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Chancellor begins with students as top priority

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After decades of successful academic, international and leadership experience, Don Betz has been welcomed as UW-River Falls' 12th chancellor.

Betz comes from the University of Central Oklahoma where he served as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. His resume also includes academic and diplomatic visits to over 80 countries, authoring declarations, statements and communiqués accepted at United Nations conferences and several awards for excellence in service and teaching.

Betz said he and his wife Susanne spent the past five years looking for a school that they felt would be a perfect fit. He said they found River Falls to be a unique community with a student world they want to be a part of.

"This is an institution with a strong tradition of focus on learning, undergraduate research and a broad global perspective," he said. "I look forward with unbounded affection to meeting the students who make up this community."

Not only does Betz plan to familiarize himself with students as he begins his work here, but will continue to be a presence as people enroll, transfer, graduate and become productive members of society.

"As a university, we will be judged by what kind of people our students become," he said. "If we can prepare them for the inevitable changes in life, it's worth every dollar the state gives us."

As chancellor, Betz said he would like to enhance the many positive aspects of UW-RF and center around people, not just academics.

"You will see a focus placed on building qualified citizens by providing the tools to be able to learn, unlearn and relearn again," he said. "Helping students to become adaptive to changes will give them the confidence to meet the challenges of the future."

With his years of academic experience, Betz also holds a more realistic view of student academics that often parallels with their own.

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Displaced student finds home at UW-RF

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While attending college in New Orleans, Azriel "Ozzie" Echols, a new UW-River Falls freshman, woke up to the news flash on the television telling him he must evacuate the city at once. Echols was attending school at Dillard University for a criminal justice major with a forensic science emphasis before Katrina forced to move back to his hometown of St. Paul.

Having literally only the clothes on his back and living in New Orleans for only two weeks, Echols rode with nine other people in a 14-hour car ride to Oklahoma where he had to buy a \$356 dollar plane

ticket to get back to Minnesota, all on his birthday. Echols was now ready to try and find a new college to attend. With the help of his aunt, Echols was able to enroll at UW-RF and make it his home school for now.

"After a hectic experience, I feel like I have overcome so much and have the dedication," Echols said. "I was the last born in my family and first to go get a degree, so nothing is going to stop me."

Echols plans to finish the year at UW-RF. It is nice to be closer to family and home, Echols said.

In most cases the colleges and all paper work is lost. "In a good faith inchoative the school acted very fast in processing the student and getting him enrolled in

classes within a short period of time," said Carolyn Brady of Admissions and Multicultural Outreach. "It was a team effort and proud to see everyone on campus work together to help." UW-RF has already opened its doors for one displaced student that was attending college before the Katrina hit.

"Speechless with no complaints and no confusion," Echols said, referring to UW-RF efforts to him into the college as quick and painless as possible.

A news release issued last Friday from the UW System states that displaced students from the Gulf Coast colleges

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Jen Dolen/Student Voice
Fifth year senior, Cassandra Dahl, helps raise money for the cause.



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New residence hall South Fork Suite residents enjoy their independent apartment-like living situation on campus.

South Fork Suites increases student housing options

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The newest addition to the UW-River Falls residence halls, George R. Field South Fork Suites, located on the east side of campus, is now open to students. The suites opened to students in early August and the 240-bed residence hall is near capacity. Mike Stifter, Director of Student Life Facilities, said there are currently only two openings for female students in the suites.

Each of the 60 four-person suites has four single bedrooms, a living room, a dining area/kitchenette, and a bathroom. There are eight wings, containing large kitchen/lounge areas for cooking meals and a laundry area. The residence hall also has meeting rooms, exercise facilities, floor lounges, a large lobby and air conditioning.

"It's exciting to have a new suite style option to offer students," Stifter said of

the new residence hall.

Kendra Knutson, a junior studying Agricultural Marketing Communications at UW-RF, moved into the suites Sept. 2 and so far she said she loves the suites.

"It's really nice," she said. "Better than I expected."

Knutson said she and some friends were originally going to move somewhere off campus but at the last minute decided on South Fork Suites and had no problem getting in.

Knutson lived in Johnson Hall last year and she said that South Fork Suites is "lots better."

She said that it is a lot bigger than she expected and has lots of storage space, something that is much improved from the other residence halls. Although it is a little bit farther from campus than most residence halls, Knutson said, "I like the walk."

The opening of South Fork Suites has had some setbacks, like fire alarms going off, and the air-conditioning not working,

but Knutson said that fire alarms are always going off in all of the residence halls so she is used to it.

"There are certainly some building nuances that have surfaced," Stifter said about the suites. He also added, "While opening a new building has its challenges, the staff and residents have been excellent."

There has not been too much complaint around campus about the small problems from the residents who are 70 percent female and 30 percent male. Everyone just seems preoccupied with classes and happy about their new nine-month home. "The students are making an awesome transition from living in traditional residence halls to having a bit more independence while still remaining connected to campus," said Nikki Peters, South Fork Suites Hall Manager. "I've been most impressed and appreciative of how patient and helpful the students have been while we are still finding out the unique characteristics of the building."



Jen Dolen/Student Voice

The construction in N-lot causes anguish for students who are being forced out of their assigned parking to parking leased from the city.

Project falls behind; students lose

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For many Hathorn residents, this year has proven difficult for parking. Instead of using 40 designated slots in the lower level of N-Lot like previous years, they have had to lease parking space from the city, located across the street from Holiday Gas station on Main Street.

Some students may wonder why they weren't notified about this through the mail. Thomas Weiss, director of procurement services, said the problems arose a mere ten days before school started, and the administration didn't have enough time to send the word out.

Last June, a construction team run by Michels-Directional, based out of Brownsville, Wis. began a project that is situated behind Hathorn Hall. The purpose was to drill underground so a new sewer drain could be inserted and finished before the start of the school year, but problems arose thereby pushing the team behind schedule.

Using a 30-inch drill bit with a computer operated drill, workers were able to make three passes clearing away a collection of water, silt, and earth. Tubing was supposed to insert through the hole beginning Aug. 12.

However on Aug. 20 while finishing the third pass the drill bit got stuck, and after some struggling the two adjoining rods broke off. Since then, efforts have

been made to remove the equipment underground so the rest of the tunnel could be cleared away and piping put in.

Located 60 feet underground, this new sewer pipe will stretch for 4,000 feet (about three-quarters of a mile) along the Kinnickinnic River. The new line will replace an existing sewer line that could potentially pose an environmental hazard.

Sections of the pipeline built parallel along the Kinnickinnic River, in recent years have been exposed from weathering, making the possibility of it freezing, cracking and spilling out all the

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VOICE SHORTS

LOCAL

Deadline approaching for Belize Tour

The Belize Study Tour will hold an introductory meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 28 at 2:30 p.m. in the Kleinpell Fine Arts building. This exciting three-credit course will give students a chance to travel to tropical Belize over spring break in March!

Students will develop an appreciation for diversity and learn the importance of conservation. Belize values its diversity and works hard to protect and conserve its natural treasures; meanwhile, balancing the needs of the people and the needs of the ecosystem.

Experienced guides, educators, and researchers will lead the tour and teach students about Belize's history, geology, flora and fauna, and cultural traditions. The group will be based at a jungle lodge for six days, and will climb classic Mayan temples, float rivers, explore caves, hike jungle trails, and observe tropical wildlife. A day trip is planned to Guatemala to witness fabulous Tikal.

Applicants will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications must be turned in by Nov. 4, 2005

Contact edward.a.robins@uwrf.edu for more information.

Alumnus to speak about Internship



Wong How Man will join six UW-RF faculty and staff members to talk about the China Exploration and Research Society (CERS) and internship opportunities available with his organization. How Man, president of CERS, will speak in the River Room of Rodli Commons. He will present pictures of one of the most culturally, geographically, and geologically rich and diverse places on earth — Yunnan Province in the Peoples Republic of China! In addition, he will discuss international internship opportunities for students and possible involvement opportunities for faculty and staff.

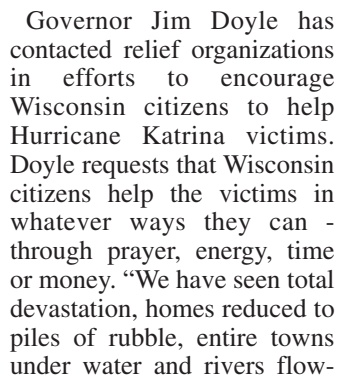
For 30 years, How Man has photographed Yunnan Province's diverse people and endangered species. He has been named the 2002 Distinguished Alumnus at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls because of his amazing work and discoveries, and for the international awareness he has brought to his studies.

CERS is currently conducting 12 projects across China. How Man's research team is studying the Altun Mountain Nature Reserve's wildlife in northwestern China. In addition CERS is locating lost cities along the historic Silk Road, conserving Palpung and Baiya monasteries on the Tibetan plateau, saving the Black-necked Crane, and preserving ethnic handicrafts and stories of Moso heritage.

For more on How Man and CERS, visit: <http://www.cers.org.hk/> and http://www.UW-RF.edu/asian_hero/

REGIONAL

Doyle asks citizens to help victims



Governor Jim Doyle has contacted relief organizations in efforts to encourage Wisconsin citizens to help Hurricane Katrina victims. Doyle requests that Wisconsin citizens help the victims in whatever ways they can - through prayer, energy, time or money. "We have seen total devastation, homes reduced to piles of rubble, entire towns under water and rivers flowing through where vibrant downtowns used to be. The people of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama desperately need our help," Doyle said.

The simplest way citizens can help Hurricane Katrina victims is by donating money. The money will be used in the rescue effort through organizations.

Doyle said The American Red Cross Hurricane Katrina Relief Web site can be accessed through his website at www.wisgov.state.wi.us.

Along with money donations, people who are trained for rescue work in any means can visit the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster at www.nvoad.org for more information.

NATIONAL

Colleges take in student hurricane victims



C A M B R I D G E , Massachusetts - The nation's most prestigious and selective colleges have been accepting student Hurricane Katrina victims who otherwise wouldn't have qualified for admission. More than a dozen students have found a tuition-free refuge at the elite university Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Brown University

has accepted 57 undergraduates and offered spots to 24 others.

Harvard is making room for about 25 undergraduates this semester. Princeton is sorting through a stack of nearly 200 applications to fill slots it has for 30 displaced undergraduates and 20 graduate students. Yale accepted 20 applicants out of the 80 to 100 that applied.

Most colleges have set up a temporary admissions process for the students. In several cases, school officials are depending on the applicants to self-report their grades and academic qualifications because many student transcripts were lost in the flooding. In addition, many colleges are not requiring essays and letters of reference like they would normally.

Many of the colleges are accepting the Gulf Coast evacuees as visiting students, meaning they will receive credit for the courses they take, however, they are expected to return to their old colleges once they reopen.

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SENATE

Senate plans aid for Gulf

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In a unanimous decision the Student Senate approved a motion to aid Hurricane Katrina victims at the Senate meeting last Tuesday.

The motion established the Student Senate as the campus source to help acquire aid for victims of the hurricane. Senate President Nick Cluppert said the Senate would create an ad hoc committee to handle the issue.

"They will probably be getting together in the next day or two to see how they are going to go about this," Cluppert said.

The committee's role will focus on finding different campus organizations, groups and students to help donate supplies to those affected by the storm. UW-River Falls is working with the University of Southern Mississippi-Hattiesburg to provide supplies to students in need.

"It'd be like clothing, food, school supplies," Cluppert said.

The Senate will function as a reference point to funnel aid from the University Cluppert said.

Senator Carolyn Schenk questioned whether how supplies would be sent to

Southern Mississippi.

"We don't know yet how they're getting down there," Senate adviser Vicki Hajewski said.

Some logistics are still in the planning stages. Hajewski said the campus is focusing more on collecting the supplies right now.

As of right now more than 100 students have expressed need for aid in Mississippi, Hajewski said the project will require a lot of support from UW-RF.

"It's a large effort, we're going to need a lot of folks," Hajewski said.

—At the Sept. 13 Senate meeting, Pat Moriarty of Collegiate Services Inc. presented a plan to create discount cards for UW-RF students.

"Our goal is to save every student, faculty, staff member \$500-\$1,000," Moriarty said.

Collegiate Services would work with students from UW-RF and local business to create a discount card for students. Moriarty said the program is funded by a small fee paid by each business to be included on the card.

Senator Jeremy Bonikowske questioned what business the company would target.

"We'll try anyone if it's important for you,"

Moriarty said.

Collegiate Services will work directly with the Student Senate to find distribution points on campus and desired businesses for the cards.

•Senator Joe Eggers said he would have postcards available to send to federal legislatures protesting a proposed financial aid cut.

Eggers said the federal legislature is looking to cut \$9 billion in financial aid for college students.

"Nine-billion dollars is a lot of money. We don't want to see that cut," Eggers said.

•The Student Senate will be hosting a radio show on WRFW to try to keep students informed.

Cluppert said the show will begin airing Sept. 26 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Senator Adam Koski was presented a certificate of appreciation by the Student Senate for his work as the 2005 summer senator.

Koski was responsible for keeping senators updated on events throughout the summer.

**Student Senate meets every
Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Student
Center's Regents Room.**

CAS outstanding teachers named

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When registering for classes, the professor's reputation among fellow students often plays a role in taking that class. The College of Arts and Sciences makes that decision a little bit easier.

Each year CAS sends out ballots to recent graduates asking them to nominate faculty members who they thought excelled as teachers, were understanding and helpful and able to motivate them. There is room for comments on the ballots and after completion they are anonymously sent back and tallied up.

This year Ruth Wood, Kathryn Ernie, and Don Petzold were the recipients of the award.

Wood, an English Professor at UW- River Falls since 1991, said she was surprised to win the award.

"Now I have to live up to it," she said.

She attributes receiving the award lucky at a time when she

said professors almost have to be entertainers, like Robin Williams, to keep students' attention. She said it was a "mysterious combination" of qualities that clicked with the voting alumni.

A former student who voted for Wood had a more specific explanation.

"Through her I was able to take my writing to a whole new level," the alumnus stated on their ballot. "She encouraged and inspired me in writing, and also as a person, as a student and as a future writer."

Mathematics Professor Kathryn Ernie, who has been here since 1978, said her focus on concepts and use of physical models to represent ideas are what she contributes to winning the award.

The students who voted for her agreed.

One alumnus said Ernie "is a fantastic teacher. I am now a special education teacher who teaches mostly math. I use many of her strategies in my class-

room."

Comments like that from graduated students humble Ernie.

"I am so honored to be recognized when there are so many wonderful faculty members in the college," Ernie said.

Don Petzold from the Geology department has been at UW-RF for 17 years. He said he loves to teach and interact with student and he values when students take advantage of his open-door policy and come to him seeking help.

The most rewarding part of the job is "seeing students I mentored make the next step and go onto grad school or a career path best suited for them," Petzold said.

His students also value the time he spent mentoring them.

"Petzold has been very influential in my life," said one graduate. "He helped me through the process of applying and choosing a graduate program."

But graduates are not the only

ones gloating about their professors.

Terry Brown, interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said she has worked closely with each of this year's recipients and knows they work hard at teaching.

Having won this award herself in 1996, she said this is the highest achievement of all awards for teachers because it is based exclusively on student nominations. The alumni who voted this year are from the 2001 and 2003 graduating classes.

"Teaching is the most important thing we do," Brown said. "This award shows teachers leave a deep impression on students."

The Outstanding Teachers award is in its 20th year and is the only CAS award based solely on former student nominations and exclusive to teaching.

One teacher from each of the three divisions, Arts and Humanities, Science and Mathematics, and the Social Sciences are awarded each year. The recipients are given a certificate and a small amount of money.

A display of current recipients and list of past recipients is in the lobby of Klienpell Fine Arts Center.



Don Petzold



Ruth Wood



Kathryn Ernie

Free to register, open to all students

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The Student Organization Committee and the Leadership Training Committee will be hosting the campus-wide Leadership Conference, Saturday Sept. 24.

The purpose of the conference is to connect campus leaders to new leaders and also to offer an opportunity for personal growth to anyone who is interested, according to conference leaders.

It's a one-day conference that will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Rodli Commons.

"One of the chancellor's initiatives is civic engagement and leadership development, and we feel that Leadership '05 will be a great kick-off toward achieving this goal," said Brent Turner, leadership training coordinator.

The conference will begin with a national speaker named Harlen Cohen who will be giving a speech entitled "Training for the Sport of Taking Risks."

Cohen is a humorous and wise motivational speaker who has written a book called "The Naked Roommate: And 100 Things You Might Encounter in College." He has also worked with Jay Leno in the past, according to Indiana State University's newspaper.

After lunch, time will be blocked into one-hour sessions, each session will have four to five different speakers. Students will then choose which session they feel would be most beneficial for them.

Many of the speakers are student leaders

who are already active on campus.

Barbara Lind is one such presenter whose speech will be entitled "Time Management: If I Can, You Can Too!"

She plans to familiarize students with campus resources as well as offer some of her own personal methods to help overcome the struggle of dividing time between responsibilities, Lind said.

"It's important to be a good enough leader to say no when you don't have time for new responsibilities," Lind said.

Andrew Larson is another student presenter who will be giving a speech entitled



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RIVER FALLS POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

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Sept. 9

—Ann M. Dabruzzi, 20, was fined \$166 for possession of a false ID around midnight after she allegedly tried to purchase alcohol from Dick's Plus, 1141 S. Main St.

Police responded to a complaint from Dick's that a woman had allegedly tried to use an ID to purchase alcohol with an ID that did not match her. The complainant gave police the suspect's license plate number and car description.

Dabruzzi was found driving around and pulled over near the 100 block of Broadway.

Sept. 10

—Avaro G. Cardenas Jr., 21, 203 S. Fourth St., was fined \$291 for providing alcohol to minors at a party at his residence around midnight.

Police were initially called to Cardenas' residence for a noise violation. Officers

noted that there were numerous people in Cardenas' house and garage. However, Cardenas allegedly said that all of the people at the party were of legal age.

Around 12:15 a.m. two witnesses told police the party was allegedly serving alcohol to minors.

Officers returned to Cardenas' home for questioning. Cardenas allegedly told police he had told all the minors to leave his party after police came the first time.

Cardenas was cited for Procurement for sell, dispense or give alcohol to minors.

Sept. 13

—Jennifer M. Davis and Natalie E. Skinner were both fined \$248 for underage consumption in Parker Hall.

Sept. 15

—Hans Hare was fined \$248 for underage consumption in Hathorn Hall.

—Iris D. O' Brien reported the theft of her bike sometime between 7:30 a.m. and 10:30 on Sept. 13.

The bike was allegedly taken from the bike rack outside the Klienpell Fine Arts building. Obrien said she had not locked the bike up. It is valued around \$100.

Sept. 16

—Brandon G. Dadwin was fined \$248 for underage consumption in Crabtree Hall.

—Karen A. Manke and Leigh T. Landgraf were both fined \$248 for underage consumption in Johnson Hall.

—Jessica L. Bahr reported vandalism to her parked car in W-Lot.

Two CB antennas were allegedly snapped off her vehicle Sept. 15. The two antennas were valued at \$20 each.

Sept. 17

—Megan A. Learman reported vandalism to her parked car in O-Lot.

Learman told public safety that someone had allegedly keyed her car. The key scratch stretched the length of the right side of the car.

Betz: Leadership/global perspective

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“I know students will forget some of the facts they learn in class but they will always remember the commitment of the faculty and educators and the values they espouse,” he said. “I can promise you that the values will be reinforced and made real by what we do and not just what we say.”

One thing Betz said he will stress is the importance for students to have a global perspective because they “can’t be igno-

rant of the dynamics of the world and be successful.”

He also plans to incorporate the skills he acquired after years of administrative accomplishments in Oklahoma into his position as Chancellor.

“I am a strong believer in service leadership,” he said of his commitment to helping students recognize civic responsibility. “I have been involved in leadership all of my life and those habits are not going to change.”

Betz said while UW-RF already offers

wonderful programs, he plans to implement a leadership class as well as training opportunities for staff.

“We will see, over the next few years, that leadership will become a defining value here in all parts of the institution,” he said.

Outside of academics Betz said he looks forward to exploring student life.

“We’ll be regulars because I’m Chancellor, but also because we would anyway,” he said, adding that he and Susanne plan to become familiar faces at sporting events, performances in the arts and all other aspects of campus life.

“I’m interested in people thriving, not

just surviving,” he said.

When asked what it means for students, staff and the people of River Falls to have Betz as Chancellor, he said, “They will decide. I have every intention of embracing the community – you will see me because I won’t be a stranger and you will hear me as I will speak often.”

While he offers a new perspective to UW-RF, Betz said transformations will not occur without the support and best interest of the community. “I am in a position of leadership, but will not be at the top of the pyramid or the center of the circle,” he said. “We’ll write this story together.”

N-lot: student inconvenience

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more real. Only recently did the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources order the construction of this project before such a scenario could occur.

Unlike the iron-based piping that was installed in the 1960s, the new pipe is composed of an extremely dense polyethylene material, “which should last for a 100 years, if not more,” Campus Coordinator Planner

“They’ve been excellent to work on this.”

Dale Braun,
Campus coordinator
planner

Dale Braun said.

The \$4.5 million project will not only serve the student population on campus.

“It was going really well,” Braun explained, but then bad luck intervened.

But Braun is still positive.

“They’ve been excellent to work on this,” Braun says. “They are very willing to work with us, and trying to get back on track.”

Parking in N-Lot is scheduled for Oct. 15, when workers are supposed to leave the campus.

Leadership Center: Welcoming new staff

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hall managers, providing leadership opportunities and workshops, and overseeing FredNet.

Heinselman has also been exploring options for all aspects of the new Student Union including lighting, space, and equipment. Also, new bidding will begin for dining services on campus.

Heinselman plans to obtain feedback from students as far as what will be offered to eat on campus through focus groups and online surveys, set to get underway sometime in October.

Student involvement in decisions for the new Student Union ranks high for Heinselman.

“Its vitally important we get that as right as we can,” he said.

Other changes which Heinselman will seek student opinion on are the banking facilities offered and also the make-up of the new the book store.

Although Heinselman is foreign to River Falls, he has had experience with the UW system and also in transitioning student centers. Preparing him for his current position were nine years spent as the Director of Student Life at UW-Platteville, his position -prior to coming to UW-RF- as Duke University’s Director of Campus Life and University Centers and having a hand in opening a new student union as

an undergraduate a Northern Arizona University. Of all the places Heinselman has worked, he was more than happy to return to the Midwest.

“It was a good fit for where I wanted to be,” he said. Also Heinselman felt he could have an immediate impact on the UW-RF campus in a position that will keep him challenged.

“I have a lot of respect for the UW system and the type of student that attends.”

Heinselman became the winning candidate because of his “breadth and depth of experience,” Halada said, also “his management style and successes he had at other campuses.”



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Leadership Training Coordinator



Karyn Kling
Event Coordinator



Kurran Sagan
Recreational Leadership Coordinator

New Leadership Center Staff

Katrina: Relief needed

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attending any of the 26 campuses in Wisconsin will have their tuition waived for the Fall 2005 semester. “Hurricane Katrina disrupted the lives of thousands of Gulf Coast residents, and UW campuses want to help as best they can,” said UW System President Kevin P. Reilly in the news release. If these students choose to stay at a UW campus and complete their degree programs they must compete for admission and be charged for all UW credits earned. It is likely most of these students will return back to their home colleges, where they have already paid tuition.

The President of the UW System sent an e-mail to all the campuses Sept.2, as well as UW-River Falls Chancellor Don Benz addressing the issue that the UW System and UW-RF will do its part to help in any way possible.

Staff and students alike had already begun efforts to help those affected by the natural disaster.

“Caring individuals throughout campus wasted no time to help in any way possible,” said dean of student development Blake Fry.


UW-RF has already raised roughly \$5,000 at tables that were setup in the Hagestad Student Center, bookstore donations, collecting money throughout the community and a web site (www.uwrf.edu/katrina) that helps direct people to charities to donate.

Fry said there are several ways to help that don’t involve money, since most college students are strapped for money already. Ways in which students can help include a blood drive Oct. 3. Also, through the coordinated efforts of Susie Zimmer and the Art Department there will be a silent auction to raise money, it will be held on Oct. 27.

UW-RF plans to “adopt” a sister school in the affected region, allowing students the opportunity to go to the Gulf Coast for J-term or spring break while earning credit.

The opportunity would give students real-life experience to use what they learned in college. Students’ talents and putting those talents to good use is just as valuable as money, Fry said.


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EDITORIAL

Student Voice under the knife

You may have noticed a few changes in the *Student Voice* this year.

A more colorful front, catchier layouts and an overall look that is more aesthetically pleasing.

Over the summer, staff members from the *Voice* spent hours going over layout options and analyzing other newspapers. More time was spent on redesigning every aspect of the *Voice* to give it a more professional and refreshing look.

To make the paper user friendly we’ve added teasers to the top of the front page. Front-page stories continue on page three so readers can get to the stories faster. The sports section has been refocused to highlight features from the games, rather than just game facts.

Throughout the redesign process, staff members had student interests in mind.

This newspaper was founded as the “student’s voice.” It is a medium through which members of UW-River Falls are able to voice opinions, tell stories and catch up on current events.

But this redesign was about more than just imagery and layout.

The redesign was meant to draw more readers to the *Student Voice* pages. As the only independent campus news source, we want to present the news to faculty, staff and administration in the most professional way possible.

More importantly, this was not a simple task that was done overnight. Long hours were spent designing and redesigning fonts, headings, spacing and every formatting aspect possible for a publication. This time was spent not to test the waters, but instead to achieve one common goal. *Voice* staff members wanted to create a better product for the readers.

While the *Student Voice* was redesigned without input from the student population, it is imperative that students voice their opinions and concerns about this publication.

Although it is assembled by a dedicated staff, the *Student Voice* is understood that it is the student’s newspaper. If there are any concerns, comments or suggestions about the new layout it is the job of the student body to voice concerns to the *Voice*.

You’re not all journalism majors, but every single student, staff or faculty member should care about what happens on campus. This paper is meant for you —so use it. If you have ideas, send them our way. Write letters to the editor when something confuses you, makes you mad or you just have something to say.

We have invested time for you, so help us out in return. This is a living and breathing organization and without students behind it, it could not exist.

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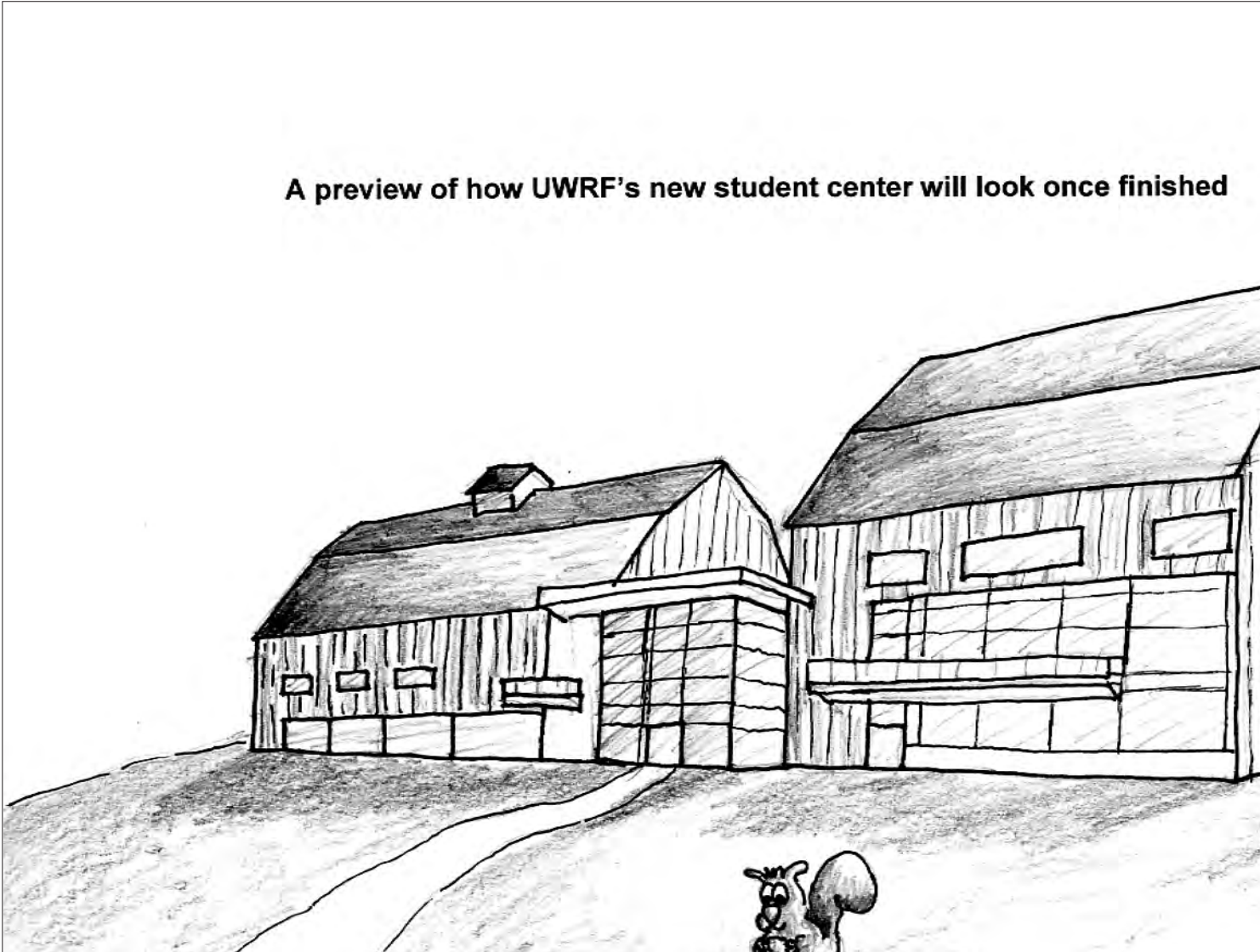
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A preview of how UWRF’s new student center will look once finished

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Committee gives students role in policy reviews

Welcome students to wonderful UW-RF!

The Student Senate Shared Governance Committee, which did no have any members last year, is back on track.

Some may ask, “What is Shared Governance?” The principle of the Shared Governance Committee is to provide students, faculty, and academic staff with a statutory role in the university governance policies.

Chapter 36.09(5), of Wisconsin state law reads: “[S]tudents shall have primary responsibility for the formulation and review of policies concerning student life, services and interests.”

The Shared Governance Committee, which meets on Wednesdays at 3 p.m. in the Leadership Center, strives to: enhance student participation in student life, uphold 36.09(5) through the Senate, F&F, and LDPPB, and network with these groups to provide a government.

If you want to know more about Shared Governance and perhaps want to apply for a

University or Student Committee, contact Shared Governance Director Jeremy Bonikowske.

Adam Koski
Student Senate

March for peace

Today the news reported that more than 1,900 American soldiers have died in the war in Iraq.

Every one of these soldiers had mothers, fathers, families and friends. They had hopes and dreams for the future. Many had children. These people hoped to return home to jobs or to attend college. They will never be able to.

According to the Web-site, costofwar.com, our nation has spent more than \$195 billion on this war so far. Again, according to costofwar.com this could have paid for more than 9 million four-year college scholarships. This could have paid for levees in New Orleans.

The opportunity cost of this war has become staggering. How much more can our people and our nation afford?

This Saturday in Washington D.C. there will be a peace march at the Capitol. There will also be

a peace march in River Falls. The peace march will begin in front of the Student Center at UW-River Falls at 11:00 a.m. Saturday and continue up Main Street to Heritage Park.

Anyone who wants to participate but is unable to march is invited to demonstrate with signs at Cascade and Main. Donations will be accepted to help Gulf Coast hurricane victims.

Make checks payable to American Red Cross or America’s Second Harvest.

Support our troops, bring them home.

Ben Plunkett
student

Help if you can

I am writing this to all of us who have watched the devastation and pain that this disaster has caused in the lives of thousands of American citizens.

We have a rare opportunity to touch these lives and help them to heal, and at the same time to give ourselves the gifts that do come with giving. These citizens need housing, jobs, friends, and neighbors. All this has been taken from them.

There are those reading this

who have empty homes (lake cabins, apartments, homes waiting for sales, etc.). Providing these homes to Katrina victims for a period of 6 months to a year for free will not only give you a tax break, but will give them a new lease on life.

There are those of you who are looking for employees; perhaps even apprentices or someone you can train into skilled labor jobs—please help!

Some of you can provide day care or babysitting services to these folks while they either seek work, go to work, or get acquainted with their communities through local service clubs, church events, or neighborhood “get togethers.”

There needs to be a person or agency volunteering to be the central point for information and distribution. I will volunteer to be that person, until or when a service agency can.

In addition, I will coordinate relocation and/or post-traumatic stress counseling to these families, to assure that they are able to begin to rebuild their lives.

If there are others who will help with this effort please contact me at 715-426-9877.

Mary I. Sullivan
MA LPC

Pomptopless leaves readers wet

I have written years worth of columns in this paper, and all of them are largely considered lowbrow. So I figured, why break the streak with this week’s? Let’s just say your time is better spent on reading the news, the other columns, or the back of a milk carton.

I would like to take this space to tell one of my favorite stories from the summer.

On a Thursday, my friends decided to drink at my apartment because it was within a fairly standard procedure. As it turns out, we never made it further than the front door.

One friend, who we will call Pomptopless, arrived later than the rest of my friends and had a bad day at work. He called ahead to say he wanted a stiff drink waiting for him.

I have made Pomptopless drinks that are 16 ounces tall that include rum, vodka, gin, milk, ranch dressing and hot sauce. Drinks like that make the milk curdle and the recipient’s face look like he just had his first colonoscopy. That was one of the nicer drinks I have made him. Two of them. Lets just call it a Pomptopless special.



AJ
Oscarson

Two hours later, he passed out in the living room. We woke him up so he could go to the bathroom and pass out somewhere more convenient for the rest of us. We kicked him in the ribs several times before he got up and went somewhere else. A job well done - done by some of the most considerate friends a guy could have. “Go me,” I thought.

Roughly a half hour later, someone walks out of the bathroom and says, “AJ, Pomptopless needs your help.”

No problem I figured. Probably just needed another Pomptopless special. I look around and find him passed out on the toilet, pants around his ankles and head between his knees. Being the man of initiative that I am, I took it upon myself to fix the situation. And by fix, I mean move his drunken ass out of the bathroom so I could use it.

I grabbed one arm and pulled him off the toilet causing him to hit his head on the vanity, and door, waking him up just enough to ask me a few enthralling questions.

“AJ,” he says, “have you seen my penis?”

Huh. “Now I have.” I responded.

Being the good friend that I am, I tried to put his pants on for him to save a little dignity, which was difficult because he kept grabbing my arm and asking if I had seen his penis.

I get it all worked out and put him in my bed. A safe place. I slept on the couch in the living room, fairly proud of my good deed.

This is what I woke up to.

Pomptopless was sneaking out of my apartment without his glasses, holding his shoes, still drunk.

“Pomptopless...whatcha doing, buddy?” I said. Until I noticed that he looked like he showered with his clothes on. He did not shower with his clothes on.

He had in fact pissed all over my bed. He was soaked from his armpits down to his knees. Literally.

Neither of us acknowledge what he had done as he stood in my living room holding his shoes for about a minute.

“I was going to try and sneak out before you woke up and hope that you thought you were the one that did it,” he said.

Kudos, Pomptopless. Kudos.

Past issues still linger ...

Five years ago in the Student Voice...
“Parking office issues cards to ease complaints”
When a parking issue is unsolvable, the directors would issue a “get out of jail free card” so both parties could walk away happy. They were distributed on a judgement call basis. 2000

Ten years ago in the Student Voice...
“Cure for parking problem in sight”
An annual University survey showed a deficit of 557 parking spaces for students, staff and visitors. Plans were made to expand O Lot, expand Q Lot, expand metered lots and expand and relocate N Lot and E Lot. 1995

Journalists learn from mistakes

Just a few weeks ago, my old college newspaper, the Daily Egyptian at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, admitted it was the victim of an elaborate hoax. The central character, a young girl whose father supposedly was a soldier serving in Iraq, even wrote an occasional column for the newspaper.

The hoax only began to unravel after reporters at the paper tried to verify news that the father had been killed in action. It still is not entirely clear if the Daily



Andris Straumanis

Egyptian has completely untangled the web of lies in which the paper was caught in for almost two years. A young journalist's career has been damaged, perhaps irreparably, and the paper itself no doubt will be rebuilding its credibility for some time.

It all could have been avoided by checking the facts.

As the new faculty adviser for the Student Voice, it is my hope that the paper's young journalists will take stories like this to heart and learn from the mistakes of others while continuing to publish an award-winning weekly. It

is a hope informed by my first impressions of the paper's staff members, who seem to me to be committed to producing an informative and relevant publication, and by trust that the education they are receiving at UW-River Falls has prepared them for the challenges of journalism.

And hope is about all I can do. I can nudge, cajole, praise and vent, too. But I'm just the faculty adviser. The Student Voice, as the name suggests, is the voice of the students. It is their newspaper to run as they see fit. Every once in a while, they might ask me for advice, and I can hope they'll listen.

But they don't have to.

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fees allocated by the Leadership Development Programming Board, a body of the Student Senate that determines how to spend the student media budget. That makes the Voice the students' newspaper, not the faculty's nor the administration's.

News of the hoax at my old college paper brought back memories. We made a few mistakes back then, too, but they were offset by the lessons we learned every day about how to be better journalists and about the role of the press in a free society.

Whether I have a part in it or not, the editors, reporters and other staff members of the Student Voice will learn similar lessons.

Past budget decisions affect storm relief funds



Nate Cook

What do you get when you blend an existing federal budget deficit with the war in Iraq and sprinkle in a little Hurricane Katrina? A recipe for an economic disaster.

When President Bush took office after the 2000 election, he inherited a \$230 billion federal budget surplus. By October of 2004, the U.S. Treasury reported that the federal budget had a deficit of \$413 billion. That's a turn-around of \$643 billion; great job Mr. President.

This is about the time that somebody reading is bound to say, "What about 9/11?" Though September 11 caused a need for some increased spending, (military expenditures, the war in Afghanistan, homeland security, etc.) it was the decisions of the Bush administration that have caused this economic crisis. The first mistake was to give away the \$230 billion surplus through a series of tax cuts, which have benefited the wealthy the most (\$89 billion in tax cuts to the wealthiest 5 percent in 2004 alone).

The next mistake President Bush made was misleading the American citizens into his unjustified war in Iraq. Since April 2003, the U.S. Congress has allocated \$204.6 billion for use during the war in Iraq. Maybe President Bush should ask his rich golf buddies to give back their \$89 billion tax cut to help pay for the war.

Most recently the Gulf Coast has been devastated by Hurricane Katrina. President Bush has pledged that the federal government would pay to help relocate citizens, give tax breaks to businesses that provide job opportunities, provide displaced workers with \$5,000 debit cards to help them get by while job hunting, as well as helping the cities and states rebuild infrastructure such as

Unnecessary excuses promote single life



Jason Conway

What is the deal with single people these days? I have had dealings with a couple girls during my single times and found they all had the same reason for not wanting to date; they all just got out of "bad relationships".

I do not know how other people end a relationship but most relationships end badly, hence the word end. So if you are single now that means that you have probably just got out of a relationship in the last couple of months, and it probably ended

got out of a bad relationship. Using this as an excuse means you are not looking for that special someone. If that is the case just say it. Rejection is rejection no matter how it is said.

The bad relationship excuse is one that I think is said by people who are not having fun in the dating world. I would bet money that these same people sit around the house or their dorm room and bitch about the fact that they do not have someone special. Like I always say, "If you don't try, don't bitch".

People just fall into relationships. If you are out there and looking, ninety percent of the time you will not find what you are looking for. Finding someone that you want to be with is a blessing. If you do not have that special someone, go out and have some fun, meet some new people, try some new things, and

Relating to relationships

I am no different than any other 21-year-old woman trying to make it in the dating world. The only difference is now I have an outlet to tell others about the places I've been and stories I've heard.

I've been in the dumps, knee-deep in Kleenex and plotting severe revenge. I've also been on cloud nine and planning the wedding with children's names.

The relationship that really isn't a relationship seems to be most popular these days. There are different levels we consider when people are together. We all know the extremes that relationships can

have, and yet we continue to come back for more. No matter how hurt and destroyed we end up, there is always a glimpse of hope that keeps us trucking.

For some people it's that burn of the first love in high school. For others it's just like yesterday when you thought they

were the one. Everyone has their own philosophy on how relationships are.

I'm not exempt to that. I have my own thoughts about why men and women act the way they do. I'm not saying my reasoning is pure fact. As I always say, "Your best story is the one you live to tell, because it's real." So technically I've



Michelle Dodge

Jail time less than stellar

I spent some time this summer debating about what topic I should start the year off with. Since I was almost exclusively writing about drinking last year and I haven't been drunk in over six months, I don't have any new stories to toss around. However, I did get to spend eight luxurious days in one of our state's striking county

holding cells. And by striking, I mean an off white hole in the lower level of the Pierce County Court House.

Jail ended up being pretty much what I expected it to be. The food was edible, but then again I can eat just about anything and not really care. And let me tell you, it was made up of just about anything and everything. Definitely an example of ignorance is bliss. To be honest, the guys I was in there with probably smoked so much meth that I doubt they had any taste buds; they certainly did not have many teeth left.

However, sitting in jail is a lot of really bad TV, cellmates that stink of body odor, and a really bright light shining on your face all night long. So I was sitting in there looking for something interesting to catch my eye, hoping that I would have a really cool story about how we had to eat rats to survive or burned old newspapers to stay warm.

Needless to say, I didn't get to kill a man with my bare hands to get a smoke, but I did meet some crazy people while I was behind bars. And to be completely honest, I should have talked to them more just so I could have heard all the insane things they did to get in, or even better, what they got away with.

On the other hand, I did get a good story about a guy who was in for unpaid child support. He was from Texas and stood about knee high to a grasshopper. His name was Bubba, had teeth of native origin, and enjoyed dating large women because "they made better lovers."

In spite of this, he was continually beat up by his bigger counterpart as was the case with the unpaid child support. His ex-wife took a frying pan to his head so he refused to give her any more money.

Needless to say, the entertainment value from meeting people alone should be enough, but I beg to differ. I had talked to a buddy who also went to jail down near Madison and there was a ping pong table at that one.

Obviously I went into Pierce County with high expectations only to find 1000 piece puzzles and romance novels. To be completely honest, if there would have been a ping pong table, they would have had to have dragged me out of there kicking and screaming.



Mike Sonn

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STUDENT VOICES



Joe Ayers, junior

"The concert was cool. We had a few cookouts so far and it has been fun. It seems more active than last year. It's not just people sitting in their dorm rooms."

Christine Cammuck, sophomore



"The organization fair was good. At the greeks we got free food. All the frats and sororities told us what they were about and they did chants. It was fun to see everybody and to see what it is about."

Chris Robinson, freshmen



"I just came from a BBQ that the African American Association put on. It was great. I have heard from word of mouth that is where I should go. It seems that they are trying with the hip hop show. They are doing a good job."



Kelly Berfeldt, freshmen

"I haven't gone to any. I didn't even know there were activities going on."



Subash Seshadri, senior

"It's been a good thing for the community. There are a lot of good things to keep people out of trouble. When I was a freshman we didn't have the casino night."

Rachel Andersen, sophomore



"I went to the hip hop concert, acoustic show and the comedian, they were good. I was impressed that they had this all this stuff for us to do when we got here. At my last college they didn't have any of this."

"President Bush is once again helping out the wealthy by stating that he will not raise taxes to help pay for Hurricane Katrina relief efforts."

roads, water systems, bridges and schools, to name a few.

The plan he has laid out is exactly as expected from our President. But the problem with his plan is where will all the money come from?

President Bush is once again helping out the wealthy by stating that he will not raise taxes to help pay for Hurricane Katrina relief efforts. Instead he has urged Congress to help pay for the rebuilding effort by "cutting the fat" from the proposed federal budget. This means funds will be drawn from existing federal government programs to pay for President Bush's plan to rebuild the Gulf Coast.

This is a situation caused directly by President Bush's tax cuts and war in Iraq. Imagine for a second that President Bush hadn't squandered away our \$230 billion federal budget surplus. Hmmm ... I wonder what we could use that money for. Oh yeah, to rebuild the Gulf Coast.

On Monday, I was inspired by watching Oprah donate \$10 million to the rebuilding efforts in the Gulf Coast. Not everyone can afford that much money, but I decided that I could afford to donate \$20 to the relief efforts. I encourage every student on campus to do the same.

If interested go to <http://bush-clintonkatrinafund.org> for more information.



Falcon wide receiver Chris Anderson lets a pass bounce off his chest during the Sept. 17 game against Bemidji State. The Falcons have started off the year with two losses.

Eric Ebert/Student Voice

SIDELINED

A face in the crowd



Sarah Packingham

A couple of weeks ago I went to watch some of my friends on the Women’s Rugby team play their first game of the season against the University of Minnesota.

It seemed no matter how carefully I watched I couldn’t seem to understand what was really going on. All that I could tell was there was an enormous amount of hitting, running and throwing.

I realized that I know a lot about baseball, football, hockey and many other sports, but I know nothing about rugby.

So I thought, what a better way to study the sport than by

Rugby is not an easy game to pick up; in fact I think it’s the hardest game I’ve ever played.

attempting to play it.

And attempt was what I did. Last Tuesday, with my mouth guard in hand I attended my first rugby practice. I can’t say I was any good at the sport, but I did learn a lot about the game.

I learned how to tackle, fall without getting stepped on and even how to do a few plays. They taught me how to win a ruck and how to push myself to the limit.

These dedicated women push themselves every time they step on the field. Rugby is not an easy game to just pick up; in fact I think it’s the hardest game I’ve ever played.

These women spend hours perfecting how to do everything right in order to win. They hold practices that are three hours long, sometimes more, two days a week, and have games on Saturdays and sometimes even Sundays when playing a two game tournament.

Spending so much time together allows special bonds to form between the players. They are always willing to help a teammate out if they’re not getting a play or a specific drill.

The team even gets along well with their competitors off the field. After each game there is generally a social with special awards and food. How many sports are there where someone can go and tackle and hit people and then afterwards share laughs and stories? The also sing new and creative songs that show off rugby pride

There isn’t any other sport that I know of that’s like that.

So even though I was covered in bruises and extremely sore in the days to follow my rugby endeavor, I must say it was an awesome experience. These women work hard and deserve respect just like any other student athlete on this campus.

Football team shows promise

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After a tough 3-7 record last season, the UW-River Falls football team hopes for better results this season. Even though the team is 0-2 thus far, they still remain very optimistic about the games to come.

The team has showed promise early on in the season with a close loss to Concordia-St. Paul, and a tough loss to Bemidji State.

Last season the Falcons would falter early on in the game, and fans would lose hope early, this season they have remained competitive all the way through to the last quarter, said head coach John O’Grady.

Both competitors the Falcons played against this season were Div. II schools, and were very difficult to play against for different reasons.

“Concordia St. Paul players were not as big, but they were really athletic and all were fast,” junior halfback Andy Kolstad said. “Bemidji was more

“In our offense you have to be patient...”
Jeremy Wolff,
Junior quarterback

physical. There were advantages and disadvantages to both teams.”

With the two losses both coaches and players were able to find positives from the experience. The first that came to 17-year head coach John O’Grady’s mind was the great kicking by freshman Dan Keller, who was replacing the injured Spasimir Bodurski.

“He did a good job for his first college game,” O’Grady said.

There were also vast improvements made by punter Jovin Kroll this season.

“He had a 41-yard punt which is about 11 yards

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Submitted photo

Senior captain Megan Knobloch returns a volley during last weeks match against St. Mary’s. River Falls won the match 7-2. The Falcon girls are off to a 3-2 start for the 2005 season.

New courts, new faces, new season

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With October just a few short days away, the Falcon Women’s Tennis season is in full swing. And by the looks of it, things couldn’t be going much better. They have a solid team, a good record and new playing facilities.

“It’s been going really well,” junior Becky Briese said. “We lost one match 4-5, so it could have gone either way. This is the best freshman group we’ve ever had.”

The transition from high school to college tennis could be difficult for some, but the five freshmen on this team have seemed to adjust rather well.

“The two captains are a good rock,” freshman Molly Keifenheim said. “They’re really good role models.”

Having a good coaching staff also helps the team remain competitive year after year. Head coach Lee Lueck is in his sixth year with the Falcons.

“He really knows his tennis,” senior Leah Baron said. “He’s really energetic about things. It’s good to have high intensity like that.”

Lueck is also has two assistant coaches that take time with the program, Don Leake and Tim Thum.

“They are two good friends of mine that donate their time to the program,” Lueck said.

Players and coaches are both very

“For the first week I think we were together 10 hours a day.”
Leah Baron,
Senior tennis player

excited about the new tennis courts that the team got during the off-season. They have brand new outdoor courts that are located by Hunt and Knowles that are already being used. The indoor facility is inside of Knowles and it will be ready for play soon.

“We are so lucky to have the new courts,” Baron said. “It’s helping us with practice, everybody can play singles

now. Our matches go faster now; it’s so much more convenient. We’re very proud of them.”

The courts are also open to students and the general public’s use, when the team is not needing them, Lueck said.

Besides having a new court, the team also has a handful of new members. Five freshmen have made their Falcon debut this fall including: Katie Lynn Anderson, Danielle Huper, Molly Keifenheim, Mindy Rudiger and Kaylei Sorensen.

“The freshmen are the majority,” Baron said. “They fit in really well; they add a lot of character.”

Before the season started the women

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Submitted Photo

The UW-RF golf team poses for a group shot.

Freshmen lead Falcons

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The weekend of September 10 and 11 the University of Wisconsin-River Falls women’s golf team traveled to the Westridge Golf Course to compete in the Oshkosh Invitational. The team placed fifth out of ten teams. The Falcons were led by freshman Kelli Dahle, who shot a two day total of 174 (87-87) and finished in tenth place. Close behind were freshman Kendall Egnarski (86-90-176) and senior Kara Coughlin (88-89-177), who finished thirteenth and fourteenth respectively. Sophomore Jenna Gutzwiller posted scores of 90-91-181, and freshman Katie Kantrud (99-95-194) and Rachel Foley (101-104-205) played solid in their anchor spots.

“The freshmen are doing great this

year,” Coach Jeff Berkhoff said of his younger golfers. “The Oshkosh Invitational is a good indicator of what our team can do.”

The team’s success at Oshkosh was a pretty big accomplishment, considering that a freshman has the number one spot on the team, and two more freshman hold the pivotal four and five spot, the golfers which make or break a team. But Coach Berkhoff is confident that the next meet, the September 23 Carthage Invitational in Kenosha, Wis., will see even more improvement.

“The key to do well is to take another step down,” Coach Berkhoff said, stressing the importance of golf as a team rather than individual sport.

This season is a landmark one for the UW-RF women’s golf team: this year’s

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Back to the drawing board for COEPS students

Program expected to ease portfolio-making headaches

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Incoming students in the College of Education and Professional Studies will take a trip to chalk board this year with the implementation of a new portfolio making program.

Beginning this semester, freshmen entering the education field enrolled in Intro to Education and Instructional Technology (Teacher Education 120) and Intro to Tech Integration and the Reflective Multimedia Portfolio (Teacher Education 155) will be

required to use Chalk & Wire's e-Portfolio.

Chalk & Wire's e-Portfolio is an Internet portfolio creating program that will replace Dreamweaver.

Associate Dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies, Mary Manke acknowledged that current education students who have begun making their portfolio with Dreamweaver will not be required to switch programs, but do have the option.

At UW-River Falls, only a handful of students have begun using the new Chalk & Wire e-Portfolio program, but Manke anticipates the program to be a success once it is fully implemented.

"It has been in limited use for

the past two years, but now we're trying to make the big move," Manke said.

According to Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction guidelines, teachers must be certified and provide proof of understanding and competency of skills before they obtain licensure. Unlike conventional portfolios, the e-Portfolio program allows students to include textual, visual, and audible proof of their qualifications.

As part of their teacher certification, education majors must complete a portfolio before applying for a teaching license. The use of the Chalk & Wire e-Portfolio program will speed up the process of creating a portfolio.

Manke said early preparation

of a portfolio is especially important for those who will be graduating at the end of fall semester and seeking substitute teaching positions for the remainder of the traditional school year.

According to Manke, students only had access to Dreamweaver from campus computers unless they purchased the \$400 program for their personal computer. This forced some students to drive hours to and from campus to finish and revise their portfolios.

The change to Chalk & Wire comes at an opportune time—with gas prices soaring—students can access the Chalk & Wire program off-campus.

Manke said that Chalk & Wire's e-Portfolio is not only

more convenient for students, but also easy to use. Tutorials available on the University Web site guide students through the process of creating a portfolio.

With Dreamweaver, students experienced many difficulties, most of which were caused because it is not a program strictly intended for making portfolios.

Although it is intended for education students, the e-portfolio program is available to all students. Anyone can purchase an activation code for \$75 to launch a new account at the University bookstore.

The code will be valid for four years from the date of purchase. According to Manke, students can continue to use the Chalk & Wire service after four years by

renewing the code for \$12 each additional year.

Two other universities in the UW System, UW-Green Bay and UW-Stout, have already instituted the Chalk & Wire portfolio program.

By using the program, students are able to "organize their artifacts and display them in creative, yet distinct ways," said Jill Klefstad, assistant professor of early childhood education at UW-Stout.

The education department has high expectations for the Chalk & Wire program and the role it will play in preparing students for their teaching careers.

The e-portfolio program is available to all students in the student center bookstore

CBE approaches accreditation

Years of work pay off for young college

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The College of Business and Economics (CBE) is in the final stages of the accreditation review. The past seven years have been devoted to strategic planning to become an internationally accredited institution.

"The accreditation process is a critical stage for the young college," CBE Dean Barbara Nemecek said.

The college was born in July 2001. Within that year the college not only began working towards accreditation but was "also moving forward to write a

college constitution, create goals, define a college mission, set values, organize committees, build corporate identity, and simply develop and format the college as a whole," Nemecek said.

The accreditation process is a self-evaluation process for the college. This has allowed the college to evaluate its mission statement, goals, curriculum, and faculty requirements.

The college is currently under review by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). AACSB is a non-profit corporation that assures quality and promotes excellence and continuous improvement in undergraduate and graduate education for business administration and accounting.

"The accreditation gives new students a baseline to measure the level of excellence that the college will provide them in their business degrees," said business administration major Anthony Harstedt, a member of the dean's student advisory

board for the CBE.

Faculty and students must meet standards and guidelines set by the AACSB.

During the process, faculty members are required to research and publish papers within their particular field.

The papers display a level of research ability that will better enhance the college's standard. After a paper is presented, it takes about a year for it to be published in a professional journal.

Faculty members are also teaching students to know more about the accreditation process and to understand the changes being made within the college.

"Classes are strictly enforcing the understanding and knowledge of the college's mission statement along with the awareness and importance of the

accreditation process," business administration and finance major Molly Murtaugh said.

Which is just one of several accomplishments CBE has made in recently.

"CBE has achieved a lot within the past years. With the basic formation to get the college started, to the addition of graduate and masters programs, CBE has improved and updated the curriculum to better enhance education for today's world," Harstedt said.

CBE will know by April 2006 if the accreditation process is approved. If the college doesn't get approved, the college will then evaluate possible improvements and begin the process again.

"The accreditation process does not mark the end of CBE's advancement, it merely starts a new beginning," Harstedt said. "The end for now would be a successful accreditation. Once achieved, the college standards will be raised to a new level of collegiate standard and education excellence."

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Anthony Harstedt,
Student advisory board
for CBE

Union construction on schedule



Jen Dolen/Student Voice

Construction on the new Student Union continues on schedule. One worker was injured early in September when a board fell on his head, but the project has not been set back.

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Construction on the new Student Union continues continues to run smoothly with it's scheduled completion for December of 2006.

The building is slated to be open to students sometime in the spring of 2007.

Currently, the floors and columns on each level of the building are being poured to make the structural frame of the building, said Jim Murphy, facilities manager and project liaison during the construction phase.

The first and second floors are visible. Also visible are the four large columns of the north entrance. The large fireplace stack on the east end is completely poured with concrete and ready for the stone to be placed on the outer wall.

Crews are aiming to have the building enclosed by mid-October, once the structural frame for the building is completed. The enclosure will allow construction workers to continue work inside during the colder months ahead.

Construction has only been delayed one week because of rain this summer, Murphy said.

But not all has gone smoothly.

A construction worker, whose name has not been released, was injured the morning of Sept. 6 when a large board fell on his head said Jeremy Drake, a field engineer for Market and Johnson.

He was wearing a hard hat when the accident occurred and was taken to Regions Hospital in St. Paul. Drake confirmed the worker did sustain severe swelling of the neck and a bruise on the spinal cord.

The only other injuries that have occurred this past summer were a few ankle sprains but "nothing as serious," Drake said.

The construction worker was released on Sept. 16 from Regions. However, the injury has not delayed any construction on the Student Union Drake said.

When the new Student Union opens in the spring of 2007, it will offer students a wide variety of areas to eat, entertainment, a new bookstore, a large banquet hall and a common space with a large fireplace, Murphy said.

"It will be more convenient," said Kelley Gerner, a freshman at UW-River Falls majoring in pre-med and resident of Crabtree Hall. "I won't have to walk as far."

The new Student Union's location and what it has to offer have been the overall buzz coming from students on campus.

"The food will be in the middle of campus instead of being on the opposite ends of campus," said freshman Kaitlin Miller. "It will be nice for the students living on campus."

Although the Student Union is smaller in square feet than Agriculture Science building and Kleinpell Fine Arts, it will house both the facilities from the Student Center and Rodli Commons.

Murphy said Rodli and the Student Center will possibly be used for offices and classrooms once the Student Union opens.

Fall graduates!

The deadline to apply for fall commencement is Oct. 3. Applications are available at the Registrar's Office, 105 North Hall. For more information contact the Registrar's office at (715) 425-3342.

Leadership: Connections for students

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"Neither Half-Full or Half-Empty: A Realistic Approach to Leadership."

He will concentrate on staying realistic in a leadership position and staying calm and confident especially when dealing with conflict.

"A lot of people have the ability to be a leader but they just don't have the confidence." Said Larson "Confidence is in everyone they just need to find it."

"We are excited about the presenters and programs, and hope

"A lot of people have the ability to be a leader but they just don't have the confidence."

Andrew Larson,
Student presenter

that students will not only gain leadership skill development but also enhance personal growth," said Sean Blackburn, student organizations coordinator.

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To new students finding their place on campus and feeling welcome!



Falcon Favorites



Mary Foster
Dean's Assistant

Foster has worked for the College of Arts and Sciences since 1999. As a classified staff member Foster keeps track of everything from tracking tenure positions to managing budgets for the dean's office. "I do the faculty hiring paperwork for the college," Foster said. Every year faculty on a "tenure-track" are put through a rigorous review process. Foster is in charge of keeping track of those reviews. "I track it to make sure we don't lose anything," Foster said. To put it in to perspective, this year Foster will file and sort through 35 faculty reviews. But her job doesn't end there. Foster is also in charge of managing J-Term and summer courses for CAS. Which keeps her plenty busy. "It's a lot of paper," She said.

Campus Calendar

Saturday, September 24

8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Leadership '05: The Ride of Your Life
The Student Organizations Committee and the Leadership and Training Committee are sponsoring a Fall Student Leadership Conference. Please RSVP for this event by visiting: uwrf.edu/leadership/leadership05 Simply complete the online registration form.
Fee: No Charge
Location: Rodli Commons

11 a.m. Peace March
The UW - River Falls College Democrats and River Falls Peace and Justice are co-sponsoring a peace walk through River Falls.
Fee: FREE!!
Location: UW-RF Student Center Lawn

Tuesday, September 27

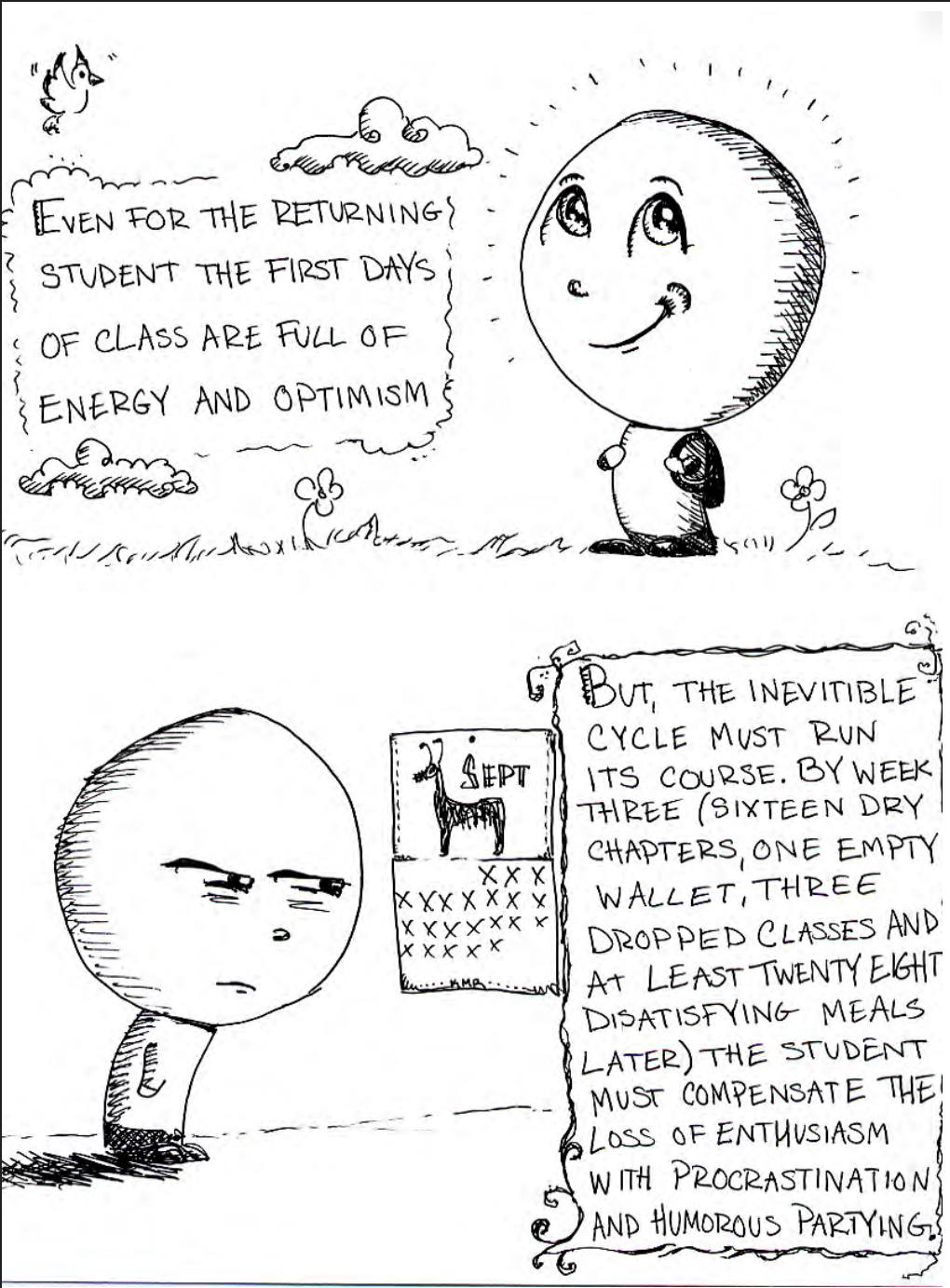
3:30 p.m. - Wong How Man Presentation
Wong How Man (How Man) will join six UW-RF faculty and staff to talk about the rich opportunities to work with him and his organization, the China Exploration and Research Society (CERS).

7 p.m. Puerto Rico J Term Course
You are invited to attend and informational meeting on a JTerm (January) course to Puerto Rico. Join Jose and Linda for more to learn more.
Location: Rm. 209 Wyman
Fee: FREE

Thursday, September 29

8 p.m. - Wyman Series: Avishai Cohen
Avishai Cohen's equally at home with sensitive conservatory jazz and rumbustious African township music, sleek funk and European folk. (www.avishaimusic.com)
Free for UW-RF Students with ID
Location: Abbott Concert Hall

Brighter Days



cartoon by: Kaitlin Reiss

Last firsts

Although many of you are all just starting school, I am nearing completion. This semester will be my final of four and a half years at this campus. I had my last first day of school which brought back so many memories of my other 17-first-days of school.

My favorite, and most vivid memory is the year I started seventh grade. I was all pumped and ready to go with my bob hair cut, khaki overall shorts and my brand new black Nike high-tops on.

I don't really remember much about that first day of school, just the snapshot in my mind of how sweet my outfit was, standing at the end of the driveway with a grin on my face ready to start school.

My grin wasn't as large this year when I realized that soon I would be entering the "real world" and would have to leave behind my life as a waitress, hanging out with my friends, and pulling all-nighters cramming for huge exams and writing papers.

This year has many lasts. It was my last first Thursday night to go out on the town and just get ridiculous. Even though I don't remember most of that night, it was probably tons of fun and I won't be able to do it again. It will be my last homecoming and all other big college events.

I'd like to believe that things won't really change when I have to grow up, but I know they will. There won't be as much time to do the things I really want to do. I won't have a disposable income, I will have more bills and more responsibilities.

I wish I could go back to the seventh grade when I was happy to go to school, thinking that being 30-years-old was in the distant future. But it is sad to say that I am nearing the dreaded old-age every day.

Now I know all of the 18-year-old freshman are wondering why I am talking about how old I am and how you think you have so much time before you graduate. But take it from me, these years will fly by so fast. Savor the time you have with your friends, go to your classes but don't take them too seriously. This campus is rife with so many activities that everyone can find something to fit into, so please get involved. I am not trying to promote my lifestyle that may involve too much slacking and not enough working but I can say that I have had fun. So get out and do something, (I don't care what it is) but remember to bring a camera. Snapshots are a memory's best friend.



Rachel Gaynor

WHIP-SMART

Wild west night life



Jon Majak

When you're single, sometimes you find yourself looking for greener dating pastures. My friend "Gavin" did just that recently when he went on a date with a gay cowboy, a concept which may sound odd at first but seemed to me fitting since wearing tight jeans, shoes with a slightly raised heels, and having this all coordinated with a fashionable hat felt like a natural two-step progression for gay culture. They ended up, appropriately enough, going out to Y'All Come Back Saloon, a trendy gay club in the Cities. Dinner, dancing, watching the sunset together, it was the stuff of sappy country ballads. But even after Gavin told me the details of the date, I was still left with one unavoidable question. "Did you save a horse and ride a hung cowboy?" I asked. "Yes," he said giddily. "Well aren't you the Little Ho on the Prairie," I replied. After Gavin logged off, I started

thinking about cowboys and the Wild West and all that mythology. If you think about it, dating and bull riding, two unrelated activities, still have some similarities. In both situations, the person has to hold on for dear life, have faith that things will out for the best, and in the end won't be too injured from the experience.

Judging by the packed bars one recent Saturday, there were plenty of people willing to give the dating rodeo a go. The Library was crowded with real cowboys, dressed in their denim jeans and cowboy hats, and

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promenading around the club and neighing sexual come-ons to any interested young, perky-chested cow-girl interested in riding them sidesaddle.

"I'm totally screwing that girl," I heard one guy say to another. "I mean, she may be a virgin now but that'll change."

Apparently, the young cowboy had skills other than roping and wrangling; he was a not-yet-a-whore

whisperer.

Two hours later, I hit the dusty trail back to my dorm room and decided to log on to the Internet to pose a question to my friend/potential love interest Ridley.

"Not to sound too Paula Cole circa when she had a career," I typed to him, "but what happened to all the good guys?"

"They don't exist," Ridley wrote to me.

I paused for a moment, thrown. "Maybe we're too fast to look for the person to be the villain that we find it whether or not it's really there," I said.

I paused. Now I was really thrown. It was the kind, oh-what-a-beautiful-morning optimism that almost never

came from me. "Good point," he wrote back. "You know I was a gay cowboy before I did rugby."

"Please tell me you had a cowboy hat," I said.

"I did and still do," he replied with a smiley face.

We talked for a few hours more. I don't know if he'll be the one I'll ride off into the sunset with but at least I'm now seeing the horizon.

De jour

Screaming Chocolate Monkey

Ingredients:
1 1/2 oz Malibu rum
3 counts Banana syrup
3 squirts Chocolate syrup
Milk
Mixing instructions:
Shake well and pour over ice, top with cherry or chocolate sprinkles.

Hoo Doo

Ingredients:
1 oz Southern Comfort
1 oz Vodka
1/2 oz Orange juice
1/2 oz Lime juice
1 splash Peppermint schnapps
1 splash Sprite or 7-up
Mixing instructions:
Mix Southern Comfort, Finlandia, orange juice, and lime juice over ice. Top with splash of Schnapps and Sprite.

Yellow Birdie

Ingredients:
1 oz Vodka or light rum
1 oz Creme de Banane
6 oz Sprite or 7-up
Mixing instructions:
Pour vodka into glass over ice followed by Creme de Banana, then top it up with Sprite & stir.

Recipe ideas??

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By: Neng Yang



Preserve natural beauty

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Many years ago in River Falls, there were no party houses, no three-dollar movie theater, and no University. That is the way Joel Foster found it when he decided to settle here in the winter of 1848.

According to the River Falls Chamber of Commerce, he was so taken in by the scenery and fishing on the Kinnickinnic River that he spent that winter coldly crouched under a rock shelf, making a cabin with logs and stone.

Some feel that scenery Foster saw so many years ago has been lost to trash and carelessness.

“All the businesses have turned their backs on the Kinni,” said Paige A. Olson-Lackey, the proprietor of Kinni Connections & Outfitters.

She said businesses that look out to the main part of the river have let their alleys and buildings turn into eyesores. Many with dilapidated walls, that seem as though they may fall into the dumpsters that already pollute the riverbank she said.

“Kids get around the back and leave garbage sometimes,” said Katey Hoyt, a student and part time employee at Ben Franklin’s arts and crafts store.

As for the alley behind Ben Franklin’s, “it’s usually pretty clean back there, because we have dumpsters out the back,” she said.

Hoyt takes walks along the river, and cleans up the trash she encounters.

But she said she wishes teens and college students took better care of the river.

The UW-River Falls ECO Club does just that.

During a semi-annual clean up of the South Fork, chair of the ECO Club Matthew Meyer gets a team of 8-12 environmentally conscious club members down to the south fork of the Kinnickinnic River to do some general housekeeping.

“We find a lot of bottles and plastic bags,” Meyer says. The ECO Club has pulled out everything from cups to shopping carts to a six-foot tractor tire.

After they gather the trash, they

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Kerry Keen,
Hydrogeologist/
environmental assistant
professor

put it in an orange fenced in area in the campus mall, so everyone can see exactly what happens to our surroundings over time.

Hydrogeologist/environmental assistant professor Kerry Keen doesn’t need a cube of trash to know that trash can accumulate along a river.

He uses the river as an outdoor lab for his students to measure stream flow and water quality, and as a byproduct, spends a fair amount of time with the river. The testing found that the water quality of the river is in surprisingly good shape.

“I love this locality because there is such wonderful, beautiful scenery,” he said.

There are still small concerns over water temperature and low amount of nitrates, but nothing to be concerned about, Keen said.

Keen went on to say that “There is always more that can be done.”



Photo by: Jen Dolen

Key challenges facing Wisconsin waters

Water Challenges Wisconsin’s made good progress in cleaning up its lakes and rivers and protecting its groundwater and wetlands. But the work is not done.

Some key challenges facing Wisconsin waters are:

Runoff

Polluted runoff is the greatest remaining threat to Wisconsin waters. Forty-four percent of Wisconsin’s river miles and 61 percent of our lake acreage no longer fully support fish and other aquatic life due to this

degradation. Controlling runoff requires everyone’s individual commitment all the time.

Invasive Species

More than 140 invasive aquatic plants, fish, invertebrates, algae and pathogens have entered the Great Lakes since the early 1800s. Many of them have been accidentally transported to inland lakes by boaters and are disrupting ecosystems, recreation and local economies.

Mercury

Mercury emissions, largely

from the burning of fossil fuels, are contaminating our waters and have triggered a statewide fish consumption advisory.

Water Management

Growing demand for groundwater is depleting aquifers in some areas, raising concerns about the impacts on public health and water resources.

Water Access and User conflicts

Recreational user conflicts are a major issue as Wisconsin lakes get more developed and as

the number of people, boats and other craft increase. Opposing viewpoints meet at the waterfront. Some want lakes to be a natural place of solitude, tranquillity and natural beauty; others see the water as a place to test limits, take a break and have fun with friends.

Shorelands and Wetlands

Shoreland building increased 216 percent between 1965 and 1995 and continues today. Riparian and wetland habitats are dwindling as weekend cab-

ins make way for year-round homes and shorelines are "cleaned up." Elimination of such habitat can harm water quality, fish and wildlife populations, and natural beauty.

Infrastructure and Staffing

Needs Adequate funding and staffing at all levels of government are crucial to maintain our national leadership position in natural resource protection and the high quality of life residents and visitors expect.

Implementing new rules to

reduce polluted runoff from cities, construction sites, farms and roads could require a huge commitment of public and private dollars. The cost to make runoff controls on existing farms is about to be \$57 million.

Facts compiled from Wisconsin DNR Web site at www.dnr.state.wi.us/