

## Mountin Oversees UW-Parkside Athletics

When veteran UW-Parkside Athletic Director Dave Williams took a similar position at Missouri Western State University, April 1, there was a void at the head of the Parkside Athletic Department. Matt Mountin filled that void, stepping up to the plate as the school's interim athletics director. Mountin, who had been working in the department as the associate athletic director for compliance and operations, found himself moving into the big office at the end of the hall.

Mountin, originally from Wauwatosa, Wis., boomeranged his way back to Wisconsin after a stint at Colorado State-Pueblo, an NCAA Division II school. It was there he served as sports information director, compliance coordinator and athletic facilities manager.

"I wanted to get a compliance job back in the Midwest at a Division II school," recalled Mountin. "I saw an opening advertised at Parkside on the NCAA website and I applied. It was as close as I could get to Milwaukee and still be in Division II. Plus, Parkside is extremely similar to my previous school which made the transition easier."

Mountin skillfully ran UW-Parkside's game operations throughout the school year, while ensuring student-athletes were eligible as the compliance officer. He was also heavily involved and is largely responsible for the new website, [www.parksiderangers.com](http://www.parksiderangers.com).

As Mountin was growing into his new position and excelling at a wide-range of duties, Williams announced his resignation. Chancellor Jack Keating tabbed Mountin as the interim athletic director.

"I have a greater appreciation for the skill it takes to manage a department of this size and this quality," said Mountin of his added role. "Of course, it has challenges."

Mountin said one of the biggest challenges is to increase resources, both human and financial.

"We need to find a way to increase resources to help our coaches perform their jobs at a high level and that, in turn, does more for the student-athletes," Mountin said. "But, regardless, we will continue to do things the right way and compete at a high level with dignity and respect."



**Matt Mountin**

Mountin earned a bachelor of arts degree in journalism from Marquette University and stayed on at the Milwaukee school to garner a juris doctor. All the while at MU, Mountin was heavily involved in the Golden Eagles' sports information department, fueling his appetite for collegiate athletics. His passion for collegiate athletics is evident in his early workings at UW-Parkside.

Mountin likes Parkside's position as a member of the Great Lakes Valley Conference. "I see no reason why our teams cannot be perennially competitive in the GLVC," Mountin said. "And, if you can be competitive in the GLVC, you can be competitive nationally because that's how good this league is."

While the tag of interim athletic director hangs on Mountin, he still has his compliance duties. Essentially, he is performing two full-time jobs under one roof.

"Compliance is what I know better and that has stricter deadlines," he said. "Other people in the department have increased their efforts to take on other duties when needed."

Mountin said he would happily return to his role as an assistant and head of compliance. Until that time, he will continue to solicit advice from Williams and his former coworkers in Pueblo, thus keeping the Ranger ship on course.

"Hopefully, this is the place for me for the rest of my career," he said. "

Mountin recently moved from Oak Creek, Wis., to Racine with his wife, Jen, and their daughter, Emily.

### Bell and the Pack

In the last issue of Perspective, we tested your knowledge of faculty trivia.

Of the more than 20 correct responses, Craig Simpkins ('93) won a Tim Bell autographed UW-Parkside sweatshirt.

Simpkins is currently a finance manager for Rockwell Automation in Milwaukee.

"While attending UW-P, I was involved in several campus organizations, and interacted with the four individuals that were included in the trivia question.

Knowing their competencies versus those of Mr. Bell, coupled with his great music background for the University of North Texas, it was an easy choice," Simpkins said.

