Internet unless she let him touch

After the alleged incident, Barnett left the theater, as the complaint states. After the girl reported the incident, the complaint states that an adult witness saw Barnett talking to the girl as they left the auditorium. Later, witnesses stated that students from UWRF who worked at the theater, identified the accused man as Barnett.

Along with being charged with sexual assault of a child, Barnett is also facing false imprisonment charges. If convicted of the sexual assault charge, Barnett could face a maximum penalty of 40 years in prison and a fine of \$100,000. The false imprisonment charge could result in a maximum sentence of six years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Blake Fry, special assistant to the chancellor, stated that the university put Barnett on paid administrative leave. Fry stated that this was per the policies outlined in the University of Wisconsin-System chapters four and seven, which state the procedures and policies for dismissal. It will be the chancel-lor's decision to proceed from there.

Fry also noted that the university is conducting their own investigation, which is separate from the police investigation.

He also wanted to make it clear that the university does not condone this type of behavior. He wants the students and staff to know that the university has policies and procedures in place to help with sexual harassment cases. "We have a place for people to step forward, and we want them to know that we take these matters seriously," said Fry.

If you or someone you know has been sexually assaulted, you can visit the Counseling Services, which is located in 211 Hagestad Hall. Their phone number is (715) 425-3884.

Barnett's original preliminary hearing at the St. Croix County Circuit Court was scheduled by Judge Eric J. Lundell for Sept. 21. However, Fry says it has been moved to Sept. 29. Barnett told the Associated Press on Sept. 5 that he was ad-

vised not to comment.

Barnett lives in Baldwin, Wis. He teaches applied trumpet,

River Falls Brass, music theory and brass techniques, according to the UWRF website.

The absence of Barnett in the music department could have caused a panic, especially as he was placed on leave shortly

before the start of the fall semester. However, Fry stated that the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Brad Caskey, and the music department, have made accommodations to cover the classes that Barnett was scheduled to teach.

Kirsten Tjornehoj, a professor of music, said that the department was prepared to have people step in. She added that there

ment was prepared to have people step in. She added that there were two people already on staff who took over the classes the very next day. "People are willing and able to do anything for the music department," said Tjornehoj. "We are lucky and blessed that people want to be here at UWRF."

Tjornehoj added that even though the allegations happened



UWRF website Thomas Barnett, music professor at UWRF, was charged with second degree assault at the Hudson 12 Theater.

close to the start of term, that the department "did not lose a beat."

"As a staff, we are doing our jobs with empathy to students. Our job is to be available. We are celebrating the opportunity to teach and to focus on the students. We are being professional and responsible," said Tjornehoj.

She also wanted to make it clear that it is not the department's role to judge since Barnett has not been convicted.

Two new deans welcomed to UWRF

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Two new deans were welcomed into the College of Arts and Sciences in May and College of Education and Professional Studies in July and have been experiencing a smooth transition so far.

Dean Brad Caskey, alumnus of UW-River Falls, has been working with the College of Arts and Sciences for a number of years in various positions such as interim dean.

As dean of this college, Caskey oversees 15 departments, eight interdisciplinary programs as well as 240 faculty and staff members and close to 2,600 students. He also manages the college's budget which is for faculty salaries and department funding.

The best part of his position, Caskey said, is hiring new faculty. "When new people come in and are excited to be here, the best part is to go and see them in action," Caskey said.

He is also part of the strategic planning committee to help plan the campus' future along with several other task forces. Along with this he gives a speech to all in-coming students and helps with registration. Caskey also tries to sit in five to 10 classes a semester in various departments.

Larry Solberg is the new dean of College of Education and Professional Studies. As dean of this college, Solberg oversees almost 1,400 students as well as eight departments. He was an associate Dean of the College of Education Sciences for 18 years at UW-Eau Claire before accepting this position.

Solberg has been enjoying the environment and getting to know the college as well as the faculty. One of his favorite things has been "meeting the faculty and staff one on one and getting to know everyone," he stated.

Solberg would like to visit organizations in his college to meet students and speak with them to become more involved as well.

There are four deans on the UWRF campus. Dale Gallenberg is the dean of the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences and Glenn Potts is the dean of the College of Business and Economics. All four deans meet at least once a month with the Provost forming the Dean Council to discuss strategic

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Maggie Sokoloski/Student Voice Bradley Caskey is the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.



Maggie Sololoski/Student Voice
Larry Solberg is the dean of College of
Education and Professional Studies.



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(left to right) Jessica Pett, Jason Keck, Tyler Latz participate in Student Senate meeting. Student Senate meets on Tuesdays in the Willow River Room in the UC.

Student Senate back in gear for fall 2011

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The new UW-River Falls Student Senate met for the third time this semester on Sept. 13 in the Willow River Room of the University Center. Among the first order of business was a vote that approved an amendment to change the way club sports programs are funded.

Student Association President Tyler Halverson said the amendment, which was one of his top priorities, simplifies the process of allocating funds, benefiting students and organizations.

The amendment cuts the Club Sports Allocation Board, or CSAB, and merges its duties with the Allocable Fees Appropriation Board, or AFAB, to create one board responsible for making all funding decisions.

A relatively new addition to the university, CSAB was implemented during the fall semester of 2010. Halverson served as CSAB chair last year.

Under the previous Senate bylaws, the five

senators and four students in AFAB were responsible for managing funds for student organizations and campus events. The money comes from the segregated fees charged to UWRF students as part of tuition. Funds for club sports programs, which are provided by specifically designated segregated fees, were managed separately by the nine members of CSAB.

Some of the sports clubs at UWRF include volleyball, rugby, and lacrosse. They are student-run organizations that operate under the guidance of a faculty advisor. Club sports programs are meant to be more competitive than intramural sports, and open only to UWRF students, according to the Recreation and Sports Facilities website.

Ryan McCallum, the assistant director of campus recreation, said the CSAB worked well last year, and that there was good cooperation between the Senate and sports clubs.

But Halverson said the old system of two boards with two different standards had the

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Freshmen dass reshapes gender, racial trends

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UW-River Falls is continuing to enroll students. Tynan Heller, the IR data analyst, said that he anticipates being close to last year's enrollment official count of 6,900 undergraduate and graduate students.

The 6,900 students enrolled during fall 2011 is the highest number in the institutions history, according to the UWRF website.

Mark Meydam, the director of admissions, said that there are 1,000 fewer students who graduated high school this year than there were last year. However, UWRF is still maintaining enrollment and incoming freshmen numbers. The preliminary numbers show that there are 454 new transfer students at UWRF this fall compared to the 461 last year. There are 1,235 freshmen enrolled this fall and there were 1,245 last year. Numbers are likely to be higher within the next couple weeks once numbers are finalized, Meydam added. UWRF is fortunate to have students who bring diversity to our campus and increasing are students of color.



Desiri Danforth/ Student Voice

Freshmen Kaitlyn Cwikla, left, and Emma Croone, right, eagerly prepare for their journalism 110 class.

"There is a jump of students of color," said Meydam, "Well over 10 percent of students are students of color, which is a cool thing."

Meydam also talked about the breakdown of students coming to UWRF from Minnesota or Wisconsin. There have been more students from

Wisconsin than Minnesota since 1990, until last year, when 51.81 percent of students were from Minnesota and 46.91 percent were from Wisconsin. Again, Meydam anticipates the numbers to be similar to last year once the final numbers are in.

Scott Duex, the director

of residence life and student rights and responsibilities, said there is a shift in gender for admitted students this year, and it is a reflection of the 53 males currently in extended housing. There is space currently available for women in the dorms, Duex added. Freshman Mike Sandle from Eden Prairie, Minnesota is currently in extended housing. "You have to move twice, into extended and into your final dorm," said Sandle. "It's kind of awkward and you are kind of cramped and personal space becomes an issue."

Duex said that in Fall

2009, the university had 50 female students living in a hotel due to a lack of extended housing. Duex said this is the only time the university had to send extended housing students to an alternative location other than the dorms.

Heller, referring to data, shows that graduation rates for fifth year students are at 48.2 percent from fall 2005. This includes students who start at UWRF their freshmen year and graduate from this institution five years later. For sixth year students, the graduation rate is at 59.5 percent for fall 2004.

This datum shows that 80 percent of students return to UWRF after their first year. There is a larger drop after their second year and that maintains throughout their third with between 63 and 68 percent of students returning.

UWRF is maintaining enrollment at a high number for having 1,000 fewer graduates from the two main states of student enrollment. The campus is becoming more diverse with continuing num-

New HR System confusion continues

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The verdict is still out on the new Human Resource System (HRS) that was implemented at UW-River Falls this past spring. The new HRS is software, which was customized for use by all institutions within the UW-System that contains several modules in which employee data is managed. HRS works by organizing employment data into several major components and links the key data elements together to form an employment record.

"Each campus is a little different" said Wendy Helm, a senior institutional planner, who has worked on the HRS team, "but we all need to work within the same shared HRS system in order to keep technology costs in line."

Human Resource processes have had to change in order to work effectively with the new HRS system. This has meant new forms, some shift of responsibilities between people, and training campus on changes. Most team members are keeping day-to-day operations running while learning an almost entirely new job.

"The workload has been much high-

er during this time of transition," said Helm. "primarily because we are transitioning from systems that were designed in the 1970s to a 2011 platform; that is almost a 40-year leap in technology." "I heard one person make the comparison in 'video game speak' that it is like going from playing 'Pong' to playing Xbox 360 games."

According to Helm, another area where workload has changed is with the approximately 65 individuals who enter and manage student payroll in the academic and administrative departments. There is a learning curve to understand how the new system works, and it does require more screens/keystrokes to get information into the system.

Any students who have an hourly employment on campus will now need to enter their time worked into an online timesheet instead of paper and their supervisors will have to approve it online, reducing the need for paper. They can do this from anywhere that they have access to the Internet. There is also an employee and manager self-service capabilities on 'My UW System.' Any employee can go to https://mywisconsin. edu to view and manage their personal payroll, time, and benefits information

through the employee self service.

As far as how the program affects work study and student employment, the biggest impact is probably the learning curve for department student payroll coordinators on how to properly enter a student assistant or work study student into the HRS system. "The HRS team is providing as much training and support as they can to these individuals, but it does take some time to get comfortable with it," says Helm.

"We expect that most students are happy to use technology instead of paper to submit their time worked," said Helm, "but as for the staff, some are getting comfortable with it and some are unhappy, change is hard, but the old system was not sustainable, change was inevitable.'

"The UWRF HRS team is working hard to support our campus, and there is a great support team in Madison, at the UW Service Center," said Helm. "They are available to answer our technical questions and help us resolve problems as they arise."

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- Matthew Mallory, 18, was cited for underage consump-
- Andrew Lapham, 18, was cited for underage consump-
- James Courneya, 18, was cited for possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

- Emily Mathiesen, 19, was cited for underage consumption at Crabtree Hall.
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Deans: Bring experience, excitement to new positions

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planning, possible changes in colleges as well as projects that may require split funding between the departments.

Each year Deans are given a little portion of money in the budget called "reserve money" to spend on upgrades in various classrooms

and departments. In some cases they combine their funding for larger projects that require more money than one college would have alone. A recent example of this is in the Agriculture of Science building. The lab room 418 was enhanced in acombined effort between the Dean's funds and the school's.

is the issue of budget. "Last year the College of Arts and Sciences had to give back half a million dollars," Caskey said.

Deans also meet with alum and attempt to increase philanthropic giving by promoting events various departments are holding and

One of the main problems Deans deal with explaining future goals. These contributions greatly help with funding projects and meet goals that are set by each department. It is also their job to offer support to department chairs to help deal with any serious personnel or student issues that may arise.

Student Senate: New members committed to change

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potential to make funding decisions difficult.

The new AFAB will consist of 10 members: four senators, two at-large students, a campus media representative, a club sports representative, the AFAB chair and the club sports budget commissioner, according to an Aug. 22 draft of the approved amendment.

"These changes are an overall tweak to funding that is consolidated, efficient and

This is Halverson's first term as president, but he has been active with the Senate since October 2007. He is joined this semester by Senators Patrick Okan and Jayne Dalton, three and two year veterans, respectively.

Their collective experience is contrasted by a number of senators who will be serving for

"It's a good mix," Halverson said. "Roughly half of the current members are new."

One of the new senators is Non-Traditional Representative Jessica Pett. A non-traditional student herself, Pett served as a Black Hawk helicopter mechanic in the Army before coming to UWRF. Although she has no experience in student government, she said her military service prepared her for her role in the Senate.

"You learn to run a high-efficiency office (in the Army)," Pett said.

Pett said one of her goals this year is to reach out to students at the recently opened Adult Education Center in Hudson.

"They have kids and families, so it's easy for them to let things go," Pett said. "I'd like to see them get more involved; I want them to feel like they belong here."

Halverson said there can be a steep learning curve when just starting out as a senator, but feels confident in the abilities of newcomers

"I'm excited about this group," Halverson said. "There are great things coming up."

Senate Shorts

Motions passed at the September 13 meeting:

- A motion to require a higher vote threshold to raise higher education costs for UW-River Falls Students
- An amendment of the University of Wisconsin River Falls Implementation Document for the purposes of simplifying and clarifying the allocable budgeting process for student organizations
- A proposed amendment to update and revise the Student Association Constitution
- A motion to maintain funding integrity through simplification of the allocable funding process (if approved by the executive council)

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Maggie Sololoski/Student Voice Tyler Halverson, president, and Jayne Dalton, shared governance director, discuss an upcoming proposition.

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EDITORIALS

Strategic Plan crucial for future UW-River **Falls generations**

There are many benefits to providing input for a university. Too many students out there seem to be uninformed of the changes taking place here on campus.

UW-River Falls will be developing a new Strategic Plan over the course of the 2011-2012 academic year, with plans to adopt the new plan at the end of the spring 2012 semester.

According to the strategic planning roadmap, which can be found on the UWRF website, strategic planning determines where an organization is going over the next year or more, how it's going to get there, and how it'll know if it got there or not.

The strategic planning roadmap also details all the steps that are to be taken over the course of the next year to develop the plan, which will be utilized from 2012-2017.

The UWRF strategic planning members are currently accepting feedback regarding the direction and efforts of the plan online.

It is the Student Senate's responsibility to ensure student engagement in the strategic planning prosses, as well as to review the strategic plan and provide feedback and reccomendations to the chancellor.

In October, the strategic planners will present the results of all of the information gathering exercises.

Where do you see the university in the future? Do you want to see updated technologies in classrooms? More study abroad programs? More majors offered?

We here at the Student Voice believe that it is important that students, faculty, and community members provide their opinions so that the strategic planning members can gain a better sense of what would most benefit the campus.

It is during these tough economic times when creativity and ideas are needed most.

Whether we want to accept it or not, we are the future. How we create that future, is left to us. Will will take the lead, or will we sit back and wait for things to happen?

There have been many students and campus leaders who have paved the way for us to have the wonderful oportunities that we have.

Let us make sure that the next generations of Falcons are even better and more prepared to be global citizens. Let us leave this campus a little better than how we found it.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Concerned citizen cautions pedestrians

I am 71 years old, which makes me an old geezer. Old geezers are 70 years and older. Old fogies are aged 65 to 70. It is important that you know this.

Even in my geezer-hood I have spotted a dangerous situation. Only about half of you bother to look up when crossing Cascade. The other half are talking on their blueberries or listening to music on their pea pods.

The white lines you walk between will not prevent you from being run over; you may believe every driver will stop. Have you ever considered that maybe some drivers are drunk or high on drugs? Also, sometimes us old fogies and geezers panic and step on the gas instead of the brake.

If you want to live to be an old fogie or geezer, please pay tention while crossing streets.

Marvin L. Nelson River Falls, Wis.

Student distressed by parking prices

I feel that charging 50 dollars per semester is a little outrageous for motorcycle/moped parking. First of all, for the fall semester we can only park for three out of the four months. In addition to that, we don't know how many good riding days we will have. Secondly, for the spring semester we are only allowed to park there for a month and a half, but are still being charged the same 50 dollars. Not only is the spring weather unpredictable, but most people won't ride their motorcycles until after a few good rain storms to wash away the salt.

I understand the democratic views of this institution and their desires to increase revenue. However, I feel that putting such a high price tag on something like this is ludicrous. After all, most people with mopeds don't even spend 50 dollars on gas per semester.

Personally, I feel this new enforcement needs some serious revision. I know there are a lot of upset people on this topic, and as a result many are refusing to purchase the permit. This will force them to park in between cars on the street. From my motorcycle class, I have learned that this can be a dangerous place for someone on a motorcycle/moped because motorist have a difficult time seeing them due to their size. I would really hate for someone to get hurt due to greed.

Chris Aeschliman Student

Cruising a great way to meet new people

Michael Leonard

Columnist

Hello, fellow Falcons! Welcome to the unofficial travel section of the Student Voice! If you have a passion for traveling, have explored the world pre-

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sick and not have fun, chances

are that'll happen (and if that's

the case, stay home and let me

go in your place).

viously, or are just curious about certain ports of call, then you've come to the right place. My goal is to introduce you to some interesting cities and countries and, hopefully, give you a reason or two to check them out yourselves someday.

Who knows? Maybe you'll even want to study there during your college career!

Before I introduce you to the world, let me introduce myself. This is my fifth and final year at UW-River Falls. Upon graduating on Dec. 18, I will be a Spanish major with minors in business administration and French.

Yes, both languages have come in handy while abroad. I am very fortunate to have been on 17 (yes, 17) cruises. From Alaska to the Panama Canal, and everywhere in between, I have visited some of the most beautiful ports of call in the world. I do have many pastimes while not at sea. I'm politically active, entering my fourth semester as Chair of the College Republicans. I am also an active follower of Chicago sports (sorry, Packer and Viking fans). In addition, I work at the new Super Target in Woodbury.

Many of you are probably wondering why I've gone on so

many cruises. To me, cruising is the best way to travel because you can visit so much in a short amount of time. Plus, you unpack only once. It's true that you have limited time in each port. However, you get a chance to sample some of what the city has to offer. If you like the port, you can always come back. That's why I've been to Alaska three times and the Panama Canal four times. The point is, if you see and do everything in one trip, there is no reason to return.

Many of my friends are afraid to cruise because they'll get sick. Although it's possible, it is extremely unlikely. The ships are designed with excellent stabilizers, so most of the time you can't even feel the ship moving. In addition, the ship's bridge (control room) uses satellite technology to steer clear of choppy seas. In the end, it's all about having a positive attitude while onboard. If you think you're going

to be sick and not have fun, chances are that'll happen (and if that's the case, stay home and let me go in your

Above all, the best-kept secret about cruising is being able to mingle with your fellow passengers. You run into all kinds of people from different backgrounds and cultures. You learn about their history, share stories and

sometimes you wind up with new friends on Facebook! In fact, one of my best friends lives on the Caribbean island of St. Lucia. We've shared so much over the past seven years that it feels like I'm part of her culture.

With that said, I would like to say 'welcome aboard' to my column, and I hope you're ready to embark on an exciting journey around the world.

McDonald's employee learns valuable lessons

Benjamin Lamers

Columnist

Last June I applied to, and was hired by, McDonald's. Needless to say, this wasn't my first pick for a summer job, but a job is a job so I jumped at the chance to make some money. A

few days after getting hired I was talking to my high school track coach who said, "Everybody should have a job like that." At the time I didn't quite know why he made this comment, but looking back on it, I would definitely agree that everybody should work at McDonald's.

Let me get this out of the way right now after two weeks working at the Golden Arches, I called it quits. To put it mildly, the job just wasn't for me. There was something about standing around taking burgers on and off a greasy grill that I didn't like. I'm sure some of you can relate. While I didn't like the job, I wouldn't trade the experience of it for the

The one part of the job that will always stick with me is the

job itself. I think I've become no fun to go to McDonald's with, yes I can still eat some things on the menu, because I know how all of the food is made. Of course, that knowledge can also come in handy. For example, I now know how to guarantee that you get a fresh, as fresh as they come, burger every time. I also know how many McChickens to order to make sure you get at least one fresh one. It's those things that are valuable to know when eating at McDonald's, especially if you are semi health conscious. Naturally, the actual making of the food wasn't exactly fun, especially when it's all you do for about seven hours, but it certainly makes you appreciate any other job you work at.

The other thing I really took from the job was how awesome the people were. Coming from a private school background not many of my friends had ever worked for Corporate America. Generally, my friends and I, had worked for people who we knew, or for private businesses which generally paid better and hired less people. To say that coming into a McDonald's, where everyone else had been working there at least two years, was a bit of a culture shock is an understatement. I had never really realized that there are people working at McDonald's who are working there to support their families.

One of my co-workers, whom I closed with many times

during the two weeks, really stands out in my mind. On the first night I closed, I wound up washing the dishes which, surprisingly, is not that bad of a job. I got to talking to this co-worker, Sarah, and she pretty much gave me her life story. She was 21, had been working at McDonald's for five years, had her own house, own car, and a kid. It was at that moment where it finally hit me; I have been so fortunate in my life so far! Personally, I couldn't fathom working at McDonald's for five years and being a parent at 21. I can honestly say that working with Sarah made me feel pretty bad about those times when I thought the worst part of my day was going to work, which I only had to deal with for the summer.

Sure I hated the job, and sure I quit after a mere two weeks. However, working at McDonald's was definitely a life changing experience. The people were all great, especially those who would literally cheer when we got an order done really fast. The knowledge that I came away with from the job is definitely irreplaceable as well. So, yes, I would recommend working at McDonald's. In fact, I think everyone should work at McDonald's at some point in their life.

Ben is a sophmore, majoring in journalism and minoring in history. He is a huge Colts and Brewers fan.

Lifestyle enthusiast on the town: the search for Bill Murray



Christopher Pagels

Bill Murray lives in Charleston, SC. He is the everyman and chances are you will see him. Just give it time. That was my hope at least.

I was visiting a fellow Appala-

chian Trail hiking enthusiast named Li'l Cubit. She lives in a musician's house, an open door for many dear friends to frequent for the drink or random jam sessions. Through these inter-minglings, I learned how Billy (informality is the first step towards emotional investment) has touched them and their friends in his unique party dog way. It usually went like this, "one time a friend of a friend was eating a hot dog at the bar and Bill Murray showed up and ate half of it saying, 'No one will believe you." Everyone I tell that story to will bust it, not in a dancing way either. You know if you pulled the same stunt, fists would be thrown. The argument for Billy, "c'mon, man. Besides, who is really going to believe you?"

These occurrences are not isolated instances. Basic Google searches will reveal several blogs with similar stories of Billy

accidentally throwing a Coke bottle at someone, surprise bartending at South By Southwest, or washing dishes at a random party.

One day I was walking down [insert] street when Bill Murray passed by on his bicycle, stopped short, For some reason I

That is how it came to be that I borrowed Li'l Cubit's bicycle one sunny day with the hope of rubbing shoulders with this comic legend. I pedaled to downtown Charleston, the Battery, and Market square. Along the way, I ate at Sticky Fingers, essentially an Applebee's with southern flare. Stephen Colbert said Oct. 19, 2006, "Sticky Fingers barbecue, if your fingers ain't sticky, it ain't barbecue. I just trademarked that." On the window outside there is a list of notable

winked at me, and then continued on.

celebrities including our own Billy. After finishing my sweet potato fries, I pulled out a map of downtown Charleston, and my young college student server noticed this and sat down highlighting a few things that might interest me. After some good ideas, I asked him about Billy and he said that this area of Charleston would be the best area to bump into him. It was

One night at a bar my friend was pushed into a can by

Billy, he said, "no one will believe you."

From there I pedaled down to the market square where elderly black women were weaving baskets out of bull rushes and sweet grass. No Billy. Next, I was onto the Battery

where mega-weights like Oprah lived and possibly, fingers crossed, ole Billy. Nope. For some reason I daydreamed that he would bust out of a random door as I passed by, in an inebriated state, salt and pepper stubble, in a bath robe trying to get my attention. In the dream, he gave me 50 dollars to go to the corner market and buy him some more alcohol to keep his buzz going. Not in the least.

One day a friend tried to get his autograph and he said, "today's a handshake day."

Even though I did not see Billy on this trip, it is possible that I have sat where he has sat at either Sticky Fingers or the infamous Mickey's Dining Car in downtown St. Paul. If not, I have at least seen where he has sat before.

One time a friend of mine had a conversation with Bill Murray at a coffee shop about his ex-girlfriend (whom ole Bill had randomly flirted with in the past).

Why did you choose River Falls as your college?

Hilary Buelow, **Junior**

"It was close to the cities and reasonably priced.'





Hayley Faber, Freshman

"It was affordable and a good Ag School."

Brent Martin, Sophomore

"I came here because of the Rodeo team. It was the right distance from home, not too close, not too far."





Katie Fulmer, Sophomore

"It had a lot of friendly people and a lot of different majors to pick from. I liked the size of the campus too."

Adam Sibenaller, Senior

"It was an hour and half from my home, and similar to my home town and high school."



Columnist offers solace for new students

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Sam Mayberry

Columnist

Let's face it: the first day of high school was terrifying. You aren't familiar with your surroundings and you barely know anyone. Not to mention your middle school teachers spent five minutes every class period

lecturing you about how high school teachers aren't anything like middle school ones. I went to a middle school where there were about 200 kids in the entire building, and by switching to a high school with over 1,000 I wanted to faint. But congratulations, if you are at UW-River Falls, that means you survived high school.

Now that you are in college, I'm sure it's quite the eyeopener with the new perspective of being completely independent. No one is there to tell you to go to bed, to do homework, or even to tell you when to eat your dinner. You probably also have a million questions and concerns running through your mind as you start your first few weeks of college. But no need to worry, you are not alone.

I myself have been a new college student twice. When I first started college, I went to a school with over 18,000 students. Let me tell you, with that many students, I learned quickly that you had to step outside of your bubble to meet people. That was especially challenging for me, because I can be quite shy when in a surrounding I am not comfortable with. Fortunately, the two girls across the hall from me were not shy and we quickly became inseparable.

Then I decided to transfer schools a year and a half later, which I was beyond excited about. However, when I got to UWRF, I once again found myself in the position of not knowing anyone. I started attending my floor meetings and hall activities. Due to those gatherings, I was able to meet a few people from my dorm building. My roommate helped a lot too, she introduced me to her friends and I was able to hang out with them from time to time.

A few more ways to get yourself out there and meet new people on campus is to join clubs you are interested in. For instance, this semester I decided to check out the Glee Club and help out with their events. I will admit that I am a terrible singer, but the Glee Club members accepted me with open arms. For those of you that are not interested in performing, there is a large selection of other clubs that I encourage you to look into. For example, Crops and Soils club, Pre-Med club and Student Senate. You could also explore the exciting experience of sororities and fraternities on campus. For those of you who that are sport enthusiasts, I recommend checking out the intramural sports available.

Besides establishing the social aspect of your college life, there is a slight issue of not always knowing exactly where you are going on campus. My most embarrassing moment the first semester I was at UWRF was when I ended up sitting in the wrong class for a half an hour before realizing it. In my defense, the professor was talking about literature so I thought I was good to go. That is, until he started talking about anthropology. If you ever find yourself in that predicament, which I really hope you don't, I suggest just quietly standing up and make your way towards the door. If you are asked where you are headed, just admit that you are in the wrong class. Professors and fellow students will understand, more than likely they have ended up in a similar situation like yours before.

Classes can be a bit over whelming at first, but one point that was brought to my attention is to introduce yourself to professors. They always seem to enjoy meeting their new students and it shows them that you want to do well in their class. Don't be afraid to ask questions either; professors want you to do well. So make use of those office hours listed on your syllabus.

I wish you all the best on your new adventure as a college student. Remember, you are not alone. There are so many new freshman and transfer students here on campus who feel exactly the same way you do. Don't be afraid to ask for help when needed, and be sure to talk to your Residence Assistant if you have any questions or concerns about dorm life. College should be a time in your life you can look back on when you get older and think about what a good experience it was. So be sure to make every moment count.

Sam is a junior and is majoring in journalism. She is from Rochester, Minnesota and loves to read, listen to music and take

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Falcon football looks to move forward under Coach Walker



Sarah Hellier sarah.hellier@my.uwrf.edu

Starting his first year as the head football coach at UW-River Falls, Matt Walker, has his hands full. Coming all the way from Greencastle, Indiana, Walker has a couple years of diverse coaching under his belt with some specific goals for the team.

Walker, 33, was the head football coach at De Pauw University from 2006-2009 with a record of 22-8. His teams finished 13-7 in the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference and placed second in the final conference standing in 2007 and 2008.

Senior running back, Taylor Edwards, said Walker has many goals for the team.

"Ideally every coach wants to win a national championship," said Edwards. "But coach also understands that this year is a rebuilding year for our team."

Edwards was just recently named on the 2011 Inside Wisconsin Sports All-State Team.

"I met coach Walker last spring when he first arrived to UWRF," said Edwards. "I could tell he was an upfront guy and wanted to do a lot for our football team right away."

Edwards said the biggest team goal that coach Walker wants the team to improve on is their mental game.

"I think he wants our mental game to change, he wants us to know we have to potential to do great things," said Edwards. "He wants us to play like winners."

According to the UWRF sports information website, Walker has a diverse background in coaching not only football, but baseball as well. He was the head baseball coach at De Pauw from 2001-2009 and led the Tigers to five conference divisional championships and to a NCAA regional berth in 2001. He led the Tigers to the most wins in a single season three times (2004, 2005, 2008). He was also named conference coach of the year in 2001. Walker coached a little semi-professional baseball as well. From 1997-2005 he was the head coach and general manager of a semi- professional baseball team in Crawford, Indiana.

Walker earned a sports science undergraduate degree from De Pauw in 1999. He then went on to earn his master's degree in physical education from Indiana State in 2001.

At De Pauw, Walker was a quarterback from 1997-1999 and also a baseball pitcher who was named to the 1999 All-SCAC team.

Walker was an instructor of kinesiology at DePauw and has teaching responsibilities in the UWRF health and human performance department. Walker is replacing John O'Grady who was with the program for 37 years dating all the way back to his days as a Falcon linebacker.



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Top: Walker and Offensive Coordinator Jake Wissing observe the offensive huddle during practice Tuesday as the team preps for a non-conferenc bout with UW-Eau Claire on Sept 24. Bottom: Walker and junior tight end Jon Manke exchange a look during Tuesday's practice. Walker and the Falcons are looking for their first win heading into Saturday's contest.

> The other finalists for the position were Aaron Vicko, UW-Stevens Point offensive coordinator; Joel Dettwiler, defensive coordinator at Wartburg College in Iowa; Vincent Kehres, assistant coach at Mount Unior College; and Kevin Bullis, assistant coach at UW-Whitewater.

Walker has a wife, Jana, and two daughters; Kraly, five, and Hudson,

Falcons athletics by the numbers

0-2

The Falcon football team's 2011 record under first-year Head Coach Matt Walker.

240

Yards gained by senior running back Taylor Edwards during the Falcons 42-20 loss to #22 Trine. Edwards also added a touchdown earning him WIAC Offensive Player of the Week honors.

390

Average yards per game gained by the Falcons during their first games.

1.57

Goals per game scored by the Falcon soccer team through their first seven contests.

1-1

Conference record for Falcon soccer heading into this Saturday's conference match with UW- Platteville.

11.9

Kills per set for the Falcon volleyball team that has an 8-5 start in non-conference action.

28-18

Record by sets for the Falcon volleyball team.

79

Round golfed by Paige Cook at the Wartburg Invitational, the second best single round in school history.

345

Team record turned in by the Falcon golf team on September 11 at the Wartburg Invitational.

20:43 Time posted by Jared Brandenburg, who finished fourth and earned WIAC Runner of the Week honors for his effort at the

Luther Invational.

Area Sports Schedule

Friday, September 23

7 p.m.- Volleyball @ La Crosse

Saturday, September 24

9 a.m.- Women's Cross Country @ Roy Griak Inviational (University of

9:45 a.m.- Men's Cross Country @ Roy Griak Invitational (University of Minnesota)

12 p.m.- Volleyball @ UW-Plattville

1 p.m.- Football @ UW-Eau Claire (NC) 5 p.m.- Soccer @ UW-Platteville

TBD- Tennis @ Intercollegiate Tennis

Association Midwest Region Tournament

Sunday, September 25

3 p.m.-- Soccer @ Wartburg College

Wednesday, September 28

4 p.m.- Soccer vs. Simpson College

Friday, September 30

3:30 pm.- Tennis vs. UW-Oshkosh 4 p.m.- Volleyball vs. Simpson College (Wartburg Tournament)

4 p.m.- Women's Crosse Country @ UW-Eau Claire Blugold Open

5 p.m.- Men's Cross Country @ UW- Eau Claire Bluegold Open

8 p.m.- Volleyball @ Wartburg (Wartburg

Tournament)

The Student Voice is currently searching for a sports editor for this semester.

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Senior Jared Brandenburg, Independence, Wis., was named the WIAC Runner of the Week for cross country.

Senior Taylor Edwards, Janesville, Wis., was named the WIAC Offensive Player of the Week for football.

Silent victory in 1960s Mississippi in 'The Help'

Take a leap back into a different time; a time where whites and blacks were forbidden to speak, and could be thrown into jail if they did so. A time where everyone was separated. Take this leap backwards in Kathryn Stockett's compelling novel, "The Help." "The Help" is a story about African American domestic servants working for white families in Jackson, Mississippi in the 1960s.

The book is told from the perspective of three main women: Skeeter Phelan, Aibileen Clark, and Minny Jackson. Aibileen is a soft, nurturing African American maid, whose primary job in the book is to tend to the household of Elizabeth Leefolt and to take care of her daughter, Mae Mobley. Jackson is the confrontational one of the three. She is Aibileen's close friend and often gets fired for telling her employers exactly what she thinks about them. Finally, Skeeter Phelan is a 24-year-old white woman and the master behind the plan to expose what truly goes on in Jackson.

While her friends are sitting back, smoking cigarettes and playing bridge, Skeeter is doing something different. She is a tenacious young woman that is slaving away at a book that reveals how over worked and under appreciated the black maids really are. Skeeter names the town Niceville, but it won't be nice at all. This book will cause her sorority sisters to go

Sammie Harkness

Columnist

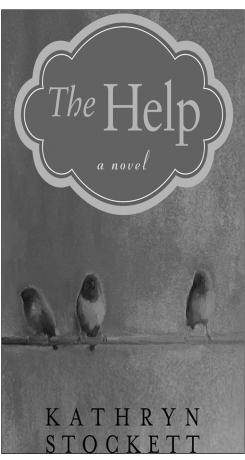
mad if "The Help" ever sees the light of day. Even though the black maids' lives are at stake, it is the white residents of Jackson who are at the real disadvantage. The readers will side with "The Help," with hankies at hand, after reading the cruel and awful insults spoken by their self centered, racist employers.

Miss Hilly is the worst boss of all. She is Minny's employer and treats every maid like a thief. She campaigns to have all households in Jackson install extra toilets for the colored help. She claims that they carry different diseases than white people, and this will cause the white children to get sick. Miss Hilly's Junior League fundraises for the poor starving children of Africa while treating the African Americans of Jackson as less than human. Hilly makes herself the arch nemesis of every black citizen in Jackson, as well as many of the white citizens.

Aibileen Clark is the most wonderful char-

acter in the book. She is maternal and kind, and she treats every white child she has ever cared for as if they were her own. Aibileen is in charge of the toddler Mae Mobley Leefolt, who is the eldest child of Elizabeth Leefolt. She treats Mae Mobley like a princess, and throughout the book, Aibileen says to Mae Mobley, "You is kind. You is smart. You is important." Stockett was also raised by a black woman, named Demetrie. She loved Demetrie very much, and "The Help" was a way to fill the gap of not knowing much about Demetrie's life.

"The Help" could have gone a completely different way than it did. This book could have turned into a violent outrage sparked by the maids' honesty. However, Stockett decided to dig deeper. She was much more interested in the affection and the relationships formed in the most unlikely ways between two people, rather than on the consequences of speaking the truth. "The Help" is a book for everyone. It is a book for those who have lost someone dear to them, as Skeeter did. It is a book for those who wish to learn more about segregation in white southern households, and finally, it is a book that makes the readers remember what is truly important in life. Travel back in time with "The Help" and get an inside look on an unlikely friendship.



Sammie Harkness is a journalism major at UW-River Falls. She

'Contagion' grips audiences with killer cough, cast

In a summer filled with thoughtless blockbusters, super hero movies, and poor quality sequels comes a fresh fall hit in "Contagion."

A deadly disease has spread throughout the United States and now it is up to a team of doctors to not only find out the cause is, but also figure out a way to cure this nasty disease.

This group is headed by Dr. Ellis
Cheever, played by Laurence Fishburne,
expresses his dismay at how long the antidote
is going to take to get distributed and how
many will die

It really got me thinking

of how easily a virus

such as this could be

spread.

during this time.

The people in
the streets become
outraged. Soon
a blogger comes
forward as a revo-

lutionary trying

to get the word out that the U.S. government is holding back and letting the masses die of this disease. The blogger is played very well by Jude Law, but even amongst all of this panic there is still some real heart in "Contagion."

This heart comes from Mitch Emhoff, played by Matt Damon, whose wife, played by Gwyneth Paltrow, becomes sick after



Dustyn Dubuque

finds out that he is immune to this

a trip

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and soon

husband.

dies in the

arms of her

Mitch soon

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dreaded disease and now he must not only try and figure out what happened

to his wife, but also keep his daughter safe.

Mitch's character really stuck out to me as even in this time of panic, he is

calm, not letting his emotions get the better of him. It isn't until the very end you get to see the weakness that burns inside of him. This weakness, however, is what drives him throughout the entire film.

"Contagion" is a very good film. It feels fresh and new which is a feeling I have not often felt while going to the movies this year. It really got me thinking of how easily a virus such as this could spread just by how we are as human beings. Just knowing how many of us touch our faces, don't wash our hands, cough out in the open, or even share drinks are just some of the few ways this movie feels so real.

It was funny, while sitting in the theatre with numerous others I had to sit and listen to everyone cough and sneeze, just thinking of how I could be the start of a sickness just like in this movie. That is how sucked in I got to the story. Too bad the plot has as many holes in it as a slice of Swiss cheese. Besides that

fact, I was truly able to just sit and enjoy myself. Watching all these peoples' lives get turned upside down by something so horrific was both interesting and scary

at the same time. Before it leaves theatres I would suggest everyone go see "Contagion."

Dustyn Dubuque is a history major and geography minor. But his real passion is movies; his ultimate job would be to review films for a living. He has watched 105 movies that were released in 2010.





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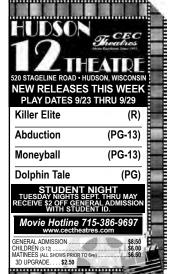
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Annual UWRF Career Fair attracts local organizations to campus

The 20th Annual Career Fair will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 19, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. in the UC Riverview Ballroom.

UWRF is attracting organizations that have attended past Career Fairs, as well as some new to the university. Career Services anticipates having 80+ organizations again this year, similar to the size of the last two Career Fairs.

According to Career Services, Target, Pioneer, Pace Analytical Services, Northwestern Mutual, CHS, Becker Professional Education, American Family Insurance, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Uline, Dahl Consulting, Syngenta and ACR HealthCare Group are among the attending organizations.

"We have tried to diversify the types of organizations that attend the fair by targeting companies that students and faculty actively seek out," said Career Fair Coordinator Whitney Peissig. "We are very happy about landing some new organizations for this year's Career Fair."

Career Services encourages students to research the attending organizations they are interested in and the positions they seek. Hire-a-Falcon and the Career Fair website can be utilized as resources to learn more about an organization and the positions being offered. "It's important to know that although an organization may be agriculturally-based, they are searching for candidates that fall into a broad range of majors and backgrounds," Peissig said.

All employers attending the Career Fair are looking for potential employees to recruit for positions they may have, or will have available in the future. Career Fair attendees can expect to find jobs or internship opportunities, learn about graduate school programs and network with employers.

More information on the Career Fair and the attending organizations can be found at www.uwrf.edu/CareerFair or by contacting Career Services at 425-3572, 211 Hagestad Hall.

Expand your thinking: Individualism, 'right' way to live

Society defines success in an extraordinarily narrow manner, by obtaining good grades, a high-paying career, a plethora of material goods, physical attractiveness, and time each week devoted to particular tasks such as volunteering, extracurricular involvements, and leadership roles.

The pressure to conform to these rules increases when a student wishes to apply to graduate or medical school.

Post-baccalaureate colleges often hold stringent requirements for their future students, demanding every applicant to present a

well-rounded resume. These requirements offer little in the way of individuality, despite

what admissions offices claim. After all, if every applicant holds essen-

tially the same resume, few free thinkers or people with an extraordinary, yet singular, gifts have an opportunity at such colleges.

While society claims to encourage individualism, it contradicts itself with little leni-

Jaime Haines

Columnist

ency for individualistic actions. Society fails to understand that individualism consists not merely of volunteering in different locations,

but in creating unique opportunities and helping the world in significant ways never before imagined.

Many colleges brag of their diversity, but never realize that diversity covers more than race; it encompasses sexual orientation, religion, personality, inter-

ests, majors, cultures, and any other imaginable difference between two humans. By identifying the example of colleges' narrow views of a successful and unique student, one can begin to understand society's overall failures in accepting true individuals.

Actual success stems from a person's willingness to behave free of societal norms

and to push the limits of free thinking.

Varied perspectives, along with the people who hold these perspectives and their multitude of soul-searching questions, create a rich and intelligent society. If everyone held the same viewpoint and never voiced

their opinions or questioned authority, the world would become unimaginably more dangerous because one person would control the mass' beliefs.

By opening minds to acknowledge and understand every viewpoint presented, as well as the fact that no point ever holds complete error or truth, decisions will remain informed and un-naïve.

Upon realizing how far the restriction of individualism stretches, many wonder how one person could possibly change society's-an entire nation's--way of thinking.

The fact is, we are society. You are society. Society is not an unchangeable foreign entity; rather, the singular members of a soci-

Recipe

ety are the only ones capable of changing it. Ever-fluctuating, society ceases to develop in

the absence of radical thinkers.

With this in mind, I challenge you to live your own life--a life filled with your passions and dreams, a life not dictated by

our current society's

narrow window of suc-

cessful behaviors.

The fact is, we are

society. You are society.

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entity.

When it comes down to it, those who hold true success are the individuals willing to perform actions which fail to conform most peoples' perceptions of success or their way of thinking and acting.

The more you you are, the better. Therefore (unless you believe in reincarnation) this is your only time on earth and there is not a moment to waste on activities dictated by societal pressures.

This is your moment to define yourself and truly succeed.

Columnist gives mom's homemade apple crisp recipe a try

Looking for the perfect weekend trip with friends? Or maybe you'd prefer to curl up on that lumpy futon you've been eying all week. Whatever your taste, fall is filled with activities and

Brittney Pfenning-Wendt

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• 8-10 medium apples (Peeled & Sliced) any variety—see be low for tips

recipes that are sure to warm you up and tingle your taste buds. What's better when

you've got the homework blues and the chilly breeze turning your nose red than a nice big piece of homemade Apple Crisp. If your stomach isn't rumbling yet, just wait until the aroma reaches your nose as it bakes in the oven. So grab a plate, curl up, and relax, this recipe is sure to fill you with warmth and memories of jumping in those huge leaf piles to come.

Make it your own! Serve it at any temperature (right out of the oven, steamy hot, room temperature -- if you have dependable roommates that won't devour it--, or chilled) and top it off with a scoop of vanilla ice cream, a dollop of whipped topping, or even some caramel syrup and chopped nuts. Have fun with

Many grocery stores offer up pamphlets with information on what types of apples will be available, as well as common uses for each. Most apples are great for baking and it's all based on personal taste. Common ones are McIntosh or Haralson. The only apples I would recommend to avoid in baking are red delicious and golden delicious as they don't contain as much flavor as others. If you're the type who needs a little more adventure in your weekend, go out and pick your own apples! There are dozens of apple orchards you can visit at reasonable prices. Fall is prime time to gather up the gang for some fun apple picking. Many offer corn mazes and wagon rides as well, so do some research and you'll have a fantastic time!

- Topping
 1 stick of margarine
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup flour

Preheat the oven to three hundred and fifty degrees Farenheit. Place the peeled and sliced apples in a 9x13 in. baking pan. (Depending on what type or size of apples you use, more may be needed to FILL the pan.) Set this aside. For the topping, in a small mixing bowl combine the sugar and flour. Melt the margarine then add it to the flour-sugar mixture, stirring by hand. Once you have your topping mixed pour it over the apple slices in the pan, making sure to cover all of the apples. Place the pan in the heated oven for 45-50min. Check if it's fully cooked by inserting a knife. If the knife goes into the apple slices smoothly it's ready! If the apples still feel a little firm then it will need to bake a little longer.

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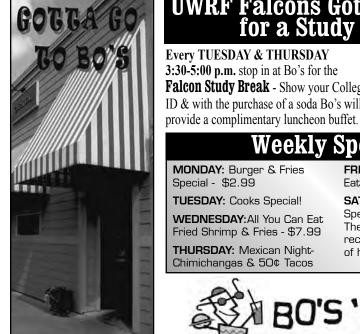
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