



TWO YEARS LATER



People gathered on the North Hall lawn to commemorate those lost two years ago on Sept. 11. Ben Firkus, junior and Paul Krasin, senior played "Taps" ending the ceremony. Photo by Teresa Schmitt

Judge Morey gives Banholzer 10 years

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Former UW-River Falls student William Banholzer was sentenced to 10 years in prison Friday for his involvement in the death of another UW-RF student, Craig Hendrickson. Hendrickson died of a drug overdose last August. Banholzer, of Shoreview, Minn., pleaded guilty to two felony charges in July, including first-degree reckless homicide and delivering heroin. Banholzer received credit for 370

days served. After he is released he will be on extended supervision for another 10 years. He must also pay fines and not use alcohol or illegal drugs. Seven other drug-related felony charges against Banholzer were dropped earlier this summer. Banholzer will serve his sentence at a Dodge Correctional Institution in Waupun, Wis. Hendrickson, 20, was a UW-RF history and political science double major. He died Aug. 8, 2002 after, according to the criminal complaint, he consumed drugs and alcohol at a party in River Falls.

Even side out: Parking ban passed

Student Voice
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Finding a parking spot has always been a challenge for UW-River Falls commuters. A new, city law will make parking spots more scarce this year. River Falls City Council passed a law by a 6-1 vote at the June 24 meeting, requiring permits of those who park on the even side of city streets closest to campus. The law will be in effect Sept. 1 until May 31 of next year.

City Council passed the law to relieve congestion on the streets and to provide residents with more parking.

UW-RF Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance Virgil Nylander spoke against the law at the June 10 meeting, a time when few students were in the area to voice their opinions.

Though he sympathized with residents, Nylander said the law would upset students who depended on parking in that area.

"This is sending a message to students that they're viewed as a problem, not an asset," he said.

And it's a message that students Greg Scheibel, a junior commuting from Cottage Grove, Minn., and Heidi Theede have clearly received.

Scheibel and Theede said they hate that residents have their driveways to park in, while the students have no other place to park than the roads.

"That's not fair," Theede said. "We pay tuition to go to school, but we have to park seven blocks away."

According to the law, homeowners in the restricted area can apply for two regular permits and two guest permits. To obtain permits, residents must provide their name, address, vehicle information and vehicle owner's driver's license.

Students living in the area qualify for the permits, but must provide more information. Under the law, students are classified as temporary residents and can apply for temporary permits.

In addition, students must provide their permanent address, their landlord's address and phone number

and a copy of their lease. The city issues only two temporary permits for each residence. Guest permits are issued only to property owners.

Permits must be displayed in the windshield of the vehicle from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is no cost for the initial permits, but there is a \$10 charge to transfer it to another vehicle and a \$50 charge to replace a lost or damaged permit. Violating the law will result in a \$25 fine.

The initial streets affected, called Zone A, include sections of Locust, Walnut, Elm, Spring and Third through Sixth streets. The area, known as the Winchester neighborhood, is located on the north side of Cascade Avenue behind North Hall.

The law includes a provision that allows residents within a two-block area, referred to as Zone B, to petition for inclusion.

On Aug. 12, restrictions were added on sections of Fourth, Hazel, Lake and Crescent streets north of Cascade. The first areas south of Cascade were also added on Vine and State streets.

More restrictions could be coming as Zone B residents continue to petition. To be considered for restricted parking, more than 50 percent of property owners on a given block must support inclusion in the law. On Sept. 9, the City Council reviewed more petitions and voted to add sections of Pine, Maple, and Seventh streets to the restricted parking area.

STUDENT REACTIONS

The new parking restriction has been met by many UW-RF students with anger and frustration.

"My initial impression?" said senior Sarah Forsman. "It sucks."

Most drivers appeared to have obeyed the law on the first week of classes, parking as far back as Pine and Cedar streets on Third and Fourth streets.

Senior Matt Hamilton, who commutes daily from Somerset, said it has taken him more than 10 minutes to find a place to park.

"It causes problems, and it's not convenient for students," Hamilton said.

Scheibel said the biggest problem

he has with parking is that he has to park so far away.

On the first day of school Scheibel said he parked farther than he ever had before, six blocks from North Hall.

While dealing with finding new places to park, some students already had suggestions to make parking less of a problem.

Scheibel suggested that UW-RF build a parking complex or even use a parking lot on the other side of town and have a trolley system to campus. However, Rachel Everson, special graduate student, is against building a parking structure. She believes there is a better solution to the parking problem.

"With the parking the way it's now it leaves the commuters stuck," Everson said. "I have to park seven blocks away and it's difficult for me to get to class especially when I live

in Minneapolis."

Everson feels that having shared parking or car-pooling might be a better solution to the parking problem.

However, some students feel it is fair to give residents half the parking.

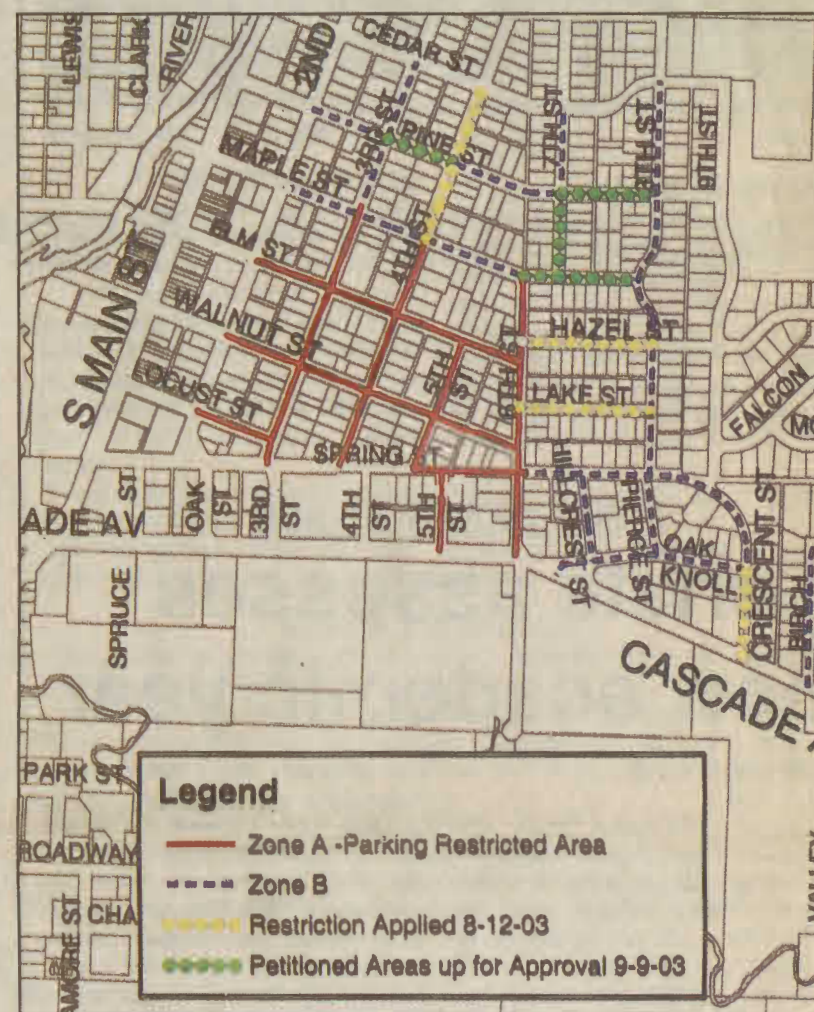
"It's fair for residents to have half the parking because they pay property taxes," said sophomore Tyler Souter.

Scheibel also agrees that it's fair that the residents get parking, but said they put a little too much on it.

Students will have some leeway time to get used to the new law.

According to police secretary Heidi Huppert, police will be issuing warnings for the first two weeks of class before handing out tickets. Huppert said the River Falls police

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Smokers filtered out by city-wide restriction

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With plenty of community support and a 6 to 1 vote at a crowded city hall June 24, a ban on smoking in restaurants took effect throughout River Falls Aug. 1.

Despite the lopsided vote, there were citizens, restaurant owners and one city council member, Tom Cafilisch, in opposition to the new law because of business and government intervention issues.

According to the guidelines of the new ban, if a restaurant's food sales exceed 50 percent of total sales, it must comply with the smoking law. To determine this compliance, government officials would have to request financial statements from each restaurant.

"I don't have any personal issues with the ban either way, but many people, including Cafilisch, saw the problem of telling a business what they can and cannot do," said Mayor Eric Amundsen. "I do think that its gone too far when you've asked to see a business' personal financial records."

However, restaurant owners might have eventually seen this law coming to River Falls.

There are already 15 cities in Wisconsin, including Madison, Eau Claire and Ashland, that have bans in place for no smoking in restaurants.

Former Council Member Richard Vogel originally proposed the idea for a no smoking ban in River Falls one year ago, but there wasn't enough support to draft a law.

When Vogel readdressed the issue, he brought the support of River Falls citizens, other council members, and even local physicians who stressed the negative affects of secondhand smoke, Amundsen said.

"He [Vogel] pleaded his case well and had all the information that was necessary to get a consensus," Amundsen said. "That's why this ordinance went through."

Various citizens also pushed for the law by attending the meeting and making numerous phone calls to city hall expressing their concerns and support for the ban.

"It's very important to get citizen and student support with issues such as smoking," said Keven Syverson, health education coordinator at UW-River Falls. "There was nice representation from the community that helped put this ordinance into effect."

According to Syverson's statistics from a campus survey, 93 percent of UW-RF students believe people should be protected from secondhand smoke.

Even campus regulations prohibit smoking in campus vehicles and all buildings, including resident halls.

Both students and citizens are looking at the positive health-related outcomes from the new ordinance.

"This is a very important step for health in general," said Emily Ronning, leadership training coordinator and city council member. "People who choose not to smoke shouldn't be subjected to it in such confined areas."

SMOKE FREE: BETTER FOR BUSINESS?

Business owners in River Falls have split feelings on the no smoking law. Some restaurants in River Falls were not greatly effected, including Perkins.

Perkins restaurant has a smoking and non-smoking section and recently went to no smoking in the entire restaurant on Sundays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

When the new law went into effect, people were already used to a non-smoking environment.

Local establishments affected by smoking ban:

Perkins
South Fork Cafe
Prairie Fire Coffee
Copper Kettle
China Moon

To adjust, Perkins managers and owners said they put up signs so customers would remember. Perkins employees said there have been very few complaints about the new changes, but more people are exiting during their meals to go outside for a break.

"It is definitely a lot cleaner," said Assistant Manager Cindy Lemerand.

Overall, Perkins is finding that nothing drastic has happened.

"It seems to be working really well," Lemerand said. "We were wondering at first, but people adapted."

Unlike Perkins, South Fork Café noticed some changes.

Business in the morning stayed about the same for breakfast, but the business in the afternoon and at night dropped quite a bit, said South Fork owner Dawn Morrow.

To try to draw in more business, Morrow said they are considering some menu changes and adding more dinner items to draw in the family crowd. "There is really nothing I can do about it," Morrow said. "I would have rather not seen it happen. I did it because I had no choice, but I wouldn't have done it otherwise."

Employees at the restaurant seem to enjoy the cleaner environment.

"I like it, people aren't blowing Old Gold smoke in my face," Emmy Jenkins, server at South Fork said.

It seems Prairie Fire Coffeehouse has suffered the most since the law went into effect.

Owner Mary Sullivan noticed a \$20 decrease in sales a night.

"It is a way to drive small businesses out of business," Sullivan said.

To try to draw in new business, Sullivan said they are also changing menus slightly, but that is expensive and it's even more expensive to advertise.

The first day the law went into effect, a big group of people ate at the coffeehouse to celebrate the no smoking. They haven't returned since.

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Student charged with sexual assault

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UW-River Falls student Cedric Galbreath was charged with third-degree sexual assault earlier this summer for having sexual intercourse with a 22-year-old River Falls female without her consent. Galbreath pleaded not guilty to the felony charge Aug. 7.

According to the criminal complaint, the female said Galbreath and several of his friends had been drinking heavily that evening. The female allegedly went into her bedroom to sleep at 4 a.m. when Galbreath followed her into her room and "kissed her on her mouth."

The female then fell asleep,

according to the complaint. She did not remember if Galbreath was in the room at the time.

The complaint says the female awoke approximately 15 minutes later with Galbreath on top of her.

The female awoke two times with Galbreath on top of her, according to the complaint. Both times she resisted.

According to the complaint, the female said she did not give Galbreath permission to have physical contact with her, as she repeatedly told him no.

If convicted, Galbreath could receive up to a \$25,000 fine and/or up to 10 years in prison.

A motion hearing is set for Sept. 19 at the Pierce County Courthouse in Ellsworth.

Foley pleads not guilty to two felony charges

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Ryan C. Foley, 21, a UW-River Falls student from Maplewood, Minn., pleaded not guilty Aug. 1 to two counts of homicide by drunken driving, both felony charges, and two counts of causing injury by drunken driving, both misdemeanor charges.

The charges stem from a car accident resulting in the death of 21-year-old Alyssa Spence of River Falls. The head-on collision took place April 18 three miles east of the city on Hwy. 29.

According to the criminal complaint, Foley crossed the center line in his Mustang and hit Spence's car. She died five days later at Regions Hospital in St. Paul.

Spence's passenger was also taken to the hospital and treated for broken bones and bruises.

According to the complaint, Foley's blood-alcohol level at the time of the accident was .235, more than twice the legal limit.

The complaint also said that several of Foley's friends became concerned and went to look for him when he left their home after drinking.

Foley allegedly admitted to an investigator that his drinking that night had been "substantial" and that he didn't recall much of what happened prior to the crash.

If convicted, Foley could face a maximum sentence of 25 years in prison and a \$100,000 fine for each felony charge and one year in jail and a \$2,000 fine for each misdemeanor charge.

A 12-person jury trial is scheduled for Dec. 10 at 8:30 a.m. at the Pierce County Courthouse in Ellsworth.

BRIEFS

Campus Immunization Clinic

Vaccines for Hepatitis B, chickenpox, tetanus, measles, mumps and rubella will be available at the first ever campus immunization clinic on Wednesday, Sept. 24 in the Student Center. Meningitis, Hepatitis A and inactivated polio virus vaccines are also available. For more information contact Student Health Services at 425-3293.

Dance Marathon

Dance Marathon is a 12 hour fundraiser for Gillette Children's Hospital. An informational meeting will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 17 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Falcon Room of the Student Center. Contact Amber Kieffer at 426-0260 for more information.

Student Senate Elections

Elections will be held from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 30 through Oct. 1.

Attention Fall Graduates

The deadline to apply for fall commencement is Oct. 1. Applications are available at the Registrar's office, 105 North Hall. For more information, contact Judy George at 425-3581.

Big Brothers Big Sisters

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwestern WI is looking for students interested in spending one hour per week with a child in River Falls. Call 800-648-1696 for information.

Winter In Mexico

There will be two organizational meetings for any student interested in participating in the Winter Interim in Mexico 2003-2004 class and trip. Tuesday, Sept. 16 at 4:00 p.m. in room 289 KFA and Wednesday, Sept. 17 at 4 p.m. in room 141 KFA.

J-Term in China

Applications for the J-Term Study Tour to China are due Oct. 5 or until all spots are filled. For information contact Zhiguo Yang at 425-3164.

Facilities and Fees Chair

If you are interested in running the 2003-2004 Facilities and Fees Board submit a cover letter and resume to the Student Senate office in the back of the Leadership Center by Sept. 19.

UW-RF Aerobics

Aerobics is open to all UW-RF students and staff every Monday through Thursday at 4 p.m. in the basement of the Emogene Nelson Building for \$20/semester. For more information contact Betsy Barrett at 425-3931.

Counseling Services

Personal counseling is available for students from two on campus counselors. Gretchen Link can be reached at 425-3884 and Mark Johnson can be reached at 425-3531. Students can also visit the Northwest Counseling Services located in River Falls. Call 426-8990 to schedule an appointment.

Outdoor Leadership Class

Spaces are still available for students to add PED 301: Foundations of Outdoor Leadership until Sept. 19. The 3 credit course involves two weekend field experiences. Contact Dr. Jim Tangen-Foster at 425-3226 for information.

Job Opportunity

The Office of University Advancement needs communicators to contact alumni, parents, and friends for gifts to support UW-River Falls. It is a paid position. Visit www.uwrf.edu/alumni to fill out an online application or call 425-3505 if you have any questions.

STUDENT SENATE

Senate assesses new academic year

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Student Senate President Matthew Schuelke said it all at Tuesday night's Senate meeting when he said, "We're just getting the feel of things."

While very little was said during the meeting, and even less was accomplished, the Senate did articulate some points of interest for the UW-River Falls student body:

—Addressing the Senate, interim Facilities and Fees Board Chair Adam Johnson said this year's freshman class was UW-RF's largest ever. Additionally, Johnson reported 67 percent of this year's freshmen were women.

While acknowledging UW-RF has enrolled a feminine majority in recent years, Johnson distinguished this year's freshman class as of particular interest.

"I think this is the first time we've hit two-thirds," Johnson said.

—Due to the Senate's perpetual lack of Senators, Schuelke motioned for former Senator Emilee Driscoll to be reinstated to

the Senate via appointment. Schuelke's motion passed unanimously and Driscoll ascended directly into the Shared Governance Director's position.

—Senator Nick Cluppert said the Senate would once again work on resolving issues with teacher evaluations when they are brought up for discussion later this fall. The Senate has been working to make the evaluations more student friendly and useful overall by pushing for open-ended questions. They also wish to give students easy access to these evaluations, but there is heavy resistance to evaluation disclosure in faculty ranks.

—The Senate appears to be considering taking a more aggressive approach this year regarding students' concerns with the city of River Falls. Senator Katie Kneissel said the Legislative Affairs Council wants to attend City Council meetings, in an attempt to be "more involved."

The Student Senate will meet once again next Tuesday night at 7 p.m. in the Regents Room of the Student Center.

South Fork Suites under construction

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As students made their way back to campus last week, many were surprised to see the beginning phases of the new South Fork Suites residence hall underway.

"It's great that the hall will be a different kind of living community and not the same old set-up," said UW-River Falls senior Troy King. "It's just too bad that I won't get a chance to see it finished or have the chance to live in it."

After breaking ground on June 28, things have been running on schedule for the 240-bed facility according to Larry Testa, director of residential housing.

The new building located on the east end of campus, is projected to be livable by the summer of 2005. It will consist of 60 suites that contain four bedrooms, one bathroom, a living room and a kitchenette.

"I'm confident that what's provided in the South Fork Suites will be as good as, if not better than, any off-campus housing," Testa said. "With all of the planning that has gone into this project, we're hoping



Ground broke on June 28 for the \$11.5 million South Fork Suites residence hall. Cost of living on campus has increased over the last three years by \$50 to help cover the construction costs. Photo by Teresa Schmitt

for a good response."

Planning for the \$11.5 million facility began as early as three years ago, when the cost of living on campus increased by \$50. This extra money will be used to pay for immediate costs for the building such as furniture and other expenses. Money made by students occupying the suites over the next couple of years will pay off the remaining

debt.

"This is not state funded," Testa said. "It will be paid for with residence hall money."

For an estimated \$3,600 a year, students will get to experience apartment living without added costs of cable, Internet, telephone and electricity.

With only 240 openings, the suites will be given to students with

seniority determined by the number of semesters they've lived in the residence halls. Preference will also be given to students who apply in groups of four.

"This is just a great opportunity for students to live with a group of their friends, while still having the convenience of being on campus," said Adam Danzinger, chair of the residential living committee.

With construction just getting underway many people are already looking toward the future of residence hall living at UW-RF.

"If similar facilities at other campuses in the UW System are any indication of how the suites will do, there is no doubt that this project will be a success," said Campus Planner Dale Braun. "If there's a big enough response we will definitely be looking at adding another facility of its kind."

Although there are high hopes for the new facility, many students are just happy to see another housing option on campus.

"Regardless of how it ends up turning out, it'll be a vast improvement from the dorms we have now," Danzinger said.

Ongoing eSIS transition close to complete

New online registration program causes headaches for students

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The Electronic Student Information System (eSIS) conversion is expected to be complete by the end of this semester. The task, which included converting more than 86,000 students files, millions of records and years of work, went as smoothly as expected, according to Mary-Alice Muraski, eSIS project manager.

"The conversion went better than we thought it would," Muraski said. "We have had a lot of errors but most have been minor and easily taken care of."

Student tuition bills were sent out two weeks behind schedule as a result of the conversion, but payment deadlines have also been delayed by two weeks.

There have also been issues with incorrect bills received by graduate, outreach and international students but Muraski said that 98 to 99 percent of all undergraduate bills were accurate.

eSIS, which will cost UW-River Falls well over \$1 million, according to Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance Virgil Nylander, is the first all-campus electronic conversion since 1989.

The system, which includes financial aid, admissions, accounts receivable and student records information is very secure and more complex and will soon allow students and faculty to view DARS online within 30 seconds.

With "patches and fixes" occurring every six weeks, students and faculty may see minor changes regularly. Upgrades, which are more major, can be expected in two to four years.

"This project will never be done, but conversion will be completed by the end of the semester," Muraski said.

Muraski advises all students who are having difficulty with the system to try three things: One,

check out the eSIS information and tutorial page located on the registrar's office web site. Two, contact the Help Desk with any unanswered questions. Three, send an e-mail to esis@uwrf.edu.

Still, Muraski recognizes that students and faculty may need more help and she hopes to have more information available soon.

ESIS system troubling to some

Change is a part of life, but to some UW-River Falls students, the recent campus-wide switch to a new computer system is something they could have lived without.

To some upperclassmen, the change merely represented another challenge to overcome, to others it meant frustration, anger, missing tuition and financial aid records, as well as lost opportunities to enroll in needed classes.

Senior Andy Kagol said the system created "a lot more headaches," especially when it came to enrolling in classes.

"There's more information to go through," Kagol said. "It's a pain to get the class schedule."

This was a common complaint among students. The main problem for most students concerned difficulties finding the required course codes to enroll in a specific class.

The second major complaint students had about the new registration program concerned its lack of speed.

Senior Katherine Cross called the system frustrating and hard to navigate.

"Many swear words were thrown around while trying to register for classes," Cross said. "The most difficult part was having to sign up for a lab before the corresponding lecture. Finding classes was hard."

In fact, Cross was unable to register for a needed course before it filled up because of the new system.

Cross was not the only student to experience a loss due to problems with eSIS. Senior Michelle Stroth is having tuition problems for the first time

in her college career.

"It's taking longer to get my tuition statements, I haven't gotten mine yet," she said. "Usually I have my tuition paid before I even start school."

This problem has also led to a delay in Stroth receiving financial aid, because it has yet to be determined by the Cashier's Office what her total tuition will be.

"I'm a pretty patient person, so that helps," she said.

Stroth felt the change was far more stressful for University staff and workers at the computer help desk who were trying to make the system work.

However, there were some students who felt the new system is an improvement over that of the past. Sophomore Breann Spencer admitted that it was harder to find classes because of the new course codes, but overall felt the system is actually easier to use and understand.

"You don't have to constantly return to the main menu," she said. "The change wasn't a big deal."

Senior Katie Kneissel has yet to adapt to the change and felt her experience with eSIS was much more stressful than with the old system, with the exception of printing out her class schedule.

"It's very slow," Kneissel said.

However, she felt once the bugs were worked out, the system would be a positive thing for students.

The new student email system, called Squirrel Mail, received several compliments from students, most notably, the improved layout and ease of use. Students also enjoyed the many features offered to personalize their email.

With few exceptions, students wanted to know why the administration chose the time it did to make the change. Students also wanted to know why the change was made in the first place and what advantages eSIS offered the University. But, the most often heard complaint about the administration concerned the lack of detailed instructions offered before the system was put in place.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Underage drinking fines issued; DWI cited

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—Anthony G. Jeffers, 19, Dustin D. Dahlblom, 18, Jordan A. Cook, 18, Katie C. Triplett, 18, and Carly M. Binford, 18, were all charged with underage consumption Sept. 7, in 101 Hathorn Hall. An RA called campus security to the room after suspicions of drinking. An officer arrived and issued tickets for \$243 after finding a case of Michelob Light and other miscellaneous beer in bottles and cans.

—Public Safety was called to Prucha Hall Sept. 2, after receiving a complaint from a campus resident. Benjamin T. Jipson, 19, was found breaking tree branches outside the resident hall where he received two tickets for \$243 each for vandalism and underage consumption. Jipson work for the UW-River Falls Grounds Crew.

—After an RA smelled alcohol on two male residents in 102 Johnson Hall, Brian J. Allen, 19, and Colin M. Arens, 18, were given a \$243 ticket for underage consumption Aug. 30. Both admitted to drinking five beers and the bottles were taken and destroyed.

—Officers observed two males knock over garbage cans in central campus Sept. 6. After talking to them, Tyler J. Ashcraft, 18, and Daniel C. Swenson,

19, admitted to hitting the garbage cans and to drinking earlier that night at an off-campus party. Both received a \$243 ticket for underage consumption.

—Reid D. Edison, 19, was seen staggering by the loading dock door of the Student Center and was issued a \$243 ticket for underage consumption.

—An RA found Tyler M. Johnson, 18, sick in a May Hall bathroom Sept. 4. He later received an underage consumption ticket of \$243.

—Andrew J. Lamere, 21, was charged with damage to property and restitution after damaging a \$20 Plexiglass sign in central campus Sept. 6. He was issued a \$243 ticket.

—Christopher J. Schmitz, 20, was walking by 800 E. Cascade Ave. Sept. 2, when an officer stopped him for suspicion of drinking. Schmitz lied to the officer about his age and the officer asked for his drivers license. After reviewing the picture and information on the license, the officer warned him to be truthful about his age, otherwise the fine would be greater. Schmitz, who is now 21, confessed and received a \$164 underage consumption ticket and a warning for obstructing and the use of false identification.

—Celena M. Apostoloff, 23, was pulled over for swerving across the center line on S. Main Street and was given a sobriety field test Sept. 3. She received a \$736 ticket for operating with prohibited B.A.C. and a \$705 ticket for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated.

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Freshman class enrollment highest since 1998

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Try and remember what it was like to be the new kid on campus. With your high school years behind you, the tasks, homework, food and everything you had grown accustomed to no longer existed in this new place called college.

What are UW-River Falls freshmen saying about their first week on campus?

While they may be the new kids on the block, they feel pretty comfortable with their new surroundings and experiences thus far.

"Independence is awesome," said Freshman Jeff Kinney of Blooming Prairie, Minn.

Whether it was their first time away from home or a common occurrence, freshmen said they have no qualms about making the dorms of River Falls their home.

"I enjoy being away from home," said Becky Brisendine, an accounting major from Spicer, Minn. "Although, it's a lot more work than high school was."

Not only did the freshmen find River Falls an enjoyable place to lay their head at night, they also found adjusting easy because of the people.

"All of the girls in our end of the dorm have already made close ties with each other," said Amber Geehan, an elementary education major from Woodbury, Minn. "It's

made the move much easier."

And when hunger strikes most freshmen said they find the culinary concoctions of River Falls to be satisfying.

Tim Murray, an elementary education major from Coon Rapids, Minn. enjoyed his experience.

"The food's pretty good," Murray said. "I think that Freddy's is a little better, but overall it's not bad."

Now that they're finally settled in, freshmen don't seem too eager to head home to mom and dad. Parents shouldn't keep their hopes up for a weekly visit.

"I don't plan on going home anytime soon," said Sam Hanson of Osceola, Wis. "Probably for the holidays, but not much more than that."

Others echoed her response. Moms and dads, do not fret; they will still be hearing from students at River Falls when money is tight. Like Brisendine, it seems most freshmen won't be working full-time, or paying their tuition.

"I'm living off my parents," she said. "They're paying for my college, not me."

Enrollment is up at UW-RF. Kathleen McCarron, a freshman English major, chose UW-River Falls because of the affordable cost and friendly atmosphere. McCarron said that when she walked on campus she felt comfortable.

"I had visited other campuses and felt like I had to spend a lot of money on clothes and electronics to fit in. But at River Falls, that didn't

matter. It was the attitude of the people that attracted me."

McCarron added that she appreciated the small orientation group where she could ask questions that you cared about."

Attendance is up at UW-RF with more students attending in 2003 than the past several years.

Twelve hundred twenty students make up the freshman class according to Alan Tuchtenhagen, admissions director at UW-RF. This is a 16 percent increase over the 2002 school year with numbers not being this high since 1998 and 1981.

"The increase is a result of a large group of graduating seniors and last year's enrollment cap which allowed UW-RF to take in more students," Tuchtenhagen said.

Preliminary numbers conclude incoming freshman are similar to past classes on the ACTs with an average score of 22-23. Eighty to eighty-five percent of incoming freshman rank in the top half of their graduating class.

Non-white freshman students are up 20 percent this year with 8 percent of incoming students being non-white.

"The reason for the increase is the growing population in this region," said Tuchtenhagen.

Most incoming freshman are choosing to major in elementary education, biology, business and animal science.

Of the incoming class, 40 percent are from Minnesota, 57 percent are

from Wisconsin and 3 percent are from out-of-state including Vermont, California and Illinois, and foreign countries: Asia and Europe. Sixty two percent of the freshman class is female. Freshman students chose to come to UW-RF because of its small size, community atmosphere, and desirable location near a metropolitan area.

"Moving to college is unlike anything the students have ever experienced before," said sophomore Nikki Peters, a first year Resident Assistant in Parker Hall and an agricultural education major.

Peters said most of the students were excited but nervous. She added it was a lot for the freshmen class to take in at once and it was a big adjustment for them. It is the RAs job to help make the move easier. She concluded everyone she has talked to is handling the transition well.

A variety of activities were planned during freshman orientation.

"There was a carnival for the freshman class, students got their books and email accounts and any questions students had were answered," Peters said.

Orientation also included guest speakers and a movie night in the amphitheater.

The Tuesday prior to classes, incoming freshman participated in Academic Day. The new program allowed students to learn about the campus clubs and organizations.



New student orientation provided freshmen with opportunities to meet other students. Photo by Eric Ebert

Campus administration optimistic despite small budget

Jen Cullen
Editor

With the beginning of a new school year underway, UW-River Falls Chancellor Ann Lydecker welcomed back the university community at the end of August and addressed it with enthusiasm and hope.

But with the smallest UW-System budget in state history, Lydecker informed faculty and staff this year would be one of the toughest yet.

"As we look ahead, we don't have to be rocket scientists to know that both our university and the UW-System will continue to face significant challenges," Lydecker said. "But I also know that these challenges are balanced with exciting opportunities...I know we shall weather the significant budget cuts we were handed during the '03-'05 biennium budget cycle, but not without significant pain."

UW-RF Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance Virgil Nylander joked that last year at this time he was saying exactly what he's saying now.

"This truly was the largest reduction we have ever experienced," he said. "It's going to be very tight."

UW-RF's share of the \$250 million system reduction was a little over \$1.5 million. Seventeen and one-half full-time equivalent positions also had to be eliminated.

"I would love to say that we are now leaner and strong, but cuts of this magnitude really leave us leaner and a bit wiser, but not stronger," Nylander added.

With fewer staff, more students and less money, providing higher education will be challenging. And while there are mainly setbacks from such large budget cuts, Lydecker said one of the "pluses" is that UW-RF was forced to take a look at how "we are doing business."

She said the time has come for UW-RF to focus on becoming the public

university it started out as. This will not only benefit students, Lydecker said, but the St. Croix River Valley as well.

"As a public university in partnership with the people of the region we can have a major impact on the future well-being of the region and the people of this region can have a major impact on the future well-being of our university," she said.

Instead of students focusing on how a college degree will help them succeed individually, Lydecker said the university community needs help students understand what benefits their education will have for the public as well.

Those public benefits include the ability to be leaders in their community, contribute financially to the region and tackle local issues and problems. But the road to becoming more involved with the community isn't a one-way street.

"We must help our local communities understand that they offer much to our students, faculty and staff," she said. "They are laboratories in which our students learn. They are the focus of our research and creativity. They help us connect theory and practice. They give students opportunities to practice, with guidance from intern supervisors and mentors."

In the end, Lydecker hopes both parties involved will see what they have to gain from each other. "We want the public to claim us as their own, as their university to support more fully in the future," she said. "Sometimes through tuition, sometimes through contracts, sometimes by putting in the good word for us, but always in a manner that will help us better use our resources to serve both the pub-

lic and the private good."

In the coming years, Lydecker said UW-RF will work to achieve its goal of showing students public and private benefits. She said in order to achieve this goal, it is critical for public engagement to be a "fundamental, core value" of the university that is embedded deeply into the foundation of the campus.

Board of Regents member Guy Gottschalk also addressed faculty and staff about budget-related issues.

"We live in very interesting times," Gottschalk said. "But from a fiscal aspect, I wish they weren't so interesting."

BEYOND THE BUDGET

Although the budget seemed to be the topic of the day, Nylander said there are some exciting capital projects in the works.

Construction on the new residence hall began earlier this summer and construction on the new day care facility is expected to begin sometime this year. Nylander hopes construction of the new dairy learning center will begin next year.

The largest project, a new \$28.4 million student center, is in the final stages of design. Construction will begin next year.

Nylander also mentioned the development of a mediation garden near the Klempell Fine Arts building. A deceased alumnus donated money specifically for the garden.

While there are many construction projects taking place within the next few years, Nylander won't be around to see them.

Lydecker told faculty and staff Nylander will be retiring as of Jan. 2. A nation-wide search for a replacement will begin when school starts.

"It is difficult to imagine budget and other administrative meetings without Virgil's wisdom and expertise," Lydecker said. "It is difficult to imagine this campus without Virgil."

RIVER DANCING



On Saturday, Sept. 6, the Community Art Base coordinated the Art on the Kinni event. Students and area residents performed or displayed their art work. Photo by Eric Ebert

Public safety office offers students new DMV service

Wisconsin residents
renew vehicle license
plates on campus

Danielle M. Garvey
Staff Writer

When Harlen Hegdal was thinking of the perfect test college for a new Department of Motor Vehicle service, he immediately thought of his alma mater, UW-River Falls.

Hegdal, who attended UW-RF in the 80s, said he wanted to offer a "unique program to River Falls, as well as a much-needed service to the community."

Hegdal worked various jobs for the Minnesota legislature prior to moving to Wisconsin. He liked the fact that Minnesota had more privately operated DMV service centers, which made them more accessible to residents.

Hegdal began integrating the same DMV concept as Minnesota and started with UW-RF. He wanted to incorporate a service the entire community could use and thought the best place to get community awareness was UW-RF.

Located in the Public Safety Office in South Hall, the DMV service is available to anyone whose vehicle is registered in Wisconsin, and allows people to renew license plates, get up-to-date stickers and certificates of registration.

Hollie Engesether, a UW-RF junior, said she would use the service.

"I think it's a good idea," Engesether said. The integration of a DMV service on campus for community use begins to eliminate the mail-in program that Wisconsin currently uses.

Hegdal said Wisconsin is one of the last states to still rely on the mail-in license plate

renewal system.

"The idea of a community based DMV service would gradually wean people off the mail in program," Hegdal said.

Hegdal wanted to increase government programs without raising costs.

Since colleges have recently experienced a budget cut, this was one way to offer a community service to help UW-RF financially. UW-RF keeps 33 percent of the \$6 handling fee.

To renew a vehicle, Wisconsin residents need to bring in the notice card sent by the DMV and identification such as a driver's license or a student ID.

Proper identification and a license plate number will suffice if the notice card sent by the DMV is not available.

The renewal payment and a \$6 handling fee need to be paid immediately in order for the transaction to take place.

It then goes into effect immediately following the transaction at the Public Safety Office.

Wendy Penny, program assistant in the Public Safety Office, said the entire process takes less than five minutes.

"We've had a couple of snags here and there," Penny said. "But the DMV helps rectify any problems we may have had."

Staff at the Public Safety Office process the transaction on a computer directly connected to the DMV via the Internet.

Public Safety is currently processing license plate renewals on Tuesdays and Wednesdays during regular business hours, and Thursdays until noon.

Hegdal would like to expand the program into rural areas. In the future, the service could be developed in grocery stores if the idea takes off. Eventually more UW System schools may offer the service, depending on the success of the center at UW-RF.

"This is just the beginning," Hegdal said. "I wouldn't be surprised if the campus facil-

EDITORIAL

Parking restrictions have a bright side

While most students were home for the summer, the River Falls City Council passed a law that left many students without a place to park when they returned for classes last week.

The new parking law was passed by the Council in July. The law restricts parking on even sides of the streets behind North Hall in what is called the Winchester Neighborhood.

The parking restrictions will be in effect from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 1 through May 31. Only residents with permits will be able to park on the even sides leaving residents with a lot more parking and students with a lot more headaches. Students who park without a permit will receive a ticket from the city.

While it's obvious something needed to be done about the parking situation, it seems unfair that students who pay tuition end up having to park almost to Division Street to access campus. On the other hand, residents who live in the usually congested area need to have access to their own homes. The question remains if there is really a "way to peacefully co-exist" as council member Emily Ronning said at the Council meeting in July.

It seems as though the residents have totally won this battle and the students are left with the short end of the stick. Students gained nothing. They will now have to walk further or purchase a permit for Ramer Field—which are now non-existent anyway. Residents, on the other hand, can sit and relax as frustrated students search frantically for a space so they aren't late to class.

So why doesn't the administration at UW-River Falls do something about the whole situation? Some sort of parking complex or trolley system would seem logical but so far Chancellor Ann Lydecker has failed to address the student body about the issue.

Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance Virgil Nylander, however, did attend several City Council meetings to protest the law. He said the University felt it was being unfairly targeted and pointed out that the University has added several hundred parking spots over the past few years.

Nylander also shined some light on why some sort of alternative has yet to be implemented, such as a parking structure. The cost of a ramp would be hundreds of thousands of dollars. With such a daunting state budget hovering over the UW System, it would be foolish for administrators to consider this option when students can just park farther away for free. Using city land for a structure is also out of the question. Since City Council passed the parking law in the first place, it is likely they would not approve an eye sore like a ramp.

A new parking lot is also an option. Unfortunately, money is tight and the state won't be handing over more money any time soon.

But there is a light at the end of the tunnel, at least for UW-RF's future students. While current students who are used to more parking may be in a uproar over the new situation, a few years from now nobody will know the difference.

There will be some definite growing pains but this year's freshman have no idea what it was like to have the luxury of parking on odd and even sides behind North Hall. In four years the problem will be obsolete.

There's no doubt that the situation will take some getting used to. Students who live in town and off campus will have to car pool, ride bikes or find another way of making it to campus.

But instead of looking at all the negatives of the parking situation, it's important that students look at the bigger picture. Things could be a lot worse.

Other schools in the area and in the UW System are facing the same problem, but on a larger magnitude. Students at UW-Milwaukee are bussed in from miles away to get to class. It's the same at UW-Madison.

Granted, these schools are more than twice the size of UW-RF, but if the city wanted to, and if residents put up enough fuss, parking could be restricted to more than just the even side of the street.

All is not lost however, River Falls Mayor Eric Amundson made it clear that if the new law isn't working at the end of the school year, it will be removed and reviewed.

This means that students still have the chance to voice their opinions. Residents on certain city blocks are still able to petition the council to get their block added as a restricted area. If students don't speak up now, they may never have the chance to.

City Council meetings are every other Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. A group of students attended this week's meeting to let the council know how they felt.

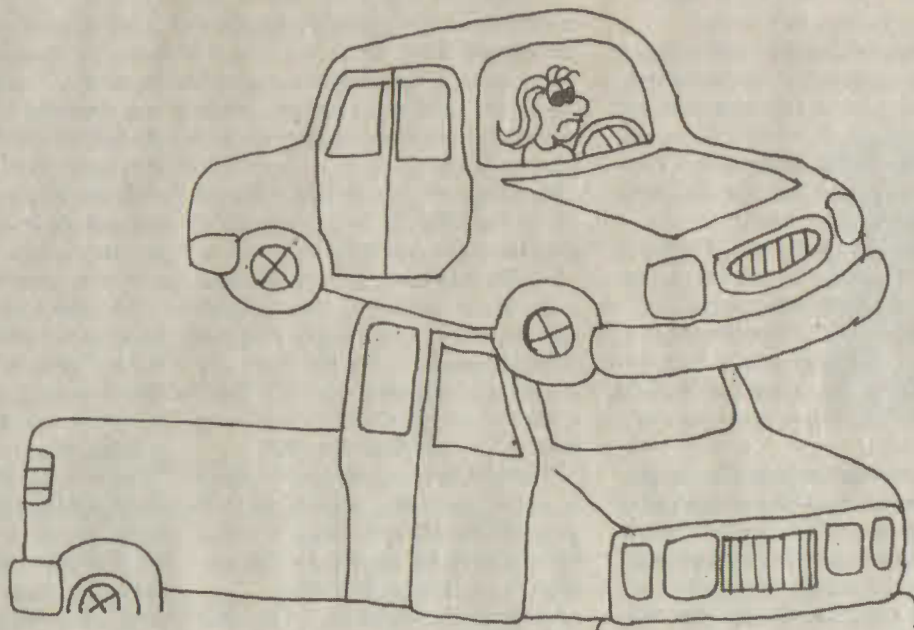
Involvement on behalf of the students is key in regaining much needed parking spaces. City Council needs to hear the ideas of the people who are affected most by this law. Residents have been complaining for years. Students need to realize if they want change, they need to actively take part in the decision making process.

If they don't, they won't be left with the short end of the stick.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Parking passes don't pass test

I am a student here at UW-River Falls. Since last May, at the request of Student Senate President Matt Schuelke, I have attended the City Council meetings and spoken on your behalf. It is both appropriate and imperative that the student body, faculty and staff of UW-RF—particularly those who commute—be informed of the changes, the reasons, and the results of the recently approved parking ordinance in River Falls.

Initially speaking during the public comments regarding Ordinance 2003-18 was Virgil Nylander, Vice Chancellor of UW-RF. Nylander released the numbers of campus parking spaces both currently installed and slated for installation, and the cost of those spaces. It should be noted that according to River Falls Municipal Code 17.60.060, the university is required to provide "one parking space for each three faculty and staff members and other employees, plus one additional parking space for each four students as determined in the design ratio." Nylander confirmed that the UW-RF campus not only exceeds the city requirement, but is continually adding more. He has often been asked, "Why doesn't the campus construct a multi-story parking ramp?" Though that possibility has been investigated, state law prohibits University of Wisconsin schools from using state funds for such a ramp. The cost to this community would be both unbearable and fiscally irresponsible.

We had one significant victory during the discourse of this proposal. In the original language, guests would be required to notify the River Falls Police Department of their vehicle's location along with its make, model, and license number. In addition, those guests would provide the name and address of whom they are visiting. After arguing an infringement upon our privacy as well as a violation of Wisconsin Statute 349.03(2) "No local authority may enact or enforce any traffic regulation [...] requiring local registration of vehicles..." the clause was quickly abolished.

Instead, guest passes shall be limited to two per property owner. Attempts to set that limit to "per household" as opposed to "property owner" failed. I do not understand the rationale for this decision. Renters may not be held liable or accountable to the city for taxes, but only a fool would believe that renters do not pay them. In the May 8, 2003 edition (vol. 89 issue 26) of the Student Voice, city council and parking committee member Emily Ronning was quoted, "I know college kids live in the proposed area. It's not unordinary to have six or

seven people in a house."

According to city inspector Dave Hovel, these neighborhoods are primarily zoned R-1 (single family) and R-2 (multi-family). Those multi-family dwellings include fraternity, sorority, and boarding houses, which can house up to ten people. Out of six, seven, or ten people in a communal abode, is it unrealistic to assume that just one of them might entertain a guest between the hours of 7 a.m. and 4 p.m.? Is it befitting that we should forego our rights to two guest passes (per household) simply because we do not own the land? What of the renters unaffiliated with the university who are permanent residents of River Falls? What of their ability to entertain guests? The bottom line: if you rent in these areas close to campus, you should be infuriated. The city has identified two separate classes, and this feudal approach to modern public service should sicken you.

I spoke at great length on what has been termed the "transference of burden" as well as the associated cost. Not only will the city see more cars parked in adjacent neighborhoods where families are more prevalent, but they will also see more traffic in those neighborhoods. If you believe the impact to these neighborhoods is minimal or insignificant, consider this scenario.

Imagine a student late for class and in need of a parking space. With nowhere nearby to park, the student could become an impatient, agitated pilot of a 2000-pound vehicle. He or she races up and down the streets, focusing more on their search than on their driving, then Wham! They hit some kid/s on the way to a bus stop or school. That is the real cost of this ordinance. Is the aesthetic benefit to residents worth that cost? Should the family-of that child be required to inherit the burden traded by residents who no longer need to play "Musical Cars" in their driveway?

Most of these homes have sufficient parking. Most possess (or can obtain) suitable driveway space per Municipal Code 17.08.020, which regulates driveway width at the curb and property line. With few exceptions, there is ample linear driveway and/or alley space. Where those exceptions exist is where the city can pass a simple variance to accommodate those residents. But instead of doing a little extra work and conducting a minor investigation or finding of fact, the city wrote an ordinance that blankets the entire neighborhood, removing the alleged burden of a small handful of complaining residents, and imposing that burden on hundreds of people. I recall council member Hal Watson's comments regarding this fiasco. He could not give his support, as this was absolutely the wrong approach. Of the seven council members, his was the sole

"nay" vote.

Something that must be addressed with regards to the City Council is good faith. At one meeting, I specifically recall a timeframe of six months to write this ordinance. I disagree. The first reading and eventual vote of Ordinance 2003-18 was intentionally scheduled for the summer months to limit student input. It is easy to pass legislation without opposition. This newly adopted law opens reading, "It is hereby declared necessary, in the interests of the residents of the City of River Falls..." Incidentally, out of all the residents of River Falls, only two spoke in favor of this ordinance. Later in the summer, the inclusion of Zone B areas was tabled at the recommendation of, Mayor Eric Amundson. He stated, "The intention of Zone B was to wait and see how things go with Zone A." Basically, it should not come up as an agenda item until October at the earliest. Four weeks following that action, Zone B areas were approved.

Fellow students, we are charged with the responsibility to question those who govern and legislate. Emily Ronning is our council representative for River Falls District Two, which encompasses the entire campus and some of the housing on its north side. Emily works hard and has invested a great deal of time and energy into this campus through both her position here and as a council member. However, the very person who represents (at City Council) the university, students, faculty, and staff not only voted in favor of this ordinance, but was instrumental in its development. This issue has been a crucial one to students, and Ms. Ronning has failed to represent our interests. I ask you to hold her accountable. Call or visit her in person at her Leadership Center office. After thanking her for the work she does, please voice your concerns and challenges regarding parking. Ask her why greater importance was granted to a few complaining residents than to hundreds of commuters. Ask her why the city refused to entertain the notion of variances as opposed to a massive imposition of burden. Ask her to log your complaint, and then follow up your conversation with an email or letter.

I remind you that only two residents spoke in support of this ordinance at the public hearings of June 10 and June 24. Consider the frustration you now experience. As a matter of law, should public land be privatized in the interest of a small minority when available alternatives exist? Should the city of River Falls allow such an ordinance without sufficiently providing compelling governmental interest? Friends, two supporters are by no means compelling. Please make sure your Council Representative Emily Ronning and

Mayor Eric Amundson understand this.

Jim King, student

Senate offers new student services

What are you thinking about as you leaf through the first edition of the Student Voice for the semester? How will my classes go? Who will I meet? What is going to happen this year?

I can answer part of one of these questions for you right now. Your very own Student Senate will be focusing on quantifiable and tangible results ranging from an Office of Rental Issues to more pushes in the ecology arena.

The Office of Rental Issues will follow the model set forth by many other universities in that it will finally offer the students of UW-River Falls a resource for finding the locations, contact information, and general rental knowledge that first time and seasoned renters require. Information about checking out what options you would need in a rental property to things you should do when you move out will be available to all students of the university. The Office will supply a listing of rental properties in the area in easy to understand handouts and brochures.

Student Senate will also be working bridging the gap that exists between City Council and the university students. Because of a lack of communication between the two groups, Student Senate knew little of the upcoming parking ordinance prior to its passing. Once some knowledge was known little time was left to organize students before summer break, the time in which the ordinance was passed.

One of the reasons for this poor communication is that both bodies hold their meetings at the same time. Be rest assured that your senate will be sending an official representative to the meetings to offer a bridge of communication at this juncture.

Student Senate will also continue to fight for better teacher evaluations that offer students a real opportunity to critique their professors, and keep up the general fight for student rights. Other efforts include possible student organization storage space, a lawyer referral program, and more work in ecological areas.

Student Senate is here to represent students in opinion, thought, and action. We work for you, and we are always open to critique, comments, and questions.

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It's not just Greek to me

Ah, the beginning of a new school year. New classes, new professors, new opportunities and challenges are all quickly presenting themselves. For the upperclassmen, especially super seniors such as myself, it's all old news. We can all remember what it was like to be a freshman or new student at UW-River Falls. It seemed every organization on campus wanted your involvement. Among those organizations recruiting early in the semester, you'll find Greeks—fraternities and sororities. Formal recruitment for the five men's groups was this week, while the four women's groups are next week. I am very proud to say that I am a member of a fraternity—not a frat—and I have been since my freshman year. I consider going Greek hands-down the best decision in my life. Being a member of a fraternity has given me many opportunities in my life and my career. I've been to leadership conferences galore, chaired committee meetings, photographed national conventions, organized events and served my campus and community more than I ever would have as a non-member.



KYLE WEAVER

That's the thing with being Greek. You get to do all sorts of things. Many other student organizations specialize in only a few things. There are professional organizations that focus on a given academic field, sports teams and clubs that focus on competition and partying as well as religious and service organizations that strive for community improvement. With Greeks you get all those and more. Fraternities and sororities thrive socially. There is a close network of social activity among all nine of the organizations. Because most of them are open to all majors and walks of life, going Greek is a great way to meet people. Here at UW-RF, it's better than at some other universities. There are no feuds between fraternities. The sororities also get along well. Greeks are also relatively well-respected on campus and in the community. Not all campuses can claim that. Community service, one of my personal passions, also thrives among Greeks. Food drives, Adopt-a-Highways, Red Cross Bloodmobiles and the campus Safe Walk are just a few service projects that Greeks take on. Each group has its own things, but there are some, like Relay for Life, that we all participate in.

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Leadership and scholastics are other big parts of being Greek. Greeks strive to not only recruit members, but to get them involved. It has been said that Greek organizations are "gateway organizations," meaning they'll lead you to other opportunities. Many "campus leaders," such as resident assistants, hall managers, orientation leaders and tour guides are Greeks, and there is a group called Order of Omega, an all-Greek honorary society, which recognizes Greeks who excel in leadership and scholastics. Several studies have shown that Greeks have higher grade point averages and higher rates of graduation. All but three U. S. presidents since 1825 are members of fraternities. Though facts like these probably won't convince anyone to join, attending recruitment events, I'm confident, will. I challenge everyone, not just freshmen and traditional students, to put their perceptions and stereotypes on the line and check out Greeks. And don't meet just one. Visit all five if you're male and all four if you're female. Come see what Greeks have to offer; you might be surprised. Even if you don't join, you've got nothing to lose for the looking.

Five hours each night: Who needs it?

Hi everyone. Welcome back to school. How many times have you heard that so far this year? I'm a junior at UW-River Falls, originating from a hole in the wall locally known as Spencer, WI. I have a beta fish named Scooter and I'm currently studying abroad in Scotland. So while I do go to UW-RF I don't go there right now anyway. In looking through past columns written by people, I noticed they actually have an opinion and a point to them, hence the reason they are under the section entitled 'opinion.'

I figured this might be a good topic to start out with at the beginning of the semester because, from my experience at least, you get more sleep during this time when compared to the end of the semester when everyone is pulling their hair out studying or avoiding the former at all costs day and night. So why is sleep worthless? The following probably goes against any and all studies on circadian rhythms or medical research of any kind. Being a busy person, I find it quite annoying that I must spend at least five hours per night in the unconscious. That's at least five hours of time, which cannot be spent on homework, organizational activities and socializing. What a waste. Perhaps I just have the mentality of a border collie—every little minute of time in which I'm not

doing something is 100 percent urge to sleep that gets you nowhere fast too. I tried to wean myself off of sleep a little bit last semester. Any logical human being would tell you this doesn't work and I soon found that out. On a side note, isn't it funny how you can barely stay awake in the most uncomfortable chair in the most uncomfortable classroom but as soon as you get into your own cozy little bed you can't sleep at all? Grrrrr. I hate when that happens. Don't get me wrong; I like to get all snuggled and comfy in my bed just as much as anyone else. On most days, I would much rather sleep in than get up at the crack of dawn. Nevertheless the need just seems silly. On that note I think it's about time I turn in for the night.



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Cursed pig keychain causes calamity

My alarm doesn't go off for another 43 minutes yet, and already my day is shot. After a near sleepless night, I had finally managed to drop off to sleep. Two hours later, I was awakened to the horrible sound of a small animal dying somewhere in the woods outside my window. What an awful sound to hear first thing in the morning. Of course, this is just another incident in the string of bad luck I've been having. It can only mean one thing as far as I'm concerned: The Curse of the Pig is upon me. OK, I know what you're thinking, "Wow, that Blythe has finally cracked up. I knew it was coming..." No, I'm not crazy. I'm just cursed. Now normally I don't believe in curses like this, and I'm not the superstitious type. But this damn pig has me worried...back to the beginning. It all started last spring, on the last day of finals. I had just aced my economics exam, and was looking to celebrate. So, I did what I do best: I went shopping. Granted, it was only at the university bookstore, but close enough. I saw this really cute red UW-RF pig-shaped key chain, and instantly wanted it. Like a moth to a flame, I was drawn to the pig. After buying it, I wrongly dubbed it my "lucky pig" and attempted to put my keys on it. I promptly broke off my perfectly painted thumbnail. It should have been a warning...



a series of sad misfortunes, leading me to the conclusion that I somehow managed to purchase a piece of cursed merchandise. I first noticed a problem when the "UW-RF" lettering on the pig began to

BLYTHE CRISWELL

wear off in weird patches, leaving behind a word that looked, upon first glance, to read "EVIL." Hmm. Then, my keys kept mysteriously disappearing, even though I'm not one to lose things like that. During the month of July, the curse seemed to slack off, but in reality it was only resting, to regain its strength for the truly evil plot. In August, my boyfriend of almost a year left me for a stripper. Again, I blame the pig. Finally, school started again and I figured that maybe the curse would end, now that the pig was back on his home turf. No such luck. My first day back at school was a day from hell. I was unable to sleep the night before, I lost my jacket twice, leaving it in two separate classrooms, my evening was about as much fun as a root canal, and to top it all off, when I took off my shoes at the end of the night, I discovered that I had been wearing two different socks all day. And then, today I'm woken up by the sound of a small animal screaming. For a moment, it sounded almost like a pig squealing. So, I'm left with no choice. I must destroy the pig. In a few short hours, I intend to smash him to smithereens with a sledgehammer, hopefully ending the Curse of the Pig, and allowing me to return to my regularly scheduled life.

"...I was drawn to the pig. After buying it, I wrongly dubbed it my 'lucky pig' and attempted to put my keys on it. I promptly broke off my perfectly painted thumbnail."

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Japanese commodes lack American comfort, productivity

The beauty of travel is that it gives you a different perspective on your own country and the things you take for granted. I've recently returned from a summer stay in Japan, a country whose differences have challenged my worldview in ways both small and great. One of the disturbing aspects of the American character is triumphalism, by which I mean the oft-expressed idea that America is the greatest country on earth. The popular expression of this is the chant, so popular during our increasingly frequent excursions into war, that America is number one. Such pride confounds many of our friends in other countries and I contend it is a simplistic notion. A comparison of Japanese and American innovations in the bathroom offers a case in point. If you have ever experienced a Japanese toilet, a porcelain oval hole in the floor over which one squats rather than sits, American bathroom supremacy would seem a certainty.



JIM MACTAVISH

The Japanese have something to answer for when it comes to their toilets. I've heard that the Japanese design more properly aligns the anatomy for duty. Personally, I would rather shave three years off my estimated life span to be able to sit when lightening my load. The squat thrust required for Japanese toilets should only be demanded of Olympic hopefuls. I don't make efficiency arguments often, but I will say that for an efficient, industrious people, the Japanese have not fully assessed the multi-tasking potential of the good old Western sit-down model. Newspapers, corporate reports, university texts, great works of literature like Dostoevsky's "The Brothers Karamazov" can all be comfortably read on the sit-down toilet. Only Russian dancers, sumo wrestlers and track and field jumpers can possibly read "on" the Japanese model (and I use "on" loosely, "hovering over" is more correct). Sure the Japanese model saves porcelain, but is it scarce? Many places in Japan have realized these flaws and Western-style toilets are available for sitting satisfaction. USA! USA! USA! Right? Not so fast. What the Japanese have wrong in toilets, they have absolutely, positively correct in baths. The Japanese seem to real-

ize that a bath is and should be an experience of the senses. A shower is about utility, efficiency, and other yucky conceptions of modern life, but a bathtub is all about the soak. Done properly, a bath is one of the truly blissful experiences in life—like napping, coffee, grease-splattered food and sex. Done in the incorrect American fashion, the bath is pure torment. There is a very special place in Hell for the inventor of the average modern American bathtub—four feet long, six inches deep, one foot wide (if these dimensions are not exact literally they are correct spiritually). The accursed soul who concocted this monstrosity deserves all the eternal torment that all of Hell's demons can muster. America did not always get the bath, something so right, so wrong. In the halcyon days of my youth our family was working class, but we owned one item of undeniable luxury: a claw-foot bathtub that permitted soaking up to the neck. Japanese baths are on the right

side of this cosmically important issue as the individual is completely submerged in soothing water with no pretzelesque contortions required. The Japanese understand the meaning of the bath, so kudos to their insight and curses upon those who would hamper the bath's humble charms. One need look no further than the everyday bathroom to see that reality is far more complex than feel-good sloganeering of American supremacy implies. Is America a great country? Without a doubt. The ideals of liberty and equality, our industrious spirit, our multicultural roots, our founding documents, like the Bill of Rights, are a few testaments to our greatness. But is America the pinnacle of world achievement, bar none? Before you answer, consider the art of the Italian Renaissance, the pyramids of Egypt, centuries of Chinese civilization, the cuisine of France, the temples of Cambodia, the music of Jamaica, and the inspiring struggle for justice in South Africa.

"Newspapers, corporate reports, university texts, great works of literature like Dostoevsky's 'The Brothers Karamazov' can all be comfortably read on the sit-down toilet."

What do you think of the new parking situation?

Rebecca Urbanski, Senior

"I don't like it. Parking has always been a big issue. The residents are usually working so I don't understand the big deal."

Paul Dahlen, Senior

"The town gets most of their money from the college and I think they are just trying to make more money off of us."

Richard McNamara, Faculty

"It's not a good situation because there are two interests involved. Bottom line, more incentive for students to take 8 a.m. classes."

Lindsay DeLoy, Senior

"It sucks, I'm a commuter and there is no where to park. It took me 15 minutes to walk to school today."

Cassie Welt, Junior

"I don't think anyone thought about the commuters, because there is no where to park."

Howard Deaton, Senior

"There are two sides to every problem. By allowing students to park there we are taking up spots from residents, but they are normally at work during the day."

SMOKING from A1

Some regular customers were upset. "I became friends with a lot of people that came here to smoke and now they won't come in and are mad at me," Sullivan said. "There was a two week period when the smokers left and new customers came in when I was worried if I could stay open."

Although she knows the law was not meant to hurt business, it is definitely not helping. She can see both sides, being a former smoker herself, not wanting to be in that environment.

"I am happy to not have to go home and smell like smoke, and I am happy I don't have to deal with it," Sullivan said.

Customers at Prairie Fire are also pleased with the cleanliness.

"It is really nice to come in here and not smell smoke," said Jerry Iwasko, customer at Prairie Fire and member of the St. Croix- Pierce Co. Smoke-Free Coalition. "It is a health situation; secondhand smoke is worse than smoking."

The West Wind and Copper Kettle are also working to abide by the new law.

"We haven't seen a difference at all after the law was passed," said Eddie Miller, the bar and scheduling manager at the West Wind. "But we were a few steps ahead of the city council and had already began re-modeling in April."

Miller said the dining area used to be half smoking, half non-smoking. After awhile there were more people waiting to dine in the non-smoking areas and that was something Miller said had to change.

That change was to add a dining area in the bar for those who wanted to smoke, and make the dining area non-smoking.

The Copper Kettle, on the other hand, was given a 24-month extension to either have the entire bar enclosed or to be a completely non-smoking establishment.

"We have a very solid clientele," said Manager Rene Stark. "About 50 percent of our customers are smokers, and 50 percent are not. And the ones who do smoke, are very good about the new law."

A local patron of the West Wind, and UW-RF senior, Seth Holst, said the new law has yet to affect him in anyway.

"My girlfriend smokes occasionally, so when we go out to eat, we either sit in the bar or the dining area," Holst said. "If she wants to smoke, we understand we go to the bar. And if not, we go to the dining area."



Parking restrictions began September 1 and will continue until May 31 when the River Falls City Council will re-evaluate the trial permit system. Throughout the school year the even side of Spring Street, shown above, and other residential streets will continue to have empty spaces. Photo by Teresa Schmitt

PARKING from A1

department has received "lots of calls" from residents since the law went into effect.

"They should give residents tickets to hand out," said Fourth Street resident Judy Johnson, as she pointed out vehicles parked on the even side without permits.

Johnson, who has lived in her house on Fourth Street for 16 years, said that it should be up to the university to provide parking.

Johnson's daughter, Tara Hakes, who now owns the house with her husband, noted that while she finds it frustrating when cars are parked in front of their house, she has noticed less student traffic on her block since the law went into effect.

FACULTY, ADMINISTRATION REACTIONS

Despite waves the law is making with students, UW-RF faculty and staff members have hardly taken notice.

Though Nylander spoke on behalf of students at the council's meeting and "held them at bay" as long as he could, most employees remain detached.

"This isn't a burning issue for faculty right now," said Faculty Senate Chairman David Trechter. "The situation doesn't affect faculty the same way it does students. Faculty Senate is more focused on general education requirements, staff evaluations and other projects."

Since the law has passed, administrators said they are focusing on the future, attempting to remind everyone about steps the University has taken in the past to ease the parking problem.

Many new spaces have been developed or improved in recent years.

A new lot was built behind the

Regional Development Institute this summer and the size of O-Lot was increased the summer before.

While many UW-RF administrators look forward, the UW-RF Parking Office is seeing increases in its workload.

For the first time, every campus parking permit is sold out and commuters are being put on a waiting list.

Public Safety director Priscilla Stevens said more people are visiting the Parking Office, forcing workers to put in overtime and process more paperwork than ever before.

"We have been able to accommodate everyone who lives on campus and all the employees," Stevens said. "Now we are trying to better serve the commuters."

Chancellor Ann Lydecker said students will get accustomed to the law while recruiting and retention at UW-RF should not be affected.

"What is imposed on a group of people who are here now will be experienced differently by students who arrive here later and don't know if it started yesterday or years ago," Lydecker said. "After four or five years this will be history and it won't have much of an impact on incoming students."

Administrators emphasized the positives stemming from the law.

The Parking Office is selling many more commuter permits than in the past and many students now avoid driving to campus by walking or riding bicycles, Lydecker said.

As additional money rolls into the Parking Office through permit sales and campus parking violations, administrators look for more places on campus to develop for parking.

Nylander said the university provides about 2,300 parking spaces, far exceeding the city's requirements, but the administration is not finished with the problem.

"Our plan is to continually develop parking on campus to meet the needs," Nylander said.

"We are running out of space on the north side of the river, but we are looking at areas south of the river."

MAYOR'S PERSPECTIVE

According to River Falls Mayor Eric Amundsen, the new law isn't set in stone.

City Council plans to review the law next June before it is applied another year.

"This is just a small change and if it works, great," Amundsen said. "If not, we'll scrap it and start over."

Amundsen said he was concerned with how jilted students and faculty would react to the extinction of half their already endangered parking spaces.

"This is not in any way to punish students, faculty or anyone on campus," Amundsen said. "We are trying to relieve the parking stress on residents."

Amundsen was joined on the parking committee by Emily Ronning, Rick Vogel, Steve Sherman, Joleen Larson, Ed O'Keefe, a student representative, and Ila June Brown-Pratt.

STUDENT SENATE

UW-RF Student Senate's leadership is pessimistic about any student efforts to get the law revoked, according to Student Senate President Matt Schuelke.

"Student Senate is currently in the information gathering stage," Schuelke said. "My personal feelings, along with others, are that little will come from a student protest at City Council or other general efforts."

"They have made their decision, and this will be a one year trial basis," Schuelke said.

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Section B

Volleyball edges No. 6 Elmhurst, wins tourney

Mike Foley
Sports Editor

The Falcon volleyball team soared through its second weekend of action, Sept. 5 and 6, by going 4-0 at the Lakeland Invitational and beating sixth-ranked Elmhurst in five games. Lakeland, St. Norbert and Aurora also fell to UW-River Falls during the weekend tournament. Head Coach Patti Ford earned her 300th career win Saturday against Lakeland.

The biggest win of the tournament was the last. The Falcons defeated a very talented Elmhurst team, 30-21, 30-16, 24-30, 17-30, 16-14. Falcon hitters looked impressive in the first two games, posting .261 and .433 hitting percentages respectively.

The next two games were a different story. The Falcons were ice cold, registering .091 and -.020 hitting percentages. In the fifth game, they had to earn nearly all their points on kills as Elmhurst made few mistakes on their side of the net. River Falls hitters killed 12 of the Falcons 16 points in the fifth game. After winning games one and two,

"When you're playing against good teams that's what happens. They're going to come back with a game plan to beat you."

Patti Ford,
head coach

Ford hoped to shock the AVCA by beating Elmhurst in three games, but the Bluejays, who beat top-ranked Washington (Mo.) just a week ago, wouldn't roll over and die.

"We played our best volleyball in this early season," said Ford. "We were all on the same page. Then all the sudden it went out the window. When you're playing against good teams that's what happens. They're going to come back with a game plan to beat you. They had nothing to lose and everything to gain."

By winning games three and four, the Bluejays took a great deal of momentum into the fifth game. The Falcons quickly wiped the smiles off the Bluejays faces by winning the first two points of game five and settling back into their game plan. Both teams slugged it out until an official's call turned the match in UW-RF's favor late in the game.

"The ball had hit into the net on the other side. Krystle (Brune) put her arms up to protect herself and

we got the point for it," said Ford. "They thought the official should have called 'in the net.' That set them off a little bit and it was a turning point that could take the wind out of your sails."

Sarah Halverson took advantage of the disturbed Elmhurst team by serving an ace for game point. Melissa Tvrdik led the hitters with 18 kills while Nina Petersen and Brune killed 14 each. Erin Oberholtzer set for 55 assists. Five Falcons finished the match with 15 or more digs. Halverson led the team with 20.

In Saturday's early game, UW-RF played a four-game match against the host school, Lakeland, and Ford won her 300th career match 30-24, 30-19, 25-30, 30-26. Out of all her wins, a five-game battle against a WIAC rival and eventual national champion is her most memorable.

"The win at Whitewater last year stands out most to me," said Ford. "We had battled with them for a lot of years and a win on their home court doesn't happen very often."

Against Lakeland, Tvrdik and Logan Kiesch had 13 kills each, while Petersen had 12. Oberholtzer collected 31 assists and 18 digs. Jen Braun and Kiesch registered 14 digs each.

On Friday night, the Falcons

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Melissa Tvrdik, 19, and Krystle Brune, 7, attempt to block an outside hitter while Logan Kiesch, 5, waits for the dig at the Falcon Invitational in Karges Center Aug. 30. Photo by Mike Foley

Football falls to Chadron State, 43-22

Eric A. Page
Assistant Sports Editor

For 30 minutes the UW-River Falls Falcon football team traded blows with a bigger, faster and stronger Chadron State, Neb., football team before fading in the second half of a 43-22 loss Saturday at Ramer Field.

"This happens every year with (Chadron)," Falcon Coach John O'Grady said. "We hang with them for two or three quarters and then they just outlast us. They are a high level Div. II school with the maximum number of scholarships and it shows."

For much of the first quarter, the two teams traded possessions with neither able to generate any points. The Eagles missed a 27-yard field goal attempt after going 63 yards in eight plays on their second possession, while the Falcons had their first two drives end on a punt and an interception.

On the first play of the Eagles third possession, Falcon cornerback Neil Mantor stepped in front of Eagle quarterback Shawn Eisenreich's pass and picked it off, giving the Falcons the ball at Chadron's 38-yard line.

Three plays later, with the Falcons facing a fourth-and-four from the 32-yard line, Kolstad took the snap from center, rolled right and floated a pass to John Peterlik which he caught at the five and back peddled into the end zone, giving the Falcons a 7-0 lead.



Halfback John Peterlik busts through Chadron State attempted tackles Sept. 6 at Ramer Field. Photo by Eric Page

Chadron countered on their next drive, scoring on a 19-yard touchdown strike from Eisenreich to Ben Woodhead to tie the game 7-7 at the end of the first quarter.

Peterlik returned the ensuing kickoff 38 yards to the Eagles 49-yard line where the Falcons drove 26 yards before having an Adam Bergdahl 39-yard field goal attempt blocked.

The Falcons defense held strong, forcing the Eagles to go three plays and punt, but Lewis Parish fumbled on the return and the Eagles took

over at the Falcon 15-yard line.

"It is kind of typical to see trouble with special teams in the first game," O'Grady said, "I was disappointed, but everything that went wrong can be corrected."

The Eagles took two plays to cover the 15 yards with Forster scoring on a 6-yard run to take a 14-7 lead.

The Falcons marched down the field on their next possession, covering 66 yards in 12 plays, all of them rushing, with Schmitt scoring on a dive play from six yards out to tie the game.

"We blocked that play straight up," O'Grady said, "and the defensive lineman slid outside and Owen found the crease."

The Eagles returned the kickoff 54 yards to the Falcon 38 where they used three plays to set up a first-and-goal at the Falcon five. The Falcon defense stymied the Eagles on three straight run attempts before Eisenreich hit Gregg Trepka on fourth-and-goal from the one to take a 21-14 lead.

"We brought everybody on that play because we thought they were going to run the ball," O'Grady said.

The halftime air was optimistic at Ramer Field with the Falcons hanging with the No. 15 ranked team in NCAA Div. II. The Falcons used six rushing plays in a row to drive to the Chadron 37 on the first drive of the second half, it appeared as if Eagles defense was tiring.

But when Kolstad's pass to Peterlik was intercepted at the 20, it left the Falcons flat and sent the Eagles soaring.

After trading punts, the Eagles scored on a 33-yard pass from Eisenreich to Woodhead to stretch their lead to 14.

The Falcons were then forced to punt again, and this time the Eagles needed only three plays and a 51-yard sprint by Forster to the end zone to add another touchdown. A mishandled snap on the extra point try led to a successful two-point conversion for the Eagles to give them a 36-14 lead at the end of the third quarter.

The Falcons posed a comeback threat after Schmitt took a dive over the left guard and bounced it outside to the right and lumbered 19 yards for the score. The Falcons converted a two-point try on a scrambling shovel pass from

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Tennis collects wins against St. Norbert, Lakeland, Edgewood

Sports Information
UW-River Falls

The Falcon women's tennis team got off to a fast start last weekend, winning all three matches played in eastern Wisconsin.

The Falcons opened with a close 5-4 win at St. Norbert on Friday, then came back on Saturday with an 8-1 win over Lawrence and a 9-0 win against Edgewood.

The highlight of the weekend was the 5-4 win over St. Norbert. Last year SNC beat the Falcons by the same score and Falcon Coach Lee Lueck anticipated that the outcome would come down to the last match.

As things turned out, it was good the three doubles matches were played first. UW-RF had a tough time, winning just one of the three. The lone win came from the No. 1 team of Jordan Anderson and Amanda Gray, 8-1.

But the Falcons responded with four wins in the six singles matches. Four of the six matches went to three sets. Becky Brieser got the Falcons off to a solid start at No. 6 with a 6-1, 7-6 (7-5) win. SNC won at No. 3 and No. 5 singles, but Falcon Leah Baron took a big point at No. 4 in three sets. She got blasted in the first set, losing 6-0. But she came back to win the final two, 6-4, 6-4.

"I was happy to have our two seniors on the court playing last,"



Senior Amanda Gray returns a volley during a recent match at UW-RF. Gray is 3-0 at No. 2 singles and 3-0 at No. 1 doubles. Photo by Jens Gunelson

said Lueck. "We needed both of them to win the match and they came through."

Gray had little problems in her 6-3, 6-4 win. That left Anderson on the court with the outcome in her hands. She won the first set handily, 6-1, but lost the second, 7-5. But she came back to win the third, 7-5, to give the Falcons the win.

Anderson and Gray won all of the matches they played during the weekend. They each finished 3-0 in singles and 3-0 at No. 1 doubles.

Sept. 12 the Falcons play at Ripon at 3 p.m., and Sept. 13 they open WIAC play at UW-Whitewater at 10 a.m.

"It seems whoever has the home court has the advantage when we play Ripon," said Lueck. "Whitewater is a very strong team."

Fall sports bring back excitement

As the excitement of baseball pennant races heat up and gridiron warriors begin battling, Falcon sports have awakened from a summer of hibernation.

After a summer of bar softball leagues and Kansas City Chiefs practices, that day seemed like ancient history. I needed a jump start of collegiate sports excitement. That's exactly what the volleyball team delivered Aug. 29 at Karges Center.

Following a 98-day break from UW-River Falls sports of any kind, I was immersed in riveting competitive Falcon action. The volleyballers dismantled both Macalester and St. Olaf in



three straight games. Spectators even dared to whisper the words, "national championship." That was enough to get me excited about UW-RF volleyball.

The next day was a busy one. As students moved into residence halls, the volleyball tournament continued, Falcon golfers took to the links in Eau Claire and the cross country team ran its time trials with

MIKE FOLEY

UW-RF alumni. It's hard for some people to get excited about cross country, but everyone at this time trial was entertained. Falcon varsity runners of today competed against school legends as well as older runners who have seen faster days. Even though it wasn't a scored meet, the competition level was high.

The golf team, established just last year, finished in the middle of the pack with scores of 89 and 79 turned in by Ellen Berndt, who finished in 11th place. Last year, the team only won a single meet and finished at the bottom of the WIAC. The only way to go is up, and the Falcon golfers are taking big steps in that direction.

The next weekend, Sept. 5 and 6, every other sport got into the act. The football team tried out four quarterbacks and a star freshman fullback against a strong Div. II opponent, Chadron State. The freshman led the team in rushing with 136 yards on 20 carries. Even though they lost, 43-22, the team did something it never has. It scored more than 20 points against Chadron State.

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Soccer shuts out Platteville, 3-0

Sports Information
UW-River Falls

The Falcon women's soccer team shut out UW-Platteville 3-0 in its conference opener Sept. 6 at Ramer Field.

"I was very pleased," River Falls Coach Sean McKuras said. "We came out with a style to play and the women followed it."

River Falls got off to a fast start as Sarah Carlson scored the first goal three minutes into the first period off an assist from Amy Jensen.

Emily Rodgers tallied the second goal 13 minutes later off the corner kick from Ashley Peterson. Miranda Pogulis added the final goal at the 14-minute mark in the first half off of another corner kick.

UW-RF out shot Platteville 21-2 as Gina Hawkins, Lindsay Karter, Jensen and Rodgers had three shots on goal each.

"Our defense did a nice job of constantly pressuring them," McKuras added.

River Falls plays Saint Mary's University 1 p.m. Sept. 13 at Ramer Field.



Sarah Carlson sends a corner kick soaring against Platteville Sept. 6 at Ramer Field. Photo by Mike Foley



Looking for RESPECT

Falcons hope to rebound after consecutive losing seasons

Eric A. Page
Assistant Sports Editor

The UW-River Falls Falcon football team enters the 2003 season with hopes of rebounding from two consecutive losing seasons.

Coach John O'Grady, entering his 15th season as head coach, is putting all of the pressure to have a successful season on himself.

"This year our success is going to be based totally on what I do and what our coaching staff does," O'Grady said. "We need to eliminate mistakes and I don't think I have done a very good job of that over the past two years."

The buzz of the WIAC media day on Aug. 12 was offense. Several teams around the league return experienced quarterbacks and dominant offensive lines.

The Falcons may present just the poison needed to be competitive in a conference where "offense is going to rule," according to O'Grady.

With 10 starters returning on defense, the Falcons should be able to counter the high powered offenses of the WIAC with a block in the road, or at least a speed bump, that will slow them down and give the Falcons a chance to win.

"If our defense can play like we did in a couple of games last year, we'll be okay," O'Grady said. "A team has to stop teams from scoring to be successful, and I think we can do that well because of our experience."

The entire defensive line is intact from a year ago, led by second team All-WIAC pick Jeff Horton at defensive end who led the league in sacks a year ago with 11.

Senior Nate Hendrickson holds up the other end while senior Nic Rue and junior Josh Meyer will again start at the tackle positions.

"We lack a little bit of depth in the defensive line, but the group returning from last year should be pretty good," O'Grady said.

Junior Ben Gillett and senior Nate Mueller come into the season with experience at linebacker. Gillett had 29 tackles, two interceptions and one fumble recovery a

year ago while Mueller collected 42 tackles and one fumble recovery.

Juniors Matt Farmer and Aaron Griesen will play the outside linebacker positions for the Falcons.

The graduation of the team's leading tackler, Luke Miska, left a substantial hole to be filled at free safety. Kyle Hoegh, who had 63 tackles and two interceptions from his linebacker position last season, has been converted to fill that gap.

"Our free safety has to be a thinker and that describes Kyle," said O'Grady.

The group of cornerbacks this year has the Falcon coaching staff excited and in a year that the pass will dominate the WIAC, it will be tested often.

"We have three very athletic players at corner," O'Grady said, "probably the best, talent wise, in my 14 years here."

That group includes Roman Johnson and Lewie Parish as starters and Neil Mantor, who also saw significant playing time last year. Johnson, the fastest player on the team, led the Falcons in interceptions a year ago with four, while also excelling at punt and kickoff return.

Having an experienced defense should help keep an inexperienced offense within striking distance early in the season.

The Falcon offense was sacked by graduation, losing four starters on the offensive line.

Center Andy Kotelnicki, a 5-11, 280 pound senior, returns to anchor the offensive line.

He will be joined by junior Jeremy Hotz and sophomore Nate Cook at guard, while senior Greg Spahn and sophomore Alan Nutt will fill the tackle positions. Spahn has had past experience playing center.

"I am excited about the offensive line because we have some leadership there with Kotelnicki and Spahn," O'Grady said.

The madeover offensive line will pave the way for first team All-WIAC halfback John Peterlik who, as a sophomore, led the league in rushing last season with 1,114 yards and 11 touchdowns.

Peterlik will be joined in the wishbone backfield by senior Dan Booth at the other halfback, and freshman Owen Schmitt at fullback.

"We think we have shored up the fullback position this season," O'Grady said, "We really have not been very productive there the last few years."

At quarterback, incumbent starter Dustin Vogelgesang will not return to the team this year due to an ongoing back injury.

On Aug. 12, O'Grady said that he "couldn't imagine" having a freshman quarterback starting for the Falcons this season, but did note that he had three outstanding freshman recruits.

Through the first month of practice, two of those freshman, Troy Foss and Andy Kolstad, have emerged as contenders for the starting job. Senior Tom Pulford, who rushed for 83 yards and a touchdown in limited action last season, started Saturday against Chadron State, but Foss and Kolstad both saw extensive playing time.

In the event that the Falcons pass the ball, either tight end Jake Knapmiller or wide receiver Weesayma Kennedy will likely be on the receiving end. Kennedy excelled in track for the Falcons last spring as a sprinter and has worked in the off-season to improve his hands.

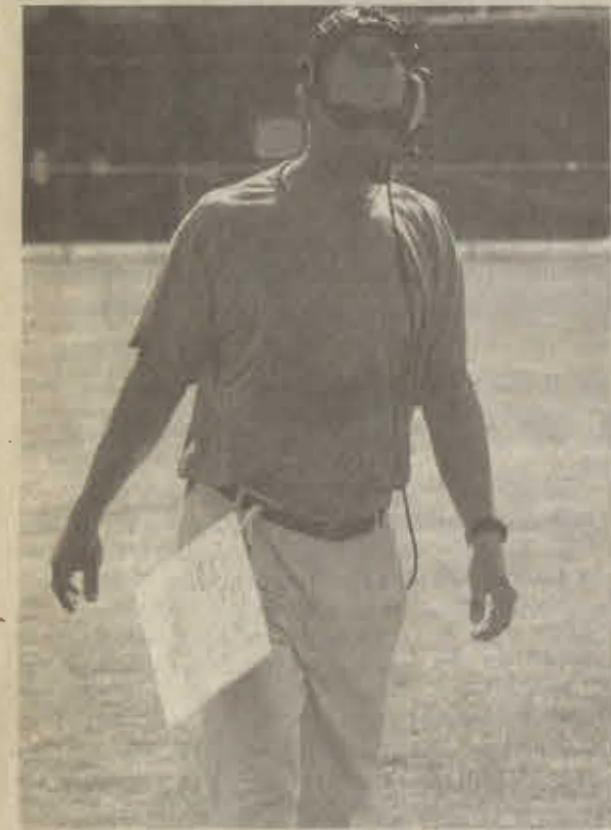
Senior Adam Bergdahl returns as the punter and kicker this fall after handling both duties last season.

"We should be an improved team this year," O'Grady said. "If I do a better job coaching, we will be a better football team."

"We have a bigger group of seniors who will be good leaders for us this year, so I am excited going in, but all the onus really rests on me."



Freshman fullback Owen Schmitt bursts through the offensive line against Chadron State Sept. 6 at Ramer Field. Photo by Mike Foley



Assistant coach Tom Journell paces the sideline at a Sept. 6 game. Photo by Eric Page



Defensive end Nate Hendrickson rushes the Chadron State quarterback Sept. 6 at Ramer Field. Photo by Mike Foley

2003 Starters

Offense:

- QB - Andy Kolstad
- HB - John Peterlik
- HB - Dan Booth
- FB - Owen Schmitt
- WR - Wees Kennedy
- TE - Jake Knapmiller
- C - Andy Kotelnick
- G - Nate Cook
- G - Jeremy Hotz
- T - Greg Spahn
- T - Alan Nutt

Defense:

- DE - Jeff Horton
- DE - Nate Hendrickson
- DT - Josh Meyer
- DT - Nic Rue
- LB - Matt Farmer
- LB - Nate Mueller
- LB - Ben Gillett
- LB - Aaron Greisen
- CB - Lewis Parish
- CB - Neil Mantor
- FS - Kyle Hoegh



Adam Bergdahl will handle punting and place-kicking again this season. Photo by Eric Page

EAU CLAIRE

After posting the best two-year winning percentage (16-4, .800 winning percentage) in school history, this year's UW-Eau Claire squad has no intentions of slipping out of the upper echelon of the league.

Turning the switches of the Blugold offense for the 2003 campaign will be junior quarterback Nels Fredrickson, who completed 98-of-138 passes for 1,307 yards and 12 touchdowns a year ago and finished third on the team with 272 rushing yards. The receiving arsenal should be bolstered with the return of senior Erik Ferguson and sophomore Matt Evensen. Ferguson made 32 receptions for 492 yards and five touchdowns last season, while Evensen looks to improve upon his freshman season when he caught 21 passes for 286 yards and two touchdowns. The rushing attack will return its top two contributors from last year in sophomores Joe Gast and Brian Mitchell. Gast led the squad with 150 attempts, 637 net yards and eight touchdowns, while Mitchell finished with 364 rushing yards and five touchdowns.

The biggest question offensively lies on the offensive line where the Blugolds will have to replace five starters. Junior Pete Monfre returns after suffering a knee injury in his only start a year ago, while sophomores Zach Hayes, Dan Karcz and Dave Scholz should factor into the mix on the offensive line in 2003.

Six starters return for a Blugold defense that ranked second in the WIAC in total defense (300.9 yards per game), rushing defense (102.9 yards per game) and scoring defense (19.5 points per game). Senior defensive lineman Austin Crow leads the returnees after finishing fourth in the league with six sacks a year ago to earn All-WIAC Second Team honors. Junior noseguard Dave Maas also returns after starting the final six games of 2002. Sophomore linebacker Andrew Jones also started the final six contests last year and finished with 53 tackles.

The secondary returns three starters from last season and will be led by All-WIAC Second Team selection defensive back Mike LaBarbera, who recorded 38 tackles and one interception a year ago. He also was an all-league second team pick as an all-purpose back last year. Senior Pat Cummings and sophomore Derek Sikora round out the returnees in the secondary for the Blugolds. Cummings is a two-year starter, while Sikora was second on the team with 66 tackles last year.



Football P R E V I E W

By WIAC Sports Information Directors

OSHKOSH

Since a last-second 21-20 win over UW-Whitewater to end the 2002 season, the attitude, commitment and off-season work ethic of the 70 returning members of the UW-Oshkosh football team has been striking and unmistakable.

Now, with the addition of a talented group of first-year players and a schedule that includes a school-record seven home games, fourth-year head coach Phil Meyer and his UW-Oshkosh Titans look to improve their won-lost ledger for the third consecutive season.

UW-Oshkosh was extremely competitive in nine of their 10 games played last year, with the largest setback being a 24-3 count to UW-Stout. In addition to its fate heroics against UW-Whitewater, UW-Oshkosh also topped UW-Platteville, 35-31, after scoring on its final possession of the game. The Titans were stopped from winning four other contests on their last possession in losses of 24-20 to Wartburg College, 12-10 to UW-Eau Claire and UW-Stevens Point and 13-12 to UW-River Falls.

UW-Oshkosh returns 34 letterwinners for its 109th football season, including seven starters on offense and seven on defense. Senior tight end Chad Lindsley and junior linebacker Craig Korth, a pair of All-WIAC Second Team selections a year ago, lead UW-Oshkosh's list of returning veterans. All-WIAC Honorable Mention picks returning for the Titans from last season are senior linebacker Derick Biellemeier, junior defensive tackle Dustin Drexel and junior quarterback Nick Wara.

Other returning starters back for UW-Oshkosh are sophomore defensive tackle Mike Arendt, sophomore offensive guard Mike Basch, junior fullback Aaron Chaltry, junior offensive guard Pat Hughes, senior cornerback Noah Paquin, sophomore running back Andrew Stern, senior cornerback Jon Thomas, junior offensive tackle Jesse Turkow and junior linebacker Tom Turner.

PLATTEVILLE

UW-Platteville played one of the most exciting seasons in WIAC history in 2002, with three games decided in overtime, two more in the final minute and the other two by a total of eight points. Unfortunately for the Pioneers, they only managed one league victory, a 34-31 overtime win over UW-Stout. The Pioneers look to take the next step in 2003 and start winning those close games.

The Pioneers return 19 starters from last year's team, including an outstanding senior class that was the first full group head coach Mike Emendorfer and his staff recruited. The Pioneers led the WIAC in total offense at 398.1 yards per game and finished fourth nationally in passing offense at 328.6 yards per contest during the 2002 campaign. Nine starters return from that group, including senior Tom Stetzer, a two-time All-WIAC quarterback who has thrown for 7,634 yards and 47 touchdowns in his career. Senior Matt Kent, a Football Gazette Preseason All-America First Team selection, returns after leading the WIAC in receptions (65-1,139), touchdowns (13) and scoring (82 points) a year ago. Jason Leonard, the Pioneers' career leader in receptions with 164 and running back Greg Siebers, an All-WIAC performer in 2001 who suffered a season-ending knee injury in game four last year, also return for their final season.

Returning up front are junior starters Joe Schneider, Jared Brown and Chris Lee, while sophomore running back Damian Droessler (10 TDs) and All-WIAC junior kicker Jason Borchardt (10-of-11 FG, 23-of-24 PATs) are back to provide scoring punch, and punter Dan Lilla returns after averaging 36.6 yards per punt as a freshman.

The defense is led by two-time All-WIAC linebacker Mitch Repka, who had 84 tackles a year ago. He is joined by returning sophomore starters Jimmy Harris, who had 50 tackles a year ago, and Tom Venner (30 tackles) and Brandon Ehret. Seniors Jeff Christensen, Shawn Busch and Matt Lee return on the line, as do four-year defensive backs Justin Dahlberg and Adam Lewis, who are part of the senior class anxious to make its mark in Pioneer history.

UW-Platteville started the 2003 season in May, taking a 10-day trip to Germany that culminated in a 62-14 victory over a top German team, the Schwaebisch Hall Unicorns.

LA CROSSE

Coming off its 31st league championship, and second title in the last four years, UW-La Crosse returns 16 starters and 40 letterwinners this season under fourth-year head coach Larry Terry.

Seven starters return on offense, but the Eagles will need to fill the void at quarterback with the graduation of All-WIAC First Team selection Matt Makaryk. The backfield returns senior tailbacks Andrew Mocadlo and Darrick Smith. Mocadlo finished second on the team with 447 rushing yards and four touchdowns, while Smith totaled 258 rushing yards a year ago. The receiving corps returns two all-league honorable mention selections from a year ago in senior tight end Chester Janke and junior wide receiver Scott Burnoski, who led the team with 651 receiving yards and seven touchdowns last year. Junior tight end Andrew Lehman and senior wide receiver Jason Kettenhofen also return.

The Eagles return all five starters along the offensive line, including senior Chris Ahrens, a Football Gazette Preseason All-America Third Team pick, who earned All-WIAC First Team honors last year. Juniors Troy Van Zile and Andrew McGlenn and sophomores Kent Anderson and Adam Dow are also back on the offensive line.

UW-La Crosse returns eight starters on defense, including two All-WIAC selections at linebacker. Junior Adam Schneider earned first team honors after leading the Eagles with 97 tackles, while junior Dustin Powell was a second team pick and led the team with three interceptions. Senior Deke Stanek, juniors Kevin Bleck and Kevin Fitzgerald and sophomore Josh Hamre all saw action at linebacker a year ago.

The defensive line will miss Thaddeus Rego, the 2002 WIAC Player of the Year, but the Eagles do return three senior starters in Jeremy Duerr, Khary Jeffers and Cory Thompson. Duerr was an All-WIAC Second Team choice last season after finishing with 50 tackles. Juniors Mike Cummings and Matt Buelow along with sophomore Chinenye Diei also return to the defensive line after seeing significant playing time last season.

Senior Rob Beauchaine and sophomores Kevin Vitkus and Kenneth Halverson return in the secondary. Beauchaine led the team with three interceptions during the 2002 campaign.

STEVENS POINT

With 45 returning letterwinners and 18 starters back from a team with a winning record, one would expect to see very little change in the look of the UW-Stevens Point football team in 2003. But, with several new additions and returning players moving into new positions, that certainly won't be the case.

The Pointers look to continue their winning ways that have resulted in 18 winning seasons over the past 19 years. Head coach John Miech has won six or more games in 13 of his 15 seasons and ranks sixth on the all-time WIAC wins list with a 99-50-2 career record.

One of the few spots where there's a sure starter is at quarterback where senior Scott Krause has started 29 consecutive games. He took every snap last season and all but three snaps during the 2001 campaign. Krause was an All-WIAC First Team selection last year while completing 53.8 percent of his passes for 2,001 yards with 17 touchdowns and eight interceptions. He is a Football Gazette Preseason All-America Third Team selection.

The players who will start in front of Krause are one of the team's biggest question marks right now. All five starters return on the offensive line, but Miech may add a few transfers and move some players from defense to help improve a line that finished sixth in the WIAC in rushing offense last season.

In the backfield, junior Cory Flisakowski returns as an All-WIAC First Team all-purpose back, while senior Jason VanderVelden was an All-WIAC First Team fullback after averaging 45.6 yards per game a year ago. Junior Kurt Kielblock, an All-WIAC Second Team running back last year, will move to wide receiver this season. Also back at receiver is junior Tony Romano, who led the team with a 45.8 yards per game average last season, and junior Ross Adamczak.

Senior linebacker Nick Haffele paces the defense after leading the league with 98 tackles last season and earning All-WIAC First Team honors. Sophomore Brent Maxwell also returns as a starter at linebacker. In the defensive backfield, the Pointers boast two returning sophomore cornerbacks as Jared Flesch and Chase Kostichka both earned valuable experience starting every conference game last season. Juniors Ryan Bentley and J.J. Chaudoir are back in the secondary, while junior defensive end Craig Johnson returns after recording team-highs with 16 tackles for loss and eight sacks a year ago. Junior Clint Bakken also returns to the defensive line after totaling 43 tackles last season.

STOUT

UW-Stout has fashioned the top defense in the conference the last three years, and top-five in the NCAA Division III during that time frame. The Blue Devils will need to rebuild their defense, despite returning seven starters from last year's unit, which allowed a conference-low 239 total yards per contest.

The defensive line will be anchored by All-WIAC First Team pick and Football Gazette Preseason All-America Third Team selection, senior Joe Kersten, and senior nose guard Matt Mueller, both three years players. The linebacking corp lost All-American Jamie Spielman and Mark Ralph, but return junior Noah Meyer and senior Chuck VanderLinden. The defensive backfield returns junior safety Rob Weinstein and three-year starter senior Kevin Dewey.

Offensively, the Blue Devils return their entire starting squad - and then some. Junior quarterback Nick Ohman returns to lead a powerful 1-2-3 backfield with rotating tailbacks, senior Luke Bundgaard, the school's all-time rushing leader, and sophomore Ryan Englebert. With almost an equal number of carries, Bundgaard finished last year with 879 rushing yards and 10 touchdowns, while Englebert had 801 yards and six touchdowns. Junior fullback Matt Schauble, who rushed for an average of 5.2 yards per carry in 2002, rounds out the starting backfield.

Ohman, who is more than capable of running the option, has a senior-laden offensive line in front of him, led by All-America tackle senior tackle Ben Knepper, who has earned Preseason All-America First Team recognition from Street & Smith's, Lindy's and Football Gazette. Returning with Knepper are seniors Josh Towner, Clint Greenbaum, Adam Speigel and Nate Balkowitsch.

Ohman can also throw to junior tight end Ross Jones, and junior wide receivers Dan Austin, Julio Vargas and Seth Mattison, as well as senior utility player Adam Moiles.

2002 STANDINGS

La Crosse	6-1
Eau Claire	5-2
Stout	4-3
Stevens Point	4-3
Whitewater	4-3
River Falls	2-5
Oshkosh	2-5
Platteville	1-6

WHITEWATER

Eighty-seven letterwinners, including nine starters on offense and eight on defense (plus both kickers), are back, and many of them are looking to improve upon three consecutive 5-5 seasons. Bob Berezowitz, the winningest active coach in the league with 117 victories, enters his 19th season at the helm of the Warhawks.

It isn't just quantity that has Warhawk followers looking for a break-out year. The offense has been built around senior running back Chad Wurth, the only back in school history to rush for at least 1,000 yards three consecutive years. Junior wide receiver Eric Stauss (42 catches) and senior Andy Rice (39) can be counted on to keep defenses from stacking the line. Four of the five linemen return, but an area that will need to be filled is quarterback. Senior Reggie Stauss, who shared time in 2001 and saw action in four games last year, will be battling with sophomore Mike Askren. Stauss poses a threat with his scrambling ability, although he has played hurt through both of his seasons at UW-Whitewater.

All-WIAC senior linebacker Andy Lobdell and senior Derek Bergum, the team's leading tackler two years ago, anchor the defense. The entire backfield returns, but a priority will be replacing team captain Dan Flanagan and end Mike Saddy, second on the team in tackles, from the defensive line.

Wurth was thrown into the breach as a placekicker halfway through last season, and performed well enough to earn All-America Third Team honors, as well as All-WIAC First Team accolades. Senior Kyle Haug is a dependable punter after ranking second in the league with 36.9 yards per kick a year ago.

UW-Whitewater begins the 2003 campaign at Mount Union (Ohio), which has won three straight NCAA Division III championships.

‘Go Greek’ with recruitment week

Fraternities, sororities seek members this week, next week

Lisa Bach
Shannan Allen
Staff Writers

For the students at UW-River Falls, the first week of September signifies the start of the school year. But for members of fraternities and sororities on campus, the beginning of school is also the start of one of the most important events of the year: recruitment.

Monday will begin formal recruitment for UW-River Falls sororities. Fraternities have already begun looking for students to join their ranks.

Interfraternity Council president Tom Casey said most of the Greek societies will aim to recruit between 10 and 15 new members this fall. Most fraternities hold dinners and social events to introduce potential members to the Greek world, Casey said.

Judy Herhold, student organizations coordinator and Greek advisor, said there will be tables in Rodli and the Student Center, and the sororities will be recruiting Sept. 14 -18.

Women interested in joining a sorority will have the opportunity to meet active members, and learn about the four sororities, during recruitment week activities.

There are approximately 300 students involved in Greek societies on campus. This number is evenly split between male and female members.

There are many reasons why people join Greek organizations. For Casey, it was networking.

"It gives you a chance to meet people in the same field as you, and you get close to them and form a great brotherhood," Casey said. "When you get out and get a job, you run into guys who were in the same fraternity as you, or were in another fraternity, and it gives you a common background."

"I'm not sure where I heard this statistic, but the last 16 presidents were Greek," he added.

Regardless of the case at the national level, Casey said fraternity members do become highly involved in campus clubs.

Many Greeks serve in leadership positions. They also serve as orientation leaders and tour guides on campus, and perform charity work to raise money for local non-profit organizations.

Why 'go Greek'?

In the next few weeks the Student Center will be adorned in posters inviting students to recruitment activities as fraternities and sororities enthusiastically search for inter-



Phi Mu member Jenni Landowski stands near a sisterhood display during recruitment week last year. Recruitment for fraternities was this week. Sororities will hold their formal recruitment next week. Submitted photo

ested and excited new members.

Recruitment week is a busy but exciting time for members and recruits alike. There are dinners, parties, dances and other get-togethers to give recruits a taste of what Greek life is like. It also offers students a chance to make new friends, which many new students are excited to do.

Sigma Sigma Amanda Bryan said that most recruits sign up a week before and come to events to feel it out. They get to spend time with each sorority.

Although this is the formal recruitment time, members can be recruited all year long. Each sorority is allowed up to 45 women, and if they don't fill that quota, they can continue to accept members informally throughout the year.

"Recruitment's the best way to join, though," Bryan said. "Because you see all the sororities."

A lot of students go into college hoping to join a Greek organization, wanting to be a part of all Greek life has to offer. Some who are not initially interested are swayed by the

recruitment process while still others have no intention of joining.

However, it seems many students go into college with some pre-conceived notion of what sororities and fraternities are like.

"It gives you a chance to meet people in the same field as you, and you get close to them and form a great brotherhood...It gives you a common background."

Tom Casey, Interfraternity Council president

"I've always assumed sororities are catty and cliquey," said freshman Kate Talbot. "It doesn't really seem like my scene."

Freshman Derek Brandt associates Greek organizations with "lots of drinking," although Bryan said that sorority events at UW-RF are alcohol free.

"We're all dry. There's no hazing," Bryan said. "We don't have houses, so no sorority is richer."

Bryan also believes that Greek organizations provide a lot for its members.

"You're going to get leadership, you're going to get a support system," Bryan said. "You're going to learn how to work well with large

groups."

"They let you get to know people, get to meet people," said student Laura Minea.

Greek life offers a concentrated social experience, creating strong relationships among fraternity brothers and sorority sisters.

"We're kind of like our own community," Bryan said.

According to members, fraternities and sororities are also a good way for students to escape from the rigors of college academic life and enjoy the social aspect of their college years.

"We're involved in everything; homecoming, winter carnival," Bryan said.

"With all the studying going on it gives you a complete breakaway for a short period of time," Brandt said.

Many Greek organizations also offer services both on and off campus.

Despite differing opinions on Greek life, it can't be denied that it's a staple on many college campuses.

"The college experience and fraternities and sororities just go along," freshman Carolyn Smith said.

HOROSCOPES

By staff psychic Eric Henning, who finally got his voice back

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)

You're a liar. You know what I'm talking about. Your professor is going to find out about it eventually. Sorry to say, but it looks like you'll be going to Hell.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

Everybody loves Homer Simpson, but his physique is not the reason why. Seriously, it's time you started working out. Maybe then people will stop asking when you're due.

ARIES (March 21-April 20)

You need to stop staring at that cute girl in your English class. She knows you're oogling her and it's giving her the willies. Try looking out the corner of your eye while looking straight ahead at the blackboard and you will still have some eye candy.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

If you're a Taurus, you probably feel a special connection to the Ford Taurus automobile. It's an ugly midsize family sedan, but that doesn't in any way reflect upon you. Or does it?

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Just face it. Your crush doesn't like you. She thinks you are weird, not to mention smelly. You could shower, but you'll always be weird. Sorry, but it just ain't gonna happen.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

If you are a Cancer, you will probably consume a large quantity of alcohol tonight. Take it slow and you might live to see tomorrow.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

Remember Uncle Leo from Seinfeld? Remember that episode where he lost his eyebrows? That was some funny stuff. I feel happy when I think about Uncle Leo. If you're a Leo, you'll be happy too.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept 23)

It might be your birthday today. You'll probably drink a massive amount of alcohol tonight and pass out in a pudule of vomit in someone's backyard two miles from your house. Ditto if it isn't your birthday.

LIBRA (Sep. 23-Oct. 23)

You are short on cash, but becoming a stripper is a bad idea. I mean, look at yourself. Nobody is going to pay for that. Try collecting aluminum cans instead.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

You find Eminem attractive. It's OK, it is natural for Scorpios to be attracted to white trash gangster types. But liking Eminem's music is just not right. No good will come of it. Try listening to the soothing vibes of Snoop Dogg instead.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

You find the girl in the House of Hardy ad for fishing poles attractive. This is disturbing, because she looks like an elf. Get yourself a Victoria's Secret catalog and your eyes shall be opened.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22- Jan 20)

Something bad will happen to you today. Wear a pink tutu to the bar and I think you'll find my psychic powers amazing.

Not all celebrities are in news for scandals

I am a huge fan of People magazine, and I read it each week religiously.

It's a good way to unwind after a long day of homework, attending classes and working. Sometimes there's even the occasional thoughtful article amidst all the fluff about Britney's latest crush or J.Lo's new movie.

One of those thoughtful articles appeared in last week's issue. It was about celebrities who use their time and money for good causes and not just shopping for the latest Manolo Blahnik shoes.

I am usually skeptical when it comes to celebrities and their 'causes,' but this article actually gave me a little seed of faith in the good that celebrities can do, if they choose to use their fame and fortune in a positive way.

Julianne Moore is an advocate for Tuberous Sclerosis Complex, which is a genetic disorder that causes benign tumors to form in many organs, often leading to brain dysfunction and autism. She was approached on the street by a man whose son suffers from the disorder, and made such a connection with the boy that she became a staunch supporter. She helped to raise \$80,000 at one fundraiser.

Julia Roberts became an advocate for Rett's Syndrome after becoming friends with a child who had it. Rett's is a neurological disorder that leaves people, mainly girls, unable to speak or control their movements.

Roberts narrated and appeared in a documentary about Rett's, sold raffle tickets to raise money for the

International Rett Syndrome Association, and testified before Capitol Hill to raise awareness and gain funding for research.

When her nine-year-old friend died from it, she said she felt more motivated than ever to help in any way she could.

SARAH MATARA

Ben Stiller raises money

for people who have amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or Lou Gehrig's disease. He used his winnings from "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" to help fund research and became the spokesperson for Project A.L.S.

Anthony Edwards of "E.R." fame is considered an expert witness on Capitol Hill concerning autism and tirelessly asks Congress members for research funding. His friends had an autistic child in 1994 and ever since he has helped autistic children and their parents through support groups.

After Jamie Lee Curtis met a vivacious cancer patient named Katie at a benefit for Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, she has dedicated herself to raising money for the facility. After Katie died, Curtis went to visit the patients in the hospital, wearing a pink clown wig in honor of her friend.

Even though many celebrities are probably nice people who don't mind giving money to good causes, it was refreshing to read of a few who actually set aside time to devote to a cause and make friends with people who have to go through these illnesses.

I was glad to read about some stars who spend energy on something besides the latest fashions, promoting new movies, or dating someone fifteen years younger.

Like Moore said in the article, "The only thing celebrity is good for is to bring attention to things that need attention."



BUILDING A HOME



Pete Potyondy (left), junior, and Bryan Wallace, sophomore, assemble a custom loft in their room in Stratton Hall. The roommates, with the help of their parents, designed their own drawbridge-style bunks to better use the limited size of their residence hall room. Photo by Mike Foley



EVENTS

Free Concert

Pop/rock band "Swerve"
Sept. 12, 7:30 p.m. at
the UW-RF
Amphitheater

UW-RF Art Class Exhibit

'Of the Prairie'
Phipps Center for the
Arts, Hudson, WI
Showing through Sept.
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Reading Series

Author Michael Fedo will
be reading from his
novel *Indians in the
Arborvitae*.
3:30 p.m. Sept. 12
Library Breezeway

Art and Music

'Clay, Steel, Boy,' a
mixed media gallery.
There will also be live
music.
Foster Hall, Hammond,
WI
Sept. 13, 5-9 p.m.
Sept. 14, 12-3 p.m.

Plan Ahead...

Falcon Frontier Days Rodeo

Clear your schedule for
some rip-roaring rodeo
action.
Sept. 19-20
Lab Farm 1
\$10 adults, \$6 students,
\$5 children

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

'Human Nature' on display in gallery 101



Photography exhibit
Gallery 101, KFA
Showing until Sept. 24

Photos by Peter Latner and Richard Copley capture the essence of human nature. Join the artists Sept. 19 at 3:30 p.m. for a reception and gallery talk. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Stop by Sunday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. For more information about the exhibit, call the art department at 425-3266.



This Richard Copley photograph, taken on 5th Avenue in New York City, is one of the many photographs on exhibit in Gallery 101 in KFA.

Road trip tales good for a laugh

As you probably don't recall, in the final issue of last semester's *Student Voice*, Editor-in-Chief Jen Cullen wrote a column about her upcoming road trip to Chicago. I know you are all dying to know how it went. Because I also went on this trip (as did sports editor Mike Foley and assistant editor Kyle Weaver), I will gladly tell you.

The drive to Chicago and back gave us plenty of time to learn more about each other. When that got boring, we took naps. I took a lot of naps on this trip.

The first evening there we had some time to kill. I wanted to go to a movie, but was voted down because it was pointed out I could watch a movie anytime. Instead, everyone else voted to drink alcohol around the campfire. I pointed out they could drink anytime. They said, sure, but not around a campfire. So because I don't drink, I soberly made sure nobody passed out into the campfire.

The next day we went to Wrigley Field and watched the Cubs play. Sammy Sosa didn't hit a darn thing and the Cubs lost. But it was okay, because everybody loves the Cubs no matter what.

One of the highlights of the whole trip for me was flagging down a taxi. We needed a taxi because it had been raining for several hours. I'm not sure I did it correctly, because a lot of people were staring at me by the time the taxi stopped. I refer to the procedure I used as the 'Dash and Wave'. I stood in the entrance of a packed bar and looked for a taxi through the sheets of rain. When I saw one, I dashed out to the curb and waved at the taxi. And it stopped.

Taxis have a meter that count, in dollars, how far you travel. This meter fascinated me, because I was paying for the cab. We traveled pretty darn far in that cab.

Taxi drivers are really nice, in a sort of creepy "perhaps I will take you to a dark alley and kill you" way. Our driver asked me how the Cubs did and recommended a strip club we could go to.

Later that night when we got back to our campsite, we determined the tent was not waterproof. Some of the sleeping bags were wet, and there were puddles of water in the tent. Kyle's sleeping bag soaked up water like a sponge, something I was grateful for, because my sleeping bag was basically dry. At 50 degrees with high humidity, it was cold. I wanted to go to a motel, but was voted down in favor of sleeping in the wet tent. Like any sensible person would do, I refused to sleep in the wet tent. I took my dry sleeping bag and slept in the car. Everyone else apparently thought they were Eskimos and slept in the tent. It turned out Kyle was NOT an Eskimo. He nearly froze to death in his shorts, sleeping in that wet tent on top of his wet sleeping bag. I, on the other hand, was quite toasty in the back of the car.

Using laundromat dryers did not occur to anyone until the next morning.

Throughout our stay in Chicago, we spent a lot of time riding the L train. This is a handy mass transit system that enables you to get from one part of Chicago to another without the hassle of driving. Instead you have the hassle of remembering to get off at the right stop or you might wind up miles from where you want to be. I found out these trains accelerate really fast, and they don't wait around for you to find a seat or grab a railing. That's all I'm going to say about that.

We also spent some time in and around parking garages. One night we arrived at the parking garage containing our car, only to find it was locked for the night. When you are stranded on the streets of Chicago after midnight, you tend to get a little worried. To anybody who saw us out there, such as the muggers and murderers I knew were probably lurking nearby, we must have looked like a group of panicked tourists.

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Although I haven't researched this, I'm pretty sure panicked tourists are frequent victims of Chicago muggers and murderers. We eventually found a security guard at a nearby hospital who told us how to get into the garage. It ended up working out okay, because we weren't mugged or murdered and we didn't have to pay anything to get out.

Chicago has a lot of - and I say this respectfully - bums. There are the cup-rattling bums, the scruffy fellows sitting on the sidewalk near nice restaurants and stores rattling a cup of change. Prices being what they are in Chicago, I think they are going to need more than a cup of change to get a decent meal.

There are the aggressive bums that come right up and ask you for money. Better tactics, but I still think it will be rough going for these guys financially. I gave one guy who fit this profile 14 cents. He complained about the amount, but I said that was all I had and he left me alone. I hope he put that 14 cents right in the piggy bank.

There are the bums who take matters into their own hands, not depending on tight-fisted ingrates like myself for eking out a living. I saw a guy walking around the Wrigley Field neighborhood with a shopping cart full of aluminum cans he picked up off the ground and out of garbage cans. The guy was industrious and I hope he's doing OK. I'd feel more confident about his well being if he had been using the sidewalk instead of walking down the street like his shopping cart was a vehicle.

All in all, Chicago treated us very well, in the sense that we made it out alive and still had a few dollars left in our wallets.

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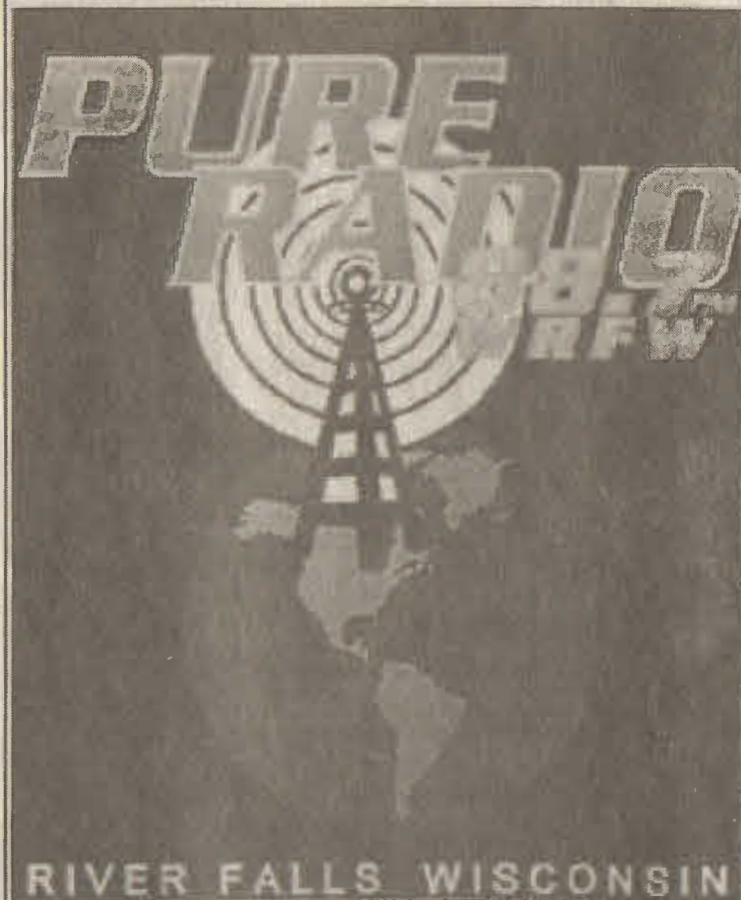
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