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Chancellor approves SGA bail out

Chancellor: "They're too big - and too self-important - to fail!"

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Chancellor Linda Bunnell earmarked a record \$33.2 million in her annual budget on Tuesday in a provision designed to save the Student Government Association from going under.

"Wherever you may stand on this issue," Bunnell said, "the fact remains that even as SGA continues to raise segregated fees - amidst rising tuition and schooling costs - and add new staff positions, the institution of shared governance must survive, nay, it must thrive!"

"SGA," the Chancellor continued, "has made itself too big - and too self-important - to be allowed to fail! If SGA goes down, the ripples will be felt in every corner of the university."

"This is wonderful news," said SGA President Katie Kloth. "This means we can add more issues directors and buy an island of trees somewhere so they don't get cut down!"

The highly controversial action has many critics questioning the role SGA has carved for itself in recent years. Taking stances, approving policies and passing budgets that, some argue, fall well out of their jurisdiction and/or mission statement, the SGA has become larger and larger.

Others go so far as to call the ever-

increasing size of SGA's executive staff in the face of a shrinking senate "shameless" and a "misappropriation of student dollars and trust."

"Who are we to deny student organizations funding if they ask for it, or a special interest group their own paid position in the government if they suggest it in passing?" asked one SGA member who wished to remain anonymous. "Personally, I can totally see how these things pay for themselves over the long term. Say, did you need money for anything? Something eco-friendly and sustainable perhaps?"

"Everyone in this office works incredibly hard," said Kloth, choking back tears. "Some are putting in 40 hours a week and I don't want to hear anyone saying otherwise! That's bad karma."

"Sure," Bunnell added, "we would have liked to have had SGA not approve a budget that increased its previous budget by over 1,500 percent, and we would like to have not had to cut most academic programs in order to finance this, but what can you do? They said I was standing in the way of Shared Governance."

The Chancellor later added, "Hopefully this will shut them up. Maybe they can buy some tar sands or an owl and feel good about themselves."

The \$33.2 million bail out will mean an approximate increase of \$3,500 in costs and fees to students next year.

However, in response to this news, SGA vowed not to allow the UW-SP administration to raise fees or costs, at all, and has instead demanded that the money for the bail out be taken from the school's academic programs.

The University has thereby announced plans to do away with costly professors in favor of Wikipedia, a move Kloth calls "a victory for shared governance."

Experts estimate that by 2013; each student at UW-SP will have their own issues director within SGA, with pay and hours for each position being commensurated with what most professors would have been making - if UW-SP still has professors.

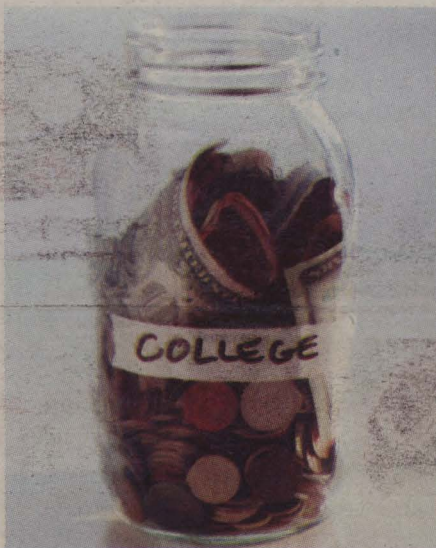


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Money, kept in jars in the SGA office.

SGA pres. elections end in turmoil; Kloth declared president for life

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In a shocking turn of events, Student Government Association president Katie Kloth declared herself "president for life," a term once used by Julius Caesar when he made himself dictator over the Roman Empire, as well as Napoleon Bonaparte.

After two SGA presidential election attempts riddled with computer errors, glitches and complaints, students demanded change and Kloth had seemingly had enough.

Kloth held a special meeting Tuesday, March 31, to bring together those students that felt disenfranchised by the SGA elections committee and do something about it.

"I think it is important that the students' voices are heard on this, and it is clear the elections committee has failed us all," said Kloth. "So, it is with this that I step up as president

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Recession hits UW-SP faculty hairline

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Organization plans crack down on young, dirty hookers

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The state of Wisconsin is taking action to crack down on the number of young women becoming hookers. The new statewide chapter of Hugs Not Hooks hopes to raise awareness of the growing crocheting menace and offering alternative programs for youths.

HNH founder Cindy Blanchette knows the dangers of unmonitored hooking all too well. Her oldest daughter Claudia, is currently serving the first of a five-year jail sentence for maintaining an illegal crocheting operation.

"At first I just noticed she had a lot of new hats and sweaters," said Blanchette. "It wasn't until I noticed money missing from my wallet and an increasing amount of yarn in the

house that I thought there might be a problem."

Claudia had been turned on to crocheting by a friend's older sister who had been a hooker since middle school. What began as a weekend activity soon grew into a much larger problem, as Claudia began skipping school and hooking on the street. As her involvement in hooking grew, she began recruiting other girls from school to join her.

"I never thought Claudia was a bad kid," said neighbor and classmate Alison Verk. "Then one day I walked past her as she stood on a street corner and I could hardly believe my eyes. She was making a scarf."

Wisconsin is far from being the only area feeling the effects of increased hooking activity. According to watchdog group Parents Against

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Hookers practicing their trade.

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News

“Wolf” man found in Schmeeckle

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Missing for over 40 years, the mystery of the “Wolf” man has been solved.

Deemed an adolescent run-away, a kidnapped college kid, a lost soul, no one ever really knew what happened to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point freshman that disappeared so many years ago, until now.

Found on Friday afternoon sleeping in Schmeeckle, the lost teen, who is now a bearded man, was arrested for trespassing on campus property.

Introducing himself to officials as “Wolf,” it was clear why he chose this nickname. He has been visibly living as such in the nature reserve and had also accumulated this animal’s appearance; he is covered in hair.

After arriving at the police station, “Wolf” was identified by police as Harry Dogmann, the former UW-SP student who went missing in 1962.

Dogmann told officials his reason for running in the 60’s was his desire to live like a wolf. He wanted a “simple life” in nature and decided Schmeeckle Reserve was the perfect place to make his home.

“This is an incredible case to close,” said police officer Annie

Malover. “It has troubled a lot of people in Stevens Point for many years.”

Malover and other officials find it hard to believe that Dogmann was not spotted before. They attest that his ability to stay hidden for so many years is bewildering.

Dogmann was first spotted on Friday by sophomore and biology major Hanes Herway when he was hiking deep in the woods.

“From far away, it looked like a dead body,” said Herway.

Curious, Herway walked closer, realizing it was an older man who appeared to be sleeping. He said the man was bundled in a sleeping bag and had empty cans scattered about him.

Herway immediately called the police.

When police arrived at Schmeeckle, Herway took them to Dogmann’s campout. The police woke up the sleeping man and arrested him for trespassing.

Police report it was a difficult arrest. The “wolf” man tried to flee, but was caught by police officer Ginger Bredman about 60 yards away from the campsite.

Dogmann has no known immediate family and will be kept in jail until further notice.

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for life to continue to protect the environment, third world countries, skateboarders and stuff. Oh, and I guess some of the students, too.”

The room blew up with huge rounds of applause and cheer as the four students attending were overwhelmed with the joy of seeing Kloth as president for a much longer term.

“I’m so glad I’ve lived to see a moment where real change is happening in SGA,” said Joseph Shirminernsnoff. “Maybe something will really get done in the next 20-40 years.”

Elections committee members met the decision with much dismay.

“I’m not sure what to think about this as I am utterly surprised,” said Casey Ehrhardt. “I’m glad we don’t have to run another election, that would have been hell, but it looks like we won’t be running elections for a long time.”

Kloth immediately stepped out as president for life making her first decision to ensure that the student voice is always heard by eliminating the SGA senate. The senate had only contained five senators, but they were given executive staff positions to ensure their silence.

“Oh well, at least I get paid now,” said an anonymous former senator.

Other immediate decisions included building a skate park in the sundial as well as donating the entire University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Learning Resource Center also

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Yarn-Based Activities, the number of young women being drawn into underground crocheting rings nationally has nearly tripled since 1999. Suspected factors include the increased availability of cheaper foreign yarn, colder winters calling for warmer apparel and a cultural arts and crafts revival.

“As the economy has declined, the number of women of all ages turning to street hooking has increased,” said PAYBA spokesperson Francine Clomp. “Women are now seeing hooking as a viable way to keep clothes on the backs of their families rather than the illicit and immoral activity it has been traditionally viewed as.”

Currently, the average age of a starting hooker is 13, the lowest in statistical history. PAYBA places the blame on modern technology, claiming that hooking is simply a placeholder activity to keep the hands busy when away from electronic devices. However, there is good news coming from PAYBA.

“We have seen the percentage of youth knitters decrease significantly since we began our needle exchange program,” said Clomp. “The only thing worse than a young hooker is a knitter using dirty needles, which can lead to infections and slipped stitches.”

For more information about hooking and preventive or alternative treatments for yarn-based activities, contact your local chapter of HNH or PAYBA.



- A kitten has the equivalent absorbency of a car sponge.
- The plastic things on the end of shoelaces are called aglets.
- Polar bears like to dress up as Judy Garland on the weekend.
- In 1984, an Ohio family visiting New York City stood at a broken “Don’t Walk” sign for three days.
- Every common food product, with the exception of fish and gummy bears, contains some traces of peanuts.
- Touch-tone telephone keypads were originally planned to have buttons for police and fire departments, but they were replaced with * and # when the project was cancelled in favor of developing the 911 system.
- There are about 1,792 steps to the top of the Eiffel Tower.
- It is impossible, according to physics, for an asteroid to orbit Earth for more than 3.5 years without colliding into it.
- In St. Louis it’s illegal to sit on the curb and drink beer out of a bucket.
- Bubble blowing wands were originally a ploy to sell more dish soap.
- The backpack was created as a replacement to purses. Purses at the time, were too small to carry what many women needed.

CAC. Students will be able to walk down to their dorm room basement and enter their classroom without donning any winter jackets or boots as all of the underground tunnels will be kept at 72 degrees Fahrenheit, heated exclusively by geothermal heat. Student reactions across campus have all been positive. “For UW-SP to do something like this for the students is absolutely astounding. I guess it shows that they actually care,” said UW-SP senior Kyle Haet. For some, the project represents a new age in the infrastructure advancement of UW-SP. “This definitely puts us ahead of all other UW schools, it really shows how advanced we are,” said UWSP senior science major Quint Happebeaner, who also commented on how he’d rather travel underground than above ground. However, there haven’t been positive reactions from everywhere on campus. Questions have been raised from high-ranking university officials about where the funding will come from, how the UMWS will affect building stability and how long the project will take to complete. “I hope UW-SP doesn’t try to stop this project with their bureaucratic numbo-jumbo, this is an absolute necessity for us students,” said sixth year senior Marty Gumper.

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point announced plans to break ground for an underground moving walkway system this past Friday. The estimated \$50 million project is being hailed as one of the biggest victories for student rights. “This is a win for students everywhere, not just UW-SP,” said Amie Gogalash, spokesperson for the student body.

The underground moving walkway system, was formulated by a group of students after the winter of 2007, in which a vicious snowstorm claimed the lives of six students who were attempting to make it to class. “This project is representative of those students’ bravery to try and make it to class, even though they were probably the suck-ups who sat in the front row,” said UMWS founder, Steven Phillips.

The project will feature underground tunnels from all of the residence halls directed toward a large central tunnel with a moving walkway to and from the College of Professional Studies. From the CPS, there will be multiple moving walkways to various buildings including the CCC, NFAC, DUC and

UWSP to install moving walkways

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SGA hires dolphin; “click click eeek”

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In a surprise move, the Student Government Association unanimously approved the appointment of a dolphin as the organization's new executive director last Thursday.

"We are very excited to finally have students with 'aquatic needs' represented on the staff," said SGA President Katie Kloth. "I'm not really sure how you pronounce his name in his native tongue, but I'm told the anglicized version translates to 'Harley,' so we're super pumped to have Harley the dolphin on board. Of course, not literally on board, because he needs to be in water to live, but you know what I mean."

Harley the dolphin is an urban forestry major with minors in international studies and dietetics.

In a release dated Monday, March 30, Harley the dolphin went on a preemptive attack on all of his critics, stating, "Click, click-click. Eeeee, click, click, eeek eek. Click, eeek, cleee-ick-ick!"

It is widely believed that Harley the dolphin will present a challenge to the traditional makeup of SGA, which has not previously attempted to hire an animal renowned throughout the animal kingdom for its intelligence.

"There will be a learning curve, no doubt," said SGA Vice President Kirk Cychosz. "But, by god, we

have already put in the order for an aquarium on wheels, and we are currently looking into if the tuna salad on campus is "dolphin-safe," because clearly this is a concern for Harley."

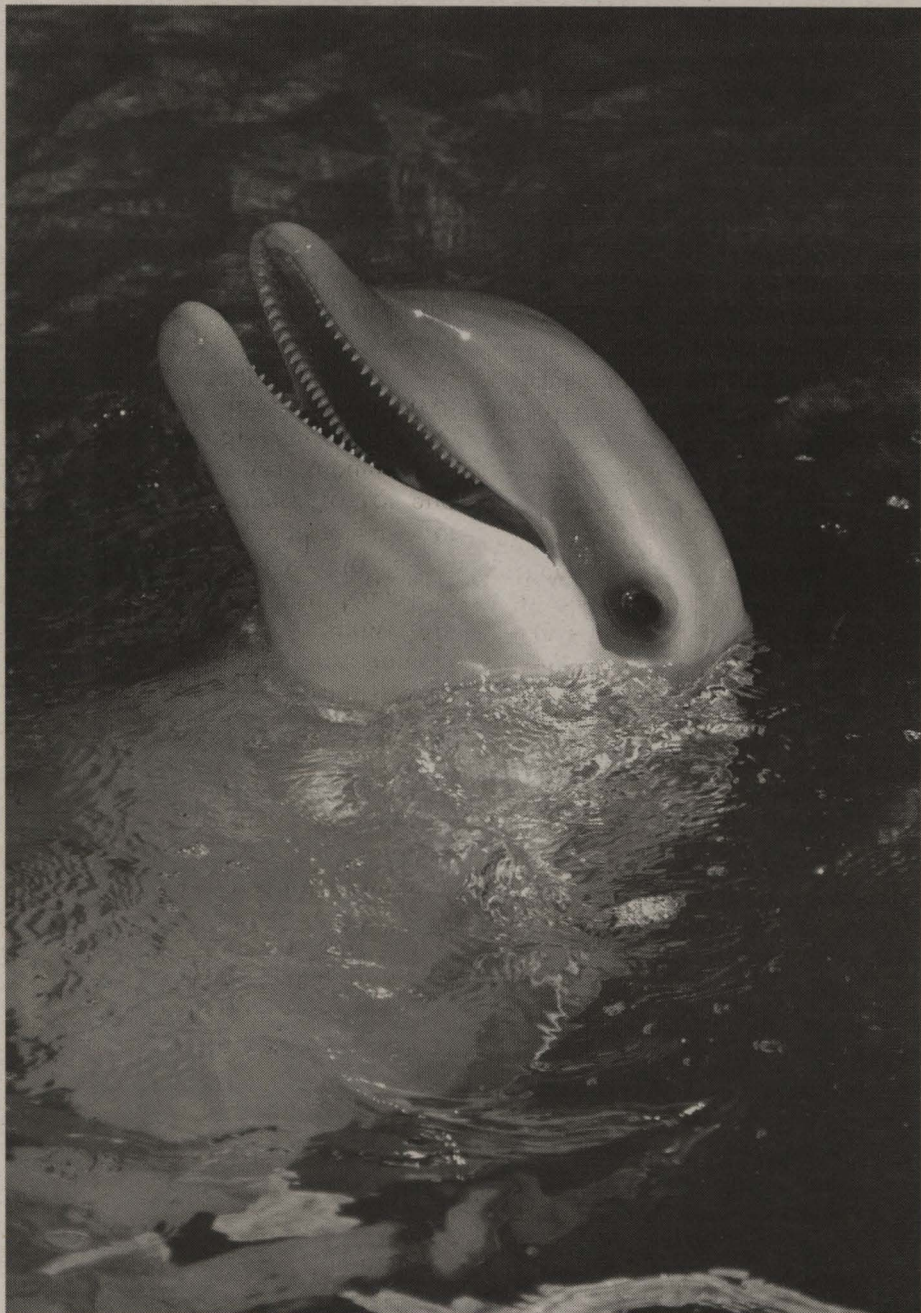
Some have decried SGA's action as reactionary, citing concerns over global warming being taken too far, as well as calling into question the actual validity of Harley the Dolphin's application.

"I saw the thing," said CPS senator Andrew Letson. "It was written in chum. And being in the ROTC, I know something about chum."

The act of appointing wildlife to the SGA executive board is not without precedent, however. In the early 1980s, SGA briefly employed Klaus von Bearlow, the Danish-German exchange bear who gained notoriety for marrying into the Worzalla family fortune, as academic issues director.

Ultimately, von Bearlow was forced into resignation amid allegations, and a later conviction, that he had forced the then vice president into an insulin coma and proceeded to partially eat him. Von Bearlow was later cleared of any wrongdoing on court appeal.

Harley the dolphin did not respond to repeated interview requests prior to press time, though he did offer to demonstrate a very impressive back flip in exchange for a fish. "The Pointer" declined, as it does not pay for stories.



Hyer Hall meets early demise due to miscommunication and budget cuts

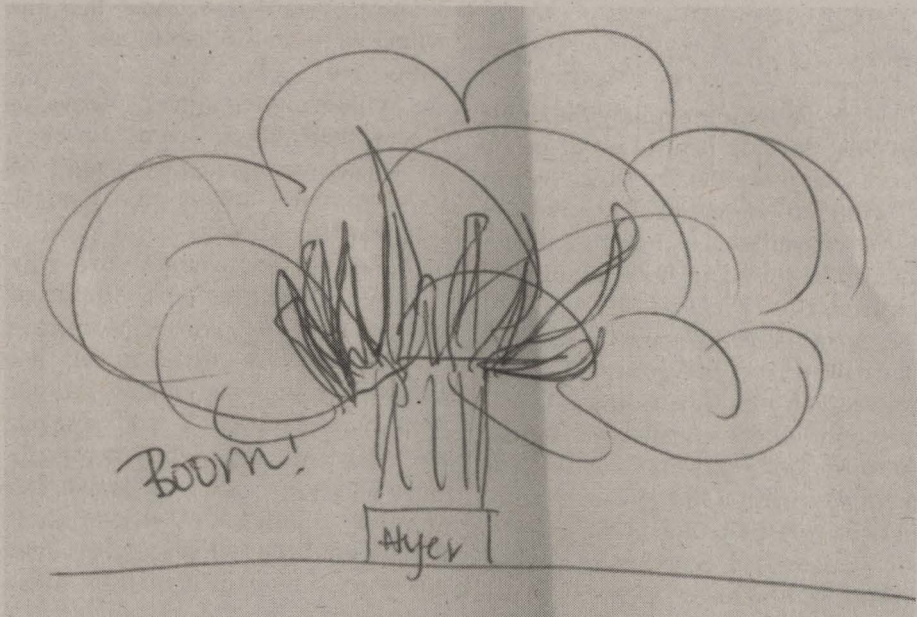


Photo courtesy of Erin "Whimpers" Mueller

An artist rendering of the Hyer Hall explosion made by a student who happened to be standing outside during the explosion.

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Students on the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus awoke early Sunday, March 29 to the sound of a giant explosion, as Hyer Hall, set to be demolished this summer, met an accidental early demise through strategic explosives.

At 1 a.m. staff and their student mistresses in Hyer Hall were rushed out of their beds and over to the Debot Center with little explanation.

At 1:03 a.m., Hyer Hall went up in a fiery burst, leaving nothing but a crater and debris behind. Only four students survived the explosion.

"We had planned to blow up the building during the summer, but I guess I forgot to give that schedule to the explosive engineers," said Joe Totman, director of Residential Living. "Oops, my bad."

The explosive engineers attributed the early explosion of Hyer Hall to a fear of budget cuts at the UW System level.

"We needed to take down that building early if we're going to do it at all, especially in this recession," said Bowser, owner of Destroy Mario Demolition. "We sent Mr. Totman a memo a few hours before we set off the explosives, clearly enough time to clear out."

Surviving students from Hyer Hall were torn apart by the loss of

their friends.

"My iPod," said Charlie McJohnsonski, UW-SP freshman. "Oh my god, my iPod! How will I ever survive? How will I breathe? How will I eat? Why? Why?"

The university does not plan to reimburse students for their lost property or roommates.

"They should have noticed the high explosives being slowly moved into the hall lobby," said Totman.

The students lost in the explosion will not be forgotten as the the Student Government Association plans to name the new hall after all those lost in the incident. They will be naming it the Krszjzaniek, Nechuta, Leb, Seamandel, Rombalski, King, Glodowski, Baumann, Boseo, Gernetzke, Ratchman, Sprattler, Schuelke, Haight, Meyer, Taubenheim, Mathias, Barnard, Findlay, Riegert, Clark, Juhnke, Berg, Lady V, Mueller, iPod Hall.

"It is only right that we remember their tragic deaths in this residence hall by naming a new hall after them," said Katie Kloth, SGA president for life.

The four students remaining will be allowed to live in their cars for the rest of the semester. The students would have rejoiced at the revelation if they had not found out their cars were recently destroyed by Chancellor Bunnell during a series of consecutive parking incidents.

Photo courtesy of a camera

Harley the dolphin (left) is the newest staff member for the Student Government Association. Harley makes only rare appearances and this photo was taken after consuming fellow classmates.

Translation: "Click, click-click-click.
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known as a library to African third world countries costing \$1.2 million in shipping.

"The skate park will definitely be adequate reparation to all those skateboarders who have been discriminated against by the University and the city and the books will truly make a bigger difference than they were on our campus; nobody reads books from there anyway," said Kloth.

Stay tuned to SGA updates for details as The Pointer may no longer be in print.

Falcon's Gate reportedly gets a girlfriend

Pointless Staff

In what some are calling the single greatest development to occur in the world of make-believe since World of Warcraft went online, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's Falcon's Gate is reported to have acquired a girlfriend.

A cautious optimism seems to have overtaken the group in recent weeks. Falcon's Gate, known for its recreation of pre-seventeenth century culture and chivalry, has had its members report a 100 percent increase in female participation at meetings.

"Once, Phil Smedgman's sister waited for him to get done so that she could get a ride somewhere," said one member, "but all she did was text and roll her eyes, so we only counted her as half being there. But, now, with this girl ... it's weird, really."

"We don't want to blow this," said Smedgman. "I think I'll ask her if she wants me to make her some chain mail, because I make awesome chain mail. Maybe she wants to be Dungeon Master next month. We better pace ourselves; too much too soon can be bad."

No member is exactly sure what the woman's name is, though many believe it to be "Wendy" or

"Samantha." One member dressed in a knight's garb and brandishing a lance, hazarded a guess that the woman's name, "doth be Lady Guinevere."

Whatever the given name of the woman, there seems to be a consensus among members that she is "awesome," "totally cute" and "a true maiden of honor."

"At first we weren't sure why she was watching us," reported one member that wished to remain anonymous. "We offered to help her find where she was looking for, but then she said she was here to hang out and watch us. And when it became clear she wasn't there to make fun of us, we didn't know what to do. It wasn't until the following week that we realized that she actually wanted to be there."

Previous attempts at Falcon's Gate interactions with women have garnered mixed results.

At an August 2007 Renaissance Fair, one member of Falcon's Gate was reported to have gotten halfway to first base with a saucy wench, until it was revealed that the wench was Kevin's mother there to pick him up for an orthodontist appointment.

In May of 2008, a WoW tournament performance by "19hottie4u" allowed several members to experience their first nocturnal emissions while awake.



Photo courtesy of C.J. "Cynicism Machine" Boettcher

Falcon's Gate member Pandor presents his new fair maiden with the lance of Eggensausage.

Tragically, "19hottie4u" turned out to be 47-year-old unemployed plumber Mike Zamuda of Wildwood, N.J., a discovery that led to several members' first "nocturnal repression."

In an October 2008 incident, Scott Karotika's mother accidentally queued Jenna Jameson's "Pirates" instead of the third installment of Disney's "Pirates of the Caribbean" trilogy. The ensuing viewing party caused three asthma attacks, two cases of

post-traumatic stress and one very awkward phone call to Zamuda.

It was not known at press time if the woman had ever seen the third "Pirates of the Caribbean" installment or if she would be interested in coming over to Karotika's house sometime with everyone to watch it, though Falcon's Gate does intend on finding out "real soon."

Terminator's long-lost daughter morphs into yeast-loving hamster

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A University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point student has been confronted by multiple students and faculty on her recent metamorphosis, occurring during lunch periods at the Dreyfus University Center cafeteria.

Students reported witnessing Mallory Smith unexpectedly transform into a hamster while eating her food earlier this semester. While it's uncertain what exactly is causing the alterations, many students have reported seeing her in line for a Stewed and Chewed meal quite often.

Many students have eaten Stewed and Chewed soups before and have experienced no mutations, but other indicators may need to be taken into consideration.

"Sometimes I see her remove a large mason jar full of this brown liquidy stuff from her bag after she sits down to eat," Adam Tomason said.

The liquid drink that accompanies her meal is kombucha, Smith said.

"It's kinda like tea, but bitter, and it's so good with my soup!" she said.

Smith brews the "mushroom tea" and the brew holds a symbiotic relationship to yeast components.

Yeast is also a helpful stress reducer for hamsters.

"It's possible that the kombucha

drink has caused the chemicals in Smith's body to catalyze with the introduction of yeast, thus perhaps triggering the metamorphosis into a hamster," Sheila McGuirk said, a UW-Madison professor of food-animal and large-animal production.

Smith's lineage also indicates some disturbing correlations. Growing up in foster homes her entire life, she never knew who her real father was until recently, when the episodic hamster mutations began to occur and through investigations, she finally found out who her biological father was. A confrontational phone call led to an apologetic meeting, as Smith met with Arnold Schwarzenegger, her father.

"I realized that I don't have to feel like such an outcast anymore," Smith said. "My real dad is just as out-of-the-ordinary as I am."

It was at this confrontation, a father meeting his freakish daughter for the very first time, that Schwarzenegger openly admitted that he was, in fact, a Terminator.

Smith and Schwarzenegger will be making a tour to campuses all over the United States in hopes of developing further understanding of their unique genetics.

Students at UW-SP are being asked to remain calm during Smith's episodic incidences of metamorphosis into a hamster.

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Knutzen Hall residents forced to shower

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An epic showdown between students and administration on the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus came to a head last Friday. The Wisconsin Supreme Court sided with UW-SP administration as well as students with nasal receptors, that the residents of Knutzen Hall would have to shower by April 10.

"We are giving the citizens of Knutzen Residence Hall two weeks to comply with our decision," wrote State Supreme Court Justice Shirley S. Abrahamson in the unanimous court decision. "The odor that these individuals exude can be classified

Times" magazine last year that the problem truly exploded.

"High Times," the unofficial Knutzen Hall periodical of choice, suggested that the cleansing properties of "patchouli and incense" may have been previously understated, and that, in fact, the combination was all a person really needed to "clean up in the morning."

"If only 'High Times' ran retractions," said Julie Zsido Assistant Director of Residential Living. "So much of this could have been avoided."

"You know, in Kentucky, they would all be arrested," said Zsido, referring to the oft-cited Kentucky statute wherein all residents of the

one concerned scientist in a court deposition, "that we are seeing in residents' clothing is reaching cataclysmic levels. Any attempts to wash said clothing would release a patchouli spill into the Wisconsin River watershed unheard of outside of Vermont...our streams are just not prepared for such an event horizon!"

"The best solution," the deposition continued, "is to carefully collect the garments into airtight bags and ship them to a Phish concert where they can be released back into their natural environment."

Chancellor Linda Bunnell even added her opinion on the debacle.

"You know, all that money invested in solar hot water doesn't look that impressive if it's only being used to supply hot water for cleaning mason jars that people use as drinking cups," said Bunnell.

Reactions from Knutzen Hall to the court decision were uniform.

"...Soap?" said most of those interviewed.

Reactions elsewhere on campus have ranged from subdued to jubilant.

"At first, the smell, I did not notice, but now, it is, how you say, terrible," said one stereotypical French exchange student named Jacques Merci.

"Damn it; it's about time!" one excited student from Burroughs Hall exclaimed. "It smells horrible when the winds come out of the east. And that means something coming from me; I'm from Wisconsin Rapids."

The Student Government Association has already filed an appeal on behalf of the students living in Knutzen Hall, citing "a terrifying precedent that not even members of SGA could follow."

Meanwhile, the Residence Hall Association has announced dates of workshops to be held wherein anyone—as long as they are wearing pajama pants—can attend to learn more about the benefits of partnering soap with hot water.

"Soon, everyone at UW-SP will be able to breathe a little easier. Now if you'll excuse me, I'm running late," said Chancellor Bunnell, who then promptly backed over Stevie Pointer in the parking lot. No note was left.



Photo courtesy of badorganiccleansing.com

Near lethal amounts of patchouli are starting to appear in Knutzen. Residents claim that it's cleansing qualities are remarkable. Others claim not so much.

as nasal battery and impedes upon the freedoms of those in the same vicinity, and most certainly in the same classroom."

"Stinkin' hippies," the Justice concluded in her majority decision.

Knutzen Hall, long held up as the "Eco Hall" because of the building's vain attempts to save the planet by composting in its lobby and placing solar panels on its roof, had always been scrutinized due to its residents overall lack of hygiene. But it wasn't until a shocking—and ultimately false—report was released in "High

state are required to bathe at least once a year. "We tried painting the lawn blue in an effort to make them think they were in Kentucky and it ended up only encouraging them to revisit the same dealer."

Knutzen, previously known for its abundance of white Rastafarians and individuals up for a game of hacky-sack, henceforth became known as the single greatest environmental and aesthetic disaster looming over the university campus.

"The patchouli buildup," said

Voting cycle breaks records on campus

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It is believed that around 8,800 or 97 percent of the student body turned out for last week's Student Government Association election, although none of them voted online.

"I was told to vote for the conservative candidate; all I had to do was jiggle the handle," said Thurgood Peabody, a senior at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point majoring in high Blood Alcohol Content.

Another UW-SP student, Ascot

Droppins, a waste management major was told otherwise.

"They told me, to vote for the liberal candidate, to pump the handle," said Droppins.

The most able-bodied voters in this election came from the Village Apartments, as they have much experience with such procedures on a daily basis.

Other voters were given the recommendation to sit on their hands.

Even more voters stated they remained oblivious to where their segregated fees went and others started auditioning for their roles as

blind sheep in the next play to be performed on campus.

But the greatest number voted through ESP, while sleeping off hangovers, napping in lounge chairs in the Learning Resource Center or just going about their own business.

Apathy won by a landslide and will be SGA's president next year. Empathy, this year's loser, is transferring with its cousins, Consideration and Kindness, to Dalai Lama Polytechnical Institute.

Incompetence, who was in a hurry declined to comment and then proceeded to side swipe Earnestness and drove off without leaving a note.

Hulu adds STV lineup

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Hulu CEO Jason Kilar announced on Wednesday that the popular online Web video venture between NBC and News Corp would be adding the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point student television station, or STV, to its available online channels.

"We, at Hulu, are excited to embrace and present in a digital format such STV programs as 'Picture of Old Main with Text Over It' and 'UW-SP's Football Game Versus UW-Oshkosh, Oct. 19, 2004,' among others," said Kilar.

Some in the industry have remained hesitant in embracing the news, citing the infamous false story last year of a reported Hulu/STV venture. The incident turned out not to be an STV Hulu channel at all, but rather campus photographer Doug Moore's computer screensaver left up in his office during lunch.

"This is the real deal," added Kilar. "Now we're sure to get the elusive Toppers advertising dollars we so desperately seek."

Prairie chicken pornography enthusiasts everywhere have welcomed the announcement with open hearts and open wings.

"This is great," said Wally Buckworm, a noted chicken lover. "Usually to get great shots of prairie chickens mating, I have to go to Dutch pay sites."

The Hulu decision has caused STV News, anchored by the students of UW-SP twice a week, to already begin production of exclusive Web content to go on the new online channel.

"We're going to offer uncut interviews with students and faculty, promising twice as many verbal pauses and three times as many microphone malfunctions and awkward exchanges," said STV General Manager Dave Polzin. "This is really, um, exciting!"

Perhaps the most exciting news of all is for those who on some days may miss both of the twice-daily showings of the October 19, 2004 UW-SP versus UW-Oshkosh football game—long considered the best program STV runs, if by virtue of its sheer volume of airing—will now be available any time online.

"It's now 'on demand,' baby!" shouted Kilar. "Now, if you will excuse me, I am running late."

Kilar then proceeded to back into a parked car, meanwhile stating, "I'm rich, I don't have to leave a note."

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Dear The Point Is,

My friend has an old cake pan in the shape of male genitalia that she does not know what to do with now that she has used it. What should she do with it?

Sincerely,

A Pandemic Problem

Dear Pandemic,

Being married, my associate was severely confused and utterly convinced that one of my dear readers had sent me Joe Camel's death mask when confronted with the visual of your cake pan upon my desk.

When reading the letter attached to the pan, two things became clear. First, that I need to remember to tip my mail carrier extra for this, and, second, that the item mimicked something even more obscure to a married man: a penis.

My associate hadn't seen one in years; he thanks you for the memories.

With reports of my own marriage having been greatly exaggerated (read: fabricated by me in an effort to gain citizenship), I, in actuality, recognized immediately what had been placed on my desk. I was also able to recognize the familiar feelings of inadequacy that accompany such a sight. I do not thank you for the memories.

Enough foreplay, let's get to the question: what to do with the novelty maker when the novelty has been noveltized out?

Sadly, this is an increasingly important question that faces our world today, as kitsch consumerism butts heads with the "green" and eco-conscious sensibilities.

Can we keep shipping our novelty penis technologies to third world landfills at bulgingly exponential rates? No, of course not, those are our tin dongs and as such we cannot pass the buck, we must suck it up and lay it out on the table. Ignoring it will not make it go away, and oftentimes the quickest solution is not the most satisfying. Penis.

But what of the penis cake pan's very existence? Turns out that an extremely limited amount of research turned up that there is a long tradition in humanity to make foods look like things that they are not. This got me to thinking, and I didn't care for it.

When I was a child, and therefore still religious, I remember the presence of a lamb cake pan for Christmas, Easter, Boxing Day or whatnot (I don't remember the exact date because I didn't eat mutton until my late teens). The point is, cakes come in many shapes and sizes, and it is often considered true that the ideal size of a cake is big enough to get from the spork to your stomach.

Made of geldingized steel, the cake pan provided to me is as festive as it is titillating, which is to say ... no, it is neither of those things. Honestly, what is appetizing about a cake in

such a shape? I can't even imagine what cake mix you would choose. Dick cheesecake? Dark chocolate? Pound cake?! The psychological implications run deep.

Curious, however, I attempted to make bread in the pan, and I can tell you that the shape of the pan does, in fact, influence the amount of yeast needed to make the dough rise. Depending on the method used; be careful, you may wind up with flaccid bread. If this occurs, decrease the amount of rye, otherwise you'll end up with dreaded "whisky cake."

So, what to do with something that clearly fails at fulfilling its intended purpose? If you are Don Henley, you call it The Eagles. But, in our case, it will not be that simple, because while The Eagles may only suck a chubby one, what we have is an actual metallic chubby one.

The obvious answer was to acquire a second pan and then use the pair as snowshoes. But a restraining order from the school district and a revised walking route to campus later, I have been led to believe that there must be a better solution. Using the pan as a bike seat cover and riding around town only made people look at me cock-eyed and caused me to have new and funny feelings I did not know how to address. Okay, I lied, the feelings were not new.

Other ideas that sprang to mind: a planter, a Jell-O shot suppository, a chafing dish and my favorite, a tribal fertility mask to be hung over the bed. I tried this last one out, and other than the new feeling of something over my bed actually being hung, its magical abilities were lost on me. But my cat did get pregnant. I don't know anything about that, though, I swear.

Finally, it came time to really find out what was what and I bowed to the pressure of the 21st century version of surveying; I posted the question in my Facebook status:

"There is only so much room for cake in these lean times of economy and of diet, and I understand that if one was to sacrifice a novelty cake pan to waste, why it should be the lamb and not the penis. Therefore, what is one to do with a penis cake pan?"

I hope it's not just because I have fat friends, but it seems that what people want you to do with an old cake pan is to, first, contradict me and then ... make more cake. Yes, Marie Antoinette was correct, people just want more cake.

So, contradicting fatties, what occasion can you think of for using a penis cake pan multiple times? Outside of weddings, bar mitzvahs, bachelorette parties, Canadian bachelor parties and Bastille Day, the most obvious of all would be May 6, Sigmund Freud's birthday.

A better centerpiece to celebrate Freud there is not. Also, you may want to make one for June 25, Amalia Freud's (Sigmund's mother) birthday. You wouldn't want her to be envious, after all.

Schmeeckle Reserve to portray jilted ex-boyfriend in movie role

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Nature centers are normally known for their humble existence, not letting their inner emotional selves known to the world. However, when Hollywood comes calling that all changes.

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's very own Schmeeckle Reserve is all fired up about portraying the role of a dismissed former boyfriend. Not Smokey the Bear fired up, but fired up nonetheless as reflected to "The Pointer" in our exclusive interview.

"It took some time to get into the role. About three-and-a-half years of my life it took preparation to get ready for the role," said Schmeeckle.

What many don't know is that Schmeeckle has never attended an acting school. Though close to the Noel Fine Arts Center, Schmeeckle declares he never once set foot inside.

"Nothing against Meggan Utech, Dana Craig or Joel Heimerman [all current or former UW-SP theatre majors]," said Schmeeckle.

What Schmeeckle didn't want to come out, was that this role is based on a true-life story of his heartbreak.

Schmeeckle was known to be in a relationship with Yellowstone National Park. Although Yellowstone is believed to not be able to hold onto long distance relationships, Schmeeckle believes that there is another reason at play.

"There were messages from the Wasatch Mountain range in Utah on her answering machine," said Schmeeckle.

Schmeeckle believes that it was only worthwhile to pine for her so long before moving onto bigger and better things, like this movie role.

"I will be playing the lead role of Douglas Ferr," said Schmeeckle.

Popeater.com reports that he will be cast opposite the Grand Tetons.

Filming is said to begin when hell freezes over or when Yellowstone's heart melts, whichever comes first.

"The Pointer" has much versatility

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Some papers proclaim that they are black and white and read all over. Not so for the local rag you have in your hands.

"I personally like to wrap my sausage with mine," said Jack Link. "I find the Stevens Point Journal and the Portage County Gazette don't give the same bile-type flavor."

"I like it best when the issues build up on my front porch," said Durte Ollman. "The papers take people's eyes off my chipping paint and long grass."

Hans Kegmeister likes to spread the paper out in his basement during house parties. Not so it absorbs the spilled beer, but so when the bathroom is occupied, party attendees can just go on the floor.

A local logger who wished to remain nameless, (his name was Peter Cuttingsworth) preferred Younkers ads to "The Pointer" for Johnny-on-the-spot toilet paper.

"I feel when I wipe my butt with a Younkers ad, it's like I'm staying at a Hilton, but when I wipe my butt with "The Pointer", it reminds me of the day I received my University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point diploma," said Cuttingsworth.

It seems that Parakeets prefer "The New York Times" to "The Pointer" 5 to 1 for cage bedding.

"I like articles that are actually researched to drop pellets on, not cut and pasted from Facebook information," said Mr. McQuackers, the resident aviary expert on staff.

Regardless of how you enjoy the

"The Pointer", please remember it goes down best with four teaspoons of brown sugar, a half teaspoon of lemon juice and a tumbler of Barton's vodka.

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Students advised to avoid Schmeeckle Reserve

Gang of rogue deer turn walking trails deadly and dangerous

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A collection of radio-collared deer turned violent after being trapped in nets by The Wildlife Society and have declared gang warfare against the students at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

The turf war began after members of The Wildlife Society's Deer Project radio-collared and ear-tagged three deer in one weekend. One of the deer called for a rebellion against TWS by all the other deer in Schmeeckle Reserve. Since then, the deer have been wreaking havoc against all students entering the reserve.

"I went for a quick run through Schmeeckle, just like I do every Thursday afternoon, when I noticed a band of five deer blocking my path," said junior Whitney Miller. "They just looked so friendly and cute, so I tried to get closer to them and that's when they attacked."

Miller was one of six students who were lured in by the mainly doe gang. Another student, Brock Schreiber, who wishes to remain

anonymous, was ice fishing on Lake Joanis when the deer surrounded him and locked him in his ice shanty, holding him hostage.

"The only reason the deer released the ice fisherman was because we sent them 10 gallons of corn as they requested. Otherwise, we don't know what they may have done to him next," said Department of Natural Resources Warden R. Abega. "All we know is that the ice on Lake Joanis would have been melting soon. These animals are cute, but heartless."

TWS planned to retaliate by tranquilizing the unruly animals, but have been warned by the gang that if they do, they will never again see Adam Murkowski, a TWS member being held hostage by the gang of does. TWS has asked the DNR to include Schmeeckle Reserve within its chronic wasting disease eradication zone, a move that would certainly mean an end for Murkowski.

TWS has combined with former broomball rivals, The Society of American Foresters, to combat the deer gang. SAF has offered to help eliminate the deadly does by clear-cutting the college's forest preserve to eliminate the gang's stronghold,

but city officials fear what the deer might do if unleashed into the community. Edith Jones, a long-time Stevens Point resident and mother of five, lashed out at the idea saying, "These deer are capable of grotesque acts of horror against the city's defenseless youth or worse yet, they could

begin devouring the tulips I have finally kept those pesky rabbits from eating."

The DNR proposed introducing the venerable "Wolf Gang of the North" to fight off the deer. This gang has been known to

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The deer gang has been seen donning gang apparel and sporting malicious paraphernalia. Shown here is the gang's leader, the only buck in Schmeeckle Reserve.

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Remedy for a rough night; UW-SP student creates cure for hangovers

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"I'm never drinking again."

Sunday morning, the room is too bright, the headache is from hell and an undeniable thirst allows the consumption of what seems like gallons of water. The thought of vodka inspires a gag reflex, regret and the realization that removal from bed is unlikely.

That's when it is said. The sentence uttered from so many students after a night of shots and stumbling: "I'm never drinking again."

Bull-puckey.

Six days later, a night out is likely to leave students with the same brown bottle flu, until now.

University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point senior Al Cohol has created a cure for hangovers with a pill. The name of the pain reliever: Binge.

Cohol, a biology major and self-proclaimed binge drinker, started his project in 2006 to cure the headaches, nausea, thirst, food aversion, diarrhea, tremulousness, fatigue and general feeling of despair that appear the morning after a few too many drinks.

"I absolutely hate being hung-over, so I decided to do something about it," said Cohol.

This entrepreneur has self-tested the drug on many occasions, improving it immensely since his first trial in 2007. He now believes the pill is ready for the public.

"I think he is really onto something here," said chemistry professor Tim Muchtadrink, who has assisted Cohol in the pill-making process.

Only a few other close friends of Cohol have tested the pill, but the reactions have been nothing short of remarkable.

"I actually did homework on Sunday," said stunned student Jimmy Moore. Moore recommends the pill to students that want to wake up Sunday morning without "hating their lives."

Controlled experiments will be conducted in the Trainer Natural Resources building to test the ability of Binge and all students of age are invited to attend. Drinks will be free to those who participate. Participants will be expected to report back to Cohol the next morning with their reactions to the pill.

Side effects of the pill may include enlarged genitalia, hair loss and an increased desire for Polito's pizza.

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Recent campus study shows herpes not so bad, really

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For too long, it was thought to be the worst possible thing that could happen to a person. One drink proves to be one drink too many and you end up in the bed of a stranger without a condom. Twenty days later, you wake up with a new peculiar itch, burn or tingle and it's assumed your sexual life is over. Not according to a new study.

A recent campus study has shown that herpes is not so bad to have. Researchers looked at several aspects of having the disease and have come to the conclusion that people should really just get over it.

The study involved over 2,000 students who have contracted the disease while at college. Participants were not hard to find. Researchers spent only two nights roaming downtown Stevens Point, mainly Bruisers, looking for the drunkest patrons.

"Holy crap, 2,000 people on campus have herpes!" said junior Henrik Pettersson when told the study results.

The researchers ran a series of tests on each participant to gauge how much the disease has really affected their relationships, perceptions of self and confidence in the bedroom. The study found that people were actually more confident in finding and taking home random partners after contracting the disease.

"I mean, I've already got herpes and it's not so bad, so HPV must not be that bad either," said one study

participant.

The study has caused waves of joy in the infected masses. A group for infected people no longer wants to use the word infected to refer to those with herpes, but should now use the term "riding dirty" because it sounds more hip. Those "riding dirty" have come together to form the Herpes Proud Victims organization. The group is doing all it can to spread the word and disease to those who still think of it in a negative connotation.

"We're going to have a kissing booth at the involvement fair," said organization President Damian Daniel. "People need to know, excuse me while I scratch, people need to know that herpes is nothing to worry about."

"I'm so happy they did this study," said HPV member Nellie van Kinsbergen. "I can finally tell my boyfriend after 6 months of secrecy that I have herpes."

The group of researchers from the biology department who did the study expressed extreme joy with the results. The group has plans to take on the extremely common Human Papilloma Virus next.

"I mean for real its just warts, and worst case scenario syphilis, which I'm not completely convinced isn't caused by weakness to begin with," said researcher Calvin Ligne.



Photo courtesy of T.J. Hooker

The Herpes Proud Victims Organizations holds weekly meetings in the Noel Fine Arts Center. Their meetings include a medley of musical performances by the members proclaiming the joy of being diagnosed with herpes. Other events include discussions of the number of weeks it took Delzell to diagnose them with herpes, as well as an array of sexually transmitted disease tests available at every meeting.

CNR to issue beards to all incoming freshmen

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SCIENCE AND OUTDOORS REPORTER

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point College of Natural Resources, the largest and most prestigious institution of its kind in the nation, announced on Tuesday that all incoming freshmen for the fall 2009 semester are to be issued beards.

Long a staple on the face of every CNR student, the hallowed beard holds a special place in the hearts and minds of every person who would rather be staring at a tree or fish than a television.

The CNR hopes that other natural resources schools across the country will pick up the pilot beard program, dubbed "Operation New Growth."

"My god," said CNR Dean Christine Thomas. "The beards! These beards that will cover the next generation of CNR majors will be like nothing the natural world has ever seen. Thick, burly and strong, the beards will go forth as a beacon of hope for all who wish to pursue studies in natural resources."

The spectrum of beards for freshmen to choose from will include the Queen's Brigade, the Maltese, the Claus-esque and, in limited quantities, the flapwings. Those with a minor in religious studies will have the chin curtain option.

Furthermore, the college plans to show no discrimination when issuing its beards, all from organic and sustainable beard farms of the Pacific Northwest.

"Male or female," said Thomas, "wear your beard with smug pride and a contempt for the business world."

Holding their chins up, many CNR upper-classmen have taken the news with a twinge of jealousy after dealing with the initial shock.

"You mean I've been growing this thing the hard way for four years for nothing?" exclaimed senior Glenn Wills. "That's ridiculous! Why should these kids get something for free that everyone else has worked so hard to obtain through meticulous self-neglect and bewildering belief in how good they look!"

The CNR also issued a statement declaring that all CNR minors, and those with teaching intent, will be issued moustaches.



Photo courtesy of Al Borlin

A wide variety of beards will be available for freshmen. Pictured above is the "Up Nort" style as featured in the Fall 1956 issue of "Illustrated Beard Digest." "IBD" was forced into bankruptcy in 1959 when it was revealed that all the beards were in fact communists.

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decimate wild deer herds for hundreds of years. However, environmentalists fear that the wolf gang will be inept at combating the advanced guerilla warfare of the urban deer gang. Leading to a court battle between the environmentalists and the DNR, a federal judge deemed the situation volatile and refused to release the wolves south of Highway 64.

Evacuation of The Village apartments, which border Schmeckle Reserve, has begun taking place as the deer expand their territory. Recent attacks have targeted students leaving Partners, inebriated and vulnerable, as they return to The Village. Oftentimes, these victims don't remember the night's events, but the hoof marks tell the story.

Most recently, a note tied to a rock was thrown through a TWS

member's vehicle window when it was parked on Maria Drive. The note summoned TWS to a showdown with the deer gang to determine the final ownership of Schmeckle Reserve. The note requested that only primitive weapons be used during the battle, including bows, blades and tridents. TWS recognizes this proposition as a possible trap, but sees no other viable option at this time.

"I can only compare the current condition of Schmeckle Reserve to the 1960's Los Angeles riots, but with more of a small-town feel," said Warden Abega. "If TWS does not come out of the battle victorious, we can only hope and pray that deer hunting season comes quickly."

Sports

Chancellor withdraws, joins demolition derby

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Linda Bunnell, chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, has temporarily set aside her duties to become the newest member of the National Demolition Derby Circuit.

Bunnell, a long time competitor in the underground circuit, has finally made the transition to a more fruitful and insured career in the ever-changing world of professional derby competitions.

"I love this sport, but it was starting to become spendy with the tickets I was getting in the amateur street competitions," said Bunnell, who has received tickets of up to \$172. The latest ticket was given on Feb. 17, 2009.

According to Bunnell, her underground demo derby habits aren't "that big of a deal."

With the move to the pros, Bunnell now has protection from the police citations, and the UW Board of Regents has even offered to donate the cars needed to compete.

Bunnell competed for the first time in the "Night of Destruction - Twisted Metal" competition, located in Deliverance, Mo. Bunnell unleashed her fury. No longer having to worry about streetlights and parked cars, she was able to show her full talents.



Photo courtesy of Officer Scanlon

University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Chancellor Linda Bunnell driving Bunny Luv in her latest derby run. She finished second in a rip-roaring, tear-it-up competition.

Driving the number 66, red 2009 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme aptly named Bunny Luv, she finished in second place, after having one of her wheels taken off by a high impact crash with Biff Striker, the number one demo derby driver in the United States.

"She put up a hell of a fight," said Striker. "You could tell she was ready for this. Next time it won't be so close.

I wouldn't want to be the guy that loses to her. Nothing gets in her way, not even the law."

"It was nice to finally compete without the worry of police interference and improperly parked cars in my way," said Bunnell.

Even the fans are rooting for Bunnell. Over 500 students and faculty members from UW-SP showed up to root for her in Missouri.

"We're just glad to see her being able to do what she loves," said Vice-Chancellor of Student Affairs, Bob Tomlinson.

Bunnell can be seen in all her glory when she competes again at the Choctaw County Fair in Butler, Ala. The derby starts at 7:30 p.m. on April 27. Local viewers can view the competition live on STV.

Favre shuns retirement again, finds true calling at McDonald's

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Brett Favre has decided to come out of retirement again, this time waiting an extra month before changing his mind and realizing his ranch in Mississippi isn't as cool as he thought.

The Jets made it very clear they didn't want the old-timer back, and after begging the Vikings and the Lions to no avail, Favre accepted a quarterback position outside the NFL in the newly created QB position at the Kiln, Miss. McDonald's restaurant.

"We're excited to have him; he's a legend," said night manager and high school junior, Dale "Chip" Bull. "Please don't tell him that the position I told him was 'quarterback' is really just a drive thru worker."

Favre looked comfortable in his new colors and McDonald's visor as he took orders from the headset and barked them across the assembly line with the guttural scream that used to draw defenses offside.

"I see him making employee of the month, no problem," said Bull, "though his style of drive thru work is spontaneous and often the orders aren't correct. People are coming back but they're usually as pissed as Mike

Holmgren was in the 90's, but they come back."

Favre signed no contract and can leave whenever he wants, but seems to be glad to be out of the house and working again.

"I ran out of beer on Tuesday and my wife was gone," said Favre. "So I came into town to buy some more when I ran into this kid Chip who said he had the perfect opportunity for me. Smart kid, that Chip, he should be a scientist, or a college professor or something. Anyway, here I am."

Favre has already sustained one injury early on in his McDonalds career. On his second day, a fry cook bumped into Favre as he was handing off four double cheeseburgers to a car full of high school kids and Favre put his hand directly in a vat of hot oil.

"He's played on, been here everyday," said Bull. "Though his eyes are glossy, and some of the orders he barks out are things we don't even make. He keeps popping what he calls tic tacs; let me tell you those things are way too big to be tic tacs."

Favre continues to look to the future and refuses to let this injury hold him down.

"I think I am bringing a lot to the Burger King team, I mean the McTeam," said Favre. "Has anyone else here won three MVP's and a Super Bowl? I think no, right? Where

am I again? Sorry man I'm on the nod."

Hopefully the second stint at coming out of retirement will prove more successful for Favre after going 9-7 with the Jets last season.

"Hey man, I threw six touchdown passes in one game last year, SIX!" said Favre. "I think the Packers know what they missed out on now, and the Jets will know as soon as I win employee of the month."

When asked if he was ready for another long hard night's work, Favre replied candidly, "That's what she said."

The McDonald's crew will face a tough Saturday night this week as it's the Spring Fling at Kiln High, which always promises a lot of couples in booths sharing McShakes.



Photo courtesy of Dale "Chip" Bull

Favre has joined a new team this season and appears to be happy with his new teammates.

UW-SP's Stevie Pointer sold to Michael Vick

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The true reach of the economic recession grasped Stevens Point on Monday, as the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point sold mascot Stevie Pointer to renowned dog connoisseur Michael Vick for an undisclosed amount.

"I don't usually buy breeds like pointers," said Vick, "but he looks lean and scrappy, so I can't wait to get out of this place and ... play with him."

"We all love Stevie Pointer," said UW-SP Chancellor Linda Bunnell, "but, we have to keep in mind what is best for Stevie. Mr. Vick is a millionaire with a knowledge of dogs that cannot be disputed. Mr. Vick has promised to take care of Stevie. And with the budget as it is, we have to consider revenue streams and income, no matter what they are."

"In reality," the Chancellor added, "we probably would have just ended up serving Stevie in the DUC when we go self-op."

Many times during his 15-minute phone call interview, Vick was purported to trail off when asked about his plans for Stevie.

"I've got a big house with a big

basement that he will play in ... and a big backyard he will end up in," said Vick ominously.

With the release of the 2009-2011 Wisconsin biennial budget and its \$5.7 billion shortfall, it is estimated that the University of Wisconsin system will have to face \$174 million in funding cuts. Repercussions are already being felt throughout the University of Wisconsin system as a result, the sale of Stevie Pointer being only one example.

"The cuts are real, and they are very challenging," UW System President Kevin Reilly said.

On other campuses, schools have had to make similar concessions in order to weather the funding recession.

The UW-Oshkosh Titans, for instance, have reached a \$1 million agreement with the Tennessee Titans, wherein Vince Young will attend psychology lectures in an attempt to diagnose what the hell is wrong with him.

UW-Green Bay has unannounced plans to burn Phlash the Phoenix down for the insurance money, UW-Parkside hopes to sell Ranger D. Bear to a European circus and UW-Waukesha's Corby the Cougar will be hunted by millionaires for sport.

Feeling left out of the lucrative



Photo courtesy of Michael Vick's assistant

Stevie Pointer being taken to the dawg pound by Michael Vick.

deals going around, UW-Eau Claire called an emergency meeting to create a mascot.

The meeting ended with an all-night session and the creation of Claire O, a bluish-gold letter "O" that wears a barrette. Eau Claire then promptly sold Claire O to "Sesame Street" in exchange for Mr. Hooper's cryogenically frozen body

and a map that leads to the fabled "Snuffleupagus Burial Grounds," which, if proven to exist, are said to be worth "millions and millions" to Muppet archaeologists.

"We just made our own Muppet treasure island, suckers!" exclaimed UW-Eau Claire Chancellor Brian Levin-Stankevich.

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NFL adopts no-tackle "Brady rule"

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In an effort to decrease the number of serious injuries to players, the National Football League has revealed they will adopt a no-tackle policy for the 2009 season. The league commissioner has revealed that the league lost its health insurance coverage in the off-season and is currently between insurance providers.

"There's no other way to keep our athletes from suffering career-threatening damage to their bodies than to eliminate the contact portion of the game," said Goodell.

To accommodate the change in game play, players are being asked to simply tag opposing ball carriers with two hands and declare them "down." Defenses are also being asked to respect the new "ten-apple-rush rule," meaning they must count to ten before being allowed to rush a quarterback.

However, even with the new rush guideline in place, quarterbacks are being given even more additional protection. The new "Brady rule" states that no defensive player may touch an opposing quarterback at any time, nor may they say unkind words about the opposing team or the families of opposing teams.

"We want to protect our players at all costs, especially our most delicate flowers, the quarterbacks," said Goodell.

Several defensive players and coaches have taken issue with the new rules and are fighting yet another proposed rule that would raise the fine for illegal, or any, hits to include not only monetary repercussions, but also the first born son of the player. Lavish automobiles are being discussed as appropriate substitute fines for childless players.

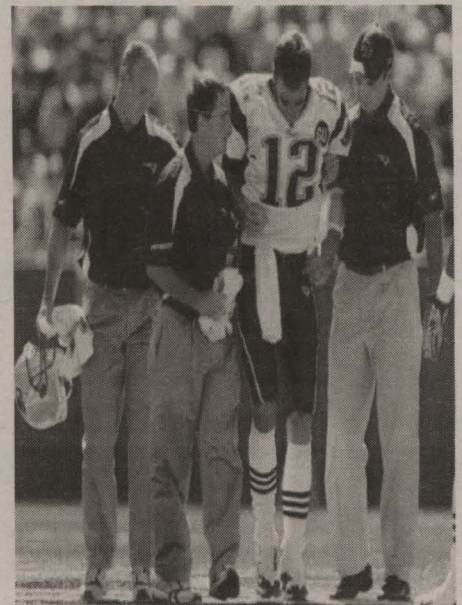


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The injury that prompted major changes in the NFL.

Arts & Culture

Changes in UW-SP's fall timetable sends entire campus into (dancing) frenzy

The economy might be falling, but it's not going down alone

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As a result of the current economic downturn, the General Education Policy Review Committee has integrated some practical alternatives to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's general degree requirements. Classes in the new curriculum will include pole dancing 203, booty shakin' 101 and history practicum 354: dirty dancing through the ages.

Bachelor of Arts and Fine Arts students can opt to take the classes in place of science requirements, while Bachelor of Science students can take

the new additions in place of foreign language classes.

Professor Meena Je-Twa, who will be instructing booty shakin' 101, said she thinks the classes present a viable, albeit unconventional, expansion to the traditional liberal arts education.

"This is no time for naïve optimism ... We need to prepare these students for reality," she said. "We can do so by giving them the tools they need to succeed."

GEPRC director Juan Bailador said the new classes are supplemental



Photo by Ben Dover

"Don't be jealous of my pole, you'll be next!"

and not intended to mitigate the students' academic focus.

"We don't want these classes to distract students from their original career goals, but at the same time, it's important for young people to have a cushioning in this economy,"



Photo by T. Greasy

Booty, booty, booty, booty, bounce. Too much booty for one man to handle!

he said. "In this job market, they simply need something to fall back on."

Bailador also pointed out that most of these classes are ostensibly gender-biased.

"Well, there's no 'g' in booty shakin'," he said, "but we certainly do not discriminate on the basis of sex ... males are more than welcome to enroll in the classes."

Natural resources major Jake Jones said he plans on signing up for at least one of the courses this fall.

"The times are changing, and

men are facing the same job market as women, so we should be allowed the same opportunities," he said. "We need to dispel the stereotype that women are better dancers than men."

Jenny Smith, a Spanish major who plans on enrolling in pole dancing 203, said she wholeheartedly supports men enrolling in the new classes.

"It's a new age, and we should be allowed to shape it to include both men and women equally," she said. "Together, we are the movers and shakers of this generation."

Tables turn on notorious communication professor/ STV star Bill Davidson

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A ground-breaking new reality series from the makers of Trivia Man, Down for the Count and Point of View that pits professors against the trials and tribulations of life in residence halls is receiving rave reviews from the nine people that actually watch Student TV.

"True Life: My professor ate my ramen" premiered on March 15 to an initial audience of four, which has since increased by 25 percent every week.

The series stars Bill Davidson, professor of the infamous communication 101 course. In the show, Davidson is relegated to a

fourth floor residence in Hyer Hall, where he must live, work and sleep.

"We put him in Hyer because it's going to be demolished anyway," said producer John Sonville. "We figured it wouldn't matter how much harm he caused."

After writing "Communication," his premier work on college-level public speaking classes, he went on to write many subsequent sequels, including "How to ruin a freshman's first year," "When to actually read my textbooks" and his number one bestseller, "How to pass the hardest final ever."

"After my enormous success in failing freshmen, I think that I could handle anything that a dorm room could throw at me," said Davidson.

The first episode of the show proved his theory wrong.

"I just happened to sit on my

remote and it flipped to channel 98," said UW-SP junior Richard Harding. "The show was hysterical and I wish I still lived in the residence halls so I could partake in the revenge. That man ruined my first semester of college. I had such a bright outlook on life. Now it is bleak, musty and damp. Perhaps 'True Life' will brighten my days."

Multiple students, hoping to air grievances against him, poured water under his door, put toothpaste on his doorknob and stole his clothes while in the shower. Also, he has developed a foot fungus, as he does not wear shower shoes.

Davidson also has to make the Debot Dining Center his premier source of food. Given his propensity for irregularity, his dining options are taking a toll on his digestive system.

His roommate is also posing a

number of problems. With a penchant for partying, Steve McQueen, the surprise guest on the show, is keeping Davidson up at night while distracting him with multiple viewings of pornography throughout the day.

Since the airing of the show, grades in communication 101 have increased 40 percent due to Davidson's inability to sleep at night and his distractions while in his room during the day.

"Perhaps I've made a mistake by partaking of this show," said Davidson. "The severe emotional damage it's causing me is on par with the time I walked in on my parents."

"True Life: My professor ate my ramen" can be seen on STV channel 8, Thursdays at 9:30 p.m.

90FM to replace on-air staff with albino Scotty robot cohorts

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus radio station 90FM will be radically modernizing the station with the addition of a new on-air programming robot. The robot is to be programmed to mimic the personality, tastes and mannerisms of current on-air personality Scott "DJ Albino" Clark. The Albinobot is being developed through a joint venture between California's Robotica Intelligence Labs and the WDMD program on campus.

"The main goal of taking on the Albinobot is to cut costs and increase program efficiency," said station manager James Priniski. "By basing the robot on one of our more distinctive personalities, the hope is that the transition should be pretty smooth."

Initial work on the project began

in the spring of 2008 shortly after a scheduling snafu led to the station broadcasting dead air for an entire afternoon. An automatic on-air personality not only eliminates the possibility of such problems, but also saves funds.

"By eliminating all on-air staff, we will be able to spend more money on keeping our music catalogue up-to-date and buying nicer things for the station manager," said Priniski.

Clark is rumored to have mixed feelings about the experiment.

"On the one hand, I'm honored to be the basis for the robot, but on the other hand, I don't want to lose my job at the station," said Clark. This was the only comment he could manage to say coherently between spastic sobs.

The Albinobot was set to be unveiled during Trivia 40, however, developers were afraid of the robot going renegade and taking hostages.

Binge drinking no longer confined to the campus residence halls

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The School of Health Promotion and Human Development will begin offering binge drinking classes in the College of Professional Studies next fall, which will be available to all University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point students. The classes will be taught by a number of instructors in the health promotion/wellness major who have had previous experience in binge drinking activities.

"We believe that instead of just teaching students the dangers of binge drinking, they should have to live it, even if that means getting their stomach pumped," said Shelly McWorkoutalot, health promotion/wellness instructor.

The courses will feature exercises in beer chugging, shot taking, drinking after vomiting, drinking games and being a complete dick.

"As far as I'm concerned, this is one of the, if not the, most important class of my college career," said UW-SP junior Darrell Creeper.

Creeper said that he intends to "study" binge drinking every night of the week in order to get an "A" in the course.

The courses have already picked up a number of beer and liquor sponsors so that students won't have to worry about the large expenses of binge drinking every day. In fact, with the number of sponsors increasing by the day, this course is being offered free of charge and sections 17-23 will open this spring for registration.

The School of Health Promotion and Human Development has pledged to have a 100 percent proficiency rate in this curricula, and with student participation being at an all-time high, they are hoping to set record numbers in enrollment this semester.

There is already a waiting list for the course and apparently UW-SP students have taken a particular interest in binge drinking.

"I've always been a big binge drinker, but now that I'm able to receive college credit for my favorite hobby ... I'm pretty sure I'll get an 'A'," said UW-SP junior Ely Tartas. "Hopefully that'll get me off of academic probation."



Photo by one of the many "Scott Robots"

What kind of world is it with more than one Scott? Not a world I want to live in.

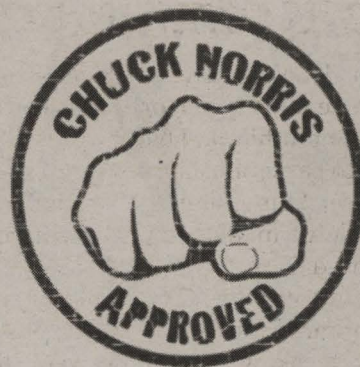
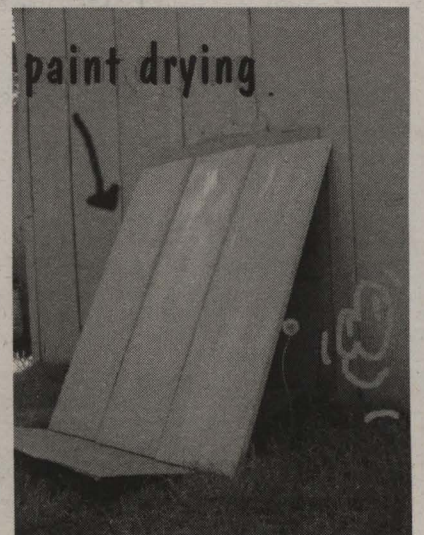
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Letters & Opinion



Richard Munsch
COLUMNIST

Thumbs down to High Five

I have a little problem that I'd like to deal with right here. Do you know what the problem is? Well, you should because all of you are the problem! Honestly what is wrong with you people? Steve Apfel is not a journalist! He hasn't reported one true fact this entire year and you people eat it up!

Each and every week he sits in "The Pointer" office and writes accounts of these fantastic adventures and exciting parties that he has been a part of. That's to say nothing of the scores of friends he makes reference to multiple times in each and every dreaded column. Don't any of you realize that what he really does is sit and make up complete nonsense? You are being subjected to the delusional ramblings of a socially backward buffoon!

What kind of flights of fancy have you been forced to read this year? There was the time he claimed to create a sensational "secret handshake." There is no such action and anyone performing the act he described would accomplish nothing more than make a complete ass of themselves. There is also no worldwide fan club

because that would require having fans internationally. It frankly boggles the mind how he has fans on this campus, let alone in other countries! Also, it is absolutely abhorrent the way he writes about Ms. Avra Juhnke. Clearly a woman of her stature on campus would not allow herself to be written about in such ways if it weren't for the thinly veiled fact that she and Mr. Apfel have been involved in a torrid physical love affair the entire time.

There are so many pressing issues in the world that could be dealt with each week. Global economic crises, the increasing deterioration of our planet, or even the latest up-to-the-minute SGA happenings could appear in this space, but no, you allow fake flag football leagues, fictional medieval quests and karaoke parties to sully the reputations of the very words used to write such rubbish. Each time I make it through the end of another "High Five" column, I feel cheated because those are moments of my life that I will never get back. They were wasted on validating the creation of a clear pop culture junkie with too much time on his hands. I wish that the part of my tuition that helps pay for Mr. Apfel's part of the publication could be refunded to me because I could surely find a better use for those dollars.

Thank goodness that the NFL season is over, effectively putting a stop to his dreadful weekly updates. Does anyone realize that he continued reporting on the NFL well into the spring last year? He has absolutely

zero qualifications for writing sports news at all. If you have seen him in person, he is clearly not any type of athlete. In fact, his wardrobe and overall demeanor are appalling. That is another issue entirely, however. I only have so much space to write and I won't squander any more of it on his lack of personal style and taste.

"The Pointer" should really be ashamed of printing such garbage. As a student run publication, they should really be focusing on providing a better brand of content to the student body. I thought that once the campus newspaper was freed from the spell of the filthy tripe written by Pat Rothfuss, things would start to look up. I thought we'd finally get to see thoroughly researched and expertly written informative content through the entirety of each issue. I was so wrong.

By allowing hooligans like Pat Rothfuss and Steve Apfel to print their versions of reality in this paper, the very integrity of the entire publication is compromised. This is not journalism; it is barely writing at all. There are no interviews conducted; no information is conveyed. Barely a single bit of truth manages to break through the wall of steaming excrement passing for content.

I implore you, my fellow students, to put your collective foot down and put a stop to this senseless waste of column inches. This is our newspaper and we don't have to stand for such a senseless waste of our time and resources.

shoot on three or right after you say three? Who is the man in the moon, and how did he get there?

How did a moron like me get printed in this wonderful publication staffed by brilliant minds?

-Bill Huffing

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

May I ask you a few questions? Why are the school computers so slow? Why is my foot asleep? Why are bananas yellow? What is a banana? Are you a lumberjack if you do not have a beard? What do you do with a penis cake pan?

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GOTCHA.



Senior John Harry likes to read the pointless stories.



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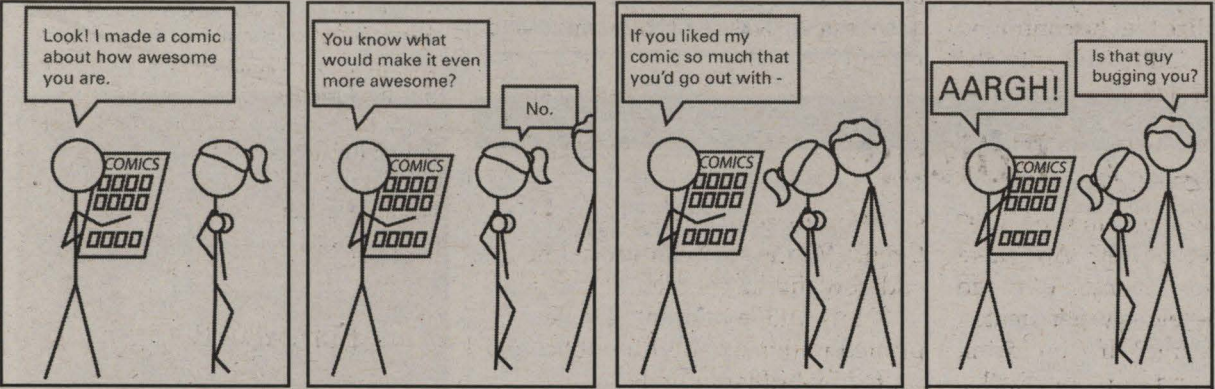
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Wordle

Create as many words as you can out of these 6 letters. Spaces are provided below.

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