Mumps reaches Stevens Point, two confirmed cases reported on campus

Adam Wise

One student and one UW-SP staff member have tested positive for mumps and campus physicians want you to check your medical history to make sure you don’t get it next.

While the campus has gone a week without a confirmed positive test, Bill Hettler, director of University Health Service (UHS), said these cases should serve as a reason for all students to check if they have received the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) immunization.

“It’s a good excuse for everyone to check his or her immunization status,” he said. “If anyone is not sure about whether they’ve had the shots or not, they can get a test for $11.50 that tells you whether or not you’re protected.”

Given the fact that UW-SP is a university filled with a high majority of students that attended public high schools, Hettler said the chances of an outbreak are slim.

“All kids in Wisconsin who went to a public school was supposed to have (received MMR shots) before they went to a public school (but) the students who might have been home-schooled or went to private schools might not have had those,” he said.

Because most of our students have gone through public schools in Wisconsin, most of them are protected, so it’s like there is a herd immunity here and it’s for something to get going.”

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that a person is 95 percent protected from mumps if they have received the proper immunizations. Once a person is found to have mumps, they are put into isolation for nine days (beginning the first day of noticeable symptoms) to give the body ample time to fight off the virus.

“(Mumps) starts out like any upper respiratory illness, but then they’ll get very swollen (and) tender parotid or submandibular glands,” he said. “That’s when they should be tested to see if they’ve got it.”

Hettler explained that the parotid glands are up on top of a person’s jaw, anterior to the ear while the submandibular gladioli are located below the jaw near the throat. A confirmed mumps case can cause what Hettler termed as “chipmunk cheeks,” somewhat visually similar to those that can be received after a person has had their wisdom teeth pulled.

He also said that the virus could affect other parts of the body as well, particularly in men.

“The virus can go to the testes and you can end up being infertile because of a mumps infection. It’s a virus that can attack different organ systems in the body.”

Unfortunately, UHS is unable to effectively treat the virus.

“There is no treatment for mumps, so this is one of those deals where prevention is your best hope,” he said. “We provide symptomatic care so you try to help the person deal with the symptoms.”

While there have been confirmed cases from people located on the UW-SP campus, the UHS hasn’t actually confirmed a case by one of their physicians.

“We have not yet diagnosed a case out of our health center. We had a student that was seen by his or her own doctor in (Wisconsin) Rapids,” he said. “And then we’ve got other students that are presumed cases, but we don’t have the lab work back yet. So see Mumps pg. 11

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Press Release
University Relations and Communications

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Cold Stone Creamery to open next month

Dan Bexx  News Reporter

An idea that began nearly two years ago is turning out to be a success story for local businessmen Rob Elherp and Jay Pumpaw. Rob, a retired fire fighter from Green Bay, asked Jay to assist him with running Cold Stone Creamery, when it opens near the end of May.

"The reason we chose Stevens Point is because we know there have been many successful businesses that have been successful in expanding into this area," said Pumpaw.

Unlike some restaurant franchises, Cold Stone bought the building they are renting and letting the business owners rent directly from the franchise; so Jay and Rob met towards the end of last year, signed the deal with the Cold Stone franchise, and the project was underway.

"Construction has been going on for about six weeks now. We're hoping to have the opening day set for May 20th if all goes according as planned," said Pumpaw.

Cold Stone hopes to hire up to 40 applicants but that will depend on the demand for business and the numbers that apply. They are looking mostly for part time students who could work from ten to thirty hours per week.

"We're both excited to be a part of Stevens Point. It is a great town with a friendly community. We're also looking forward to getting the chance to give back to the community with various fundraisers and programs," said Pumpaw.

North DeBolt Hall Director reported a girl in the South DeBolt circle who looked highly intoxicated. She was lying on the ground and people were trying to help her into a vehicle. Intoxicated individual was put into the care of her sister, no further action taken.

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Because I said so

Parting is such sweet sorrow

Liz Bolton
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Working at the newspaper for three years does things to you. For me, I no longer judge the year by seasons or months. I know what time of year it is by campus events. Events like Homecoming, when the Eco-fair rolls around, I know the year is coming to a close.

At the same time, every year is a little more bittersweet. I think about what I was doing the year before, who isn't around anymore, and I think of all the thrills and disappointments the paper has had through the years I've been here.

This year has been even more poignant, because it is my last. As much as it pains me to say it, I'm leaving. After five years of Stevens Point, I am moving to greener pastures.

But, you may ask, what about The Pointer? I am leaving The Pointer in the capable hands of Steve Roeland. I have no doubt that Steve's maturity and dedication to the craft of journalism will help get The Pointer to the next level in what I am calling our five-year plan to excellence. If you are wondering, next year is stage three of this plan, which was started by my predecessor, Adam Mella. I personally sat in on all the interviews this year, and though my head was spinning by the end, I got a sense of enthusiasm which seemed so familiar.

Even though our staff here is going through an almost total make-over, I have full confidence in the new hires as they learn to work cooperatively and strive to create a paper worthy of the students at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

Pat Rothfuss
WITH HELP FROM THE MISSION COFFEE BAR.

Pat,

While I'm glad to finally be graduating, I'm going to miss Point. My friends, The beer. The beer.

But the worst is that I won't be able to read your column every week. I don't know how I'm going to deal with the real world without my weekly dose of humor. How can I avoid getting withdrawal?

Ben

P.S. While I am leaving, I could still use a gift certificate to the Mission to help get me through finals.

Y'know, I was flattered until you started shamelessly shilling for coffee. You don't really love me. You're just using me for my body.... I mean coffee.

My first piece of advice is to not go cold turkey. I know a guy who stopped reading my column after he graduated, and you know what happened to him, Ben? All the joy and colour slowly bled out of his soul. After a couple months, he started listening to conservative talk radio.

Not since the milkman stopped making deliveries to your mom has so much joy been brought directly to the door of your home, Ben.

Buy the book. The print version of the College Survival Guide is still available at the University Bookstore. It's got the first four years of the Guide, along with footnotes, new illustrations and columns never printed in the Pointer. While you're dropping off your rental texts, why not pick up a copy? Why not pick up two or three?

Check Myspace (myspace.com/ycsg). I'll be updating over the summer, answering letters, and posting stuff I don't have time to mention in the Pointer. Like the fact that I'm going to be the commencement speaker for SPASH's graduation this year.

No joke. I'm serious. Totally serious. They asked me to speak and I'm going to do it. Believe me, I'm just as surprised as you.

I'd like to thank the academy, my parents and the Pointer staff for putting up with my bullshit for another year. And, of course I'd like to thank you, my loyal minions.... I mean readers. Remember, keep sending in the letters and I'll keep writing.

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Here We Are

DID YOU GET THE CAKE FOR SARAH'S BIRTHDAY?

YOU CAN'T DO THAT! JOIN ME IN A PIG! THERE WON'T BE ANYTHING LEFT!

I'm sorry, streety, but we don't save him.

I don't think you have to worry, Craig Suhrke (who plays D&D), nobody reads this thing during finals week.

Is that why your drawings look so horrible?

Lilli ... your puppy ran out in front of a car this morning. I'm sorry, streety, but we don't save him.

BY: E.H. Ferguson

NEVERLAND

I changed my mind. I won't accept that forever. Either rule the whole thing or let it fail.

Lilli ... your puppy ran out in front of a car this morning. I'm sorry, streety, but we can't save him.

Actually you can't buy that with most cash equivalency.

BY: Lo Shim

COUNT JAMES

BY: Jason Leffler

Magic Mike

Hey Craig Suhrke, are we still playing D&D this Friday?

Why did you have to ask me this now?

I don't think you have to worry, Craig Suhrke (who plays D&D), nobody reads this thing during finals week.

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...Yes! Yes, that's exactly why.

BY: Mike Gyull

THE END:

Thanks to all of our artists and readers for a great year! We're already accepting submissions for next year, so write to Joy at jratc567@uwsp.edu for the complete guidelines.

Good luck on your Finals!

-Joy Ratchman, Comics Editor
An American's Account of a Hungarian Pig Slaughter

Ingrid Nordstrom

When I walk into Gyuri's dorm at 6:15 on Saturday morning, I expect to see a group of friends, each with sharpened knives in one hand and a shot of Palinka in the other, toasting to their slashed manhood bolstered by three days of drinking. And an hour later, when the pig is to arrive, I expect to see the same men chasing the squealing pig around the courtyard with knives in their fists, Palinka rising to a tide in their stomachs.

As a vegetarian of six years, who has moved from the land of Polish kielbasa first semester to the land of Hungarian pig slaughters this semester, I sense a psychogastrointestinal crisis at hand.

I'm greeted at the door by Gyuri and three of his friends who are busy connecting an amplifier to a stereo.

"It's for the wake up call," Gyuri explains.

I follow Maja, a Swedish girl I met on my first day in Szeged, up the stairs to Gyuri's dorm, where we wait for the pig to arrive. Gyuri walks in holding two shots of vodka and syrup, and a woman scrapes the singed blackened pig with a two-foot wooden spoon. I ignore them and tearfully study the pig's bloody thighs.

"What is this?" I ask, but Gyuri doesn't know what I'm eating. "Only female pigs are slaughtered," Gyuri continues, "because male pigs are more expensive. The sperm of the male pig has to be castrated to keep it from producing any more sperm. After a year the male pig will finally be ready for slaughter.

The slaughter itself is quick—I don't even realize it's happening at first. With the pig still standing in its crate, one of the farmers shoots it in the throat before sliding it out of the crate and onto the plastic where four men kneel on its side until it dies. The pig crumples to the ground and, after fifteen seconds of intense convulsing and bleeding, the pig falls still and silent, its glistening blood spewing from its neck, right into a bucket to my right. The head is removed and, of course, more shots of Palinka.

Gyuri, Maja and I leave the courtyard where the two pigs are being cut up and return to Gyuri's dorm. I follow Maja, a Swedish girl and open the door, stopping only to tell the student representatives "Pointlife" what to do next. My curiosity finally gets the best of me. I return to the pig slaughter. By this time, the pig is no longer a pig; it's a stew, a bloody stew. I'm not in the mood for too, taste the stew, no longer thinking about the legs, eyes and head that made the pig. I'm just happy that it was no longer a pig. Because they include every edible bit of the pig in the stew, it's possible that I'm biting into a stomach or a piece of liver. I don't ask, nobody volunteers and that's a blessing.

"What do you think of Hungarian culture?" Gyuri asks. "It's delicious," I reply. And it is a delicious culture. Four decades of Communism have left Hungary with its borders cut and pasted by foreign leaders so many times that some Hungarians don't know whether they are Hungarian, Romanian or Slovakian, the Hungarian culture and its traditions have survived so that today "student representatives" from all over the world can moan over a pig stew cooked on a Saturday afternoon in Szeged. Despite the benefits, pig slaughters offer an international cultural relations, for now, I'm sticking to the hamburgers on my plate hiding in a bun, although I do find myself glancing upward in a while to see if there are two cow eyes there waiting to taste something take a bite. But give me a week or so and I'll be ready to stuff sausages. Until then, I remain, truly yours, smiling and splattering with blood.
2006 Wisconsin gun deer hunting season is set

New structure replaces October antlerless hunt with a December antlerless hunt

DNR News Release

Wisconsin deer hunting seasons will look dramatically different this fall under a trial season structure that, among other changes, eliminates an antlerless-only October gun deer hunt and replaces it with a statewide four-day antlerless-only gun hunt in the second week of December.

Under the new season structure approved by the state Natural Resources Board April 26, hunters will also receive one free antlerless tag for use in herd control (formerly called Zone T) and Earn-a-Buck Deer Management Units (DMUs) with the purchase of their deer hunting licenses and can purchase unlimited additional herd control antlerless tags for $2 each.

Other provisions of the 2006 deer season framework effective this fall:

- The Hunter’s Choice permit program will be eliminated and antlerless tags in DMUs with a regular deer season structure will be sold over the counter until they are sold out.
- Earn-a-Buck regulations (EAB) will be in place in 21 DMUs and hunters who registered an antlerless deer in these units in 2005 will be qualified for a buck tax for this year for EAB units.
- Archers will receive an additional antlerless deer carcass tag valid statewide.
- There will be an opportunity for young hunters to participate in a youth hunt October 7 and 8.
- Also, hunters should note that hunting seasons for the chronic wasting disease (CWD) management zones have not been set for 2006 and are still under consideration.

Additional information on deer hunting can be found on the Department of Natural Resources Web site. The 2006 Deer Hunting Regulations pamphlet is expected to be available in early August.

By Adam Eader

Eau Claire Dells is a must see

By Adam Eader

Outdoor EdVentures trip leader Cindy Kowalchuk led the last O.E. trip of the year last weekend to the Dells of the Eau Claire Park.

The Dells of the Eau Claire Park is located in Marathon County, one hour northeast of Stevens Point off of County Road Y. The country drive from Stevens Point to the Dells of the Eau Claire Park is extremely scenic and worth the trip alone.

The Dells of the Eau Claire Park season runs from May 1 - October 31. The park offers outdoor enthusiasts and tourists many options for enjoying the outdoors. Visitors can camp in one of the park’s 27 campsites, hang out on the beach or swim, have a picnic, fish, hike on one of the park’s scenic nature trails or just check out the rock formations.

Outdoor EdVentures offers quality outdoor experiences to UW-Stout students at a very reasonable rate. Kowalchuk said the goal of this trip was, “to relax and take a deep breath before exams. My goal was definitely met,” she said.

The Eau Claire River winds its way through Precambrian rhyolite schist gorges. According to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Web site, “Rhyolite schist, a very hard rock, was formed through metamorphism and later tilted here to a nearly vertical position allowing the rock to split readily along the cleavage planes.”

The Dells of the Eau Claire Park are one of Wisconsin’s many State Natural Areas, and one of the most scenic. “Everyone should be exposed to the Eau Claire Park. It is a beautiful park,” said Kowalchuk.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources said, “The Dells of the Eau Claire Park is wooded with a northern mesic forest of hemlock, sugar maple, yellow birch and mountain maple.”

Wisconsin’s Ice Age Trail also meanders through the park. The Ice Age Trail follows the historic Wisconsin glacier’s furthest descent. This offers yet another treat for sightseers.

You should be sure to get signed up for Outdoor EdVentures’ next trip to the Eau Claire Dells by the end of this month. As a knowledgeable trip leader will help you identify flora and fauna of the area as well as teach you many camping techniques.
Pointers swat Yellowjackets, end regular season on five-game winning streak

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With four overpowering wins over the UW-Superior Yellowjackets last weekend, the UW-SP baseball team extended their winning streak to five games. The streak dates back to May 2, when the Pointers defeated Marian College 14-1. During the streak, UW-SP has outscored their competition 69-0.

The scoring barrage started on Friday, as the Pointers swept the first doubleheader of the weekend by scores of 13-0 and 20-2. On Saturday, UW-SP finished off the Yellowjackets, piling up runs with wins of 11-1 and 10-0. Each game in the series ended in the seventh inning with the 10-run rule in effect.

In game one, tough pitching and productive hitting led to a 13-0 Pointer victory. Pitcher Jordan Zimmermann threw a two-hit shutout in the opener. The one-through-four spots collected nine of the Pointers’ 13 hits in game one and accounted for seven RBIs. Leadoff hitter Jake Frombach was a perfect 3-for-3 in the opener, while Nat Richter, Chuck Brehm and Ryan Byrnes had two hits each. Richter and Brehm also homered in the contest.

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Zimmermann struck out nine, while picking up his fourth victory of the season.

The second game of the series saw UW-SP use six pitchers, none of which could stop the Pointers from scoring 20 runs on 20 hits. The longest a Yellowjacket hurler lasted was two full innings, as UW-SP won 30-2.

Brehm led the charge for UW-SP, going 5-for-5 with three RBIs. It was the first five-hit game in Brehm’s career. Designated hitter Doug Coe did his part as well, hitting twice and driving in four. Richter also drove in four runs in the game.

Brehm kept firing away on Saturday, as he went 2-for-5 with a home run and four RBI. Brehm’s homer in an 11-1 game one win was his 33rd, ranking him second on UW-SP’s all-time career home run list. Brehm also ended the game with a two-run double in the seventh.

The Pointers’ speed took over in the last game of the series, as UW-SP was a perfect 10-for-10 in stolen base attempts in the 10-0 win.

Brehm failed to get a hit in the series finale, but he walked and stole a base, becoming UW-SP’s single-season stolen base leader with 32.

“Chuck is an integral part of our team, both from a performance standpoint but also with the type of leadership he exudes and the way in which he approaches the game,” said Pointers head coach Pat Bloom. “We will need [our] veteran players to continue playing at a high level... if we hope to contend for a championship.”

Ryan Hopkins pitched a four-hit shutout, striking out eight in his third win of the year.

The Pointers finished the regular season 25-14 overall and 14-9 in the WIAC.

In the opening round of the WIAC tournament—starting tomorrow in Wisconsin Rapids—the fourth-seeded Pointers face long-time nemesis UW-Whitewater. UW-SP and UW-W split their season series 2-2.

The Warhawks won their fourth consecutive WIAC regular season title this year, going 28-12 overall and 17-7 in the WIAC. UW-Oshkosh finished in second place, while UW-La Crosse finished third.

“We have great respect for the other three teams,” said Bloom. “We have as good a chance as anybody [to win], but we will need to play with confidence, toughness and togetherness throughout each game.”

Adam Evanno rounds first base and heads to second during the Pointers’ four-game sweep over UW-Superior.

Softball season ends in WIAC conference tourney

Robert Lucas
SPORTS REPORTER

The UW-SP women’s softball season was capped off with a loss last Saturday to UW-Superior, knocking the Pointers out of the conference tournament and ending their season. On Friday, the Pointers lost to Oshkosh in the first round and defeated Whitewater in the loser’s bracket.

On Friday, Oshkosh’s Ronessa Stampfl pitched a complete game one-hitter, while striking out the first eight Pointers of the game and 10 overall in the Titans 9-0 drubbing of the Pointers. UW-SP’s lone hit belonged to shortstop Laura Van Abel. Ashley Tobalsky allowed five runs in three-and-two-thirds innings. Allison Dorn relieved Tobalsky and gave up a game-ending grand slam to Oshkosh second baseman Lyndsey Allen.

Tobalsky rebounded against Whitewater, pitching seven strong innings, allowing only six hits and two earned while striking out four in a three-2 win for the Pointers. All of the offense was provided by Rebekah Bauer, who was two for two with two doubles and all three of UW-SP’s RBIs in the game. Van Abel had two hits as well and Mandy Jellish scored two runs in the win.

The Pointers needed to win five games on Saturday to win the title, but they had trouble getting out of their first game and ended up losing to UW-Superior 8-2 on Saturday morning.

The Yellowjackets buried the Pointers early, putting up five runs in the first. Point tried to fight back, closing the gap to 5-2 on a two-run home run by Bauer in the third. Superior scored two more in the fifth and added another in the sixth to close out the game. Jellish and Van Abel each had two hits.

Hope Krause pitched well in relief of starter Michelle Holberg, allowing one earned run over six-and-one-third innings.

The Pointers finished the season with an overall record of 24-16-1. Jellish led the team with a .442 average with Van Abel close behind at .427. Bauer was the leader in RBIs with 35.

In terms of pitching statistics, Tobalsky led the team with twelve wins while Krause won the ERA title with a mark of 1.59.
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Science student wins prestigious national scholarship

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Erin Hanlin, a double major in chemistry and biology, has been awarded the federally-funded Goldwater Scholarship in recognition of her excellence in research and classroom work.

Hanlin is the eighth student in UW-SP history to receive the scholarship, which is given to undergraduate students who show promise in pursuing a career in science, mathematics and engineering. She was one of 323 winners selected out of nearly 1,100 applicants nationwide.

The scholarship will provide Hanlin with $7,500 per year until her planned graduation in December of 2007.

Hanlin, a native of Marshfield, has managed to keep a 3.96 overall GPA while simultaneously immersing herself in extra-curricular activities, a job and noteworthy research. And this wasn't her first attempt at getting this award. Each requires a nomination by the student's university before application.

“I applied last year for it too and didn't get it, so it was a big thing. It's basically like two years of work now,” she said. “I learned a lot from my first time applying.”

Hanlin has been involved in several different research projects during her time at UW-SP. This year she worked on a new project that grew out of a class research involving the synthesis of organo-metallic compounds that have the potential to be used in cancer drugs.

She used her classroom experience along with existing knowledge of how platinum compounds work in chemotherapy to formulate her experiment.

“I was using palladium and I was synthesizing different palladium compounds. Platinum has already been used a lot in anti-cancer drugs,” said Hanlin. “So, I was trying to synthesize different compounds that had similar structures (to the platinum compounds).”

Hanlin explained that her research is just the first step of many. The fact that she could easily synthesize the palladium compounds is encouraging.

“I'm just doing the initial research where you're just synthesizing it. And it has to be tested,” she said. “It's such a long process before it's something that becomes a drug.”

The palladium compounds that Hanlin produced look similar to the existing platinum compounds, which, according to Hanlin, is a positive sign.

That's why I was interested in these particular compounds, because they could have real-life applications,” she said.

Hanlin, who has been deeply interested in science since high school, plans to continue her studies in medical school and possibly pursue a Master of Public Health. But she still has three semesters to decide where she will go and what she will do.

The Goldwater Scholarship carries the status as one of the nation's premier undergraduate awards in science.

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The future holds many possibilities for Hanlin. For now, she's going to continue to work hard at school and everything else she's involved in. She credits the research she has done here with helping to make her post-secondary education the experience it has been.

“Anybody who's interested in getting involved with research, it's a great thing. Not just in science, but in anything. There's research going on in every department,” Hanlin said. “It's so fantastic because it's independent and it really makes you more responsible for your own education.”

Lyme disease season is here

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SCIENCE REPORTER

Lyme disease season is upon central Wisconsin and according to last year's statistics a good percentage of reported cases occurred in Wisconsin.

Unless you are a hermit and plan to spend these beautiful days of spring and summer inside, Lyme disease is something to be aware of and not to be taken lightly.

The disease itself is caused by a bacteria that is transmitted by a bite from deer ticks and blacklegged ticks. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, only 20 percent of the people who get Lyme disease even remember the tick bite, which presents the problem of recognition of the disease in the first stage.

There are several symptoms that can be very specific to Lyme disease, which can aid in the recognition.

One of the most common symptoms, affecting 70 to 80 percent of people infected, is a large circular rash called erythema migrans. The rash shows up at the bite site about three days after the exposure and can last up to 30 days. This rash will most likely expand as the days go by. It is not usually painful to people but may feel warm.

Other common symptoms of Lyme disease include fatigue, chills, fever, headache, muscle and joint pain and swollen lymph nodes. If left untreated, Lyme disease will spread to other parts of the body and may cause several isolated symptoms such as loss of muscle tone in the face, severe headaches, neck stiffness and joint pain.

Eventually, the disease can cause bouts of arthritis with swelling occurring especially in the knees. Five percent of patients experience chronic neurological pains such as shooting pains, numbness or tingling in the hands and feet, as well as problems with short-term memory.

If detected early, Lyme disease is very treatable with a few weeks of antibiotics such as doxycycline, amoxicillin or ceftoxime axetil. As it is with almost every disease, the earlier it is caught and diagnosed the faster the patient will recover.

The best way to prevent Lyme disease is to avoid areas where ticks thrive. These include wooded areas with tall grass and lots of "leaf litter.

The ticks that transmit Lyme disease are most active in the months of May, June and July, so extra precautions should be taken during these months.

Insect repellent is an effective way to keep ticks, as well see Lyme pg. 11.
Tool’s back, but are they on their way out?

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For a band that has only released one EP and four LPs in the last 15 years, Tool’s work has been, on the whole, more than satisfying. However, it seems on “10,000 Days” that they have simply reached a plateau. “10,000 Days,” apparently a reference to the amount of time (about 27 years) that singer Maynard James Keenan’s mother Marie lived past her stroke, could be almost called “Lateralus 2” judging by the sound. Once again, this CD finds guitarist Adam Jones and bassist Justin Chancellor exchanging riffs and melodies over the polyrhythms of drummer Danny Carey complimented by Keenan’s sometimes breathy/sometimes growing delivery.

All of the real songs on this album (just like their other releases, this CD contains several “filler” tracks) are polished and solid, but they sound like they were pulled from other albums. “The Pot,” which would sound at home on “Aenima,” contains some of the worst lyrics Keenan has ever written. “You must have been high,” Keenan sings, and then, “Who are you to point your finger?” This has all been said before, and brings nothing new to the table. The music can save this track some face, though.

This is not to say there aren’t great musical moments on this album. “Vicarious,” “Jambi,” “Rosetta Stoned,” “Right in Two” and the title track are standout songs.

The first couple minutes “Rosetta Stoned” features Keenan stuttering lyrics with a kind of throaty whisper and is one of the finest musical moments on the album. “Right in Two” is similarly good, building to a chord-crunching finale.

Overall, though, the most exciting part of “10,000 Days” is probably the packaging. For the artwork on the album, the band has included stereoscopic lenses to view the accompanying photos. These photos include the clearest pictures of the band they have so far included inside an album, and are incredibly cool. The other visuals, a combination of creepy close-up photos of a laboratory-like setting, and a few layered CG graphics, are similarly stunning.

After some lackluster releases from Keenan’s other band, A Perfect Circle, and a couple paltry DVD singles (for “Schism” and “Parabola”), and this new album, it might be that the era when Keenan and co. could do no wrong might be at a close. However, after Keenan had hinted that “Lateralus” would mark the last Tool CD, it was a welcome surprise to get a new album in 2006. At least we can be content with the fact that no matter how lackluster the album is, it is still new Tool, something the world can always use more of.

"M:1-3" aids the death of the modern action movie

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ARTS AND REVIEW REPORTER

With the dismal failure (despite opening strong at the box office) of the last Mission: Impossible" movie, this third film sets out to reinvigorate the franchise by offering the audience a chance to be introduced to the personal life of the “Impossible” movie series’ main character, Ethan Hunt (Tom Cruise).

In the film’s opening segment, a gun is pointed at a woman’s head, while Hunt watches helplessly. The vile man performing these nefarious deeds is played by none other than Philip Seymour Hoffman (“Capote”), in his first villainous role, as an arms dealer named Davian. Hunt, meanwhile, has 10 seconds to disclose where the “Rabbit’s Foot” is. After the tenth second, he does not, and the woman is shot. Then the film backtracks.

Fans of the hit-and-now-dead TV show “Alias” know this trick all too well from a certain significant episode. “Alias” series creator J.J. Abrams is, coincidentally, the director of “M:1-3.” Non-“Alias” fans in the audience will be baffled until around the last 25 minutes of the movie.

“M:1-3” features a near-spectacular sequence soon after its opening hook, complete with computer-controlled high-caliber weapons, a rescue operation of one of Hunt’s team members, and a wild helicopter chase through soaring windmills. The story of “M:1-3” then segues into a cross between a string of “Alias” episodes, and a practically identical sequence to the subplot in James Cameron’s “True Lies.” In fact, a bridge in “M:1-3” is taken out by missiles in similar fashion as the one in “True Lies.” Only this time the perpetrator is a drone, as opposed to the Marine Harriers in “True Lies.”

The point we’re seeing before. It isn’t questionable that both of the sequences in these movies are exciting to watch—they are—but “M:1-3” borrows too much from films that have come before it, which turns sacrifices its integrity and heightens its predictability. The “face maker” module is even borrowed from “M.I.” But it has worn out its welcome.

In films as these, the audience will see highly unlikely stunts, and un-believable frivolities. Similar to the drawn out action stunts in “Matrix Reloaded,” “M:1-3” action scenes become a matter of what we can do to top that last scene. In time they are unexpectedly boring because there are simply too many. However, when “M:1-3” spaces its stunts out, they work effectively. Thankfully, overall the stunts are not as ridiculous as those in “M:2-2.”

The main portion of the plotline is the love between Hunt and his girlfriend “Jules” (Michelle Monaghan), a relationship that is filled with corny sappiness. Coincidentally, Jules resembles Katie Holmes (Cruise’s real wife). When she learns a certain secret of beau Hunt, the result and her reaction are outright preposterous.

Other sections of the script are tight, crafty and come across as smart. You may be asking yourself, then, why are the subplots and sub-texts so bad?

If “M:1-3” has one saving grace it’s villain, Davian. Hoffman plays him as a sadistic, always alert guy. Even when placed in a life-threatening situation by Hunt, Davian doesn’t break a sweat, and sweats suffering on Hunt’s girlfriend. But even Hoffman seems somewhat bored in a film that clearly isn’t made for his style.

In the end, the early stunts on work well. Most of Cruise’s acting isn’t that bad, and his team provides good support, if not enough. But the subplots are ludicrous, including the spy-play deceptions going on within Hunt’s own agency. “M:1-3” is another action movie has been, in a breed that is dying a slow death.
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them to be able to be athletic events, there's

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total of traffic.

Given that many students live in resi-

dence halls located on campus, some

would think that these buildings would

be a hot bed for the virus to travel, but

Hettler said that is untrue.

"The dorm system is not the issue.

The greatest sharing of respiratory droplets

occurs in classrooms and social set-

tings outside of classrooms," he said.

"Residence halls are pretty much small

people in little cubicles. There is some

traffic between rooms, but the biggest risk

to you is sitting in a crowded classroom.

So this myth that it's the residence halls that do it, it's a

myth.

While the end of the semester is bare-

ly over a week away, Hettler said if an

outbreak were to ever happen, it would

actually be best that it happen before the

end of the school year.

"Let's say you came down with a positive confirmed mumps case. We have

the ability to e-mail to all of your class-

mates and let them know that (they) were

exposed," he said. "Whereas, once you're

out away from the campus in your regu-

lar life, it's a lot of legwork for somebody going into a tick-infested area.

But do monitor your health for the next week.

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many homeless live in larger metropoli-

tan areas like Milwaukee and Racine, WISPIRG wants to show fellow students

that Stevens Point is not immune to the

problem.

"I think a lot of people don't think there's a problem," said Walsh. "You could
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people in the streets."

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pledged to display facts about homeless-

ness in the country on the outside of their

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percent are children.

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counter lobbyists and corporate industry," said Guiridy. "With regards to this event,

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