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Street preachers condemn the sins of curious crowd

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Two street preachers made their presence known last Wednesday as they stood in front of the Student Center advocating their religious beliefs, compelling students to listen and refute those statements.

"If you listen to rock and roll, you will lose your soul," preacher Michael Leisner shouted to the crowd of students gathered around the ash tree in the Student Center lawn.

Many students witnessed the scene made by the street preachers. Some stopped, listened and scoffed at Leisner and George "Brother Jed" Smock, while others took a more offensive standpoint.

"I think he's very weird. He's very hypocritical," senior Ben Crawmer said about Leisner. "He's telling us not to do things he's done."

Crawmer said Leisner informed the audience that the reason women are short is so they can be closer to the sink. He said men should be the providers and women should be the housewives.

Leisner preached to students on several religious subjects, including pre-marital sex. After asking the gathered crowd a sequence of questions, Leisner made a broad statement about those who attend UW-River Falls.

"Let the record show there are numerous fornicators on this campus," Leisner said as he was ridiculed.

Some statements made by the street preachers were antagonizing and intended to cause student reaction like what was seen Wednesday afternoon.

"We expect them to be angry with all the things going on in the world," Leisner said. "We don't expect them to call us intolerant."

Leisner and Smock also had some choice words about sexual orientation to share with passersby.

"God will take you by the testicles and throw you into the rectum of hell," Leisner screamed, commenting on homosexual lifestyles.

Some students took what Leisner and Brother Jed preached with a grain of salt, while others were offended by what they had to say.

"He's misrepresenting Christians," sophomore Richard Franta said.

Other students understand what their mission is trying to accomplish, but say the preachers are going about it the wrong way.

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Michael Leisner, above, along with George "Brother Jed" Smock, preached to students on the UW-RF campus last Wednesday. Looking on is senior Matt Svendsen, center.

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RF alum runs for office

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A UW-River Falls alum has taken up the challenge of running against Rep. Kitty Rhoades for the Wisconsin Assembly.

Despite his age, Dan Gorman, a 22-year-old Democrat from Elkhorn, Wis., decided last April to run against Rhoades for the seat of representative for the 30th Assembly District. This District includes the towns of Hudson and River Falls.

"I saw a need for change in the direction the state of Wisconsin was going," he said.

Gorman has lived in River Falls for more than four years, and graduated last May with a degree in business and financing.

Although political science was not his focus in college, he has had running for office on his mind for quite some time.

"It's been on my mind since I came to college," Gorman said.

Political science wasn't part of his college curriculum, but Gorman sees his background in business and finance as a big help to his campaign.

"I can manage my own books and count my own money," he said, "I don't need anybody to help me with my finances."

Gorman's campaign focuses on many issues, including a "progressive economic development plan, which is a plan that says that education must be affordable and accessible," he said.

He has also noticed a trend in the government trying to pass laws in order to change destructive behavior among people. He sees that as a negative way of dealing with societal problems. He notes the anti-abortion laws and talks of stopping distribution of certain contraceptives.

"Laws really don't change behavior," Gorman said.

His campaign is funded through private contributors only. He accepts donations of \$100 or less.

"I dislike seeing big money in politics," he said.

Gorman went on to say that he feels the need to live up to the ethics part of his campaign and not focus on the money.

He has spent a lot of time from page 1 going to different neighborhoods that are a part of District 30, knocking on doors to tell people what he is all about. He feels that his campaign is going very well, though

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Parking fines on the rise

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Ask almost any UW-River Falls student about parking on or near campus, and the typical response is a combination of grumbling, eye rolling and an occasional profanity.

With this year's changes to parking citation fees, student response may be even more negative.

Tom Weiss, director for purchasing services, said he understands how UW-RF students feel, but he also knows why the changes to citation fees were made.

"Fines had not been increased in quite a while," Weiss said.

Higher fines are not the only new aspect of the new parking regulations.

When Weiss began his work with the parking department, a

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No rules to excuse tardiness

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A student patiently waits in her seat while time ticks away. Many students grow impatient waiting for professors to arrive to class. A myth that enforces a 15-minute rule for professor tardiness does not apply in UW-RF classrooms.

The "15-minute rule" has been a long-running urban legend in college classrooms, but its validity has widely been unknown. The aptly-named rule refers to the amount of time students are required to wait in the classroom for a tardy professor before being allowed to leave without fear of penalization.

Although the theory is common, teachers do not have to arrive on time for class or give a reasonable excuse for being late. At UW-River Falls there is no written policy about professors being late for class, and the discipline for student absence is left to their discretion.

"I have worked at five universities and been a student at six. On none of those campuses, including this one, does a policy exist that would excuse a student from attending class due to instructor tardiness," said Dean of Student Development and Campus Diversity Blake Fry.

In the UW-RF student handbook, a policy about class attendance clearly states, "It is your [the student's] responsibility to attend each class."

At the beginning of each and every course, professors hand out a syllabus stating a similar statute, making student attendance a requirement. If the attendance policies of either the school or professor aren't abided by, then both authorities have the right to dole out disciplinary action.

It is not up to the student to decide what is and is not a decent excuse for missing a class. In some departments, simply arriving late or leaving early too many times during the course of the semester can cause the removal of points from

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RAs receive roommates

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With limited housing available for the number of students seeking on-campus residence this semester, Residence Life officials turned hundreds of students away, filled temporary housing units and assigned some students to live with resident assistants (RAs).

There are 66 more students with housing contracts than there were last September, meaning that arrangements had to be made to accommodate more temporary housing situa-

tions.

Thirty-six RAs were informed they would be sharing their rooms in early August. Terry Willson, director of Residence Life, said they were given the option to choose their roommate, but only two RAs took advantage of the offer.

"I was interested in having a roommate I did not know before school started, and the experience has been a very good outcome," said Carye Kringle, a first-year RA in Prucha Hall.

Willson said Residence Life tried to put roommates with first-year RAs since those RAs

had roommates last semester and the adjustment would be easier.

Those two also volunteered to keep their roommate for the entire school year.

Jessie Gadach, an RA in Stratton Hall, is one of the two who volunteered to keep her roommate.

"I feel that having a roommate actually helps me fit in better. Everyone else has a roommate and so do I," Gadach said. "I also understand firsthand what it is like to share a

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RAs were given roommates for the first time this year, like this student, a Grimm Hall resident living with his RA.



Jen Dolen/Student Voice

A parking ticket adorns the windshield of a vehicle parked on Spring Street.

VOICE SHORTS

LOCAL

UW-RF faculty, staff get good grades

Faculty and staff recognition award recipients for 2005-2006 were formally honored Sept. 11 at an on-campus reception sponsored by the UW-RF Foundation.

The Chancellor's Recognition Award for Classified Staff was given to Mike Woolsey, Webmaster in the UW-RF publications office, and Matt Fitzgerald, Web/database administrator in the UW-RF career services office.

The Chancellor's Award for Excellence for Academic Staff was offered to Dale Braun, campus planner.

Kelly Cain, professor of plant and earth science, was named Advisor of the Year, and Nate Splett, professor of agricultural economics, received the Distinguished Teacher award.



Observatory showing set for next week

On the first clear night next week, Monday-Thursday, the UW-RF Observatory will host a viewing, "The Forgotten Giants—Uranus and Neptune." Discussion begins at 7:30 p.m. and is administered by Eileen Korenic, physics professor, in room 271 of Centennial Science Hall.

For weather updates and scheduled viewings call (715) 425-3560 or join the e-mail notification list by contacting glen.spiczak@uwrf.edu or visit www.uwrf.edu/physics/obsview-time.html.

Meeting scheduled for storm water plan

A public informational meeting for the UW-River Falls Storm Water Management Plan has been scheduled for Sept. 28. The meeting will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Regents Room of the Student Center.

The meeting will consist of a half-hour formal presentation starting at 7:15 p.m., followed by a question and answer period discussing the draft storm water management plan that was completed in August.

A slide presentation and exhibits displaying the recommended improvements will be shown at the meeting.

The storm water management plan includes maps for several areas, including watersheds, wetlands, environmental corridors and soils. It analyzes existing drainage systems, identifies potential impacts of known future development, assesses existing and potential infiltration, models water quality, recommends system improvements, proposes an implementation plan for any and all recommendations, and documents best management practices.

A copy of the plan can be found at <http://www.uwsa.edu/capbud/stormwater.htm>.

REGIONAL

Two women dead after car goes off bridge

Sunday afternoon three women, two sisters and their mother, were traveling in a vehicle when the brakes apparently failed.

The driver, Roxanne Ecker, 53, of Sleepy Eye, was pulled from the water by a boater and taken to Lakeview Hospital with a non-incapacitating injury, according to the Minnesota State Patrol.

A rescue team arrived shortly after the incident happened, but were unable to save passengers Phyllis Maitrejean, 73, of Stillwater, and Debra Schmit, 46, of Sleepy Eye.

The car and bodies were recovered from the river.

The women were traveling across the border into Minnesota when the bridge was up and the brakes went out.

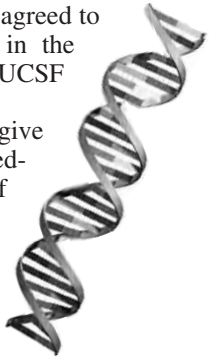
California lab deposits approved stem cells to UW-Madison research bank

The University of California-San Francisco agreed to deposit federally-approved stem cell lines in the national stem cell bank at UW-Madison, UCSF announced this week.

The addition of the two California lines will give the bank 13 of the 21 cell lines available for federal funding from the National Institute of Health.

NIH awarded last year a contract to WiCell Research Institute, a non-profit institute that promotes stem cell research at UW-Madison, to create the nation's first bank of embryonic stem cells.

The goal is to obtain, study and distribute to researchers the 21 lines available for federal funding. The central location would reduce the price of the cells and allow for studies to learn more about the potential of stem cells to cure disease.



NATIONAL

School dance shooting injures five

PITTSBURGH - A man suspected in the shooting of five basketball players at Duquesne University was taken into custody, and a female student was charged in connection with the shooting, police officials said.

The student, Brittany Jones, 19, helped six men, including some she knew had guns, to enter a dance at the school, according to an affidavit filed in court.

The police said that the shooting occurred at 2:15 a.m. after a group of basketball players had an argument with several men who were not students, and at least one of those men pulled out a gun.

Jones was charged with recklessly endangering another person, carrying a firearm without a license and two counts of criminal conspiracy.

All five players survived. Two remained hospitalized, including one listed in critical condition with a gunshot wound to the head.

The police have been seeking two men as possible gunmen, as it remained unclear whether one or both fired the shots that wounded the five players.

SENATE

UC director offers services to Senate

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• The Student Senate will be holding elections to fill vacant positions Sept. 25 and 26, starting at 8 a.m. Monday and extending until 4 p.m. Tuesday.

Sept. 19

For the second meeting of the semester, Anthony David Adams, executive director of United Council, talked to the Senate about extending UC resources to non-member campuses like UW-River Falls.

"If we [UC] have resources we can share, we want to give it to River Falls," Adams said. "I'm here to get a feel for the issues of non-members of UC."

Adams said he has only been in the position for two months, and he also wants to be available for any campus in Wisconsin.

He talked about three major campaigns UC is focusing on for the semester that will be offered to all universities in the state, including non-members.

The first is Get Out and Vote, a campaign to drive the number of student voters to more than 30,000 across the state.

"Wisconsin was the second state to have the largest number of student voters," Adams said. "We lost of Minnesota, but this year we are going to beat them."

UC offers to all member and non-member campuses an electronic data system to compute all the information that is collected on campuses about students who are just regis-

tering for the first time.

The amount of time it takes to enter in all the data is time consuming and tedious, Adams said.

With campuses sending the information to UC, it will allow much more time for reaching students who still need to register.

The data will be sent back to universities with all the information in an electronic form that is graphed and organized.

"This will help maximize the hours of getting out there to the students," he said.

Adams said UC is still campaigning to get a tuition freeze. Last year, the association did not get the freeze it was aiming for, but did get the Board of Regents to lower the total amount it would have increased to.

Tuition has increased by 82 percent in the past six years throughout the UW System, Adams said.

He said students are working up to three part-time jobs to pay for the hikes in tuition, cutting away from the time that can be spent on campus involvement.

The final issue UC is campaigning for is a vote 'no' on the marriage amendment Nov. 7.

Adams said the association is educating students by partnering with Fair Wisconsin.

Since UW-RF voted to leave UC in the spring, Adams said as a non-member, the campus won't be allowed to select campaigns to advocate in Madison or Washington, D.C., but UC is more than willing to work with the campus on other issues that may arise in the future.

"My primary reason for being here today is because I would like to continue working

with River Falls," Adams said. "Also, it is to make sure River Falls is still connected to other members of the UC."

Other Senate News

• Leadership Development and Programming Board Chair Natalie Hagberg said Student Organizations Committee has 111 recognized student organizations at the beginning of the semester.

Hagberg said homecoming booklets are now available at the Leadership Center for students to pick up. Homecoming is scheduled for Oct. 16-21.

With the planning of the week's events underway, Hagberg said, "It's going to be an awesome homecoming."

Sept. 12

• Student Senate passed a motion Sept. 12, welcoming a new advisor for 2006-2007.

Gregg Heinselman, executive director of student services and programs, volunteered to take the position after Vicki Hajewski could no longer advise Senate due to conflicting schedules and added workload for the semester, said Senate President Joe Eggers.

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

ITS overhauls after bad review

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Information Technology Services (ITS) is undergoing a year-long redesign to enhance technology services on campus following a review report filed in March.

The review team, which consisted of information technology specialists from outside the UW System, concluded, "the current state of the IT unit is in a reactive

rather than proactive state. This is a difficult situation for the staff in this unit."

In its reactive state, ITS only responds to problems, whereas in a proactive state problems would be prevented.

The Redesign Project Charter describes its main goal as a way to "position Information Technology Services to provide proactive support for working, teaching and learning at UW-River Falls."

Accompanying this main goal are six more specific goals, which were drawn from the review report. The goals are to "increase departmental effectiveness and efficiency; improve communication between ITS and the campus community; optimize performance of departmental personnel; create appropriate organizational structures and work management; issue a stable and secure infrastructure; build a sound planning, budgeting and

assessment process."

From these goals, ITS created 87 tasks to accomplish this year. They include the further implementation of the wireless network already in place on campus, more D2L training for faculty and a greater support for technology in the classrooms.

Although the primary focus of the redesign will be on the infrastructure, the most visible

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RIVER FALLS POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

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Sept. 2

- At 11:25 p.m., Brandon L. Klimek, 23, was fined \$83 for possession of an open container at the intersection of S. Main and Park Streets.

Sept. 3

- Minnesota State Sen. Charles Wiger called the River Falls Police Department to apologize for the actions of his daughter, UW-RF student Carolyn R. Wiger, following her arrest.

According to police reports, the 19-year-old student was thrown out of The Library bar, 106 N. Main St., three times for attempting to use a questionable ID. After being approached by a police officer around 1 a.m., Carolyn ran through Veterans Park and into the Econofoods parking lot to escape law enforcement officials.

Officers confronted her in the lot, where she yelled and screamed before striking an officer in the buttocks. Reports say Carolyn also made statements about how much she is worth due to her father's position as a politician.

The woman was eventually transported to the police station, where she continued to be belligerent, saying she was going to prostitute herself to pay off her citations. She was charged \$172 for ID violation, \$235 for resisting an officer, \$172 for disorderly conduct and \$172 for underage consumption.

Carolyn's blood alcohol content was tested at .14.

Sept. 4

- River Falls Police were called to 1468 Emory Circle twice for noise violations. At 11:15 p.m., officers cited tenant Travis M. Cordie, 21, with a \$109 ticket. Cordie said he understood the citation, and had tried to quiet down the party.
- Molly A. Keifenheim was fined \$249 for underage consumption in Prucha Hall.

Sept. 5

- River Falls Police were dispatched to a house party at 1009 E. Cascade at 12:20 a.m. following a noise complaint.

Tenant Matthew C. Langman, 21, was fined \$298 for knowingly permitting underage consumption at his residence. Another tenant, Richard G. Solum, now 21, was cited for first offense underage consumption with a fine of \$172.

Police sparked a Taser at partygoer Sonny T. Heinrich, 20, while he actively resisted an officer. According to the police report, Heinrich heard the Taser and said, "I quit, I quit, I quit. I'm sorry, I'm sorry." He was later fined \$298 for second offense underage consumption, and \$235 for resisting an officer.

- Jonathan T. Novak, 18, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in Hathorn Hall.

Sept. 6

- Emily K. Ambrose, 19, was fined \$249 for underage possession in Johnson Hall.

Sept. 7

- River Falls Ambulance was called to Grimm Hall shortly after midnight after an RA reported finding resident James F. Allen, 19, unconscious.

According to the Public Safety report, Allen was found laying on the floor and the RA was unable to wake him up. He was checked by the RFPD and River Falls EMS, who determined him to be fine. Allen was not transported to the hospital.

- Jacob T. Krenn, 20, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in Stratton Hall.
- Brianne L. Frawley, 18, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in McMillan Hall.
- Mishka Kalan, 18, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in McMillan Hall.
- Janna Grassel, 18, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in Parker Hall.

Sept. 8

- Adam M. Delander, 21, was fined \$109 for public urination at 2 a.m. at 302 S. Main St.

A car window was allegedly smashed by Jess M. Perry, 21, following an argument. Perry was cited for damage to property at 340 W. Johnson at 3:20 a.m. The fine is \$235.

- Chou Vang, 18, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in Johnson Hall.

Sept. 9

- Timothy A. Lundin, 22, was fined \$172 for disorderly conduct after allegedly ripping posters off the wall of The Library bar, 106 N. Main St. Bar owner Edward "Teddy" Roughton, 34, told police Lundin became confrontational after he was approached about the incident around 2:15 a.m.
- Kyle M. Wynn, 18, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in Johnson Hall.

Sept. 10

- Ryan Lyckhom, 19, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in Johnson Hall.
- Kevin M. Blank, 20, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in Parker Hall.
- Kassidi M. Kowalczyk, 18, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in Parker Hall.
- Lisa M. Palm, 19, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in Johnson Hall.

Sept. 11

- Erin B. Luedtke, 20, allegedly attempted to purchase a liter of Phillips Rum from Dick's Plus, 1141 S. Main St., with a false ID. At 8 p.m., the store clerk asked Luedtke for her ID, which did not match her height, weight or eye color. She was ultimately fined \$172 for ID violation.
- Elliot J. Kerr, 18, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in Crabtree Hall.

- Eric D. Ohmann, 18, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in Crabtree Hall.

Sept. 12

- River Falls Ambulance transported Candis M. O'Brien, 18, to the River Falls Area Hospital Emergency Room at 3:20 p.m.

O'Brien was watching a video regarding lab safety in Centennial Science Hall 262 when she passed out and struck her head on a counter. She suffered a laceration over her right eye.

Sept. 14

- Andrew J. Bursey, 20, was fined \$172 for underage consumption at 11 p.m. The incident took place at 525 S. Main, where Bursey's blood alcohol content tested at .05.
- Underage consumption tickets were given to Jennifer L. Pizur, 18, and Nathan M. Garrett, 20, at the 100 block of W. Cascade shortly before midnight. Pizur was fined \$172, and while Garrett's was \$298 as a second offense.

Sept. 15

- A heavily intoxicated 22-year-old student, Michael T. Hovestol, was found in someone else's vehicle at 124 S. Main St. at 12:20 a.m. According to police reports, the owner of the car returned and held Hovestol down on the ground as he cried and moaned, saying he couldn't move. The vehicle owner told police he thought Hovestol was trying to steal from him, although nothing was reported missing.

Hovestol was fined \$172 for disorderly conduct. His blood alcohol content was .24.

- Jason D. Hinrichs, 18, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in Prucha Hall.

Sept. 16

- Nicholas A. Resha, 18, was fined \$83 for having an open container in public around 12:25 a.m. at 625 S. Main St.
- Nathan E. Ober, 18, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in McMillan Hall.
- Kelsey K. Ling, 18, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in McMillan Hall.
- Jenna K. Haberman, 18, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in McMillan Hall.

Sept. 17

- A Birch Crest Drive resident called police at 10:45 p.m. after 19-year-old Anika J. Dartsch told him that she was intoxicated and possibly drugged, according to police reports. She had been wandering the streets without a shirt on, accompanied by two men, the resident said.

Police found Dartsch at 545 Birch Crest Drive, where a witness said she drank three quarters of a liter of Bacardi. She was ticketed \$172 for first offense underage consumption.

Preachers: Some students troubled by street preachers’ words, beliefs

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“He’s coming off really wrong. He’s stirring up anger and hatred,” junior Natalie Hanken said about Brother Jed. Some students were released from a diversity class to go listen to the street preachers. “We’re learning about the real world,” senior Jeff Olson said. Olson said that according to what the street preachers were saying, he should “go for the girls that smoke because they like to put a lot of things in their mouth.” Leisner occasionally joins Brother Jed on his journey across the country, visiting campuses and preaching to students. Leisner’s full-time job is in real estate, but he said he makes space in his schedule a few times every year to improve his street preaching skills, admitting he is not very good yet. “We’ve gone from campus to campus preaching against sin,” Leisner said, looking on as Smock took his turn speaking to the crowd. “This is his full-time job,” Leisner said, pointing at Brother Jed. “He used to be a professor and then he got saved.” Leisner said Smock has visited more than 700 campuses in his 21 years of street preaching. The



A student donned a mask to ridicule Brother Jed while he preached to the gathered crowd.

Kenny Yoo

Roommates: Campus renovations should help ease future housing problems

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room.” Never before has Residence Life had to give RAs roommates, but Willson said there is a stipulation in the RA contracts that would allow Residence Life to place students in those rooms, if needed, without breaking the contract. Since RAs are generally supposed to have their own rooms, Willson said those who have roommates will be compensated. “Those with year-long roommates will get \$100 a month,” he said. “RAs will get \$100 for having a roommate, even if they move out.” Most of the RAs won’t have to

share their rooms the entire year, or even the entire semester. Willson said the primary concern would be to get those students living with RAs moved into permanent housing. They will then start moving other students out of other temporary housing locations. Last week, Residence Life began moving residents in temporary housing into permanent rooms left vacant by students who sought other living arrangements off campus or went elsewhere to pursue an academic career. Their first concern was to get rid of RA roommates by reassigning 26 of them to permanent double rooms. In the past three years, the demand for housing has steadily increased — a result of rising enrollment. “If the [housing] trend continues, we may continue to give RAs roommates in the future,” Willson said. During the summer, Willson said all of the bathroom facilities in Prucha and May Halls were enlarged. With the bathroom renovations, one double room on either side of each bathroom had to be sacrificed, bringing capacity levels down. In order to compensate for the loss of space, computer labs in May and Stratton Halls were turned into permanent housing.



Michael Leisner listens as students question his beliefs.

Helen Clarke/Student Voice

mission of the campus visits is threefold. “Our number one purpose is to uphold God in the midst of his enemies,” Leisner said. “Our second focus is to inspire, stimulate and encourage lackadaisical Christians.” The third goal is to get students to be right with God. “Some will get saved,” Leisner said. “If we get two out of three missions accomplished, we’ll be happy.”

Rule: Urban legend not entirely false

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an overall term grade, even if the work is made up and the excuse is considered logical. However, the urban legend is not completely myth. According to the handbook at Tennessee Technological University (TTU), the legend comes to life as a policy under the “class attendance” regulations. “Students may consider a class dismissed and leave the room without penalty if the instructor fails to appear within fifteen minutes,” it states. Sherrie Parker, executive aide in Student Affairs at TTU, said the university has the rule in order to be fair to the students. “After all, the students are paying for their education,” Parker said. “They deserve to receive the service they are paying for.” Some students at UW-RF agree with the logic behind TTU’s decision to include an article about teacher tardiness in their student handbook, and think having a similar rule here would be useful. Adam Vircks, a freshman in the health and human performance department, had not heard of the 15-minute rule before coming to UW-RF. However, after only two weeks of class, he understands why a rule of that nature could be effective. “I think we should have a policy,” Vircks said. “But the amount of time students have to wait should vary depending on the length of the course.” Vircks said the waiting time should be anywhere between 15 and 30 minutes, but Doug Franzen, a sophomore in the business department, thinks there should be a set standard. “We’re required to be at class on time,” Franzen said. “So, if the teacher doesn’t arrive on time or in 10 minutes, then the students should be allowed to leave.”

Gorman: Age not keeping alum from trying his hand in the political arena

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some of the people who have answered the door have been a little skeptical about his age. “Sometimes I hear things like, ‘You look a little young to be running,’” Gorman said. To this, he responds that that there is a long list of people who have run for this office, both old and young. “It is more important to judge a candidate on the issues that they are campaigning for rather than

how old they are,” Gorman said. Rhoades, a republican and UW-RF alum, has held the District 30 seat since 1998. “I have kids a little bit older than Dan. I think it is great that young people are getting involved in the political process,” Rhoades said. “It sure beats complacency.” Gorman did not have any primary opposition so his name will be on the Nov. 7 ballot.



Due to rising enrollment, RAs acquired roommates at the beginning of the semester. Jessie Gadach, an RA in Prucha Hall, offered to keep her roommate for the entire year.

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Fines: Parking office hopes increase will make students pay tickets in a timely manner

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quick look through violation records led him to the decision that something had to be done. “People owed money from five or six years ago,” he said. “They still only owed \$25.” The new addition of an escalating fine for unpaid parking citations is something that Weiss hopes will solve the problem. “If you don’t pay your parking ticket on time, then you deserve a fine,” he said. “That is fair.” Although UW-RF junior Liz Ineichen said she thinks the escalated fines are fair, she is uncertain if students will pay their citations more quickly. “I don’t think it will do anything right away,” she said. “I think it will take a while for change. Some people will just do it anyway.” While Ineichen said students may not pay their fines quickly, a glance into the 2006-2007 UW-RF Parking Services brochure will prove why prompt payment is a necessity. According to the pamphlet, “Any person who violates any provision of UW-RF parking regulations may be issued a citation with a fine of up to \$280.50.” Though the maximum fine is near \$300, initial fees increase after 14, 90 and 365 days. As stated on the Department of Public Safety and Parking Web site, escalating fines are about twice the amount of the first citation. While some fines will escalate according to these time periods, some parking violations, including a fraudulent permit or tow assessment fee, remain at their initial price until paid. Weiss explained that this decision was made because those fines were already strong enough. While fines are steep in comparison to previous years, Weiss is hoping all students will look at the reasons behind the change. “We are not out to screw the students,” he said. “It is an issue of accountability. If you are parking in a spot that someone else has paid for, then, sorry.” Weiss is not alone in his opinions on parking. Jim Vierling, the Student Senate chair for the facilities and fees board, knows parking can be a sore subject with students, but the escalating fines are necessary. “The parking office runs off its own budget,” he said. With permit sales and ticket sales as their primary source of income, Vierling said for every eight students who pay a \$25 fine, the parking office makes \$200. “It’s good for them,” he said. Although Vierling said the escalating fines will benefit the parking office, he is also aware of a last glimmer of hope for those who

receive tickets. “Students can appeal fines,” he said. If a student does choose to appeal a parking citation, the parking committee ruling is the last resort. “Once a decision is reached, the fine is locked in,” Vierling said. While Vierling is aware of the grumbling over parking, he said he also knows this is a common problem. “The two biggest complaints on college campuses are about food and parking,” he said. UW-RF senior Jordan Liethen’s opinion is no exception. “They need to figure out something,” he said. As far as the escalating fines, Liethen shares the same beliefs as Ineichen. “I don’t think it is going to help,” he said. For Weiss, the primary reason for the changes had nothing to do with using fines as a means to solve the parking problem. “It’s less about raising fees and more about being fair,” he said. “It is totally unfair not to pay.” For a complete list of the 2006-2007 UW-RF parking regulations, visit the parking office at 27 South Hall or go to the Web site at www.uwrf.edu/publicsafety/park/park_welcome.htm.



Students parked in the metered lots adjacent to North Hall will be subject to increased parking tickets.

Jen Dolen/Student Voice



Dave Coulier shares a voicemail message from Flava Flav with the crowd during his stand-up routine at the Wall Amphitheater last Thursday. Coulier travels across the country performing at college campuses.

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EDITORIAL

Speak up, UW-RF

Students have a stronger voice at UW-River Falls than they likely understand or acknowledge.

Through governance positions, student organizations and letters to the editor, many options are readily available for campus community members to express their beliefs and lobby for change.

This year’s Student Senate elections are from 8 a.m. Monday, Sept. 25, until 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26. Several Senate seats are still available, and if these positions are left vacant, the voice of the student population on campus will be seriously silenced.

Student senators meet weekly to address and take action on issues affecting nearly every aspect of the university. They often work directly with administration, both locally and statewide, to represent the student body.

And Senate has a hand in some of the most visible parts of this institution - tuition, student fees, smoking policies, budgeting and financial aid, just to name a few.

Six candidates and rumored write-in campaigners will be on the ballot next week. These individuals are vying for three first-year spots, two at-large seats, and positions for CAS, CAFES, COEPS, and CBE.

Every student on campus is affected by the decisions these individuals will make throughout the year, so do yourself a favor and exercise your right to vote.

Voting takes place online, so check the University’s Web site for the link Monday before the polling period is up.

For those who don’t have the time or desire to become an active part of student government, writing a letter to the editor is another way to speak your mind.

The *Student Voice* accepts signed letters up to 300 words in length until 11:59 p.m. Tuesdays. They can be dropped off at 304 North Hall or e-mailed to student.voice@uwrf.edu.

The *Voice* is delivered throughout campus and at various locations in the city of River Falls, enabling those letters to reach a diverse group of people.

Don’t underestimate the power your words have when it comes to sparking discussion and provoking individuals to see a situation through someone else’s eyes.

And on a larger scale, don’t forget to make your picks for governor, Senate and Assembly, among others, during the general elections Nov. 7. Polls are open statewide from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

For information on candidates and polling locations, visit <http://www.rivertowns.net/vote2006/index.asp>.

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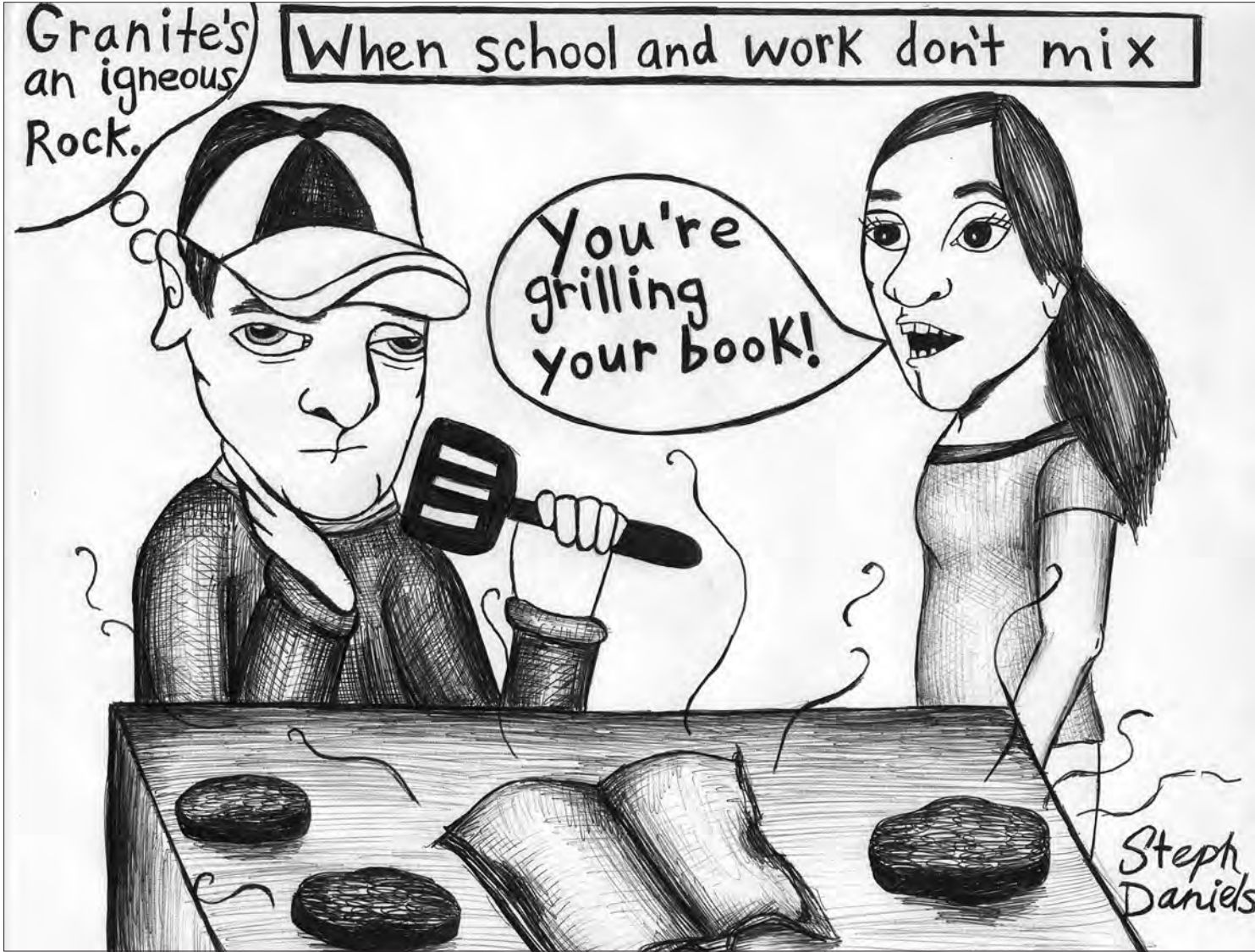
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Socialist talk leaves students wondering

On Sept. 12, 2006, a new group on campus called the Socialist Alternative hosted a guest speaker from Ireland to help spread its agenda on campus. I disagree with the notion of Socialism. I feel very strongly that it does not work. However, one of the members from the Socialist Alternative gave me a flier and told me to attend. I always like to hear other people’s perspectives, so I went.

There were roughly 50 students at the meeting. I was very surprised and disappointed when a 25-year-old from Ireland got up and began to speak about Socialism. When I was told there would be a world-renowned expert speaking about the socialist movement, I envisioned a professor from a well-known university.

Don’t get me wrong; he was a very good and interesting speaker. I did not agree with many of his ideas and became more disappointed when he refused to answer questions after his presentation. This gave me the impression that he was not firm in his beliefs and that he did not have credible sources. His main topics were war and the evils of money and capitalism. I had three questions that I really wanted to ask him:

1. Where did you get your information? He had many interesting points, but he did not cite his sources. Being that he was so young, he didn’t have as much credibility with me.
2. How much do you get paid to speak on campuses like ours? To many people this may seem like an inappropriate question that isn’t anyone’s business. However, much of his speech

dealt with the evils of making money. He was well dressed, and there is absolutely no way he travels around the world for free.

3. Without mentioning the words “United States” and “Iraq,” what is a socialist’s perspective on war? This person seemed to have a very deep hatred for the U.S. and the Bush administration. Much of his speech dealt with the evils of the Iraq war. I would have like to know what his views about war in general were.

Overall, the speaker was interesting and I was glad that I went, but I really wish he would have been bold enough to answer questions. I feel he owed it to his audience. I spoke with a few other people who attended and they felt the same way.

Eric Bohl
Student

Preachers spark good conversation

I wanted to take a couple minutes to comment on the two street preachers who were on campus last Thursday. I know that many people were angered by their presence. I, on the other hand, was glad they came to River Falls.

I want to start off by saying that I did not agree with Brother Jed (although I am a member of his Facebook group), but I DID like the discussion that he and his friend started, and by discussion I am excluding all the beligerent statements by the uneducated people who were present.

For example, one woman stood up and discussed her Wicken beliefs. She talked about the after life of a witch, and although I happen to be Christian, I really enjoyed hear-

ing her point of view.

There was also a Muslim woman present; she too talked about her beliefs. Many people were so interested in what she was saying that they stopped listening to Brother Jed and started their own side conversation.

Last but not least, there was a “homosexual,” as Jed would have put it, who stood up and said, “I am gay, but I love people instead of condemning them all to hell like you.”

The point I am trying to make is that, had the street preachers not stopped by on Thursday, I would have never had the opportunity to listen to these three intelligent and brave people who stood up and told their stories. Brother Jed did not change my mind about my own Christian beliefs, but he did start a conversation that ended up educating me about other individuals’ beliefs, and for that I thank him.

Megan Peterson
Student

Equal rights for all citizens

I’ve heard the gay rights movement of today compared to the civil rights movement of the 1960s.

Not true - blacks cannot change to white.

The gay rights movement is more similar to the left-handed rights movement that was fought centuries ago. The left-handed minority can force themselves to use only the other hand. We all can do what doesn’t come naturally. But if we try, we do it awkwardly, and it feels uncomfortable.

Still something missing from the comparison?

What is the definition of the

word “sinister?” Evil, bad, scary... Yes, all of those, but the oldest definition of sinister is “left-handed.”

Ancient societies consistently labeled those who were different from the rest as EVIL: left-handed? EVIL: homosexual? EVIL: birth defect? EVIL. It is a gut reaction to be scared of what is different. Gut reactions sometimes make good people do bad things.

The civilized world had moved beyond this primitive thinking. Norway granted equal rights to same-sex couples in 1993.

“Civil unions” now give Norwegian gay and lesbian couples legal rights equal to marriage.

Many countries have since followed Norway by granting same-sex civil unions: Germany (2001), France (1999), Denmark (1989), United Kingdom (2005), Sweden (1995), Belgium (2000), Switzerland (starting 2007), Netherlands (1998), Canada (2000), New Zealand (2005), South Africa (1999), Finland (2002), Greenland (1996), Iceland (1996), Spain (1998), Portugal (2001), Luxembourg (2004), Hugary (1996), Croatia (2003), Czech Republic (2006).

These countries offer equal rights. We don’t. That’s embarrassing.

The Wisconsin Marriage Amendment contains a ban on civil unions. Why? Our Constitution says “equal rights” which could someday be read as “equal rights for gays, too.” Well, isn’t that exactly how it should be read?

Before we rush to amend our Constitution, consider amending our legislature.

Bill Austin
Mineral Point, Wis.

Voice advisor offers words of wisdom

The first issue of the *Student Voice* this academic year is being published as Constitution Week observances wind down on campus. It is a coincidence, but a happy one.

The coincidence allows me, the faculty advisor to the student-run newspaper, to write a few words. And for the rest of the year, you probably won’t see me on this or any other page.

This is as it should be. The First Amendment guarantees five freedoms, including freedom of the press. It is language that has seen plenty of argument over its meaning and scope, but it is language at the heart of democracy. Without the ability to express one’s viewpoints to others, democracy fails.

“Congress,” the First Amendment stipulates, “shall make no law respecting an

establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”

The *Student Voice* embodies the spirit of the First Amendment. The journalists who work for it - the students I advise - probably don’t think about the language every day. When I was an under-

graduate, I didn’t think about the First Amendment either. I suppose it would be wonderful if they did, but it’s also a testament to the strength of a democracy that they don’t always have to.

They do think about it - as they should - when faced with challenges to their work or when wrestling with ethics.

However, one way the staff of

the *Student Voice* doesn’t have to worry about First Amendment protection is in its relationship with me, the faculty advisor. Even though I am a member of the faculty and a state employee, I have no hold on what the editor or the rest of her staff does. When they come to me for advice, I often preface my answer by reminding them that I am just the advisor. They are free to take me with a grain of salt, if that much.

We wouldn’t want it any other way. You, the students, pay for the newspaper. It is yours.

The paper you pick up every week is by no means a perfect product. No newspaper is. Pick up a copy of *The New York Times* and don’t be surprised to find a few inches devoted to corrections or clarifications.

But I can say with confidence that the *Student Voice* is a good newspaper. Staff have studied the journalism textbooks, they’ve practiced the tools of the trade, they’ve taken quizzes and tests, they’ve experienced the rush of a first byline. Now they have set off on their own,

creating your newspaper, while I watch from the sidelines.

Many of those involved in the *Student Voice* have impressed me with their intelligence and dedication. Taking on the responsibilities of a journalist, even in a nurturing environment like a university, is not an easy task. These students do it well.

This school year brings several changes to the *Student Voice*, such as a new Web site and subtle and not-so-subtle shifts in content and design.

Wandering around the *Student Voice* newsroom on a Wednesday night, watching these young journalists put the paper to bed, I sometimes yearn to be back in school doing the same thing. But that’s no longer my role: I’m just the advisor.

One hope is that more of you will engage the *Student Voice* - and through it the campus community - by writing letters, suggesting story ideas or perhaps contributing guest columns. By doing so you’ll be helping to shape not only your newspaper, but also your democracy.



Andris Straumanis

Pope causes Islam uproar

The pope represents peace and loyalty to the Catholic religion. He is looked up to by millions of people to lead a church that follows God’s word. He is seen as the holiest of holy.

So why does he have to go pissing everyone off?

Last week at a German university, the pope made an extremely controversial speech saying that the religion of Islam was “evil and inhuman.”

“Show me just what Muhammad brought that was new, and there you will find things only evil and inhuman, such as his command to spread by the sword the faith that he preached,” he said.

These words fueled heated responses from Muslims across the world. Even some of those that follow the Catholic religion cringed when they heard that the pope would say such seemingly hateful things.

On the other hand, the argument could be made that what the pope was saying had some truth to it. After all, following Sept. 11, images of extremist Muslims celebrating in the streets at the United States’ expense filled the airwaves. They flew airplanes into two of our country’s most important buildings and had plans to do much more.

The fact is that these Muslim extremists attacked the United States because a small portion of the people who follow the Islamic religion generalized Americans as dangerous and awful people. The attacks were not supported by all Muslims. It was just too easy for the majority of the United States to see a group of people celebrating the deaths of their own and claim that every one of



Beckie De Neu

them was a terrorist.

Maybe what the pope did isn’t that closely related to the attacks on our homeland. He didn’t hurt anyone, right? After all, sticks and stones may break your bones, but words will never hurt you! Unfortunately, this is not a playground, and in this case a verbal attack is a damn boulder.

He may have not hurt anyone directly, but his words reflect the views of millions of people across the world, including many of us here in the United States.

One would hope that in such a critical time in the course of human history — a time where there is a war on terror going on, a time when extremist Muslims are blowing themselves up in the streets, a time when Al-Qaeda is issuing threats day after day — that the one man who is supposed to preach love and acceptance would think before he opened his mouth.

The words spoken by the pope created even more hate for Christians, and Al-Qaeda leaders have already issued statements that they are going to gauge war on the religion.

He issued an apology on Sunday, saying that he didn’t mean to offend anyone, and that he is sorry if his words were misunderstood. Yet misunderstandings can do a lot of damage. People jump to conclusions, and in a fast-paced world, do not take the time to wait for apologies.

These extremist groups are dangerous and easily provoked. Maybe the pope didn’t mean what he said, but he still said it, and his words may come back to haunt us.

Get active in orgs that matter

With the start of a new school year comes the opportunity for students to get involved in numerous on-campus organizations. A great way to meet new people, become familiar with important issues and make a difference.

One would think that amongst the thousands of students who attend UW-River Falls, there would be a fair amount of students who cared enough to join, or even lead, an on-campus organization. But the truth is that many student-led organizations have slumping attendance and a few are no longer active at UW-RF.

“The times just didn’t work for me,” said Seth Onsager, a former 4H member at UW-RF.

Onsager, like many students, had time constraint issues that prevented him from attending meetings on a regular basis.

College can have a hectic atmosphere where some students are on the go from the time they get up in the mornings from the time they fall asleep, yet there are students who take their 15 credits, come back from



Derrick Knutson

class, and spend hours browsing Facebook or playing video games.

Some organizations may have a revolving door of members that can’t commit enough time to them, but others, like Amnesty International, have died out completely on campus.

According to AI’s Web site, its vision is, “a world in which every person enjoys all of the human rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international human rights standards.”

This sounds like an organization that should have a place on every college campus, but sadly it is no longer active at UW-RF.

“Most students just aren’t that interested in important issues,” said Krista Knutson, the former president of Amnesty International’s UW-RF chapter.

Knutson said she believes organizations like Amnesty International and ECO club don’t draw as many students as some of the more fun organizations.

UW-RF offers more than cows

It was more than four years ago, but the thoughts and feelings crisscrossing my mind remain vivid. Along with my father, a couple of blue storage totes and a few bucks in my pocket, I made the three-hour trek from my northern Wisconsin home to this campus for move-in day. Like many others, I had a glaring perception of what college life was supposed to be, and that sparked curiosity. As I neared River Falls, however, that curiosity grew into skepticism.

I wasn’t very content with my college choice at the time, and the discomfort didn’t completely set in until I passed ShopKo that autumn day. I had heard that the “Moo-U” campus life could get quite dull, and I didn’t know if I’d mesh well with anyone. A few months into classes, I was still convinced I



Ben Jipson

was going to transfer away from this hellhole (my former perception).

That first semester seemed to drag on, but I came to realize there is more to the River Falls campus than its less-than-stellar reputation would lead future and current students to believe.

There are quality educators here with important things to say. Parties are bountiful; people are sociable. Numerous student organizations, activities and athletics offer something for even the most reserved students. Sure, we have a couple of stinky lab farms, but isn’t it cool to see those horses galloping down by the intramural fields?

In actuality, the UW-RF college experiences are as reputable and meaningful as any

other university.

The trick is finding ways to be a part of those experiences. I see there is a night football game here at the end of September, which is sure to attract a well-lubricated, energetic crowd. And UW-RF might not have the means to produce the big headliners found at the U of M’s annual Spring Jam, but there is a great lineup at the amphitheater at the beginning of October, Mason Jennings included.

Everyone can find something wrong with a college campus, but not everyone tries to make their college experiences any different. Try to have fun instead of moping around like third graders without play toys. Those all-important experiences are here; it’s just a matter of grabbing a few friends and indulging.

Students who think and behave similarly are going to repeatedly run into the same people in class, at the library, on the intramural fields or even eating in Rodli. Social interac-

tion will be valuable for an entire lifetime because meeting cool people continues throughout a college career. Time spent creating and maintaining friendships in college could be the most worthwhile investment of all.

My father, like most fathers, could sense my uncertainties on that move-in day four years ago.

“Relax,” he told me. “College is about learning how to drink beer and make love to a woman.”

Thanks, Pa.

I was hoping for something a bit wiser at that heightened moment, but in retrospect, perhaps his words hold more truth than how I originally interpreted them. Certainly there is more to college than learning how to drink and make love, but the experiences one encounters in college are every bit as rewarding and significant as anything learned in class or read in a textbook.

So be a part of them.

Plan B pill provides back-up plan for safe sex

Imagine my astonishment when the condom was nowhere to be found. We were sure we had used one, but it had disappeared. Something needed to be done, and quick.

The morning after pill (Plan B) is not the same as the abortion pill (RU-486), according to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The Plan B pill is emergency contraception, which includes two levonorgestrel pills taken by mouth as soon as possible after unprotected sex. The levonorgestrel pills stop the release of an egg from the ovary. It is also possible that Plan B may interfere with fertilization or prevent implantation to the uterus.

It is important to realize that Plan B does not have the power to kill a living specimen like RU-486 does. Instead, Plan B prevents a living spec-

imen from being created.

Knowing that Plan B pill is most effective when taken within 72 hours of unprotected sex, I started up my laptop and began searching for the nearest Planned Parenthood Clinic.

Once my boyfriend and I arrived at the clinic, I had to fill out a couple pages of paperwork, along with reading and signing a document that explained what Plan B is and how it works.

The nurse practitioner took me into a separate room, ran through a short checklist of questions, and things she needed to inform me of before she gave me the pills. She told me that although it used to be common practice to have me take one pill now and the second exactly 12 hours later, they had found many women would forget

to take the second pill and therefore had determined that taking two pills at once was a safer bet than taking them 12 hours apart. She gave me a packet containing the pills and a glass of water along with pamphlets that were neatly in an “FYI” folder.

After I paid for the pills and walked out the door, I began to look at the folder and its contents. First, there was a sheet describing the consent form I signed earlier in Spanish, but not English. Second, there was a pamphlet on condoms and their proper use, which I found rather amusing. The third pamphlet was about sexually transmitted diseases.

Since a couple months ago when a mint-flavored condom decided to play a disappearing act, the FDA has approved Plan B to be sold over the counter to women ages 18 and older.

According to the FDA, the company Duramed will make Plan B available through the CARE (Convenient Access, Responsible Education) program.

Although Plan B will be available without a prescription, it will be kept behind the counter at pharmacies staffed by a licensed pharmacist. This is for security reasons to ensure underage women aren’t getting the pills without a prescription.

When purchasing Plan B, one will need to provide personal identification to verify they are 18 or older. Since one still needs to consult a pharmacist, I would suggest that once Plan B is available over the counter, you locate 24-hour pharmacies such as Walgreens in Woodbury, Minn., on Valley Creek Road, to ensure you will be able to obtain Plan B when you need it.

Let me assure you, I am not saying unprotected sex is OK or a good idea. Personally, I always use a condom, but sometimes things do happen that turn safe sex unsafe, such as the condom slipping off or breaking. Using the Plan B pill does have side effects and should not be used regularly; it’s called emergency contraception for a reason. It should only be used in emergencies.



Derek O’Keefe, sophomore

“I hate watching TV during election year because of all the attack ads put out by wanna-be rich leaders.”

STUDENT voices

McKayla Boelter, freshman



“Those who pick their nose and wipe them under their car seats. My brother does that.”



Michelle Stiles, freshman

“I hate it when people walk extraordinarily slow on the side-walks. Then I have to walk uncomfortably slow behind them.”

What is one of your biggest pet peeves?

Jamie Exley, junior



“I think it’s really annoying when you’re walking behind someone who is smoking and all of their gross smoke goes into your face.”



Kyle Kromer, sophomore

“I don’t like using classrooms that don’t have left-handed desks. I’m left-handed, and I hate writing in a right-handed desk.”

Vince Baumel, senior



“I really hate it when people don’t clean the extra toothpaste off of the toothpaste tube because it gets all gross and stuff.”

Minnesota teams look to shine



Sarah Packingham

It's not easy to come up with an exciting column topic to begin the new school year. In fact, I sat around for a long time going through ideas, hoping to come across something interesting.

I do realize that I'm never going to find something that everyone will like.

Our university is very close to the Minnesota border. In fact, the city of River Falls is considered a suburb of the Twin Cities. Our proximity to the Land of 10,000 Lakes helped me to decide what to write about this week.

I believe that this is the year for Minnesota sports teams. It's going to be time to make Minnesota fans proud.

While the professional football season is young — only two weeks old — I believe the Vikings are going to do well.

The Vikings began this season with a new head coach and a new starting quarterback.

Brad Johnson proved himself last season replacing the injured Daunte Culpepper. Now, Johnson is finally getting his time to shine as the starting quarterback.

At first I was upset about the Culpepper trade to Miami, but after seeing how capable Johnson is, I've changed my mind. He also has capable back-up quarterbacks who the purple and gold can count on.

While the Vikings were a little rough around the edges during the pre-season games, they have played tough in the regular season. The Vikings have found a way to win both their games and enter this weekend at 2-0.

Besides the Vikings, Minnesota fans have the Twins to follow.

I have always liked the Twins, but after going to a few of their games this summer I am even more of a fan.

I, like a huge number of other ladies, believe Joe Mauer, Justin Morneau and Joe Nathan are some of the hottest guys in baseball. But I also learned a lot about baseball this summer. I learned about batting averages, slugging percentages, earned run averages, pine tar and everything in between.

The 2006 Twins seem to be able to win when it counts.

In the last 10 games, Mauer and company have won eight, making the Twins the hottest team in baseball.

As of Wednesday they were 4.5 games ahead of the Chicago White Sox in the American League Wild Card race. The Twins are also only half a game behind the Detroit Tigers.

With that, the Twins' playoff chances are looking pretty good. If they win the wild card, they would probably be playing the Oakland Athletics, and if they win the division, odds are that they would play the New York Yankees.

I believe the Twins can take on anybody in the playoffs. The entire batting order has contributed to this season.

Mauer was a spark early on, especially in June, but he has dwindled a bit. His batting average is still high, but is not near the .392 clip he topped off at.

I think Morneau is the best hitting Twin right now. His hot bat has helped keep the Twins alive in a number of games. His slugging percentage and batting average are both high. He also has more than 30 home runs and more than 100 RBIs. He is a consistent force that Twins opponents have to reckon with.

The young players on the Twins pitching staff have also come around to replace the injured Brad Radke and Francisco Liriano. Boof Bonser and Matt Garza took a few games to get settled, and are now playing well.

I look forward to seeing what both the Twins and Vikings can do in the rest of the season.

Young tennis squad takes to the courts

Only two upperclassmen on roster

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After finishing fourth in WIAC one year ago, seventh-year Head Coach Lee Lueck and his young Falcon tennis team are looking to improve and grow.

This season, Lueck coaches a team with only two upperclassmen. The other nine players are freshmen and sophomores.

"I think we're doing as good as we expected," Lueck said. "Maybe even a little better."

Lueck said the team is dedicated, and he has been impressed with the players' work ethic.

"We started the season with 11 players, and now we're starting the fourth week and we still have 11 players," he said. "I don't think I've ever coached a team that has not lost a player. They're extremely cooperative and quick learners."

The Falcons are currently sitting at a 2-4 record and are 0-1 in the WIAC conference.

Lueck has come up with a

three-tier system in the conference. He said the top tier consists of UW-Whitewater, UW-La Crosse and UW-Eau Claire. They are three teams that he has never beaten and are consistent conference champions.

The bottom tier has teams that Lueck has never lost to, including UW-Stevens Point, UW-Stout and UW-Oshkosh.

The middle tier has the remaining conference teams, including the Falcons.

"Four years in a row I've been in the middle tier," Lueck said. "This year we're susceptible to dropping down into the lower one."

The team traveled 25 minutes to St. Thomas on Tuesday and lost the match 8-1. Lone senior and captain Becky Briese and freshman Katie Ostrowski earned the Falcons' only point through a doubles match.

Leading up to the St. Thomas match, the Falcons had not only a difficult schedule, but a full one as well.

On Saturday, the Falcons held a double-header at home against UW-Whitewater and St. Mary's University.

The Falcons lost 8-1 to

Whitewater and beat St. Mary's 9-0. Tracy Boyle, who was playing in the No. 6 singles slot, picked up the only point in the loss.

"I don't think I've ever coached a team that has not lost a player."

Lee Lueck,
head tennis coach

The Falcons had their first home match against Ripon Sept. 15 and won 9-0, picking up their first win of the season.

Prior to the win against Ripon, the Falcons opened their season with a weekend on the road at St. Lawrence and St. Norbert. Lawrence narrowly beat the Falcons by a 5-4 margin, however, they lost 7-2 to Norbert.

Briese has made an impact on the Falcon team since she started here as a freshman. In her four years, she went from playing No. 6 singles, to No. 1. Players, like her doubles partner



Jen Dolen/Student Voice

Senior Becky Briese plays in the No. 1 singles spot against Ripon on Sept. 15. Briese is the team's only senior.

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Beth Dickman/Student Voice

The UW-River Falls football team practices Wednesday night at Ramer Field. The Falcons are entering their third game of the season this weekend with a 1-1 record. This will also be the Falcons' third game on the road this season. They return home on Sept. 30 for a 7 p.m. matchup against UW-Oshkosh.

Falcons victorious on West Coast

24 straight points lead Falcons over PLU

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After suffering a one-sided 41-9 loss to St. Johns in the season opener Sept. 9, the UW-River Falls Falcons were looking to come back strong against Pacific Lutheran University in Seattle on Saturday.

The Falcons appeared to start out flat against PLU, turning over the ball on their first three possessions and allowing the

opposition to gain points twice.

However, a spark was set during halftime and the Falcons scored 24 points in the third quarter alone to win the non-conference game 24-17.

"It was probably one of the most enjoyable victories in my career here," Head Coach John O'Grady said. "The trip was draining, both mentally and physically."

The players and coaching staff left for Seattle at 4:15 Friday morning for Saturday's 1 p.m. game.

The Falcon defense picked off three passes and recovered three

fumbles, while Pacific Lutheran picked off or recovered the ball five times.

O'Grady realized that the offense started off rough, but he kept a positive outlook on the day.

"Our defense played well and our offense started getting better," he said. "I was extremely pleased."

Entering the third quarter the Falcons were down 10-0, when defensive back Bruce Baillargeon intercepted the ball. His interception set up quarterback Jeremy Wolff's touchdown run to pull the Falcons to within

three.

Later on in the quarter, Wolff passed to wide receiver Josh Grover, and place kicker Spaslimir Bodurski made the extra point to give the Falcons a 14-10 lead.

Still in the third, Wolff ran the ball in from the 1-yardline to widen the Falcons lead to 21-10.

With 1:41 remaining in the third quarter, Bodurski made a 42-yard field goal to give the Falcons a 24-10 lead.

Early in the fourth, Pacific Lutheran scored, but that was all their offense could muster. The Falcon defense stayed strong

and managed to shut down the opposition in an effort to pull even in the final minutes of the game.

Senior Dan Buker was on the field when Pacific Lutheran was on the field trying to tie the game, and he said shutting them down was a very exciting moment.

"Our defensive scheme is a lot more aggressive," Buker said.

This was the third time senior Andy Kolstad had participated in a contest with Pacific Lutheran, and this season he can

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Early injuries plague Falcons

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With a disappointing 2-0 loss against UW-Eau Claire in the WIAC playoff semifinals fresh in their minds, the UW-River Falls women's soccer team is looking for a little redemption this season.

However, early injuries have plagued the Falcons who are currently sitting on a 3-1-2 record. Three women are currently waiting on knee surgeries and one is going to undergo hand surgery.

Junior Amy Piersak has watched her team play from the sidelines while waiting for surgery to reconstruct her ACL. Her surgery is set for Oct. 6 and she will also have her torn meniscus repaired.

"I don't think it's too bad," Piersak said. "We're up there

every practice and every game. We're still a part of the team."

"That helps everybody to know we're there to support the team."

Even though they are still a part of the team, it's difficult having so many women on the sideline.

"It's hard just because there are so many people hurt," junior Julie Sperstad said. "Hopefully everything works out and they'll be able to play."

Three senior captains help lead the Falcons. Two of the women have been on the team since they were freshman, and one just joined the team as a junior.

"Everybody pushes each other," Piersak said of her teammates. "They do that very well."



Zach Nagle

Freshman goaltender Emily Stieler makes a save against Augsburg on Sept. 9. The Falcons tied the visiting team 0-0. The Falcons are at home this weekend against St. Catherine's.

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Men and women run at St. Olaf

On Sept. 16, the men’s and women’s cross country teams ran in the St. Olaf Invitational in Northfield, Minn. The men ran well enough to place 14th out of 23. Sophomore Jake Cavanaugh led the way for the men with a time of 28:39, finishing 62nd overall. The women’s team finished 14th out of 19. The women were led by senior Amanda Kozicky who finished 18th overall with a time of 24:16 — the 11th best time in Falcon history. Head Coach Don Glover expects good things this year from both teams. He said both the men’s and women’s teams are much improved and deeper than previous years, and will be gunning for region, although the women’s team is a bit behind because of injuries. The next meet for both teams is Sept. 23 at the Griak Invitational.

Falcons finish .500 at St. Benedict Invite

The Falcon volleyball team finished 2-2 at the St. Benedict Invitational played on Sept. 15 and 16. They started with a win over Luther College, defeating them in three straight games. Gina DeRosa and Kate Thompson led the team with 11 kills each. Molly Thompson and Lindsay Mace led in digs with 12 each, and Kat Krtnick had the most sets with 43. The Falcons dropped their next match against St. Benedict, losing four games. The second day started badly, losing in three to Simpson College. They came back in the final game though, defeating Buena Vista in three games. In the winning effort, DeRosa again led in kills with 16, Mace again led in digs with 15, and Krtnick stayed consistent with another 43 sets.

“With six seniors we have very high expectations, however, early season losses have had the Falcons re-working their goals,” coach Patti Ford said. “We are going to take a day by day approach to practice and games.”

The teams’ next matches are Sept. 23 at Stevens Point.

September 20 Results		0; Mace 0-0-1-10-0; Russell 4-0-0-4-0	
UW-River Falls	30 30 30 — 3	September 15 Results	
UW-Superior	19 22 20 — 0	UW-River Falls	27 23 23 — 0
		Simpson College	30 30 30 — 3
UW-River Falls (kills-assists-aces-digs-blocks)		UW-River Falls (kills-assists-aces-digs-blocks)	
Scheele 0-0-0-5-0; Geehan 5-0-0-0-0; DeRosa 9-0-0-1-1; Thompson 9-0-0-2-0; Gustafson 0-0-1-3-0; Hagen 0-0-3-2-0; Krtnick 1-36-1-7-0; Thompson 7-1-4-10-0; Cooper 0-0-0-0-0; Mace 0-0-1-7-0; Russell 10-0-0-2-0; Johnson 0-0-0-1-0		Scgeeke 0-0-0-7-0; Geehan 11-0-0-2-0; DeRosa 6-0-0-0-0; Thompson 10-0-0-3-0; Gustafson 0-0-0-4-0; Hagen 0-11-1-7-0; Krtnick 1-19-1-4-1; Thompson 5-0-0-9-1; Mace 0-0-1-7-0; Russell 2-0-0-2-0	
September 15 Results		September 15 Results	
UW-River Falls	30 30 30 — 3	UW-River Falls	18 28 30 22 — 1
Buena Vista U	20 17 20 — 0	St. Benedict	30 30 21 30 — 3
UW-River Falls (kills-assists-aces-digs-blocks)		UW-River Falls (kills-assists-aces-digs-blocks)	
Scheekee 0-0-0-6-0; Geehan 15-0-0-1-3; DeRosa 6-0-0-3-0; Johnson 0-0-0-0-0; Thompson 15-0-1-12-0; Hagen 0-1-0-0-0; Krtnick 3-43-2-11-1; Thompson 9-2-1-10-		Scheele 0-0-0-13-0; Geehan 15-0-0-2-0; DeRosa 11-0-0-0-0; Thompson 8-1-0-8-1; Gustafson 0-0-1-5-0; Hagen 0-0-0-1-0; Krtnick 3-44-1-14-0; Thompson 11-1-1-10-0; Mace 0-0-0-29-0; Troop 0-0-0-3-0; Russell 2-1-0-2-0; Ingalls 1-1-0-2-0	

Men’s and women’s rugby takes to home pitch

Both the men’s and women’s rugby teams will take to the pitch this weekend at home.

The men host Carleton College and Southwest State at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. and the women host Carleton at 1 p.m.

All three games will take place on the Intramural Fields. Fans can expect bone-crunching action all day.

Lacrosse clinic held on Saturday

On Sept. 23 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. the women’s lacrosse team is hosting a “Get to Know the Sport” Clinic on the intramural Ffields.

All females are allowed to attend the events.

Experienced players will teach how to catch, throw, scoop, cradle, shoot and defend. After everyone has completed each station, everyone involved will play against each other.

Following the Clinic, the women’s team has a scrimmage against UW-Stout at 1 p.m.

Softball Tournament held Oct. 14

Alpha Omicron Pi (AOII) is hosting a softball tournament to raise money for arthritis research.

All the proceeds will benefit research and family education.

AOII is hoping to make this an annual event for the entire River Falls community, not just the campus.

The event takes place Oct. 14 and will be a double elimination, CO-ED tournament.

Packets for teams who want to sign up are available in the Leadership Center.

There is a \$100 entry free for each team involved.

All information must be submitted to Maria Hockert no later than Oct. 1.

If there are any questions, they can be sent to Hockert at maria.hockert@uwrf.edu.

STANDINGS

Football			Soccer		
WIAC Standings	W	L	WIAC Standings	W	L
UW-Lacrosse (2-0)	1	0	UW-Eau Claire (6-0-0)	1	0
UW-Stout (2-0)	0	0	UW-Platteville (5-1-0)	1	0
UW-Whitewater (2-0)	0	0	UW-River Falls (2-1-2)	1	0
UW-Oshkosh (2-1)	0	0	UW-Oshkosh (3-2-1)	1	0
UW-Eau Claire (1-2)	0	0	UW-Stevens Point (4-1-1)	0	0
UW-Platteville (1-1)	0	0	UW-Superior (4-2-0)	0	1
UW-River Falls (1-1)	0	0	UW-LaCrosse (2-2-1)	0	1
UW-Stevens Point (0-2)	0	1	UW-Stout (1-4-0)	0	1
			UW-Whitewater (1-5-0)	0	1
Volleyball			Tennis		
WIAC Standings	W	L	WIAC Standings	W	L
UW-Eau Claire (11-1)	0	0	UW-Eau Claire (6-0)	2	0
UW-Oshkosh (12-2)	0	0	UW-Lacrosse (3-0)	1	0
UW-Whitewater (12-2)	0	0	UW-Whitewater (3-3)	1	1
UW-Platteville (10-2)	0	0	UW-Stout (5-3)	1	2
UW-LaCrosse (10-3)	0	0	UW-Oshkosh (1-2)	0	1
UW-Stout (10-3)	0	0	UW-Oshkosh (1-2)	0	1
UW-Stevens Point (10-6)	0	0	UW-River Falls (2-3)	0	1
UW-River Falls (7-6)	0	0	UW-Stevens Point (1-3)	0	1
UW-Superior (6-8)	0	0			

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Sports Wrap compiled by Ben Brewster and Sarah Packingham

Streaking Twins near playoff birth



Ben Brewster

With one swing of the bat, Jason Kubel started the Minnesota Twins off on a tear that would move them from fourth place into the Wild Card lead, and as of Sept. 14, one game out of the division lead.

The date was June 13 - Johan Santana and Curt Schilling had been locked in a pitchers’ duel for eight innings. It remained tied until the 12th when Kubel hit a walk-off grand slam off Boston’s Julian Tavaréz. The Twins went on to sweep the series and haven’t looked back since.

Kubel’s grand slam was a dramatic way to start the turn-

around, but there were some moves and players that came together at the right time to make it possible.

Beginning in mid-May, Joe Mauer went on a hot streak of his own, and at one point his batting average went as high as .392.

Justin Morneau and Michael Cuddyer also emerged as middle-of-the-order power threats to compliment Mauer’s on-base abilities. Morneau has done especially well, batting .364 with 23 home runs since June 1, and becoming the first Twin since 1987 to hit 30 home runs in a season.

The pitching at the beginning of the season has been a question mark all year long, with the Twins running out the best starting pitcher in baseball, Johan Santana, and perhaps the worst, Carlos Silva, every five days. In addition, Brad Radke’s shoulder is hanging on by a thread, and Francisco Liriano has an injured elbow.

“All those piranhas - blooper here, blooper here, beat out a ground ball, hit a home run - they’re up by four...”

It’s amazing they’ve held it together as long as they have.

The bullpen, on the other hand, has been excellent. Off-season acquisition Dennys Reyes has been dominant, as have midseason call up Pat Neshek, setup man Juan Rincon and one of the best closers in baseball, Joe Nathan.

Everyone has heard about the superstars like Santana, Mauer and Morneau, but sometimes it’s the underdogs who make the biggest difference.

Nick Punto and Jason Bartlett became the starting third baseman and shortstop in mid June, replacing the anemic hitting of Tony Batista and Juan Castro,

who hit a combined .233 with 6 home runs and 35 RBI in 334 at bats. They immediately became sparkplugs in the Twins lineup with their slap hitting and above average on-base percentages.

On July 16, centerfielder Torii Hunter was placed on the disabled list with a stress fracture in his foot and replaced by Jason Tyner. Tyner is a similar player to Bartlett and Punto, and along with Luis Castillo the four became a very dangerous group, nicknamed “piranhas” by White Sox Manager Ozzie Guillen.

“All those piranhas — blooper here, blooper here, beat out a ground ball, hit a home run — they’re up by four,” he said, referring to their scrappy style of play.

Put it all together and in the span of several months the 2006 Twins have gone from an American League Central bottom feeder to one of the best teams in baseball and a legitimate playoff threat.

Soccer: Looks for home win over St. Catherine’s on Saturday, 2-0 in conference play

On Wednesday, The Falcons beat UW-Superior 4-1.

On Saturday, the Falcons won their first conference game 2-1 against UW-Whitewater on the road. All three goals were scored in the first half and Kim Saufl scored the game winning goal.

Prior to Saturday, the Falcons tied 0-0 against Augsburg and lost 2-0 to Macalester.

The Falcons first win of the season came against Northland College, when Saufl scored three goals, leading the Falcons to a 7-0 victory.

River Falls opened up their season on the road at St. Scholastica and tied the Saints 0-0.

“I don’t think we’re where we want to be,” Sperstad said. “I don’t think we’ve reached our full potential.”

This season, there is a mix of new and veteran players on the field for the Falcons. So far it hasn’t been hard to adjust.

“It’s good that we have a lot of new people,” Sperstad said. “There are a lot of people to get used to the program.”

The Falcons host St. Catherine’s on Saturday at 1 p.m.



Zach Nagle

Jessie Larson and Betsy Straub fight for the ball against Augsburg on Sept. 9; the teams tied.

September 16		
Goals by period	1	2 Tot
UW-River Falls.....	2	0 - 2
UW-Whitewater.....	1	0 - 1
SCORING SUMMARY:		
1. 19:11 UWW Lindsey Kohlbeck (1) (unassisted) - Unassisted goal		
2. 20:00 RF Ashley Peterson (2) (Kim Saufl)		
3. 31:00 RF Kim Saufl (4) (Ashley Peterson)		
Goalkeeping (min-goalsaves)		
RF - Stieler 90:00-1-3.		
WW - Lemke 45:00-2-1; Neely 45:00-0-2.		

Football: Prepares for a 10-hour road trip to St. Francis, first home game Sept. 30

sense something different about his team.

“Confidence is the biggest factor,” Kolstad said. “The talk is positive and good things are going to happen.”

Kolstad went on to say he looks forward to seeing where the attitude is going to take his team.

In the season opener against St. Johns in Collegeville, Minn., the Falcons took on the Division III power house on the road. The Johnnies have the most successful football program all-time in NCAA Division III.

The Falcons managed to keep up with the Johnnies during the first quarter, but not much longer. The Falcons fell behind early, but corner Jamie Bisch intercepted a Johnnies’ pass and ran it 39 yards into the endzone for the score. The extra point was

no good, but the Falcons were only behind 7-6. After that, the Falcons were only able to manage three more points, while the Johnnies continued strong, scoring an additional 34 points.

The final three points of the day came from a 25-yard field goal by Bodurski to bring the score to 20-9 at halftime.

Even though the Falcons didn’t beat the Johnnies, they took the season opener as a learning experience.

“They were pretty much what we expected,” O’Grady said. “They were a fast, talented football team. We learned a little bit about the future.”

This season, the Falcons believe UW-Whitewater is the team to beat in WIAC. They are the returning champions who have 17 of their 22 starters back from last season. In the 2005 season they made it all the way

to the national title game.

However, UW-RF hopes to be a force to reckon with this season, returning from summer break conditioned and ready to play.

In the spring of 2006, the football team was working to prepare for this season. Game Day Friday was started to help the returning players with their conditioning.

“It definitely helps camaraderie,” Kolstad said. “It helps getting to know you’re not the only one getting up at 6:30 in the morning to throw a ball around.”

This season, players are working on positions they haven’t played before or since high school. Kolstad, who played halfback last season, is now playing defensively as a middle linebacker. He has also been a quarterback for the Falcons. He said he likes his new position a

lot more.

The Falcons are on the road again this weekend with a 10-hour bus trip to St. Francis for their final non-conference game, beginning at 1 p.m.

The St. Francis squad hasn’t lost a game at home in three years, and for that reason Buker believes St. Francis will be the toughest opponent this season.

The Falcons are looking forward to having crowd support when they return home. There haven’t been many fans on the road, however Chancellor Don Betz was in attendance against Pacific Lutheran.

UW-RF opens conference play on Sept. 30 with a home contest against UW-Oshkosh. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. at Ramer Field.

“We’re really pumped,” senior Jovin Kroll said about the opener. “I don’t think there’s been a night game since the ‘70s.”

UW-River Falls vs Pacific Lutheran (09/16/06 at Puyallup, Wash.)		
1st 12:18 PLU - Chiado, Craig 21 yd pass from Gordon, Brett (Burke, Pat kick), 2-30 0-46, RF 0 - PLU 7		
05:25 PLU - Burke, Pat 25 yd field goal, 5-32 1-48, RF 0 - PLU 10		
3rd 12:24 RF - Jeremy Wolff 20 yd run (Spasimir Bodurski kick), 1-20 0:12, RF 7 - PLU 10		
07:17 RF - Josh Grover 77 yd pass from Jeremy Wolff (Spasimir Bodurski kick), 2-76 0:51, RF 14 - PLU 10		
05:02 RF - Jeremy Wolff 1 yd run (Spasimir Bodurski kick), 3-8 1:57, RF 21 -		
PLU 10		
01:41 RF - Spasimir Bodurski 42 yd field goal, 4-3 2:14, RF 24 - PLU 10		
4th 14:51 PLU - Reed, Chase 25 yd pass from Gordon, Brett (Burke, Pat kick), 8-64 1:32, RF 24 - PLU 17		
	Visitor	Home
First Downs	18	21
Rushing	70-237	39-162
Passing	46	179
Total Offense	83-283	69-341
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	1-0
Interceptions	1	1
Penalties	5-34	7-85
Possession	37:01	22:59
Individual leaders		
RUSHING: UW-River Falls-Nathan Anderson 28-76; Jeremy Wolff 10-64; B.J. LeRoy 5-10; Greg Robinson 1-3; Beau DeBruin 1-minus 1; TEAM 1-minus 2.		
Pacific Lutheran-Reed, Chase 11-32; Stahl, Craig 6-21; Murphy, Aaron 6-minus 9; Gordon, Brett 9-minus 47.		
PASSING: UW-River Falls-Jeremy Wolff 5-13-2-92. Pacific Lutheran-Gordon, Brett 15-36-3-203; Reed, Chase 0-1-0-0.		
RECEIVING: UW-River Falls-Josh Grover 2-		
84; Chad Nolechek 2-10; Nathan Anderson 1-minus 2. Pacific Lutheran-Chiado, Craig 8-108; Reed, Chase 4-63; Washburn, Jacob 3-32.		
INTERCEPTIONS: UW-River Falls-Bruce Ballargeon 2-33; Shane Hanson 1-0. Pacific Lutheran-Todd, Aaron 1-0; Frank, Brent 1-1.		
FUMBLES: UW-River Falls-Nathan Anderson 1-1; B.J. LeRoy 1-1; Jeremy Wolff 1-1. Pacific Lutheran-Gordon, Brett 2-1; Murphy, Aaron 2-2.		

Tennis: Looks toward improvement with nine underclassmen on roster

Ostrowski, have said she is great to work with.

“Becky is the best captain I’ve ever had; she’s always there for you,” Ostrowski said. “She’s a great person and a great leader.”

Ostrowski enjoys playing here.

“Everyone’s a lot more relaxed,” she said. “In high school you can feel the tension, but here you do your hardest and have fun doing it.”

She also said the schedule here

is much more intense than in high school. She also commented on the number of matches played in a week and how it varies from high school.

“Coming into the season, I didn’t know what to expect,” Ostrowski said. “I just had to work really hard. My goal is to do the best and go for what I can do and improve my backhand.”

On Saturday, the Falcons travel to Stevens Point. The Falcons return home Monday for a 4:30 p.m. match with Bethel.

St. Thomas 8, UW-River Falls 1
Sep 18, 2006 at St. Paul, Minn.

Singles competitor

1. Kathryn Whaling (UST) def. Becky Briesse (RF) 6-3, 6-2

2. Courtney Dirks (UST) def. Kathryne Ostrowski (RF) 3-6, 6-1, 12-10

3. Christina Alexander (UST) def. Cassi Wood (RF) 6-2, 6-0

4. Alison Brufoldt (UST) def. Katie Anderson (RF) 6-3, 6-2

5. Hadley Syverud (UST) def. Mindy Rudiger (RF) 7-6 (7-3), 6-2

6. Brittany Bachman (UST) def. Tracy Boyle (RF) 6-3, 6-4

Doubles competition

1. Becky Briesse/Kathryne Ostrowski (RF) def. Kathryn Whaling/Laura Thomas (UST) 9-7

2. Alison Brufoldt/Hadley Syverud (UST) def. Katie Anderson/Mindy Rudiger (RF) 8-1

3. Nickey Nichols/Christina Alexander (UST) def. Tracy Boyle/Allison Nickel (RF) 8-1.

Chancellor optimistic about UW-RF future

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With one of his greatest accomplishments being the creation of a mission and core values for UW-River Falls, Chancellor Don Betz moves forward through this next year with more plans and a clear focus.

During his first year at UW-RF, Betz worked to better define the University and what it is about.

“One of my biggest accomplishments is the mission and values,” he said.

Betz said the new mission statement seeks to promote leadership among staff, faculty and students.

“I am looking forward to engaging leadership at all levels, and to robust interaction with student leadership in student organization,” he said.

Betz has worked closely with the Leadership Center to help the team become more organized and gain a clearer direction.

“I put a lot of emphasis on the importance of leadership,” he said.

In an effort to promote student leadership, Betz attended a short-term study abroad course, the Chancellor’s Global Leadership Colloquium, with students in August. The course allowed students to explore leadership in an international setting and will be offered every year.

The chancellor has also been working closely with the Leadership Center to develop leadership classes and programs for all students.

“Betz really supports leadership initiatives for students,” said Leadership Training Coordinator Brent Turner. “He supported students doing service over spring break.”

The Leadership Center created a destination program that allows students to do services such as providing meals, tutoring and building homes over spring break. Students helped Hurricane Katrina victims in the Destination: Gulf Coast mission during break last year. The program will be offered every year and will continually expand issue areas and sites.

“He [Betz] has shown great support and interest in our events and programs,” said Karyn Kling, associate student services

coordinator. In addition to promoting leadership on campus, Betz also seeks to promote international experiences.

“My goal is that virtually every student that wants to has an international experience,” he said.

In the near future, he said he hopes to begin teaching a few international courses.

International Studies Chair Wes Chapin said Betz has made internationalization a top goal. This goal is consistent with UW-RF’s goal to have about 25 percent of students study abroad.

“I am sure the chancellor would want to increase the percentage greatly,” Chapin said.

This year, Betz also wants to continue focusing on and working closely with the Student Senate and other leadership organizations.

Between now and 2008, Betz will focus on helping the University prepare for its reaccreditation and will continue to help with the campus’ technological redesign. The goals of the redesign are to make technology more accessible, provide more opportunities for students to learn and create more online courses.

Wireless Internet access is now available to students, faculty and staff in South Hall and Davee Library. It will also be available in the new Student Union when it opens in January.

Throughout his first year at UW-RF, the chancellor concentrated on listening to others throughout the campus about the direction they wanted the University to go. Betz has taken the input he received and incorporated it into his goals for the institution.

He said he hopes to create more scholarships in an effort to make a college education more affordable for UW-RF students. This past year, he facilitated the addition of 26 new scholarships to the University.

He has also spent time communicating with faculty and staff. Last year, he helped create Falcon Daily, a daily newsletter sent via e-mail to UW-RF staff and faculty. This year, Betz hopes to continue collaboration with faculty and staff.

Betz was inaugurated last April as UW-RF’s 16th chancellor.



Don Betz

New Provost brings energy, insight to RF

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There is another new face on campus this year: Provost Charles Hurt.

“Charlie brings energy, experience and insight to this vital position,” said Chancellor Don Betz in a July 6 campus announcement.

As chief academic officer of the University, Hurt will oversee all curricular programs, classes, faculty issues, such as hiring and evaluating faculty members, and anything involving academics.

Before arriving at UW-River Falls, Hurt was the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at West Chester University in Pennsylvania. Prior West Chester, Hurt was the associate, acting and interim dean of the University of Arizona’s College of Social and Behavioral Science. He also has teaching experience at the University of Arizona, UW-Madison, McGill University and Simmons College.

UW-RF is smaller than the universities Hurt previously worked for, but he said he loves the size of the campus because he grew up in a small town, and it is easier to get to know the students. He said he likes that the campus is close to a metropolitan area but still has a small town atmosphere.

The process of becoming provost involved a lengthy series of interviews, both phone and in-person.

Hurt said he hopes to provide an excellent



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Charles Hurt is the new provost, selected over the summer for the position of chief academic officer of the university. He has experience in teaching and other administrative positions. He will oversee curricular programs, classes and faculty issues.

educational experience for students.

In the future, he sees the campus growing in population, but because there is a lack of available physical classroom and residential space, wants to develop more online courses. He also hopes to guest lecture or teach a few class sessions because he misses teaching.

“Students need to be more aggressive about their own education,” Hurt said,

adding that students should “question everything and get all they can from their education here at River Falls.”

The new provost said he wants others to know this University is a good place to attend college because right now, “River Falls is a well-kept secret.”

ITS: Department makes major improvements

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accomplishments include a redesign of the Web site; a portal for students so they only have to log into campus web sites once - instead each time for eSIS, Webmail and D2L; and a faster response to problems in the classrooms.

Lisa Wheeler, executive direc-

tor of the ITS redesign project, said ITS is establishing a set of metrics to measure the progress made and find areas that need improvement.

The metrics being used to make this judgment are responsiveness, dependability and effectiveness.

“This will allow us to see where the ‘ouch points’ are and

respond proactively,” Wheeler said.

Technology is an enabler and that’s what it should do, she said, adding that she would like students to feel like they have easy access to the tools they need to accomplish their academic work.

“How we’ve been doing IT on campus isn’t serving the needs

of the students,” she said. “That needs to change.”

This is more than a departmental project; it is a partnership to make improvements that draws in ITS staff, faculty, students and administration.

Michael Hovestol, the student representative for the redesign project, is responsible for voicing student opinions.

He has worked hard to represent the interests of the students by pushing issues he knows are important, like the portal.

Much of the board was against the idea, but he knew students wanted it, so he set out to ensure it was accomplished.

Hovestol said most of the work being done is on the infrastructure, which students most likely won’t see. Fixing this is crucial before other, more visible changes can take place.

Hovestol encourages students to seek him out.

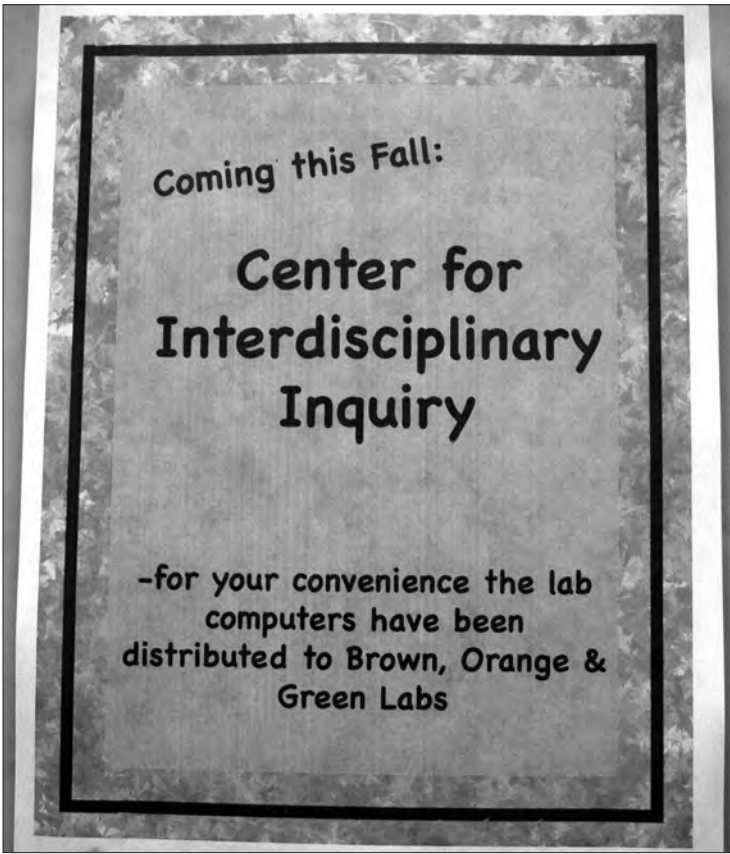
He is responsible for the voice of the students and is eager to hear any concerns or comments on how students think ITS should be run in the future.



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Lisa Wheeler, executive director of the ITS redesign project, is helping ITS establish a set of metrics to measure the progress made and find areas that need improvement on campus.

Davee computer labs transform into new centers



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A sign on the outside of the old Yellow Lab in Davee Library previews the new Center for Interdisciplinary Inquiry.

Orange Lab turns into teaching lab, Yellow Lab transforms into The Banks Center

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UW-River Falls underwent a few changes while students were enjoying their summer vacation, and some can be seen in the basement of Davee Library.

The Orange Lab has been converted to a new teaching lab, and the layout was changed for student authorized use of this space. Students can continue using this lab for academic purposes outside of teaching hours, which are posted outside the entrance to the lab.

Lab Manager Daniel Miller oversees all of the Windows labs and technology classrooms on campus. He said the Orange Lab is the first lab on campus equipped with dual-projection screens, which were added to accommodate the obstruction of view that is caused by two pillars in the lab.

Miller said the Orange Lab was chosen for conversion because of its size. It has a seating capacity of 46, and it was a Windows lab prior to the conversion.

The Green Lab also has a capacity of 46, which is the maximum capacity in compliance with fire safety regulations. Both PC and Mac computers are now available for use in this lab. The Red Lab computers were moved into the Green Lab and all new iMac computers have been installed in the Red lab.

Mathematics instructor Maren Gebhard teaches a class in the Orange Lab and said the change was interesting, and once some of the layout issues are resolved it should be great.

After teaching in the Gray lab, which forced her to use either the

overhead or the white board, she said she appreciates the dual-projection system that allows her to use the whiteboard and overhead simultaneously.

“Overall it works pretty well,” Gebhard said.

The Yellow Lab on campus no longer exists; it is being decommissioned to become The Banks Center for Interdisciplinary Inquiry.

Joanne Belfiori Banks graduated from UW-RF in 1962 with an English degree, and the center is a memorial to her life work. Her generous donation made the center possible.

Dean of Students Terry Brown said Banks’ work is extensive and goes on to include being co-founder of The Journal of Literature and Medicine, as well as co-editor of the six volumes of letters of Virginia Woolf, who is considered by many as one of the greatest English writers of all time.

The donation was Banks’ way of giving back to the University, where teachers in the 1960s helped open her mind and inspired her to achieve the many great accomplishments that she made in her lifetime, Brown said.

The center will bring different disciplines into dialogue to create new understandings.

“A discipline is an allegiance to a particular way of looking at the world,” Brown said. “The library is a neutral place — it doesn’t belong to any one discipline. The nature of the library is to serve all ways of thinking and perspectives.”

The center will be used as a classroom, meeting room and director’s office. The meeting room will be available to faculty and students engaged in research, teaching and learning. Brown said she has high hopes for the new center.

“It is a gift to the University, but this college is the custodian of the gift,” she said. “I hope that everyone will feel the benefits of this gift.”

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New club movin’ on up

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“I remember the day I fell in love with hip-hop,” the opening line in the movie “Brown Sugar” says. It’s a line two UW-River Falls students want to help their peers answer by starting a breakdancing club.

Mekha El-Shadi Jones, junior, and Chris Robinson, sophomore, together formed UW-RF’s first official breakdancing club.

“The breakdance club aims to establish a university community that practices and promotes breakdance as one of the positive elements of hip-hop,” the club’s constitution states. And “to introduce members and the university community to positive aspects of hip-hop culture and dances that has influences and continues to elevate the art.”

Robinson and El-Shadi Jones said one of the club’s main goals is to show people hip-hop can be positive and that in its original form it was not meant to be violent. The leaders hope the breakdance club can highlight that.

“We want to expose it to everybody in its purest form,” Robinson said.

El-Shadi Jones agreed, and said the idea was to “expose a side of



Submitted photo
Students Chris Robinson (left) and Mekha El-Shadi Jones (right) are the leaders of UW-RF’s new breakdancing club.

hip-hop they may not see in videos or the media.”

The essence of the group is about exposure to the constructive varieties and lifestyles hip-hop adds to society and American culture.

“It’s about being able to express yourself in an urban art form,” Robinson said. “All art has to do with adaptation; breakdancing is urban adaptation.”

“Certain aspects of the [hip-hop] culture are changing because of the negative coverage in the media and society,” El-Shadi Jones said. “You can’t package djaying, graffiti or breakdancing, but you can package rap, and it will sell.”

Breakdancing in the current form is an accumulation of elements from different sources. Some moves are similar to a self-defense technique slaves from Angola brought to Brazil, others from 1970s funk dances and still others from rituals New York City gangs used to solve disagreements though a dance called up-rock.

El-Shadi Jones said it was at one of last year’s campus hip-hop shows, RF Underground, where he first got the desire to start a breakdancing club.

“I didn’t know anyone else could break,” he said. “Then another guy started to break on the side while the show was going on, and I knew the potential was there.”

That guy was Robinson, who also said he didn’t know of anyone else on campus who was a breakdancer. But when he heard about the Underground show he went with the intention of dancing. Both said they were excited when they realized they had found other people with similar a interest.

The idea to form a club then developed and was approved as an official club by the Student Organization Committee this week.

Things started rolling when El-Shadi Jones first persuaded the African American Alliance to sponsor a breakdancing club by allowing him to post signs and send e-mails to interested people last fall.

Following that, he started a group on Facebook devoted to gathering people and providing easy access to information. Members of the Facebook group began meeting and practicing together.

Further validating El-Shadi Jones’ notion that a breakdancing club would be good for the community was UW-RF’s pre-college summer camp, where he taught a breakdance class to young kids. Robinson joined El-Shadi Jones and taught the class to a new group of young students.

The club will measure its success in a few different ways. They aim to have regular attendance, improve their skills by challenging themselves and to keep the number of people in the club rising.

Another measure will be when they reach the level at which they can confidently compete or perform for an audience. The last way will be judged in the longevity of the club.

People of all races, ages and interests are encouraged to join.

“The movement spread around the world,” El-Shadi Jones said. “Young people of Hispanic, African, Asian and European descent all came together to find a way to deal with the oppression in their lives, and we encourage everyone, regardless of race, age or gender, to join.”

Questions on membership can be directed to Robinson and El-Shadi Jones through e-mail at either christopher.robinson@uwrf.edu or zionmoving@yahoo.com.

The summer of music



ERIK WOOD

The droning sounds of “Promiscuous Girl” and “SexyBack” shatter your eardrums as you groggily attempt to slam the snooze button for another five miserable minutes of that ever-so-needed, or should I say, wanted sleep.

Yes, that’s right, classes have begun and summer is over. Fall is here. Whether you recognized it or not, the summer of ‘06 was the summer of rock. With a plethora of album releases from many bands, such as Cute is What We Aim For, UnderOATH, The Red Jumpsuit Apparatus, Dashboard Confessional and The Early November, it was hard to watch your bank account slide away into nothingness for two more weeks while you anticipated the next new music Tuesday.

On top of countless album releases, many bands decided to invade the Midwest with show upon show. From Warped Tour 2006 to Reel Big Fish at the Quest, and let’s not forget local bands trying hard to make themselves known, this summer was

anything but quiet.

Aside from rock music, pop also made an attempt to keep up with the boom. Even Paris Hilton felt the need to release an album that can only be described as repulsive. The thought of her attempting to sing and be classified as a musician is near social suicide.

Then we slide into fall of 2006 with ‘N Sync’s bad boy returning with his second solo release since the much-needed break up of boy band culture. For those of you who can’t forget those mind numbing words, “Go ahead be gone with it and get your sexy on,” the album dropped Sept.12.

But enough with pop music — please stop destroying my eardrums, thanks. Radio off.

A September release to look forward to is Las Vegas’ own Escape the Fate, dropping its first full-length album, “Dying Is Your Latest Fashion,” on Sept. 26. It’s a must have, no ifs, ands, or buts about it. A summer ‘06 Warped Tour favorite, Silverstein, is re-releasing its second album, Discovering the Waterfront, with a DVD and live footage — definitely a must. And don’t forget to check them out Oct. 14 at the Quest with Victory Records buddies, Aiden.

Whatever you choose, Mr. SexyBack or future rock gods, Escape the Fate, enjoy and stay tuned.



Escape the Fate’s album, “Dying Is Your Latest Fashion”

‘Black Dahlia’ still an unsolved mystery

The Black Dahlia murder is the most famous, unsolved murder in California history. The real story couldn’t have been scripted better — a young girl moves out to Hollywood to become a star (she was beautiful), doesn’t make it (but making some porn is close), and ends up naked and gutted like a deer in the middle of suburbia (nice rack!).

I just wish the movie could have been written half as well.

The title of the film is perhaps a bit misleading. Although the two main cops, played by Josh Hartnett and Aaron Eckhart, are investigating the murder, no real depth is put into the life of Elisabeth Short (the woman they call the Black Dahlia). Simply stated, the film is not so much about her.

Lee (Eckhart) tries to get even with other bad guys and launders money while Bucky (Hartnett) is having sex with bisexual rich women. Seriously, it seemed like every 15 minutes, or whenever he was having a hard time, he went and tagged Madeleine (Hillary Swank). The Dahlia is only one case that they deal with, so it was hard to see what everything else had to do with the infamous death.

The dialogue was very colorful and a lot of old cop lingo was used. In one scene, Swank says to Hartnett, “Got the picture?” And he replies, “Technicolor.” That is just so sexy. I wish I could come up with such cool things to say at the drop of a hat. But the actors should have let the words do their job. Not everything needed to be overacted.

Actress Scarlett Johansson was really the worst perpetrator of this. Her character, Kay Lake, was Lee’s gold-digging girlfriend who was secretly jonesing for Hartnett. But her demeanor was not that of a

mysterious 1940s beauty — she was Katherine Hepburn with deer-in-headlight eyes.

I got lost between the police shoot-outs and clips of the Dahlia’s screen tests. Those scenes were the most engaging because they were creepy, yet stunning. I didn’t feel that way about the rest of the movie. The flow and logic just weren’t there.

It is a bad idea for directors and writers to assume that their audience is stupid — not every detail needs to be explained for us to make the connection between the characters and the story. However, if they don’t set up the basics, the point is lost and that’s when we begin to wonder if the movie was worth our \$10.

I knew before I watched this film that it was a fictional rendering of a possible scenario. But it was so outlandish and ridiculous that I didn’t get it. Madeleine looked like the Dahlia, and there were some jealousy issues and her parents were crazy, but why did they have to disembowel the girl and cut her face up? The explanation of the family’s relationship to Short was not clear, and I think two and a half hours is plenty of time to get it across.

If I were you, I would see this movie twice, and not just for Josh Hartnett’s smooth, naked body.

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



It’s September again, and for Hollywood that is often an indicator that Oscar season has begun. Normally, that would mean that they’ve started releasing more prestigious films, but in this case that wasn’t so.

“The Black Dahlia,” which is based on the most notorious unsolved murder case in California history, deals with the horrific sight of a mutilated, dead woman literally cut in half.

In come two cops: Lee Blanchard (Aaron Eckhart) and Dwight ‘Bucky’ Bleichert (Josh Hartnett). For a reason that is never explained, Lee volunteers himself and his partner for the case.

From there we enter their personal lives, like being introduced to Lee’s girlfriend (Scarlett Johansson), along with his connections with shady characters who we also aren’t given a proper introduction to, nor are any details of their so-called ‘criminal activities’ ever released.

Thankfully, we at least get to learn about the victim before this gruesome act. She happened to be just another star-struck starlet from the middle of nowhere who had big dreams like any other aspiring actress.

The truth is I really had high expectations with this one. The film is based on a fictional book written by the same guy who wrote “L.A. Confidential,” which is, without a doubt, easily one of the best crime dramas ever made.

But here that isn’t so. Yes, in film noir the plot is meant to be intricate and complex, but this one just didn’t make any sense. Even after everything is explained in the ending, you’re still scratching your head.

Like last year’s “Syriana,” this is a tale of endless connections between the characters and events, but at the same time

you keep losing track of how everything is connected. Like, who was that guy that fell off the banister? We’ve never seen him before.

Why is Lee so obsessed with this case? Why does Bucky keep sleeping with such a whore whom he knows absolutely nothing about? And why do they nickname the victim the Black Dahlia? You would think that since it is the title they would at least answer that one.

These, along with countless other questions, are never answered. I figure, what’s the point of watching something if you have no clue what’s going on?

In short, I felt it would have been better if it stayed as a book. Then you could always go back to the previous chapter and read it again, looking for some small, important detail that you may have missed.

Regretfully, the only way you can watch it is if it’s on video. At least, that way you can always rewind. I think you’ll need to see this one three or four times to finally get it.

Perhaps the only aspects I found respect for were its cinematography and art direction. We were always put right in the action, capturing everything that was visually important. Plus, the different modes of color in the background indeed helped the feelings illuminate for the audience.

On my way out I even asked two women if they liked it. “It was stupid!” was their answer.

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Summer renovations brighten up buildings

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Students and staff returning to UW-River Falls fall semester were greeted by a host of major renovations to campus buildings.

North Hall received a facelift in the form of brand new windows, which are framed white like the building’s original windows.

The previous windows were replaced because they were not energy efficient, said UW-RF Facilities Engineer Jim Murphy. In addition to leaking cold air, panels attached to the top of the older windows were blocking sunlight from entering the building, he said.

“The new windows allow a much brighter environment and give the building a more historical appearance,” Murphy said.

According to Murphy, North Hall’s stone exterior was also cleaned to “enhance” its look.

North Hall staff seems pleased with the work.

“I think [the windows] lighten things up from an aesthetic standpoint,” said Assistant Registrar Rich Kathan. “Hopefully they’ll be good for insulation.”

University Services Associate Flossie Hughes agreed, stating that the building looked more “stately” with the new windows.

“They’ve brightened insides of offices and classrooms,” Hughes said. “It’s really enhanced the look of this building.”

South Hall received some much needed repair to its foundation, in addition to brand new exterior doors.

Crews excavated the length of the building, applied plaster to the foundation wall, and installed a water-proofing membrane. The storm drain was extended to the roof drain to “help prevent any water from getting into the foundation,” Murphy said.

The exterior doors were replaced due to “problems with [the] door hardware,” he said. Instead of the old tan hue, they are now a darker shade.

The North and South Hall projects had a budget of about \$400,000, he said. This budget also included the Kleinpell Fine Arts building renovation that took place last summer, when all of the building doors were replaced.

The money for the projects came from



Above: The outside of North Hall recieved a facelift of new white windows, an update intended to make the building more energy efficient. Below: The two side entrances to South Hall had new doors installed this summer to replace the older, damaged ones.

the Department of Administration, a building commission authority in Madison that approves funding for larger projects on the UW-RF campus. The money is generated through tax revenue.

Admissions Program Assistant Cori Fosmo is a fan of the South Hall doors.

“I like them,” Fosmo said. “The color is much better than the lighter color. It goes better with the building.”

“They improve the building in terms of visual appeal,” said Associate Marketing Professor Darryl Miller. “I hope they do the windows someday.”

Extensive improvements were made to May, Prucha, North and South Halls over the summer. Other residence halls received some minor upgrades.

Budgeted at \$1.8 million, the bathroom remodeling project at May and Prucha was perhaps the most ambitious renovation undertaken.

Construction crews knocked down



walls to increase bathroom size, replaced toilets and all plumbing and piping, and installed new light fixtures. The communal showers were replaced with facilities offering students more privacy.

The bathrooms were chosen for renovation because they were “dated” and

showing signs of deterioration, said UW-RF Senior Facilities Engineer Tim Thum. Both May and Prucha are more than 40 years old, which Thum cited as another reason for the total bathroom overhaul.

“Typically after 40 years, shower pans start to leak and plumbing and piping gets plugged up,” Thum said.

A second bathroom was also added onto each floor of May and Prucha. This was done due to the possibility of the halls having co-ed residential floors in the future, Thum said.

Because both May and Prucha were completely closed during the summer, crews were able to get “two years worth of work squeezed into one,” said UW-RF Building Maintenance Craft Supervisor Greg Koehler.

According to UW-RF Director of Student Life Facilities Mike Stifter, the bathroom renovation was funded by a process called bonding. Similar to a home loan or mortgage, a bond is money borrowed against the state. Borrowers agree to pay the bond back

within a certain number of years.

The bond for the May and Prucha bathroom project has a payback time of 20 years, Stifter said.

May and Prucha also received smaller improvements. In addition to being painted, dorm rooms received new furniture, closet shelving and overhead lighting. The hallways and lounges were newly carpeted and building pipes fitted with new insulation. Both halls also had new doors and locks installed. May had its apartment kitchens remodeled and new electrical devices installed.

Other residence halls were revamped on a smaller scale.

Dorm rooms in the west wing of Grimm Hall were painted, and the hallways and lounges carpeted. The Johnson Hall apartment kitchens were remodeled, and Hathorn Hall received new electrical devices.

The improvements were made as part of an ongoing maintenance plan, Koehler said.

The estimated budget for these renovations, including the smaller ones in May and Prucha, was between \$2 and \$2.5 million, Stifter said.

The funding for the residence hall renovations comes from Residence Life. A division of Student Services, the Residence Life program is financed by fees taken out of students’ room and board costs.

The campus reaction to the improvements appears to be positive.

May resident Jessica Anderson said the new furniture and bathrooms makes her “not mind living in the dorms.”

“They are really nice and I am very glad I chose to live here,” she said.

“I like the showers,” said Prucha resident Matt Muraski, citing the roominess and privacy as reasons. Muraski’s only complaint was that there are no urinals in the new bathrooms.

According to Campus Planner Dale Braun, the west wing of Hathorn Hall will have its bathrooms remodeled next summer.

Other possible projects in the works are a new physical education building, and the addition of two wings to the George R. Field South Fork Suites, he said.

“For students here, the renovations provide a clean, attractive place to study,” Braun said. “It’s their home, and we want their home to be nice and comfortable.”

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