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Student employment earns over $1 million this year

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Through off-campus jobs found through the Student Employment and Employment Office, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point students have earned an estimated $1 million from July 1, 2007.

Emily Lindahl, Job Fair Coordinator for SIEO, works with the SIEO staff and local employers to find out who hired UW-SP students, dates of employment, how many hours they work per week and what their hourly wage is. Lindahl takes these figures, estimates how much each student will earn while employed, and then puts these estimates in the Job Location and Development Report.

When the YMCA contacted Lindahl with their student employment information, Lindahl discovered the JLD Report totaled over $1 million. Last year's totals have been under a million; last year's was $835,000. Last week the SIEO presented the YMCA with a large novelty check presented the YMCA with a large novelty check for the $835,000. Last week the SIEO presented the YMCA with a large novelty check.

Almost all the students' jobs within the JLD Report are positions that are advertised by SIEO. Students at UW-SP recently earned the one millionth dollar working jobs acquired through SIEO.

Unfortunately, about 40 percent of students have never been on the site, according to the press release issued by SIEO.

To find jobs through QUEST, students can log onto www.uwsp.edu/centers/sieo and click on the QUEST logo. "After completing a short profile, students can view a list of jobs and then our office will automatically send them e-mails notifying them of newly posted positions," said Susan LeBow, assistant director at the SIEO office. "Now is a great time to get online and find out about great jobs both in the Stevens Point area and beyond."

Arts

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Despite the snow on the ground and the chill in the air, one sure harbinger of spring is the annual Trivia competition. For three days on the campus grounds, over 400 teams members of the community gathered to test their knowledge of some of the most popular trivia questions around.

"It's always a good time for the students and community members to come together and have a great time," said Oliva. "The Trivia Invasion" begins this Friday.

Sports

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The Trivia Invasion is upon us. "Trivia Town, USA." Stevens Point's own, 90 FM Student Television Station carried out pizza and caffeine all while listening to copious amounts of drinkable Internet, "said Oliva, "but the essence of the game has stayed the same."

Science

For three days on the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus, students, faculty and administrators were busy answering questions and showing a five-member panel how UW-SP accomplishes its mission and carries out its programs. As part of the re-accreditation process done by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, The Review Team, composed of prominent campus officials from across the United States, establishes specific criteria and conducts reviews.

UW-SP has spent years in preparation for the three-day event that took place March 31 through April 1. Every 10 years, UW-SP participates in the re-accreditation. The last visit took place in 1998. Chancellor Linda Burnell described in an August 2006 letter to members of the campus the importance of accreditation. "An accreditation visit prompts us to examine the things that one has that's cool about it," said Oliva. During the Trivia weekend, Stevens Point plays host to over 400 teams and thousands of Trivia players all calling in to 18 phones in 90 FM's office on the first floor of the Communication Building.

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Debut will be featuring an option of western-themed meals based on the theme of Student Employment Week. The Allen Center is also offer­ ing free 10-minute stress relief sessions all week to any stu­ dent with a valid student ID.

"Students provide a sig­ nificant economic impact to Stevens Point and the sur­ rounding areas. We are thrilled to have a great relationship with out community partners in providing excellent part­ time employment opportuni­ ties to students!" concludes LeBow.

President Justin Glodowski.

That knocked about 100 teams off and that was good for us," explained Olivia. Olivia's advice to anyone who wants to do well in his trivia competition might surprise some people. "Watch plenty of TV, it's the best thing you can do with your life, it's better than studying," said Olivia.

This year's trivia competi­ tion will kick off this Friday April 11 with the annual trivia parade starting at 4:00 p.m. in Lot Q. The first question will be asked at 6:00 p.m. Friday night. Eight questions are asked every hour until Sunday morning. It's just a guess, but the first answer might be "Robert Redford."

Overall, the visit was suc­ cessful according to Student Government Association Vice President Adam Lehmann. "The visit overall was a positive one," said Lehmann. "Going into it we already knew some areas we had to work on as a university but they [HLC Review Team] also pointed out a few areas we have to improve on as well." Some of the areas of concern include the current general degree requirements. The members of the Review Team commented in the exit interview on April 2 that UW­ SP requires more GDRs than most universities. This makes the campus unattractive to many transfer students said Lehmann.

The comments made by the Review Team were brought up earlier during a meeting with the SGA presi­ dent and vice president, along with some other issues.

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The visit on campus is complete, but now the mem­ bers of the Review Team will report back to the campus with a final report.

"Each of the people who came to our campus will be working on an all-encompass­ ing report on our university's status," said Glodowski. "This report will include things that we are doing great and things that we need improvement on."

While UW-SP hopes there are more great things than those that need improvement, everyone will have to wait until the report is complete to find out.
Training program sponsors 5K run

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On Saturday, April 19, 2008 the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Athletic Training Program will host the 1st Annual Spring Thaw, a 5K run through Schmeeckle Reserve. The run will begin at 10:30 a.m. outside the Health Enhancement Center and then head north on Maria Drive into Schmeeckle Reserve. From there, participants will run along the shores of Lake Joannis and on the winding trails of the woody reserve. back on to Reserve St, ending at Coleman Field.

Anyone from the community can participate in the run.

“We wanted to keep it open to the community to get more people involved,” said senior Amy Statz.

Participants can register for the event by going to the Spring Thaw Web site and clicking on registration. From there, you can print a form and send it, along with the $20 registration fee, to: University Wisconsin-Stevens Point HEC, room 103 2050 Fourth Ave. Stevens Point, WI 54481, or pick up a registration form at the HEC, room 103.

Registration includes a t-shirt, a race bag filled with goodies, food and beverages at the end of the race, awards and the opportunity to win door prizes. There will also be day-of registration at the HEC starting at 9:00 a.m., but shirt sizes will be limited at that time.

Proceeds from the race will go to the improvement of the current Athletic Training Facility and give athletic training students the opportunity to go to conferences, conduct more thorough research and provide scholarships to deserving students.

Dictionary-loving comedian to perform in the DUC

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Madison comic Jeff Havens will be performing in the Dreyfus University Center Encore Thursday, April 10, 2008 at 8:00 p.m.

Havens, originally from Tennessee, was an English teacher before going into comedy. Much of his act centers upon making fun of the English language and using wordplay to garner laughs.

“He makes fun of the dictionary,” said Centertainment employee Emily Groves.

In addition to comedy, Havens is a motivational speaker and author. His fictional book "Reality" centers around a man who despises reality television, yet works for a corporation that produces it. He’s also authored "9 Easy Ways to Uncrapify Your Life" and "30 Easy Ways to Fix Your Hopelessly..." both books that detail his motivational angle.

Havens will be the final comedian sponsored by Centertainment for the 2007-2008 school year.

Tickets for Havens’ show are free with a student ID and $4 without, available at the door.

Newsboys scheduled to rock UW-SP

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The Australian-based pop band Newsboys will perform at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point in the Quandt Fieldhouse Friday, April 11, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

The performance, sponsored by Centertainment Productions, will headline a four-band concert including opening acts Article One, Rush of Fools and Newworldson.

Tickets are still available at the University Information and Tickets Office for $27. Tickets are also available online at https://tickets.uwsp.edu or by calling (715) 346-4100 or (800) 838-3378.

Although the internationally known Newsboys are a Christian band, they have a solid following outside Christian pop music circles. It is possible that this stems from their talents and showmanship on stage.

“They are so-energetic, and they interact with the crowd,” said junior Avra Jahnke. “It’s just a feel-good time.”

Many students are excited about the concert.

“If’s gonna be a rockin’ show,” said junior Emily Groves.

More information on the Newsboys is available on the Web at www.newsboys.com.

Communication Banquet

With the Communication Banquet coming up on Saturday, April 26, 2008, it’s important for Communication students who’d like to attend to get their tickets now.

The tickets are currently on sale for $12 until noon on Friday, April 18, 2008 in the Division of Communication Office, room 225 CAC.

No tickets or formal attire necessary. Appetizers will be provided.

English Banquet

The English Department is also hosting their annual awards ceremony. The event is being hosted at Kristin’s Mid-Town Grill from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 1, 2008.

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Smoke jumping for joy with UW-SP Fire Crew

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OUTDOORS REPORTER

"I was sitting right there," smoke jumper Wanda Wildenberg said as she pointed to a seat in Trainer Natural Resources Building room 170, "when I decided I wanted to be smoke jumper."

Wildenberg shared her experiences working as a U.S. Forest smoke jumper at a University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Fire Crew meeting earlier in the semester. The Fire Crew invites speakers on occasion to share about various fire job opportunities for College of Natural Resources graduates.

Jordan Black volunteered to model the smoke jumper's gear. Wildenberg first put an empty backpack on Black, which is used to haul gear when the smoke jumpers hike out. Black put a bulky dull yellow coat, with a very high collar and sleeves that were too long, over the backpack. The sleeves and shoulders had Kevlar sewn into them, and the high collar served as protection when landing in trees. Next, Black put on oversized pants with suspenders and on each pant leg was a huge expandable pocket. Wildenberg then strapped the main and reserve parachutes onto him.

Last but not least, another pack was strapped right below the reserve chute, which held safety gear containing water, gloves, a hardhat, a fire shelter and other personal belongings. She flung herself from the top of a snag and closed two vents on either side of the parachute canopy.

"I trained for about a year in order to pass the physical test to have a chance at being a smoke jumper," Wildenberg explained. She showed a short film of the physical test a prospective smoke jumper takes to be accepted into the program. A basic requirement is that the candidates must have some forest firefighting experience already. The entry test consists of 45 sit-ups, 25 push-ups, seven pull-ups from a complete hang to chin over the bar, and a mile and a half run. The run has to be completed in 11 minutes or less. All of these tests are completed under the watchful eye of an experienced smoke jumper.

The four-week training program is even more grueling, similar to a military boot camp, complete with "hell week." A smoke jumper trainee needs to do two "pack outs." The first "pack out" is to carry a 110 pound pack for a mile, the second an 85 pound pack for two and-a-half miles over rough and hilly terrain. Both tests need to be completed in 90 minutes or less. They are also trained in parachuting, of course, and tree climbing.

"I love my job," smoke jumper Wildenberg said with a smile at the end of her talk. For more information, contact Wanda Wildenberg at (715) 498-4335 or (715)592-4472.

In what is one of the most interesting class concepts ever developed on the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus, Barbara Dixon's advanced freshman English class delivers a unique and quirky experience in its weekly publication, "Schmeeckle Weekly."

The newsletter offers a student take on Schmeeckle Reserve, ranging in articles wondering why more students don't take advantage of the reserve, a nature column discussing questions people may have about Schmeeckle or other things outdoors, to a satirical story theorizing why one of the English 150 students missed so much class and the reserve must have forced him to move there.

Each week, students submit at least one feature every publication and bringing the class together.

"I like seeing what everyone else has done. It's fun to put everything together," said freshman Katrina Massa. When coming up with a concept for this semester's class, Barbara Dixon thought of Schmeeckle, a place in which she has always had a strong connection.

"First and foremost, I wanted to do this because of my devotion to Schmeeckle," Dixon said. "I've enjoyed going there ever since I first moved here."

Dixon also felt that having a newsletter would help the students to enjoy class more and to take more pride in their work.

"Writing always seems to work better when people have an audience," said Dixon.

At first, students were not keen to the idea of completing a publication each week, but it quickly grew on them.

"After the first issue we realized it was possible," said freshman Mercer Aplin. "At first, it was daunting."

Other students are more enthusiastic about the "Schmeeckle Weekly."

"It's pretty bad ass," said Mike Wilson.

Most students agree that although the class can be difficult, it is still a good experience.

"It's just a wee bit of stress, but its fun," said Brady Ellerson. "I give it two thumbs up."

All agree that they enjoy the creative freedom offered to them through the weekly newsletter, and they enjoy seeing what they've put together.

"It's really cool how the finished project turns out," said Samantha Hahn.

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This year, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's Danstage, the department of theater and dance's annual production, will have a new venue with new opportunities. The department will host the event in the Noel Fine Arts Center studio theater, which will allow audiences to view the performance from more than one angle. In the past, the event was held in the Jenkins Theater, where attendees could only view one side of the performance.

Danstage's works are collaboratively produced. This year, professors and student dancers have included many other artists from the College of Fine Arts and Communication in their projects. The resulting works reflect the spirit of the creative community at UW-SP.

Michael Estanich, who joined the department of theater and dance staff in 2006, worked with 13 dance students to produce "Sediment or The Vast Sky as Seen Through a Glass Pane." They collaborated with art and design major David Kuhl, whose large sculptures will create an environment for the performance.

Instructor Jeannie Hill's "Water Muse" features live music with Ben Petre and Cameron Purcell, percussion students from the music department. The piece's 14 dancers also contribute to the piece's auditory element. Costumes for the piece were designed by associate lecturer Pamela Luedtke.

Professor Joan Karlen's "Lines of Resolution" features video footage by assistant professor of communication John Little. Little's videos will be projected on the dance floor and the dancers' bodies. Department chair Gary Olsen has also had a hand in producing digital elements for the visual textures of the piece.

Danstage 2008 will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 11. Performances will be held on April 12, 17, 18 and 19 at 7:30 p.m. Matinees will be offered at 2:00 p.m. on April 13 and 20. Tickets are $17 for adults, $16 for senior citizens and $12 for youth. UW-SP students with a valid ID may purchase advance tickets for $4.50 per show or get in free the day of the show if seats are still available. Seating is limited to 150 seats per performance. Tickets may be purchased at University Information and Ticket desk in the Dreyfus University Center. They can also be purchased by calling (715) 346-4100 or (800) 838-3378 and online at www.uwsp.edu/centers/uit/ordering.asp.
Carlsen Gallery features professor's multimedia creations

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The Edna Carlsen Gallery at the University of Wisconsin–
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traveled in Japan, China and
Southern Illinois University at
and central and northern Japan
in Tokoname and Fukushima.
Her work has been exhibited throughout the United States and
internationally.
She received her Master of Fine Arts degree at The
Mobilia School of Art in Boston, a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from
Southern Illinois University at
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Lacrosse dawgs on the loose

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Wind whipped across the field while the players deftly scooped the ball into the nets atop their sticks and flung it once again to their teammates in the endless pursuit of a goal.

With a flurry of players and the thwack of a stick, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Lacrosse club team defended their turf against University of Minnesota last Sunday.

In UW-SP’s only home match this season, the Pointers faced the formidable Golden Gophers. Though their opponents went on to capture the match with a 15 to 6 score, treasurer Travis Feller was convinced the team held together under the weight of their aggressive aggressors. Both teams are a part of the Upper Midwest Lacrosse League.

“We were not intimidated, but we just kind of had to give it our best,” he said. “These guys have been playing since they were 10-years-old. If someone is big sport in Minnesota, and we held with them today.”

According to Lacrosse president and goalie Nate Komorowski, the team’s numbers proved to be a challenge in the match. UW-SP played with only half the number that their opponent had in their game against the Gophers.

“We had 17 guys compared to them, who had 40 to 45 guys. This year we are just trying to get a pace started. It’s kind of a rebuilding period,” said Feller.

“We are still in the process of growing. We have a lot of young kids, a lot of potential,” Komorowski remarked.

“These guys have been playing since they were 10-years-old. Lacrosse is big sport in Minnesota, and we held with them today.”

Spring golf in full swing

WOMEN’S GOLF

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The women’s golf team, fresh off a sixth place finish in the Jekyll Island Women’s Collegiate Invite at Indian Mound Golf Course, hope to keep up momentum as the season continues.

Of the 26 teams invited to Georgia for the event, the fourth ranked Pointers posted the third best score from a Division III team. They were led by sophomore Jessica Urban who posted a three round total of 229 (+13). Her score was good enough to individually in this week’s tournament at the Carleton College Invitational in Minnesota. “Playing in this tournament will be great for us to get some competitive rounds in before nationals, and we are planning on bringing home two medals this weekend,” said Mosher.

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Leadership and chemistry have a lot to do with the performance of the team. “Being a team, we know everyone has the ability to step up and win a tournament,” said Mosher.

“Do not have to rely on the same person every day,” said Mosher.

“I have seen them both stand up and be leaders at different times already.”

The team has received a tremendous boost from its underclassman all year long. This past fall freshman Michelle Pascavis was awarded the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Player of the Year award. Pascavis is the first Pointer to win the award and only the second freshman in conference history to win.

Pascavis was also named first team all-conference along with sophomore teammates Amy Stiloski and Urban. Mosher was named to the second team and was named to the all-sportsmanship team as well.

After this week’s tournament in Minnesota, the Pointers will have two straight conference trips to Oshkosh (April 12-13) and to Eau Claire (April 26-27) in preparation for the Division III National Championship which takes place in Waverly, Iowa, May 13-16.

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Creator of "Terrible Towel" passes, leaves legacy

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Recently, a sad event marred the world of professional sports when legendary radio commentator Myron Cope passed away at the age of 79. He was well known for his use of Yiddish exclamations such as "oyl!" and "double yoi!" in a voice that was more Jerry Lewis than Howard Cosell. However, he was much more than the voice of the Steelers' nation; he was also given credit as the originator of the "Terrible Towel." During a playoff game in 1975 against the Baltimore Colts, Cope encouraged Steelers fans to wave yellow dish towels in support of their team. The practice caught on so spectacularly; now that special "Terrible Towels" are manufactured and sold as a hot piece of team merchandise.

This idea got me thinking about other ways football fans could show their appreciation of their favorite team. And yes, I maintain all the copyright to any of these fantastic ploys.

1. Seahawkseawks

While it may be considered a bit tasteless to wave around actual seafaring birds, fans of this Northwest powerhouse can do the next best thing: wave around garbage to attract the scavenging birds! Fans will be encouraged to steal, beat and otherwise terrorize their fellow fans as well as fans of the opposition. Waving garbage will be catalyzed by all spectators before entering the arena, lest they be relegated to the "Wuss Box" which will be split on and routinely pelleted with garbage.

2. Miami Dolphins

Three words: Dolphin safe night. Fans will dodge cans of dolphin-safe tuna, which doubles as a representation of new addition Bill "Tuna" Parcells to the front office. The irony in this situation writes itself.

3. San Diego Chargers

Want to get your fans charged up? Then why not electrify their seats? Lulls in action will be erased from home games by allowing a mild shock to the posteriors of fans, the Bolts will receive regular standing ovations, regardless of how they play!

4. New England Patriots

All the Patriots' home games will be played in Iraq, Afghanistan or any other place where America is attempting to push its will onto a native culture of its choosing. This will be more patriotic than oppression!

Yes, we can all go that extra mile to support those men who sacrifice their bodies on our behalf. But the Patriots will receive regular standing ovations, regardless of how they demand for their posteriors to be bitten by the electric bug.

This column is in memory of Myron Cope (1929-2008).

Something brewing in Milwaukee?

Micah Schroeder
SPORTS REPORTER

In 2007, optimism surrounding the Brewers was brought to a whole new level. Storming out of the gates to a 24-10 start, the Milwaukee Brewers seemed destined for their first playoff appearance since...well, before most of us were even a thought.

But the Brewers looked as good as anyone and as they held an 8.5 game lead in the NL Central near the end of June.

And then a postsea­son in Milwaukee crash­ed down as the young Brewers had a horrible second half of the season and finished second place behind the Chicago Cubs.

Although the collapse put a damper on the season, the Brewers gained a lot of experi­ence and had a lot of positive points which they can build on.

Rookie Ryan Braun stormed on to the scene, setting several rookie records as he went on to capture the National League Rookie of the Year. Prince Fielder became a household name as the Terrible Towelpassed, leaves legacy.
Science, Health & Tech

Mouth to mouth no longer a necessary part of CPR

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Only three years after updating CPR standards, the American Heart Association has introduced another change. Hands-only CPR is now a viable method for helping a person in need of medical assistance.

Not due for an update until 2010, the heart association made the addition because of several indications that the hands-only method was just as good as the “normal” CPR procedure. Three studies within the past year alone have shown the benefits of hands-only CPR. Because of this, mouth-free techniques will be introduced into CPR training courses.

Studies have shown that giving uninterrupted chest compressions, 100 per minute, is just as effective as when mouth to mouth is added to the mix. Researchers feel the hands-only method might be a more viable option though as many people are hesitant to provide CPR due to fear of contracting infections.

It is estimated that people who receive CPR while waiting for medical attention have double or triple the chance of surviving as those who don’t. However, only about a third of cardiac sufferers receive this assistance. Every year around 31,000 Americans die due to cardiac arrest outside of hospitals or in emergency rooms. About six percent of those who fall all outside of the hospital survive.

The new hands-only method is especially useful for adults who have collapsed suddenly, stopped breathing or are not responsive. These symptoms usually mean a person’s heart has suddenly stopped. Mouth to mouth is unnecessary because the sufferer still has plenty of air and blood in their system. Continuous compressions will keep blood flowing to the brain, heart and other organs until professional help arrives.

For those suffering from breathing-related problems, mouth to mouth should still be employed, though most researchers agreed that any assistance is better than none. These types of problems include near-drownings, drug overdoses, as well as carbon monoxide poisonings. If children are the ones in need of CPR, their problem is typically related to breathing and so mouth to mouth should be used in conjunction with chest compressions. Mouth to mouth allows air to get into the lungs and bloodstream.

Preparations underway for 90 FM’s Trivia Weekend

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Friday April 11 at 6:00 p.m. the first question of Trivia 39 will be asked live from the 90 FM office. The contest will span just three days for the participants, but the event really started back in January.

“We generally come back from break and kick off spring semester by getting ready for trivia,” said Program Director James Priniski. “I’m excited about it. This year should be better than some of the past years.”

The staff first has to go through the process of acquiring funds, sponsors, advertisers, making t-shirts and posters, organizing questions and scheduling the event. “We spend most of our time early on taking care of those things,” said Priniski. On top of all the prep work, the studio needs to be completely transformed. The main office area is made into a room no bigger than a dorm room in order to handle the volume of calls.

“We have 10 executive staff members and around 200 volunteers and assistants doing everything from announcing questions, answering phones and keeping track of scores,” said Priniski.

After an answer is phoned in, it is recorded and brought to another room where four to five computers are up and running with a special database for scoring. The system that keeps track of the scores was designed specifically for the contest several years ago.

The station also does hourly features called “Trivia Focus,” that highlight different trivia questions. This year has been advocating the hands-only method for the last 15 years. As director of the University of Arizona Sarver Heart Center in Tucson, the place where the hands-only technique was “invented,” he was overjoyed at the heart association’s decision. Giving breaths takes time away from chest compressions, which are crucial to a cardiac arrest victim’s life. Ewy mentioned that often times the victims are taking in small gasps of breath on their own anyway.

Ewy also went on to add that when asked to honestly answer, most people wouldn’t will giving mouth to mouth CPR.

“When people are honest, they’re not going to do it,” he said. “It’s not only the yack factor.”

Over the last several years, 911 dispatchers have even been educating callers on the mouth-free method.

“They love it. It’s less complicated and the outcomes are better,” said Dallas emergency medical services chief Dr. Paul Pepe.

Exercise help via video games

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If you’re still looking for that extra boost to help you stay on track with your fitness routine, maybe you should give video games a try. Game company Ubisoft is now marketing a game for the Nintendo DS called “My Weight Loss Coach.”

While there are no skill levels to achieve, the uses a variety of coaching sessions, all of which are customizable, to encourage and keep an eye on the user’s physical activity. The game also comes equipped with a pedometer to enhance the physical activity tracking. This pedometer connects to the Nintendo DS, keeping track of your food intake as well as daily exercise. This game is intended for those who are slightly overweight. If a person suffers from severe obesity, the video game probably isn’t the best solution. But if you enjoy video games and losing weight, then “My Weight Loss Coach” just might be right for you.

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Letters & Opinion

Your College Survival Guide: Beards and Trivia

By Pat Rothfuss,
WITH HELP FROM THE AFTERDARK COFFEE HOUSE.

Dear Pat "Haptodyphoria" Rothfuss,

I have a somewhat hairy relationship problem:

My boyfriend has a beard and a mustache and I think he looks quite good with them. But recently, when we were kissing very...adamantly, I got irritated from his mustache rubbing against my mouth. I got "stash rash." And it hurt.

Is there any way to prevent this from happening again? If there's no way to stop it, what do you suggest for the rash? Perhaps there's some kind of ointment I could use? Normally I'd ask my female friends, but they're all dating fellows sans facial hair. And going to my mom with this one is out of the question. Since you yourself are a furry person, I thought you might have some suggestions.

Thanks for the advice, oh Fuzzy One,

Leanna

It seems to me that you might be jumping to conclusions here Leanna. Have you considered all the possibilities? Maybe you're allergic to boys. Or it's possible that you're just allergic to your boyfriend.

Figuring out what is really causing this rash should really be your first order of business. My advice is that you first kiss some girls and see if you develop a similar rash. Then you should kiss a guy with no beard. Lastly then you should kiss a man with a beard who isn't your boyfriend. That's the only way you can really be sure that the beard is the real issue here. Science doesn't lie.

On a completely unrelated note, if you need a place to conduct this experiment, we just installed a hot tub at my house....

But if it does turn out to be the new beard, the real difficulty is probably the fact that your boyfriend's beard and mustache are really short. When that happens, the hairs are really prickly and rough. It's like making out with a Christmas tree, and that leads to irritation.

There are several solutions to this one. The simplest is for your boyfriend to let his beard grow out until it's full and manly like mine. Longer mustaches and beards are softer and don't lead to any irritation from the make-outs.

Alternatively, your boyfriend can condition his beard and mustache. That's supposed to make the hair softer, too.

You could also try to wear some sort of face protection. Like a ski mask. Or maybe you could just kiss him through a hole in a piece of wax paper. I bet that would work too.

Pat,

...Some people have invited me to play trivia with them this year. It's my very first trivia. Any advice for a newbie?

Ben

You came to the right place, Ben. I've been doing Trivia since my first year in college, and I've learned some important things over the years. If you follow this few pieces of advice you should be able to make it through all 54 hours of trivia relatively unscathed.

Don't talk when they're asking the questions on the radio.

If your team is serious about Trivia, then this is the most important rule. I've seen terrible things happen to people who talk over the questions. My first year of trivia I didn't know what the big deal was, so after my third offence they duct-taped me to a utility pole in the back yard.

The two guys that tied me up went off for pizza afterwards and then forgot about me for about four hours. Luckily, I can sleep anywhere, so I just took nap.

Don't make any bets regarding answers you're "absolutely sure" are right.

As you all know, lack of sleep can impinge your good judgement. So, if you ignore this rule, somewhere around hour 38 of Trivia you're bound to make some ridiculous bet with someone, lose, and have to do something unpleasant. Last year I forgot this rule and had to eat an entire box of Shake 'n Bake through a straw. Not as much fun as you might imagine.


My source of power and yours. Caffeine is going to be your new best friend over the trivia weekend. And I have good news! Our lovely sponsor, the Afterdark Coffee House, has decided to stay open for the entire 54 hours of Trivia. That means that no matter what unseasonable hour of the day or night you end up needing a jolt, you'll be able to stop in and get some Espresso, or Red Bull, or pretty much any energy drink you like.

And you Ben, because I used your letter this week, you get a $10 gift certificate for the Afterdark. So does Leanna. The rest of you lazy wankers have to pay your own way....

Get a little sleep.

Now your hardcore stay-awake-all-54-hours teammates might call you a sissy for taking the occasional catnap. But unless you're used to staying up for long periods of time, lack of sleep does some really funny things to you.

In 1997, I tried to stay awake for the whole contest and... well... Sunday morning rolled around and somehow I got the great idea that "everyone gets a hickey" should be this year's Trivia Theme. Worse yet, there was another guy there who was just as sleep deprived as I was, and... well... let's just say that his girlfriend still hasn't entirely forgiven me for that.

Check out the Trivia Parade.

One of the lesser known parts of Trivia is the parade that happens at 4:00 p.m. on Friday April 11. My team has been putting together floats for almost ten years at this point, and the people in charge seem to find no greater joy than in dressing me up. Last year our float was Flash Gordon themed, so I was Prince Voltan.

This year we're doing Woodstock, so I'm playing the part of 'hippie guy making out with a hot hippie chick under a blanket.' I think I'm going to try a little method acting.

Remember this week's sponsor is the newly opened Afterdark Coffee House, built on the bones of the old Mission. It's open all day and all night during Trivia.

Coffee, energy drinks, fresh bakery, nachos, WIFI... The Afterdark has it all. It even has Pat Rothfuss. I'll be holding down the fort there during the late-late-night Saturday shift. So if you're sleep deprived, stop by and I'll make you some of my patented Better-Than-Sex chocolate chip cookies.

The Afterdark is downtown, right across from Arbuckles. Or you can call 254-0049 and ask for directions.
Resident’s Evil

You missed the Nekosh exit!
I said I’d drop you off on my way home. I never promised
to take the quickest route.

What’s going on?
I was hoping
you’d tell me.

Your old roommate told me that
people around campus think we’re
a couple. Craig paid me $20 to tell me
you aren’t a good prospect. What do
you think about all of this?

I DON’T think I was that
POPULAR.

To be
honest...

Joy Ratchman
FIRE@WILL

WHOA! I’M GLAD TO SEE
YOUR HONEYMOON WENT
WELL.

Paul Johnson

Lo Shim

Neverland

WHERE I COME FROM

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