



Megan Rodriguez/ Student Voice

Student Senate President Bobbi O'Brien chose Matthew Hobbs to be Vice President of Senate, not because they had similar views on issues, but because she knew they would work well together to improve campus.

# **Student Senate selects Vice President Hobbs**

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Student Senate President Bobbi O'Brien has big plans for reaching her goals of keeping tuition low, increasing visibility of Senate on campus and helping students improve their college experience. However, her righthand man, student-elected vice president, Carlan Strand, has resigned from Senate and

a new vice president has already taken office.

UW-River Falls student Rebecca Smallwood was unaware that Strand had resigned and questions whether the process of determining this new vice president was fair to the students as there have not been any elections held.

"If the students were given the power to vote for the Senate president and vice president in spring elections and either position happens to become vacant, students should again be allowed to choose the new person who will represent them."

According to ARTICLE XIII, Section C of the Student Senate By-Laws, "In the event of an officer vacancy other than the Student Association President on Senate, the Student Senate President, subject to confirmation by the

Senate, may appoint a student to fill the vacancy."

Therefore, upon receiving Strand's resignation, O'Brien was in charge of appointing a student to fill the position of vice president with confirmation by the Senate.

The new vice president chosen by O'Brien, Matthew Hobbs, is no stranger to Student Senate. He served as a

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# Construction nears en

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As the 2012 spring semester came to a close for students, the Cascade Project was starting its transformation of Cascade Avenue. It is anticipated that in mid-October the project will be complete, which would be almost a month earlier than originally planned.

What makes the Cascade Project different from other construction projects is that this project was on a main road in front off a college campus, a road that typically had a high amount of traffic and consistent pedestrian use.

Director of Public Works and City Engineer of River Falls Reid Wronski, said that the biggest challenge of phase one, the replacement of Cascade Avenue, was maintaining a fully operational construction site, but also making sure it was a safe environment for pedestrians.

Mike Stifter, interim executive director for division of administrative services, agreed that having "a six month construction window that tied up a main road was the biggest challenge."

Over the summer the project progressed quickly ahead of schedule and under the allotted budget. Stifter said the only issues they faced were

minor weather related issues like the rain that fell over June.

When students moved back onto campus, the project was surrounded by the campus community once again. The yearly new student move in day, which is normally considered a stressful time for students and parents, was planned down to the last detail to ensure that students and their families were not greatly affected by the project.

Freshman Lindsey Ogawa said, "It wasn't bad at all- it was actually really efficient I felt."

The night before she moved on to campus, Ogawa and her family had been emailed maps of which roads to use to get to her west side dorm. "I didn't think it was super confusing, but I had someone who came and talked to me right away so that was nice and they told me where to go."

Stifter explained that there were a variety of individuals who played a key role in planning the move in day, and that Charles Sowa, assistant director of Sport Facilities, was the point person when it came to regulating traffic and parking on campus for the new students and their families. He also noted that he had been on

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# Task Force for tobacco free campus

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Appointing members for the Chancellor's Task Force is on the agenda for UW-River Falls faculty and staff regarding the tobacco policy on campus.

The Faculty Senate approved the motion to implement the Chancellor's Task Force on Wednesday, August 29 at the Senate meeting.

"The next step is to finish appointing the members," Wes Chapin, political science department chair and Faculty Senate chair said. "Student Senate needs to appoint some members, academic staff council needs to nominate some members and we [Faculty Senate] still need to appoint a faculty co-chair."

There will be nine voting members total on the committee.

There will also be two members that are considered ex-offico, non-voting that will serve as support for the committee.

Alice Reilly-Myklebust, director of counseling and health services will be one of the non-voting members and serve as a co-chair on the committee.

Part of the charge is to look at current information that is out there about data on UWRF students, faculty and staff.

and second hand smoke: data that we have about how students feel about a tobacco free campus, information about

Galen are presented.

"Our No. 1 priority is to get those recommendations to the Chancellor," Keven See Students page 3

Megan Rodriguez/ Student Voice Cascade Avenue has been closed since spring semester for construction to improve more than just the road.

#### Friend donates in memory on Page, alumnus

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Chancellor Dean Van Galen announced that \$750,000 was donated towards the naming and construction of the Don Page Arena. The arena will be a part of the new Falcon Center which will begin construction in 2014.

Ab Nicholas, CEO and chairman of Nicholas Company, Inc., made the donation in honor of his life-long friend, Don Page. In 1950, the two met while on the same basketball team at UW-Madison. Through the years, they remained in contact and stayed close friends until Page died on Sept. 14, 2010 at the River Falls Area Hospital at the age of 83.

"It was simply because of his lifelong

friendship to Don Page that led to this donation," said Chris Mueller, executive director of advancement. "Ab has been a large contributor to UW-Madison where he attended as well."

The Falcon Center is currently in the design phase and is expected to begin construction in 2014 and should be completed by 2017. The exact location of the center is still in the works, but Mueller has explained that it will be connected to the Hunt Arena and Knowles Center. Some of the construction funds will also go into updating and enhancing the Hunt Arena and Knowles Center.

A brochure was presented to Nicholas in the original meeting about a potential donation.

According to the brochure, the Falcon Center will be a health and human performance building, which will also have the Don Page Arena and a workout facility attached. The anticipated use for the arena will include: men and women's Falcon basketball, volleyball, intramurals, UWRF commencements, concerts, lectures and other special events. The Falcon Center will be able to seat about 2,600 people.

"It's the largest construction project in the history of the county," said Mueller. "In order for us to receive the \$63 million, the state has required us to raise \$2 million of it. It's part of the deal."

In order to raise money, the school named

the arena after Don Page. According to Mueller, the University has raised \$1.2 million dolltowards the project and has about \$800,000 left. He is confident that the rest of the money will be raised and the project is not in jeopardy.

Page had a long history with sports at UWRF. It began when he was hired as the head basketball and baseball coach in 1957. He guided the baseball team to the WIAC championships in 1964 and 1965 and was an assistant football coach for the Falcons for 15 years. He also coached the men's tennis team from 1973 until 1987 with a two-year break between 1980 and 1982.

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# **River Falls proves prime** spot for new businesses



Yo-Joe's is one of the many new businesses that has opnened in River Falls.

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During my time here in River Falls, you may have noticed that our quiet home has turned into a city that is always changing.

It seems like there is always something new popping up.

Whether it is a new construction project or a new business, there never seems to be a dull moment.

According to the information from the River Falls Chamber of Commerce, within the year, there have been 18 new businesses that have decided to nestle into our small town.

However, not everything is brand new. Econo Foods is now known as Family Fresh, and Bubba's Fried Chicken has re-opened their doors.

Elizabeth Madson, owner of Elizabeth's Fine Jewelry, Mary Lam, owner of Tip Top Nails and Laurie Levine, owner of the frozen yogurt and coffee shop, Yo-Joe's chose River Falls as the home for their store.

Madson said that the number one reason they moved from Hudson to River

News briefs

Wyman Series at UW-River Falls presents

A speech by Zach Wahls, "What Makes A

Family," is the first Wyman Series event at

Zach Wahls

#### Falls was because of the location.

They already had a large customer base in River Falls, so it just seemed fitting to open up shop that was more convenient.

Elizabeth's Fine Jewelry gets a lot of cyclical business, definitely around the holidays, and overall business has been pretty good.

Tip Top Nails opened in May and, so far, they have been getting steady business as well.

Lam said that being from Minnesota, she really liked the location and she also liked the small town feel.

Levine co-founded the popular frozen yogurt and coffee shop, Yo-Joe's. After opening in August, business has

been booming.

She has family that went to school here. She said she has always wanted to have a store in River Falls so, naturally, it just seemed right to locate here. Levine also said that she likes the history of the building.

The building in which Yo-Joe's is located was a hotel once upon a time.

When designing the store, Levine wanted to preserve as much of that his-

> contentious issue: gay marriage. Like any family's story, Wahls is one of highs and lows, laughs and tribulations. Regardless of beliefs on marriage equality in our country, this lecture will offer a unique, personal perspective.

#### Julie L. Bushman named Executive-in-

tory as possible, so she has exposed all of the original brick and re designed the original windows.

Levine also has another store in Cottage Grove, and sometimes she finds it hard to juggle back and forth.

At nights and on weekends, the place is crawling with college students who are either studying or taking a study break.

Yo-Joe's also opens early, for people who want to grab a cup of coffee on their way to class.

UW-River Falls students Max Dalton and Calie Short knew of the businesses, but the only place they have really checked out was Yo-Joe's.

They both enjoy the variety of choices and the atmosphere.

Dalton thoroughly enjoyed the coffee shop feel, and Short said, "I thought it was just fabulous!"

Overall, it seems as though River Falls is becoming a new business hot spot.

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Bushman will speak to the significant organizational change resulting from a business transformation via challenging assumptions, taking risks, busting myths, changing minds and creating a new vision.

"We are very pleased to have Julie Bushman as our Fall 2012 Executive-in-Residence," said Glenn Potts, dean of the

**River Falls Police**/ **UWRF** Police **Department** 

#### Sept. 2

Allen Raleigh Becker was arrested and cited \$653 for possession of marijuana and underage consumption at Grimm Hall.

#### Sept. 5

Benjamin J. Baraniak was cited \$263.50 for underage consumption at Crabtree Hall.

#### Sept. 7

- A wallet was reported stolen at Kleinpell Fine Arts.
- George Perry Malliaras was cited \$263.50 for operating a motor vehicle off roadway at Plum Trail

#### Sept. 8

- Cody D. Maier was cited \$263.50 for • underage consumption at Crabtree Hall.
- Lauren Eileen Sperry was cited \$263.50 for underage consumption at Crabtree Hall.
- Jesse Lee Ziegler was cited \$263.50 for underage consumption at Crabtree Hall. Sept. 10
- A bicycle was reported stolen at May Hall.

#### **Sept. 11**

Michael C. Berg was cited \$263.50 for underage consumption at Crabtree Hall.

#### **Sept. 13**

- Christopher Haorld Zabel was cited • \$326.50 for possession of drug paraphernalia at McMillan Hall.
- Mai Bianca Thong was cited \$263.50 for underage consumption at Crabtree Hall. Sept. 15

#### A vehicle was reported stolen at O lot,

but was recovered.

Editor's note: Information for this section is taken from River Falls Police and UW-River Falls Police Department incident reports.

> Occupational Health and Environmental Safety Division, overseeing global operations of the \$2 billion-plus business, the industry leader in personal protective equipment.

Earlier, she held the role of chief information officer for 3M.

She was also one of the original directors comprising the leadership team that successfully deployed Six Sigma at 3M under CEO Jim McNerney's leadership. A native of Ellsworth, W Bushman earned bachelors degrees in Business (Marketing) and Communicative Disorders from UWRF. She is married with three children and enjoys golf, piano, horses, and skiing.

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct.3 in the Riverview Ballroom of the University Center. The event is free and open to the public.

"What makes a family?" Wahls tried to answer that very question when he testified before the Iowa House Judiciary Committee in January 2011. The son of two lesbian mothers, the 19-year-old University of Iowa engineering student had no idea that his heartfelt testimony would spread like viral wildfire.

Now the author of a book, "My Two Moms: Lessons of Love, Strength, and What Makes a Family," Wahls shares a story that has never before been told, and offers a fresh, bold perspective on a recently rekindled and

#### **Residence at UW-River Falls**

Julie L. Bushman, executive vice president of 3M in St. Paul, Minn., has been named the 2012 Executive-in-Residence by the AACSB International-accredited College of Business and Economics at the UW-River Falls. Bushman will deliver the Executive-in-Residence lecture "Transformational Leadership" from 2-3 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 1 in the Riverview Ballroom of the University Center. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Bushman will discuss successfully growing a business through transformational leadership. She will share several examples from her experience and that of others at 3M.

College of Business and Economics. "She is an outstanding role model and has valuable experience to share with our students and the community."

Bushman is the executive vice president of 3M's Safety, Security, and Protection Services (SS&PS) Business, an approximately \$4 billion leading global provider of personal protective equipment, solutions that identify, authenticate, and locate people and assets, cleaning and protection products for commercial establishments, and infrastructure protection products.

Prior to her current role, Bushman was vice president and general manager of the

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### Sophomore suites give unique on-campus housing experience

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The first-ever students to reside in the Jesse H. Ames suites have started to settle in. After a year long construction project, the new building named after a former President of UW-River Falls has taken its place on campus.

The building is specifically for students who are of sophomore status and are looking for an on-campus alternative to the dorm style living that was mandatory before this semester.

"It's completely different from other residence halls," said Max Dalton, hall manager of Ames.

The building houses 240 residents and is separated into pods of 22 students. There are three of these pods on each floor, except for the first. These areas are only accessible to those who live in them. Each pod has a common room with furniture and a television.

The residents of each pod also share a kitchenette and multiple bathrooms among themselves. Within the pods, there are single occupancy and double occupancy rooms. The pods are mixed gender, but the rooms are situated in gendered clusters within the pods.

"They've got a very high security system," said Ann Glowacki, a sophomore and resident of Ames. "In order to get to your pod, you need to go through at least two doors." Glowacki

said she is thankful for the security, but felt that it could possibly interfere with getting to know other residents. "You can't meet as many people because you're limited to the 22 people you live with," said Glowacki.

Dalton said he has a clear goal in mind for his residents this year. "What we're trying to do is bring these sophomore students and not only develop community but assist them into that next stage of their life," said Dalton.

Ames functions as a stepping stone between dorm life and off campus living that students are inevitably bound for. "Being the first, we're kind of the test group or the lab rats," said Dalton.

"I feel like this is a step up," said Glowacki. "You get to live with more people and they're all your same age so you get to meet more people in your age group."

Although the building is up and running, not everything went smoothly after the doors opened.

"It's a lot of little technical things," said Dalton. "For instance, squeaky doors because they haven't been broken in, locks not working quite properly." Dalton also said that card access to the pods was problematic during move in and the days following.

Glowacki said she was glad she was able to live in Ames this semester. "It's a really cool place to live, honestly. It's like a luxury compared to the other dorms, I think."

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# Students: Task force presents ideas to Student Senate

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Syverson, health education coordinator and task force non-voting member, said.

There is no statute within the UW System about having a tobacco free campus. According to policies, the movement has to be voluntary in order to go forward.

Gregg Heinselman, associate vice chancellor for student affairs, has been working with Syverson and Reilly-Myklebust to move forward with the notion of a tobacco free campus.

"After two years of research, debate and three open forums for students, faculty and staff, they presented their findings to Van Galen and decided that the help of Faculty Senate would be needed to move forward," Heinselman said.

"Health and wellness of the students is a concern," Heinselman said. Higher frequency of lower grades, missing class and a low positive persistence was observed in students who used tobacco.

"The question we asked was, 'Where are students exposed to smoke?," Heinselman said. "There is a 25foot radius around university buildings but it is still an issue. How do we respond to this issue for our students?"

Two students that are tobacco users were split on the issue.

Sophia Guth, a junior business administration major, observes the fact that cigarette butts littering the campus are a problem but the idea of banning tobacco use is not needed.

"I would have to walk across the street to smoke," Guth said. "I think it would cause more stress for students and would be stupid because we are outside and you can't really ban someone from smoking outside in public."

As Heinselman pointed out, the 25-foot radius is not enough to make students not smoke near the buildings.

A junior psychology major and sporadic smoker, Jenna LaValle, said she gets frustrated walking through smoke on her way to class but is not grounds for having UWRF be a tobacco free campus.

"I don't think it's to the point where we need to ban it but I think maybe if people listen to other peoples' concern and were more knowledgeable about it that it would be better," LaValle said.

If UWRF does become a tobacco free campus, there will be a need to partner with the community.

"Students will be pushed off campus to smoke," Heinselman said. "That could potentially affect the surrounding residents and business owners outside of campus. It will be a community and University wide partnership." The task force will explore all options and research when it comes to presenting their recommendations.

"Our charge of the task force is to deliver written recommendations to the Chancellor and chair of Faculty Senate no later than November 16, 2012," Syverson said.

### Senate: Hobbs, O'Brien begin new term, aim to improve campus

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senator on the Senate last year, was very active, and was elected this past spring to serve again as an at-large senator.

Hobbs is in his third year at UWRF and is majoring in international studies with an emphasis on international global development and is minoring in Chinese history and language. He explained that he was very interested in the position as vice president to help with his application for graduate school.

"This is an invaluable experience that I can use for the rest of my life," Hobbs said. "I'm very excited for this year as I feel the Senate is going to be very productive." O'Brien explained that Hobbs was quick to apply for the position and she knew right away that he would do a good job of representing the students. Her choice of Hobbs for the position went before the Senate's Executive Board for approval and then before the entire Senate which confirmed her appointment unanimously.

"I specifically chose Matthew Hobbs, because he is an outstanding leader on and off campus. He is driven, hardworking, and extremely reliable. There is no doubt in my mind he will leave a very positive impact on Senate and on this campus."

The Senators agree with O'Brien in her opinion about Hobbs and are fully support-

ing him as he learns the ropes and gets settled into his position as vice president.

"When he presented his case to the Executive Board he was very enthusiastic about taking on this new role and he is doing such a good job already," Senator Jessica Pett said.

O'Brien and Hobbs have different opinions on many matters, but they said that they are always objective and work together very well.

Their goals for this year for Senate are also a bit different. As one of Hobbs' main goals is to focus on more in-sourcing especially for the University Center, as they have had significant budget cuts. He believes that it is an incredibly important building that students should be able to get the full benefit from.

With three meetings under its belt, the Senate is already moving forward with many different motions and matters of importance. Senate is currently working on ensuring student orgs understand the budgeting process, how student orgs can access their allocations, and how to responsibly and properly spend their money. The Allocable and Appropriations Fees Board (AFAB), Student Life, and O'Brien are formulating a process that will revamp student org budgeting.

This week a motion was approved to allocate funds to the UWRF rugby team to purchase new jerseys, which were required by the Recreation and Sport Facilities to be replaced. The funds will come from the reserve account, which currently amounts to over \$100,000 and is of major importance to the Senate this year. It is to be allocated and spent down for the benefit of the students and the University.

One major goal for Senate this fall will be the Vote Project. As everyone most likely knows, this is a presidential election year. Senate will be encouraging all students to vote. As the elections come closer, you will see campus plastered with the Vote Campaign.

There are currently eight seats open on Senate: one at-Large Senator, the College of Business and Economics representative, four First Year Representatives, the Greek Representative, and the Diversity Representative. Elections will be held to fill these positions and students have already started to apply. O'Brien explained that having representation of all students by Senators who have different views, backgrounds and experience is extremely important in making decisions for all students.

"The semester so far is going wonderfully! We already have such a diverse group of Senators that are all dedicated to Senate, the Students, and this campus. I am extremely excited to see where this year goes."

### Page: 'We'll get this (arena) named for your dad,' long-time friend promised

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From 1970 until his retirement in 1992, Page was UWRF's athletic director who, upon retiring, became a lone inductee into the UWRF Athletic Hall of Fame. In 2004, Page was also inducted into the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame and in 2012 he took part in the inaugural Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletics Hall of Fame class.

According to Mueller,

Page's son, David, has played a major role in the donations made for this facility. Dr. David Page is a local River Falls dentist who remains in close connection with the University.

"Chris called me for a meeting," said Dr. Page. "As an alumnus and a son, they were wondering if I would be willing to help."

Dr. Page explained that though he had never talked to Nicholas before, but knowing the kind of relationship Nicholas had with his father and his generous donations to UW-Madison, it was worth telling him about the idea. He called the office for Nicholas' company and before he knew it, he was talking to the secretary who deals with these kinds of donations.

"A month later Ab called me right before he left for a trip," Dr. Page said. "He said, 'don't worry about this David, we'll get this named after your dad.'"

Soon after that phone call,

he helped set up a meeting with the school to include Nicholas. From there, everything seemed to fall right into place.

"I've connected with all sorts of people who I think have kept in touch with their friends and expand a network of contacts," said Dr. Page.

He expressed how humbled he is by the donations and that this arena will be named in honor of his father is incredible.

"He is just the most incred-

ibly gracious and kind man I will ever meet," said Dr. Page of Nicholas. "I know they are going to have a section dedicated to the donors. So I hope he will be there for the ground breaking and I hope he will be there for the opening."

Dr. Page, Mueller and a team of alumni, faculty and associates of Page are rallying together to raise the remaining money. Mueller explained that there is a lot of energy around this project and this facility will be a great addition to campus once completed.

In a letter Dr. Page sent to Nicholas he said, "After all the accolades, and all the Halls of Fame, there can be no greater honor paid to Dad than the enshrinement of his legacy in the naming of the basketball arena at UW-River Falls after him. Unless, perhaps, that it was made possible by his friend."

# Fall 2012UW River Falls

# Student Senate ELECTIONS

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# **Positions on the Ballot:**

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### finish around mid-October, month earlier than originally anticipated

Cascade: Phase one expected to

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campus since 1999, working every move in day, and that this year was the "smoothest one [he'd] seen."

Once moved in, construction began to be a part of student's daily life.

Construction noise is a main concern for many on campus students, like student Riley Thorson, who said, "The main construction that bothers me is right outside the building," after it had woken her up the morning before.

Even for those who don't live on campus like commuter student Abbie Korish, the parking that was once offered on Cascade Avenue and is no longer available has affected her greatly. She deemed it "really annoying" that she could not always find a spot and that even if she did it would be far away. Parking accommodations have been changed from being on Cascade Avenue to Q Lot, a lot specifically designed to compensate for the 150 parking spots lost on Casacade Avenue. The reason for moving parking from Cascade Avenue to Q Lot was to make sure that pedestrians could be safe when crossing the road because the vehicles parked along the road made the pedestrians less visible to drivers.

Stifter acknowledged the fact that the parking that was once free, and students now have to pay for, but also said, "I think a nice thing they did was give the two free weeks of parking for the commuters. I think the response has been positive."

The lot maintains the standard University charge of 50 cents per half hour for parking. One third of the spaces in the lot are for students, faculty, and staff, who hold permits, and two thirds of the spaces are reserved for pay as you go patrons. Currently, the parking machines are only accepting cash, but soon the machines will be synced to accept credit cards as well to provide more convenience to the students. Even with these inconveniences, officials like Stifter and Wronski have received very few complaints about the project.

"We're hoping that the vast majority of the people are excited to see the project come to an end and see the benefits it has to the campus," said Wronski.

The Cascade Project grand opening is tentatively planned for October 12. Students can anticipate seeing the plants and more visual elements being added within the next couple weeks and again in the spring.

#### In remembrance

UW-River Falls student Jordan Costello, age 18, died Sept. 17 in Hudson, Wis. She was a freshman at UWRF pursuing a degree in nursing. Visitation is from 4-7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 21 at the O'Connell Family Funeral Home in Hudson. A memorial celebration of Jordan's life will he held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 22 at the Faith Community Church in Hudson.

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#### September 21, 2012

#### With protestors on campus, **UW-River Falls students urged** to remember First Amendment

The hot topic around UW-River Falls the past two weeks has been the protestors on campus. It's safe to say that everyone noticed the protestors and responded in some way.

While many did not agree with what was being spoken, or how it was being demonstrated, that does not mean these people shouldn't be allowed on our campus.

UWRF is a public university, which means all of the grounds on campus are open to the public. This, of course, means that anyone outside on campus falls under the protection of the First Amendment, which includes freedom of speech.

Whether or not we agree with the protestors, they have just as much right to be stating their beliefs on campus as we do.

Of course, freedom of speech, does not mean anyone can say anything they want. We all know the cliche saying, "You can't yell 'Fire!' in a crowded theatre" and it certainly applies here. If you do not agree with what the protestors are saying, it doesn't give you the right to verbally abuse them.

Whether it be political or religious beliefs, these protestors are representing something. But what are our students representing when they return obscenity filled retorts at the protestors?

First and foremost, students are representing UWRF itself. These people are not going to distinguish between on student and another. If a few students verbally abuse the protestors, which was happening, they will remember those students, above others, and associate UWRF with them.

Some readers may be aware that a picture, with a message that some could find offensive, from the protestors on September 11 went viral over this past week. Because of this, thousands of people now associate that picture with our University. It might be unreasonable and unfair, but it's true.

The UWRF Mission Statement says, "We commit to a community of mutual respect, professional behavior, academic freedom and appreciation of individual differences and rich cultural diversity." While the protestors were on campus there was certainly not much respect or professional behavior being shown by our student body.

We at the Student Voice are not saying the protestors were right or wrong in what they were saying. We simply urge students to be respectful towards others on campus.

If you don't agree then either ignore them or engage them in a civil argument, but don't just yell obscenities at them and keep walking. You never know who is watching and listening to you yell these things at people on campus.



#### Letter to the editor

#### **Boland is a true leader**

Rep. Paul Ryan of Janesville, age 42, has served the 1st District of Wisconsin since 1999. He rose quickly through the congressional ranks and is now the chairman of the House Committee on the Budget. He was chosen to give the Republican response to the State of the Union address in 2011. He is best known for the Ryan Budget Plan (passed by the House in March) and is now a candidate for the vice presidency.

In contrast, Rep. Ron Kind of LaCrosse, age 49, has served the 3rd District of Wis. since 1997. He is best known for faithfully attending every community parade in his district.

Voters of the 3rd District have a unique opportunity in November to fill a serious leadership vacuum by electing Ray Boland. Colonel Boland served two tours of combat duty in Vietnam during his 30 years of active duty in the U.S. Army. He was a Battalion Commander, a Brigade Commander and the Garrison Commander at Fort McCoy.

Ray Boland has been a public school teacher, a member of the Wisconsin State Workforce Investment Council, the chairman of the Wisconsin State Education Approval Board, secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, the president of the National Assoc. of State Directors of Veteran Affairs and a delegate to the White House Conference on Aging.

Rep. Kind has spent half his career as a practicing attorney and half as a practicing politician. Colonel Boland has spent his entire career as a soldier, statesman and public servant. The choice could not be more clear. We need a proven leader as our representative in the 3rd District. Ray Boland is that man.

**Dorothy Westermann** Eau Claire, Wis.

# Video games prove to be beneficial despite previous negative perceptions

Emma Wagner Columnist

Video games have been given a bad name for many years. Why is that? It is because of negative perceptions. Parents might think that their kids sitting down and playing video games such as "Mario Kart,' is bad for them because of causing

improves surgeons' dexterity, leading them to be more successful at performing surgery. Anthes states, "Surgeons who spend at least a few hours a week playing video games make one-third fewer errors in the operating room than non-gaming doctors do."

The notion of joysticks improving dexterity can also apply

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difficulty in paying attention to tasks and possibly slowing thinking down. However, researchers have found that playing video games, a pastime for many people, in moderation is healthy and benefical.

Researchers have found that people who play video games are better at information-processing,

and it is good for dexterity. Also, people who play video games have better hand-eye coordination than those who do not play video games. People who play video games are also said to be better focused. Increase in focus could be a benefit because a person is required to pay close attention to the tasks and goals of the games.

Writer Emily Anthes of Scientific American Mind magazine, wrote an article entitled "Six Ways to Boost Brain Power." The article states that there have been studies done in which surgeons play video games. The studies have concluded that using the joysticks on video game controllers

to treating physical conditions such as cerebral palsy that affect movement, dexterity and fine motor skills. If a person

"Surgeons who spend at least a working with a joystick can help them few hours a week playing video move their hands smoothly. This can games make one-third fewer errors in the operating room than non-gaming doctors do."

has difficulty with hand movement, lead to success at tasks like holding a pencil.

Despite generally positive findings, the idiom, "bad name" does apply to video games such as "Call of Duty"

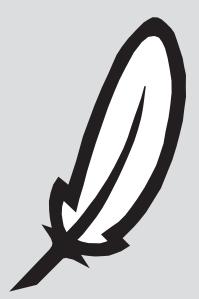
that can lead to psychological densensitization to real-life violence. This issue is important and is considered by researchers but even though there are negative aspects to video games such as densitization, much of research emphasizes the benefits and positive aspects, challenging popular beliefs.

Who would have thought it? Researchers have found scientific evidence that, by and large, is changing the perspective on video games from negative to positive. That is especially good news for people who struggle with movement, dexterity and fine motor skills. Using video game controllers can help make performing tasks in those areas, easier and fun.

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# VIEWPOINT

# we should react to anti-Muslim

Katrinna Dodge Columnist

Last week, on September 11, in Egypt and Libya protestors gathered near U.S. Embassies. They were protesting the YouTube video, "Innocence of Muslims," a video that spews stereotypical rhetoric concerning Islam and in-

sults the Prophet Muhammad. The California produced video was reported by a controversial newsperson in the Middle East who reported that "Innocence of Muslims" was a full length movie that the American public would view on the anniversary of 9/11. The outrage that started in Egypt, spread throughout North Africa, the Middle East and to Indonesia, is more complex than just violent protests. This "Arab Fall" is a result of the Arab Spring, a test for the new democratic governments and their people.

To understand the protestors' reaction, one must look at the government that the majority of the protestors have lived under for the bulk of their lives. The dictatorship regimes

that the protestors have recently released themselves from controlled many aspects of their lives, most importantly the media. No movie, video or newscast could have been released without being screened by the government. Freedom

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of speech did not exist.

Only recently have these persons had the chance to experience comment or insulting video, and experiment with freedom of speech. However, their perception that government controls everything is still an important part of their thinking.

The conception that somebody

can produce and advertise whatever they choose seems as unreal to the protestors as being completely controlled by the government seems to us. They are reacting as if our federal government abetted the video, thus that we support the producer's values.

Does this mentality condone their reaction? No. However,

#### our reaction as a nation and government could potentially set a tone that could either destroy or help our relationships in the Middle East.

Should we stick to our values or apologize? I say neither;

we should educate our public as well as the vast Muslim public about where we stand. One must remember that Islam is the second largest religion in the world. By making a condemning comment or insulting video, we not only isolate and offend that group of people, but we isolate ourselves as well. The world is interconnected, our embassies, our citizens, our interests-government or cor-

porate- are across the world. We cannot risk offending these people by mishandling these demonstrations.

As these protests are being looked into, hopefully a solution can be found that can quell these protests.

Katrinna is a freshman and is majoring in history. She works part time at the Kwik Trip

boundaries of American government and this injustice needs

# Minnesotans should defeat marriage amendment

Morgan Stippel

It's amazing to think that this November the United States of America could be under the leadership of a new president.

Columnist

While the presidential race is

what local media outlets are choos-

ing to focus on, the candidates are not all that Minnesota residents will be voting on this November.

When Minnesotans go to the polls this fall, a proposal to amend the state constitution will also be printed on the ballot.

If passed, this amendment will define marriage in the Minnesota State Constitution as a union between one man and one woman.

The passage of this amendment will mean that homosexual couples will not be permitted to be married in Minnesota and their marriage will not be legally recognized within the state.

I realize this column is going to be published and distributed on a university campus in the state of Wisconsin.

However, raising awareness about this issue is important for a number of reasons.

There are a number of Minnesota residents attending UW-River Falls who will be voting on this marriage amendment, and it is crucial that these students know the impact that their vote will have on our state and its citizens.

When two people get married, there are certain rights and freedoms that the couple is granted. Among these rights are



What are you most excited about for this semester?

the ability to collect your spouse's social security if he or she passes away, the flexibility to take family or medical leave to care for your spouse if he or she is ill, the right to be included in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program if your spouse is a federal employee and many more.

In addition, there are hundreds of tax provisions that take marital status into account in order to reduce the amount of money that married citizens To deny any American pay in taxes.

In states where same-sex marriage is illegal these rights are refused to homosexual citizens and their domestic partners. If the marriage values that the United States amendment passes in the state of Minnesota this November, homosexuals within the state

will not only be denied the right to marry, but also the ability to have the same rights and freedoms that come as a result of being married.

To deny any American citizen the right to marry someone he or she loves is to completely discount the values that the United States was founded on.

Not only are these people denied the freedom to marry the person of their choice, but they are also denied basic rights that heterosexuals who choose to marry are provided with.

This blatant discrimination is clearly an overstep of the



"To learn Spanish."

Devon Ludden, freshman

"Meeting new friends and staying in touch with old friends."







The most obvious way for Minnesotans to take action is to vote against the marriage amendment this fall. However, apart from voting "no," there are a number of ways you can get involved and raise awareness about this issue. Minnesotans United for All Families is a nonprofit coali-

to be stopped before it is too late.

tion of organizations and community/business leaders that believes in the power of marriage and creating a positive environment where citizens can thrive.

In order to raise awareness about the marriage amendment, this nonprofit coalition started the Vote No Movement.

To get involved in this movement you can visit the Minnesotans United website at www.

mnunited.org, and here you can purchase Vote No merchandise, make donations and sign up to volunteer in a variety of different ways.

This fall Minnesotans have the opportunity to call for social change and set a standard for other states in the union.

By voting no on the marriage amendment and raising awareness about the issue of same-sex marriage, you are choosing to preserve the values that are at our nation's core: freedom and equality.

**Compiled by Alicia Carlson** 

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freshman

"Getting to meet all the new people here."

"To study abroad in France at J-term.

Makayla Bleeker.

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# Falcon passing record not enough

#### Trevor Jones

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Despite losing both of their first two games, UW-River Falls head football coach Matt Walker and true freshman quarterback Ryan Kusilek said that the Falcons are anxious to show what they can do heading into conference play.

In the Falcons' first game of the season, they lost a close one to Simpson College at Ramer Field. They followed that up with a road game at nationally ranked St. Thomas that got away from the Falcons in the second half. Coach Walker said that expectations have remained the same even though the season did not start as well as he had hoped.

"Expectations are still very high," Walker said. "We're excited and confident about the eight remaining games. It hasn't quite come together yet, but we've seen glimpses of how good we can be."

Kusilek, a River Falls native, said that the team is in good spirits in spite of the tough beginning to

the year. "We're going to take a deep breath and move on," Kusilek said. "We're not ready to quit; we're ready to make this program what it should be. We're not going to settle for losing games."

The starting quarterback went on to say that the score is not completely indicative of how the Falcons have played. "There have been a lot of positives in the first two games despite what the scoreboard says," Kusilek said.

One of the problems against St. Thomas was the extraordinarily high number of pass attempts, 74, which is a UWRF school record. Walker said that number is not ideal. "It was not planned at all, the game dictated it. We started the second half with the no huddle and found success with it. That's not what we want to be; we want to be a balanced attack," the second-year head coach said.

Kusilek said that St. Thomas was a good test for the UWRF football team because they are similar to the level of competition that the Falcons will face in the WIAC

The Falcons have found success in some areas though, namely on defense. The UWRF defense has gotten good

games."

pressure on opposing quarterbacks with six sacks in - two games. Walker also praised his line-

"We're not going backing corps and said that their talent to settle for losing contributed to a change in scheme on defense. "We've done a good job get-• ting to the quarterback; we're blessed

with a group of four senior linebackers. It's one of the reasons we've gone to the 3-4, we wanted to put four of them on the field," said Walker.

Walker said that the team is ready to prove what it believes it is truly capable of. "We're left with a bad taste in our mouth after the first two weeks. We



Photo by the Student Voice River Falls looks to get a more balanced attack as the year goes on.

couldn't be hungrier to get on the field, show everybody that the fourth quarter against St. Thomas isn't who we are," Walker said.

Aiding the Falcons is a bye week before the conference year begins. Kusilek said that the bye week came "at a perfect time." He added that it helps that guys can rest and recover from injuries.

Kusilek said that the team is viewing the rest of the year like a whole new season. "We rested up this weekend. We'll really come out ready, it's the most energy we've had since the beginning of camp. If we execute well, we can beat any team."

# **UWRF** Falcon athletes of the week

Erin Green- middle hitter for volleyball Had 25 kills against St. Scholastica, 20 against Waldrof and 15 against Gustavus Adolphus. Green averaged 4.39 kills per game this last week and .83 blocks per game. She was selected to the all tournament team for the River Falls Invite as well as being named WIAC player of the week. Green is a senior at River Falls.



Ryan Kusilek

Ryan Kusilek- quarterback for football The freshman broke Falcon records for completions and attempts against St. Thomas. He went 39-74 for 342 yards and a touchdown pass. On the season he has two passing and one rushing touchdown. He did all this in only two career games at quarterback.

Lauren Schweppe- golfer

Shot her career best at the Wartburg invite with an 86. The next day she came back and shot an 83. She finished 40th place. Schweppe is a sophomore at River Falls.

Lauren Schweppe



Erin Green



# Falcon sports at a glance

#### Volleyball

The Falcons volleyball team is off to a 11-2 start. This year's team returned all seven starters from last year, including senior leaders Erin Green and Courtney Preiner, as well as junior Jean Theis. The team went 4-0 at the Hamline tournament, then went on to beat Northland College out of Ashland, Wis. with a 3-0 score and two straight 25-8 set wins. Last weekend UW-River Falls hosted its own invitational and went **3-1** with close wins against Gustavus Adolphus College and the College of St. Scholastica. This weekend the volleyball team starts off their conference season with games at 7 p.m. Friday against UW-La Crosse and 12 p.m. Saturday afternoon against UW-Platteville.



Amanda Drangeid

#### Tennis

The Falcons tennis team is off to a 3-5 start. They are 1-1 in WIAC play with a close 4-5 loss to UW-Oshkosh and a big 6-3 win against UW-Stevens Point. Amanda Drangeid has had strong play so far this season with a 4-4 record and a 4-3 record in doubles with her partner Jenny Paxton. The next match will not be until September 26 at home against UW-Eau Claire.

#### Golf

The Falcon women's golf team took second place at this years Border Battle. The Falcons shot a 373 which was 23 strokes off the UW-Stout Blue Devils who won with a 350. Gillian McDonald took third place overall with an 88. She was one of only three golfers to shoot under 90. The golf team will have a week off before going to the UW-Stevens Point Invitational next weekend.

#### Football

The Falcons have started the season off with two losses early on, but have shown signs of promise. One is quarterback Ryan Kusilek, who broke two Falcon records in a game against St. Thomas University. The Falcons have had a tough defense inside stopping the run and getting to the opposing teams' quarterback. The Falcons look to turn around their 0-2 start to the season at 7 p.m. Saturday night under the lights against **UW-Stout.** 

This Saturday night's football game is a black out! All students that plan on sitting in the student section are encouraged to wear full out black as the Falcon football team hosts the UW-Stout Blue Devils at 7 p.m. at Ramer Field.

#### Soccer

The Falcons soccer team is off to a 4-3 start. They have had two monstrous wins against Northland College and Bethany Lutheran. They beat Northland 8-1 and Bethany Lutheran 10-0. They played a strong game against Bethel College winning 3-1. Wednesday they won their first conference game 2-1 against UW-Superior, giving coach Sean McKuras his 100th win. Senior forward Hanna Danke has given the Falcons strong play and shot what would become a game-winning goal against Bethel College. Goalie Rebecca Kramer has looked good in the net only allowing 1.78 goals a game. Their next game is at 2 p.m. Saturday at UW-Oshkosh.

Hanna Danke



# Germany: More than Oktoberfest, bratwurst und bier

Jennifer
Holzinger

Columnist

Have you ever made up your mind about studying in Germany? Studying abroad will offer you the opportunity to learn

the language in a

natural environment surrounded by native speakers. What would be more fun than sitting in a "Biergarten" with a bunch of Germans drinking a cold Licher-Bier?

I am convinced that this would be more fun than just sitting in a classroom.

Maybe you think that we all wear the "Dirndl," as Germans are often pictured wearing them, but it is only a national cloth in the region close to my region, Hessen, Bayern (Bavaria)

Also, the Oktoberfest is not a national holiday, but it is quite fun to go there. Also having a lecture with around 500 people in the "Auditorium Maximum" which means "biggest lecture hall" can be quite exciting, even to us Germans.

Another thing, Germany is famous for are our huge Christmas Markets. Here we love to drink "Gluehwein," which is hot wine with some other spices and eat a lot of sweets, while listening to Christmas songs. Although children in the States get their presents on December 25, German children

in Germany get their presents on Holy Eve, Dec. 24.

In my country we do not have a Santa Claus, but we have Christ Child and on Dec. 6th Saint Nicholas brings us apples, oranges and nuts.

Huge cities such as Frankfurt can be reached easily by train and bus, and it is free for students.

Interested in studying abroad? Meet us 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on September 26 at the Falcons Nest. Who are we? We are student ambassadors from two universities in Hessen, Germany, and we hope to meet you and answer your questions.

Jennifer is an international student from Germany

### Involvement provides improved experiences for on-campus students

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	things I wish
Columnist	I would have
	known when
	I was a fresh-

man. I have learned some basic lessons in college. Going to class is essential for good grades, even if the class starts at 8 a.m. Dominos and Ramen are not major food groups, even though they taste really good.

Also, if someone walks into a residence hall bathroom while someone is singing really loud in the shower, it is awkward for both parties. Other really important basics for success in college weren't obvious to me.

While it was easy to relax on my futon and watch You-Tube videos for hours, I realized that the benefits of getting involved on campus would be worth the sacrifice. Before I became involved with Hall Council and Residence Hall Association, I did not feel connected to campus.

After I started to get involved during my sophomore year, I was able to build great relationships with my fellow Falcons and add leadership experience to my resume. There are hundreds of things to become involved with on campus, including the arts, athletics, leadership, academics and personal interest. No matter what the organization or club is, it is important to get involved!

Another easy way to get connected with campus is by stepping outside of your comfort zone (or sometimes venturing out of your dorm room) and meeting new people! I was surprised at how even the small gestures I made, like smiling and greeting someone I didn't know in my residence hall, marked the beginning of many of my close friendships on campus. I met a lot of interesting and unique people, who changed my perspective on life and opened my mind.

After meeting new people on campus, it is important to balance new relationships with friends and family back home. It is a good idea to visit home sometimes and keep in touch with high school friends.

However, by going home every weekend or stalking the

newsfeed on Facebook every waking moment, you could miss out on a lot of great opportunities and fun on campus. There are several events on campus during the week and on weekends, like bingo, concerts and sporting events.

Since going off to college is a big change, there were hard times for me, like there are for many new students. However, I soon realized that I wasn't alone in my transition; I simply needed to take advantage of my resources.

It is never too early for students to discover the free resources on campus, like Student Health and Counseling Services, Career Services and Recreation and Sports Facilities. You can get connected to resources like these through the school website or OrgSync.

From the first day of classes to graduation day, each one of us must create our own college experience. These experiences will be filled with good and bad decisions, difficult and rewarding experiences. Through the positive and negative, it is important for students to learn from these experiences and make the most their lives at UWRF!

### Rachel Responds: Learn to balance relationships, schoolwork through communication



ships can be

exciting. That thrill of meeting someone new can be fairly encompassing and take over your will to climb out of bed in the morning for class. Why would you want to go to a level 800 course on chemistry when you can have more snuggle time with your Prince Charming or Lady Cinderella? Why study for law when you can study for biology right at home?

These relationship experiences are important to everyone throughout life. However, during college it is important to balance your relationship with your career goals and scholarly aspirations.

So what to do when you and your partner are faced with mounds of homework, projects and tests? Study together? Well, maybe not.

memories can be made when you're nose deep in a history book? How many historical figures will you remember for the exam if the partner of here and now becomes far more interesting?

Some couples are able to have successful study dates. However, most are not able to accomplish this. Creating specified couple time that is free from class, work or other distractions can have a much more positive impact on the relationship.

According to Bobby Coles, doing classwork before spending quality time is the best way. Coles recommended in "Tips on balancing a boyfriend or girlfriend and school work" on helium.com, using boyfriend/girlfriend time together as a reward for completing your classwork.

This means that classwork should come first and hangoutand-be-cool time second. If you are not worrying about something you have not completed then you will be less stressed and if you are less stressed you will be in a much more carefree mood during your time together. No one likes a cranky pants.

For some couples the struggle is spending time doing homework or going to class when they would rather just spend time together.

For other couples the struggle lies with putting enough

more time together and the other feels more time should be spent on college work and activities.

Solution? Communication.

Communicating with your partner openly about your expectations, your goals, and your needs is your key to being successful in your relationship and in your college career. Nohel Corral advised in "Balancing relationships while in college" on examiner.com, that technology is a best friend in today's college relationship. Due to the advent of cellphones, smartphones and computers, there are many ways to show your lass or gent how much you care.

When faced with rapidly approaching deadlines and lessening time with the man or woman of your dreams you should send them a text! Just sending a quick message to say that you are thinking of that person shows them how much they mean to you.

Knowing that you have someone out there thinking of you when you are in deadline-panic-mode is empowering. Little messages of love and devotion go a long way. During those stressful power hours, send a powerful message or make a quick phone call to say you care. Then get back to the task at hand.

Relationships and education are a lot of work, but with communication and goal setting, maintaining your grad point

Time management is difficult for students when they're faced with so many responsibilities crammed into a week that is only seven days long. Therefore studying together may seem like a great way to combine relationship time with academics.

But this might not be the best choice. How many quality

into their relationship because they are so dedicated to their studies.

In either case, one type of couple usually doesn't understand the other type.

That is not as large a problem as the two types being within the same couple. One person feels they should spend average and your love foray can both be successful.

Send your questions, concerns, or quandaries to Rachel on her Facebook page "Rachel Responds" and follow her on Twitter



# FEATURE

# **Campus Style: Cold weather brings new fashion to students**



Amanda White

Columnist

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topic and share what I learn with

the whole campus, and hopefully

engage students in a conversation

about style.

Campus Style is a new column at the Student Voice dedicated to fashion at UW -River Falls. Each week, I will select a couple of students to be profiled in Campus Style

based on their unique, individual style. I wish to catalogue the varied styles worn around campus and illustrate how a UWRF student can interpret fashion for a college campus and budget.

Every month I read "Glamour," "Vogue" and "InStyle" magazines and add endless amounts of clothes and accessories to my wish list, knowing I could never afford them. Fashion also needs to be edited from runway looks to everyday looks that will stand out but be practical for walking around a small-town college campus.

Therefore, I thought it would be relevant to delve deeper into the topic and share what I learn with the whole campus, and hopefully engage students in a conversation about style.

A few items on my personal wish list are a statement bib-style necklace, a blouse with a peter-pan collar and jewel details, a faux leather skirt, and a cream tuxedo jacket. The days are getting colder and shorter,

and students are making the switch from summer to fall clothing. This season, expect to see rich, deep colors such as oxblood and emerald everywhere.

The colored denim trend is still going strong, but has been updated for fall with darker hues and a new name: coated denim.

The shiny, waxy finish of coated denim is a more affordable and wearable alternative to leather. This week, however, I have highlighted one of fall's biggest trends that has

hit River Falls: the chambray Therefore, I thought it would be shirt.

> Chambray is lightweight denim that has taken over runways and fashion magazines. This week, Natalie paired her chambray shirt from Gap with

dark skinny jeans and beaded Minnetonka Moccasins, resulting in a look that is classic and perfect for a brisk fall evening.

If you have any questions about what I've discussed here or fashion in general, email me at amanda.white@my.uwrf.edu and I will do my best to find the answers! I would also love any feedback you have to give!

Amanda White is a junior majoring in journalism. She appreciates good books, good style, and aood conversation.



Name: David Bezat Major: English Education Year in School: Sophomore Favorite component of outfit: Pink Patagonia shirt from Treasures of the Heart (located in downtown River Falls!)

Favorite place to shop: ccs.com, a website featuring casual menswear looks inspired by California Style Inspiration: Bob Marley, specifically his heavy denim and cool boots

Name: Natalie Renschen Major: Elementary Education Year in School: Sophomore Favorite component of outfit: Chambray shirt from the Gap Favorite place to shop: Urban Outfitters and thrift stores Style Inspiration: What people are wearing on the street in urban areas

First year experience, moments in elevator spark life long lesson

TylerItek ya,Tylerclasses areSmithfinally back insession!The name'sTyler Smith,Tyler Smith,
also known

guy in the wheelchair that looks like a fat penguin, or my least favorite, 'speedster.'

I am a new columnist for the Student Voice, who will bring a perspective which is equal parts demented and equal parts unapologetically brash. You will learn, in time, to love it.

Throughout a vast majority of the summer I was imprisoned in a small bleak cell, known as my new apartment. The walls are sterile white and are reminiscent of hospital corridors, but without the pungent odor of ammonium, which hospitals choose to fumigate with.

with my guitar. Needless to say, it was not a band concert but ving, instead a performance of another kind. Moving on.

This past week I have spent much of my free time reflecting upon my experiences as a college freshman; and let me tell you, I had some memorable moments-not all of them shining.

I write these words as 'advice' for all incoming freshmen: beware of what you say. Anything and everything in the life of academia will follow you, one way or another. Here is my own personal experience:

It was the first day of freshman classes-and I was unprepared. I had an eccentric middle-eastern professor, who was also my advisor, who absolutely loved Bond, James Bond.

Everyday, I would get into the elevator alone, and go to this man's class on the third floor and scribble down a collection of thought, then go home to bed.

myself.

Around beautiful women, which is all women for me, I find words are hard to come by. The most I could ever manage was a quick passing 'hello.'

My hello's are not the sort of hellos that are enticing and intriguing-but instead the monotone hello one hears with the answering machine, "Hello. The person you are trying to reach is not home right now. Please hang-up, we have no idea how to use this new technology."

With this girl, in particular, I was having extreme dif-

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Luckily, the beginning of the

come to a close.

ficulties in having a legitimate conversation. I was asphyxiated. I couldn't banter with her.

What I did next is not my proudest moment-I headed the advice of the nightly news suggestion and watched it regularly. The next morning I entered the elevator with this girl, not having anything to talk about.

It is roughly the size of a Wal-Mart bathroom and evokes many of the same odors. In fact, the only difference about my apartment and a Wal-Mart bathroom is that there are no bluecolored employee's crying in the handicapped stall-except me.

Living in such a place feels strange. I miss home. About a month into my stay I started hearing loud noises which sounded like kettle drums, coming from the apartment directly above me-at 2 o'clock in the morning.

Being of a somewhat "innocent" nature, I could only assume a band had a gig above me...if only I had went up there However, this habit changed after a

week. Upon the advice of one of the

other professors in the history department I began watching nightly news.

If you're anything like me, the news is as enjoyable as a Komodo dragon gnawing at your leg. It was an enlightening experience nonetheless...no it wasn't.

Halfway into my fourth week, there was a girl from my third floor history class that broke her ankle-and at the time I was absolutely delighted that she had, because she was bright, funny, sexy, and intelligent-vastly different from

Under the principle of anxiety but more like stupidity, I pro-

ceeded to utter the words, "Hey, did you hear about the girl that was murdered in the elevator shaft in Denver?"

I had heard it on the news.

Her response was to keep quiet and never use the elevator again. In fact, I believe she dropped the class altogether.

Let this be a lesson to everyone-beware the words you speak, they have impact.

Until next time my friends...

#### Back to school ends popular, beloved 'Bachelor Pad' television show for 'super-fans'

Cristin Dempsey

Columnist

have papers to write, mountains of homework and textbook reading to accomplish and of course, quizzes and

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tests to study for. Luckily, the beginning of the school year is also good news for any intelligent person out there, season three of "Bachelor Pad" has come to a close.

Yes, even stars from the "Bachelor" and "Bachelorette" have to end their long nights of drunken partying and love triangle drama in exchange for a hopefully more sophisticated lifestyle.

I was one of those people that succumbed to watching "Bachelor Pad."

A boring summer evening calls for some trashy television, after all. After tuning in each week to the triumphs and dramas of the contestants, it created a number of thoughts.

Season three of "Bachelor Pad" featured numerous old faces from past seasons of "The Bachelor" and "The Bachelorette," but it featured some new faces as well. Season three was the first season to include "Bachelor" and "Bachelorette" "super-fans."

This, however, was not such a popular idea in the house. After all, these "super-fans" had never experienced a whirlwind romance and a heart break on national television. So why were they there? For extra entertainment, of course!

Perhaps the most hated contestants on the show were a pair of twin "super-fans" named Erika and Brittany. They fit in quite well, as they were not intelligent and they were obnoxious. They acted like a pair of middle school girls and argued non-stop.

They chose to leave the show only a few episodes in, much to everyone's relief. No one in the house liked them except a fellow "super-fan" named David.

David was the "super-fan" to stay the longest in the house.

He would formulate his own plans and alliances to school year is also good news for vote off other contestants. He was, at first, not liked by any intelligent person out there, anyone. However some conseason three of "Bachlor Pad" has testants, such as Jamie, saw a sweet, kind side to him and warmed up to him. David beat out "super-fan" Donna only by a single week.

I would have perhaps liked Donna a little better if she would put some clothes on once in a while and stop prancing around in her skimpy bikinis. I do not care if all the men back home love her, I would have liked to see some clothes on her.

Donna was smitten by contestant Michael Stagliano. Unfortunately, Michael was not interested in her. He took her on a three-on-one date, where they shared a kiss. Donna was thoroughly disappointed that Michael was more interested in contestant Rachel, one of the many romances to blossom on this season.

Upon Erika and Brittany's departure from the "Bachelor Pad," they passed down their "most hated" crown to contestant Chris. Chris was just on Emily Maynard's season of "The Bachelorette" this past summer. While seemingly likeable with Emily, Chris was notorious for being a player in the pad.

He had relationships with his original partner for competitions, Blakely, and contestant Jamie. Though he was nice to them while with them, he was actually leading them on and had feelings for neither of them. The rest of the pad wanted to vote him off each week, but he consistently won challenges and was not able to be voted off.

Blakely knew that Chris had let her down and quit the partnership when Chris chose contestant Sarah to go on a one-on-one date with him. Blakely then partnered up with Tony, and Chris partnered up with Sarah. Though what

> exactly does Tony see in Blakely? She is rather bossy and threatens to punch people in the throat like a big tough man. Despite her tough side, Blakely and Tony did begin their own relationship, even after being voted off by Chris and Sarah.

The finale came down to couples Chris and Sarah and Rachel and Nick. Rachel had been partnered up with

Michael, though he had been voted off by Erika Rose in an earlier episode. Nick was originally partnered up with Erika Rose, the obnoxious, "I hate everyone" ditz.

The two never had any real chemistry, as Rachel was still heartbroken by Michael's departure. She never treated the partnership very well, threatening to leave without Michael there and always going to him instead of Nick.

During the finale, most of the contestants voted for Nick and Rachel to win since Chris and Sarah built such an awful reputation. The prize was \$250,000. Rachel chose to share the money and keep half of it, but Nick chose to keep the money.

In that case, Nick kept a quarter of a million dollars while Rachel got nothing. I applaud Nick for standing up for himself and admitting that he had a bad partner. It will be interesting to see what will happen next summer.

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