KITTENS IN SPACE?! UWSP student shares stories of new kittens' sweater business, IN SPACE. page 2
KITTENS ARE TAKING OVER THE WORLD AND YOU CAN BLAME IT ON ME.

I'll explain why, but first, take a look around. There's a kid over there wearing a T-shirt with a kitten head printed on it. At least five people in this room know Marni or the Burberry cat and spend Thursdays drinking milk while watching kitten videos on YouTube.

Yes, the girl behind you just said "meow" in replace of the English word "now."  

Now [noun] adverb 1. at the present time or moment 2. Without further delay; immediately; at once.

Meow [mee-ou, myou]  

noun: 1. The characteristic sound of a cat.

Although this nonsense might be a little bit out of hand, nothing has ever tickled my sense of style like a sweater, and nothing has ever buttered my toast like the thought of kittens in floating outer space; so, when I came across my first sighting of a kitten in space sweater a few years back, I died and went to heaven twice.

That is when I thought of the idea to open my very own business: Kittens in Space. I started it by laboring pilgrims to manufac- ture the sweaters and sell them on the website focusing on selling and raising handmade items. After months of trying to start up my business, designer Kitty Gato found my designs on Etsy and asked if I would like to work with her in a licensing fashion. This was my big break and the first step to kittens taking over the world.

A few weeks after Gato sent in my designs, I got a letter in the mail saying that my sweater would debut on an episode of Hannah Montana on the Disney Channel. To completely honest, I was so excited that celebrity was going to be wearing a Sweater for Kittens sweater that I didn't even care that it was going to be on a television show geared for teeny boppers.

That is until I saw a poorly rep- licated design of my sweater being mocked on television: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xcv-qhQOa- WY. From then on, I discontinued Social for Kittens in Space.

Now, six years later, kittens have the "it" factor, starring in calendars, thousands of YouTube videos, and the "U.S. of A." We are still convinced that I am the original of this idea and I will take partial responsibility for kittens taking over the world.

Someday the kittens will be more than a household pet and greater than a motif for sweaters.

SOMEDAY THE WORLD WILL WORSHIP KITTENS BEYOND ANCIENT EGYPT.

If Dec 21, 2012. is truly the end of the world and it zombies come to kill us all, at least we can blame it on the kittens... or Disney.

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Stevens Point, WI - Popular opinion states that Jagmeister tastes pretty damn good on the lips but where does one draw a line in con- sumption? What are the long-term effects of a simple "jaggie bomb?"

According to friends, former hipster Leif Andreas drew the line by ditching his vinyl copy of the new Andrew Bird album and instead spent the entirety of an afternoon listening to Dave Matthews Band's "Live From Central Park" while daydreaming about playing catch foot- ball in the streets in his brand new cut off white hat.

Andreas wasn't always like this, however, according to his former best friend Nick Pepinski. Andreas was quite the culture nut.

"We spent the weekend riding on our fixed-gear bicycles only to stop at a park to grill our vegan portabella mushroom burgers and discuss the literature of Jack Kerouac when the accident happened," Pepinski said.

Andreas was struck in the head with a frisbee that was being played by what Pepinski describes as "a bunch of bros."

After a day in intensive care and a week recovering in the hospital, Andreas was released and healthy, though to most who were close to him noticed a change. Andreas' recent ex- girlfriend Kelly Kipper noticed the change immediately.

"He didn't seem interested in the same things as he used to be interested in, I started to really worry when he claimed that Nickleback was really that bad of a band," Kipper said.

It didn't stop there... fellow week- enders claimed that Andreas stopped showing up to Gau's on Main for famous $150 tabs of Pabst Blue Ribbon and instead startedreprin' his new too tight popped collar polo at grafiti's. He was spotted doing not one but several jagger bombs, followed by approximately two fast pumps to stress the idea of "how much of a bad ass I am," as stated by Andreas.

"Whoa, such an extreme change in personality? Psychologist Dr. Rob Milo thinks he may have a clue.

"Though I haven't met with Andreas personally, referencing his friends' accounts it seems as though Andreas might have what we call Bro-polar disorder," Milo said.

What exactly is bro-polar disor- der? Well, according to Dr. Milo it is a mental disorder that usually occurs from forced head trauma that stems from an incident involving something "douchey or overly misogynis- tic." The trauma usually results in the patient becoming a huge asshole to the rest of society.

Milo recommends avoiding Frisbees, Jack Johnson albums, fist pumps, and Aze deodorant, for all of them can prolong the disorder.

Is there a cure? Well, according to Milo, only time will tell.

"Most patients don't make it, they typically die from run-ins with other bros, you know the whole "Yo bro you hitting on my girl?" type of thing," Milo said.

That being said, we can only hope that Andreas stays off the bottle and stays out of trouble.

"I really want my friend back, Urban Outfitters has a sale in Milwaukee this weekend and it would be really nice to have someone to split gas money with," Pepinski said.
"ONE IPAD PER STUDENT" SUSTAINABILITY FUNDS REQUEST APPROVED BY SGA

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Last week, The Pointer was successful in its Sustainability Reserve request, approved by a vote of 21-3 in the Student Government, to provide an iPad for every student in order to save paper.

Starting in the upcoming Fall semester, students will pay an extra $350 total, spread throughout their six years at UWSP, for this shift to iPad-based, digital distribution of the campus newspaper. It is estimated that this move will save invaluable paper for UWSP’s student populace of voracious Pointer readers.

Last semester, SGA approved a Sustainability Fund request to provide iPads to two members of the organization, President Ryan Rutledge and Vice President Liz Westberg. Around this time, The Pointer decided to propose its own sustainability initiative to the Segregated University Fee Allocations Committee (SUFAC).

“We heard the SGA iPads were a ‘sustainable initiative’ because Ryan and Liz wanted to save paper,” said Adam Maloby, Ad Manager for The Pointer. “So we were like, ‘We use a bunch of paper. Why don’t we provide the UWSP student body with an iPad, just like SGA did?’” Then I took a spiritual journey throughout campus, talking to everyone I saw, and they all agreed. Pretty soon, we got our request approved.”

“To be sure, it could be argued that all the paper SGA uses in a year is not worth the unsustainable process used to manufacture two iPads (which are made from conflict minerals) extracted untraceably throughout Africa, assembled by slave laborers in China and finally transported for mass consumption to all corners of the world on oil-intensive mega-tankers),” wrote Editor-in-Chief Aaron Osowski in The Pointer’s request to the Sustainability Committee and the SUFAC.

“However, all the paper used to print The Pointer, which distributes 2,200 copies throughout the campus community, is a far greater cost to the world’s forests,” wrote Osowski in his justification for the $350 per student increase in segregated fees. “And you can’t deny it, this might encourage students to read it every once in a while.”

Samuel Dvorak, whose Sustainability Committee approved the earlier request for only the two iPads for the Student Government, said that was probably true, and “The funds request does make more sense if, instead of only saving paper for two people who use their iPads as dinner trays, we were saving all the paper used to print the newspaper.”

The proposal was met with some criticism at the meeting, mainly from several members of the local Students for a Democratic Society branch. These students expressed dissent to SGA’s decision, stating “This is unjust, because many students already own iPads.”

The vote was originally tallied twice with more No’s than Yes’s, roughly by a 2-1 margin, luckily for The Pointer, the staff of whom anticipated the decision with furor and excitement, Vice President Liz Westberg counted all of the “Maybe” votes as Ayes.

“We got majority support,” Rutledge said in an interview to the Stevens Point Journal soon after the meeting.

Everybody celebrated the night as a victory for democracy, including the world on oil-intensive mega-tankers),” wrote Editor-in-Chief Aaron Osowski in The Pointer’s request to the Sustainability Committee and the SUFAC.

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“You can imagine a world like that? I was raised not to take anything from strangers. How will my son know his neighbors won’t poison their tomatoes or apples?” Paulson said. “Imagine the blow to his self-esteem if he has to get to his office on a Trek! I will do anything I can to avoid that future for my son.”

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members of WWSP 90 FM, who are always inci­dent to events, were looking very cool.

The Pointer’s spokesperson, Kaitlyn Luckow, said, “Hey, SGA did it first. Besides, they voted to raise tuition by $685 annually last semester—we were just asking for roughly $60 annually for their iPads, including the cost of the iPad app.”

The Best Pickup Truck session was probably the least productive, what with the die-hard Dodge fans and Ford fans and so on,” said Co-Founder Zoe Boryun. “But we did make some headway. One in the morning is by far the best time to shop at Wal-Mart, and we’re hoping this encourages other movements such as Occupy Texas Stadium Parking Lot.”

The encampment even brought a stimulus to the local Milwaukee economy: gas stations found their pumps busy all day every day in keeping up with the demands of the protest. Fast food restaurants like McDonalds and Taco Bell even instituted a temporary delivery service during the occupation to deal with the intense demand for cheap, filling food.

But Occupy Miller Park Parking Lot wasn’t just filled with consumption and pollution. Underlying all of that was a message that occupiers hoped would spread across the hearts and minds of all Americans. When asked what he thought about a future where his children and grandchildren bought local, organic foods and mainly biked or walked to their destinations, Occupier Paulson offered some prescient words.

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First year Athletic Director Daron Montgomery held a press conference Tuesday morning announcing the addition of a new sport being offered at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. "I am pleased to announce that UWSP will be competing as an inaugural member of the WIAC's newly formed beer pong league," said Montgomery. "After days of deliberation, my colleagues and I have decided that participating in the WIAC's newest sport was too lucrative an offer to pass up."

The announcement comes a week after the WIAC made the decision to make beer pong an officially sanctioned sport. "Statistically speaking the UW-System has more non-student athletes than student-athletes," said WIAC Commissioner Gary Kamer. "We felt as though we weren't providing enough opportunities for those students to succeed athletically."

UWSP will be joined by UW-Stout, UW-Oshkosh, UW-Platteville, and UW-Eau Claire next year as the initial members of the league. UW-River Falls, UW-Superior, and UW-Whitewater have not yet made a decision whether they would participate or not. Montgomery held a press conference that the university has chosen a coach for the upcoming season, UWSP alum Richie Garrett. In his eight years as a Pointer Garrett racked up a career record of 983-7 during house parties and informal holiday tournaments. The 43-year-old brings a wealth of knowledge to the program that he accumulated during his 30 years of organized play, beer pong, and overseas.

"When we decided we wanted to join the league some friends of the program immediately brought Richie to my attention," said Montgomery. "It took us a while to find him, but once we did he seemed like he was all in."

"I was definitely excited to come back to Point and coach pong," said Garrett during a phone interview. "When the program finally got in touch with me I was in a bit of a transitional phase in my life. This opportunity was just the thing I needed to get myself back on track."

"The university has faced quite a bit of scrutiny regarding the hiring due to Garrett's past athletic history. A rumor had arisen when word was leaked that Garrett would be hired that when the athletic department finally tracked him down he was at a brothel in Bangladesh. Garrett vehemently denied the allegations. "I have heard the claims that you speak to and I can tell you now that they are a complete fabrication. The building that I had taken residency in was a former brothel, and I was away on business when AD Montgomery made his initial attempts to contact me."

"The business" that Garrett was allegedly away on has also been met with suspicion. According to sources, Garrett is well known in that area as the leader of a criminal organization specializing in the supply of illegal fireworks and synthetic opium. Even more peculiar was the fact that when UWSP officials finally found him he was eating at a Hedgees in Marrakech.

"I know I've had a lot of ups and downs in my life, but I've grown from every experience," said Garrett. "I may not be the straight-laced guy that people want associated with the program, but the school came to me for a reason. If there's one thing I know how to do, it's play beer pong."

An assistant coach has yet to be hired but word is the early favorite is Rabbi Adam Goldberg. Goldberg is the most respected rabbi in the Chicago area and has performed over 2,000 circumcisions. No one is quite sure how that will help kids play beer pong.

Coach Garrett will be holding open tryouts beginning Monday April 2 at 5 p.m. in the MAC.

"Not everyone can play this game, it takes a special talent. And I don't like the term 'open tryouts' because that makes it sound like everyone can come. Everyone can't. If you've ever said the phrase, 'I'm so good at beer pong, I've never lost a game,' you definitely can't come because you're probably full of shit," Garrett said. "I don't want any sissies, lightweights, or table bumpers out here. And the answer is no, this isn't a gentleman's game."

A complete rulebook had yet to be drafted, however Commissioner Kamer said there had been progress made. "There will be a standard 10-cup, two-ball format to each match. There will be absolutely no celeb-shots, that is something myself and the other members of the conference had strongly stressed. Other than that we are leaning towards allowing schools to implement house rules regarding re-racks and fingering blowing."

"This is a very exciting time for us," said Montgomery. "It is my firm belief that a beer pong team will be nothing short of an overwhelming success for this institution."

When asked if he thought the drinking culture of Wisconsin coupled with the implementation of a beer pong league would only increase the negative stigma against the UW-System, Montgomery simply said, "Sucks to suck."

When asked to elaborate Montgomery tweeted, "WSRNTSory.

What has happened during the beer pong press conference?

The UWSP hockey team averaged playing in front of almost 1000 fans during the 2012 season whereas the intramural league averaged less than 10. Heck is planning on providing more players and attracting a crowd to the intramural league that plays Wednesday’s and Saturday’s.

Heck did not say if he was bringing any of his Pointer team members but he did say that the team reacted similarly to him after reading the article. However, Heck does plan on replacing former player-commissioner Patrick Holton next year.

"It would be an honor to replace Patrick as player-commissioner," said Heck. Heck and Holton have established a friendship through their passion for hockey but claim they never discussed the CHL prior.

Heck will be restricted from using his snaps on the CHL seeing as they are not allowed in the league. Heck will also have to refrain from checking players into the boards, another restriction of the CHL.

I think the CHL needs me as much as I need them," said Heck. "I read the article and instantly told myself that it is something that will fulfill my college experience."

Heck’s current sponsorship with Bauer and Easton will not be affected by his decision, with the companies stating: "We support Kyle Heck and his career decisions. We feel he will continue to represent us as much as he did playing for the university."

"I am not going to win one, not two, not three, not four, not five, not six, not seven, but eight championships in the CHL," said Heck.

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