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Smitten for Kittens: in Space

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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 Maru or the bark-ing cat and spend Thirsty Thursday drinking milk while watching kitten videos on YouTube.

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

Now [nou] 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 out of hand, nothing has ever tickled my sense of style like a sweat-er, 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, Smitten for Kittens in Space. I started out by laboring pilgrims to manufac-ture the sweaters and sell them on a website focused on selling and rchasing handmade items. After ay 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... sion 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 kitten sweater would debut on an episode of Hannah Montana on the Disney Channel. To be completely honest, I was so excited that a celebrity was going to be wear-ing a Smitten 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=cxv-qhQ0u-WY>

From then on, I discontinued Smitten for Kittens in Space.

Now, six years later, kittens have the "it" factor, starring in calendars, thousands of YouTube videos, and yes, even on sweaters. I am still con-vinced that I am the originator of this fad and I will take partial responsibil-ity for kittens taking over the world. Someday kittens will be more than a household pet and greater than a motif for sweaters.

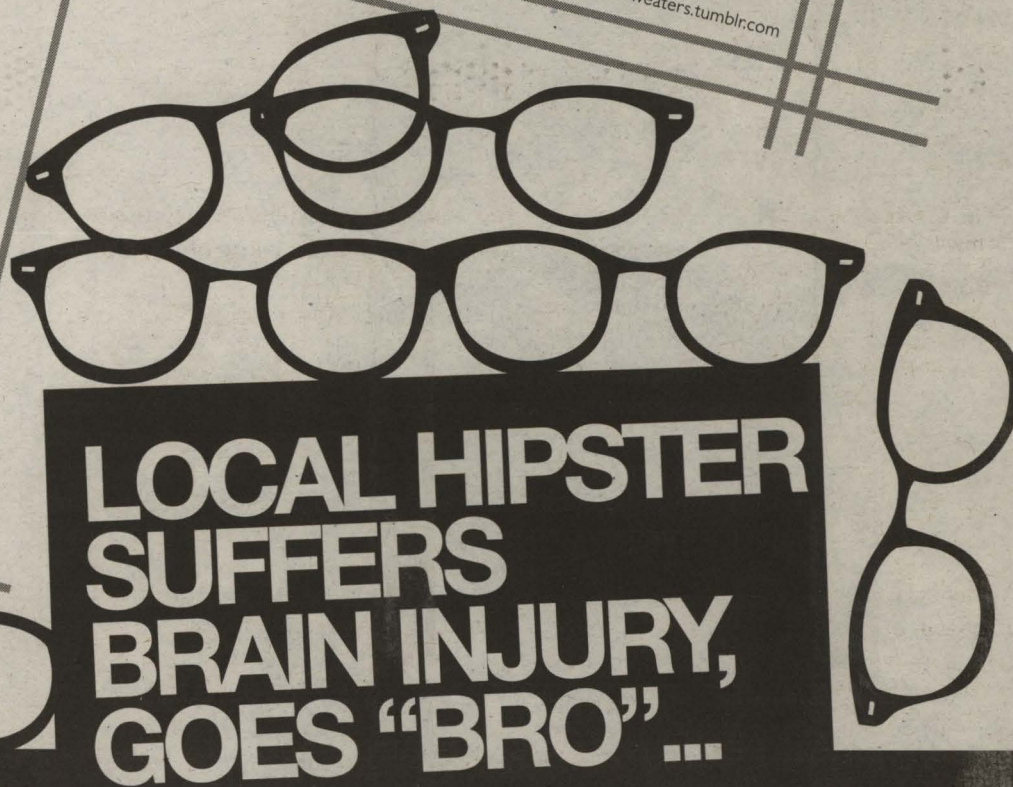
SOMEDAY THE WORLD WILL WORSHIP KITTENS BEYOND ANCIENT EGYPT.

If Dec. 21, 2012, is truly the end of the world and if 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 opin-ion states that Jägermeister tastes pretty dāmn good on the lips but where does one draw a line in con-sumption? What are the long-term effects of a simple "jaggy 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 day-dreaming about playing catch foot-ball in the streets in his brand new cut off t-shirt.

Andreas wasn't always like this, however; according to his former best friend Nick Peplinski, 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," Peplinski said.

Andreas was struck in the head with a Frisbee that was being played by what Peplinski 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 interest-ed in, I started to really worry when he claimed that Nickelback wasn't really that bad of a band," Kipper said.

It didn't stop there--fellow week-enders claimed that Andreas stopped

showing up to Guu's on Main for famous \$1.50 taps of Pabst Blue Ribbon and instead started reppin' his new too tight popped collar polo at Graffiti's. He was spotted doing not one but several jagger bombs, followed by approximately two fist pumps to stress the idea of "how much of a bad ass I am," as stated by Andreas.

Why 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 disorder? Well, according to Dr. Milo it is a mental disorder that usually occurs from forced head trauma that stems from an incident involving some-thing "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 Axe 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," Peplinski said.



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"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 coming 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 Malooly, 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 with two times more No's than Aye'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

'OCCUPY' SPINOFF COMES TO MILLER PARK, BRINGS BEER, APATHY

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Exhaust fumes and car radios permeated the air around Miller Park last week as hundreds of people gathered in the parking lot of Miller Park in Milwaukee, WI, for 'Occupy Miller Park Parking Lot.'

On Sunday, hundreds of cars, trucks and SUVs amassed in Miller Park's Preferred Parking sections. In solidarity under the slogan of 'We are the 100% American,' occupiers left their vehicles running, with many turning on their car radios. The sounds of Nickelback, Ke\$ha and Ted Nugent mixed with exhaust fumes to create a powerful and energetic atmosphere in the lot.

The encampment lasted a full week and was endorsed by companies such as Transcanada and General Motors.

The movement, organized by a group of concerned Wisconsin citizens, was formed on March 18 with the initial agenda of combating "the rising national consciousness of environmental, economic and social justice issues in the American people," according to the group's website.

Occupy co-founder Steve Willets sees the movement as pivotal in fighting against what he sees as the 'Axis of Evil': Sustainability, Intellectualism and Diversity.

"With every Prius, every Whole Foods, every alternative radio station, and every alternative news outlet we come closer and closer to the global enslavement that the liberal media has attempted to trigger for decades," Willets said.

Like Occupy Wall Street, Occupy Miller Park Parking Lot also conducted daily general assembly meetings in which they discussed their opinions about key issues including best fast food restaurant, best reality show, most disgusting vegetable, best time to shop at Wal-Mart, and best pickup truck.

"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 Joe Borgun. "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 protesters' demand for gasoline. 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 Alan Paulson offered some prescient words.

"Can you 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. "And 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."

Other highlights of the encampment included an elaborate shrine dedicated to the "job creators," a giant iPad drum circle, and a rally at urban farmer Will Allen's Growing Power headquarters, where occupiers threw plastic bottles into compost piles and denounced sustainable, local agriculture.

members of WWSP 90 FM, who are always incidentally around, looking very cool.

The Pointer's spokesperson, Kaitlyn Luckow, said, "Hey, SGA did it first. Besides, they voted to raise tuition by \$648 annually last semester—we were just asking for roughly \$60 annually for their iPads, including the cost of the iPointer app."

Looking at the ceiling, Layout

Editor Amanda Hays said she will be designing the app today, although she only has four hours to do it.

Centertainment has announced it will look into a proposal to provide entertainment directly to the student body this semester. "We are also interested in this 'sustainability' business," the organization posted on Facebook.

Sports

UWSP Athletic Department to Offer New Sport

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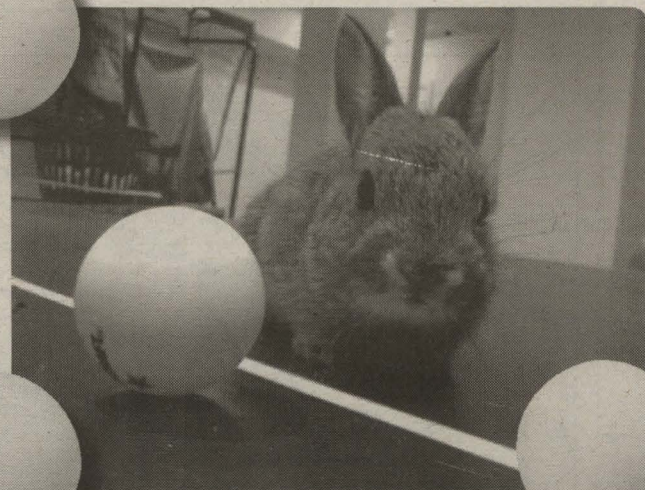


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First year Athletic Director Daron Montgomery held a press conference Tuesday morning announcing the addition of a new sport being offered at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

"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 Karner. "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.

"It's a great opportunity," said Montgomery. "Not many people know what it feels like to succeed on a grand stage, and since our students are probably going to hate life once they graduate we felt this would be a perfect opportunity for them to do something meaningful."

The beer pong program will reportedly have an annual budget of \$250,000, most

of which will be spent on beer and team uniforms.

"We are currently reviewing offers from high profile companies such as Nike and Solo regarding equipment rights," said Sports Information Director Mitch Capelle.

When asked if the university would agree on a hometown discount with Point Brewery to be the team's official beer provider, Capelle said the university was still fielding offers from other companies but he did not rule out an exclusive deal with the local brewery.

Montgomery also said during his 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, both here 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

colorful 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 of 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 Hardees 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 come. 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 Karner 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, "#SorryNotSorry."

Heck Quits Pointers, Joins CHL

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After reading an article in last week's issue of The Pointer, sophomore forward Kyle Heck of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point hockey team left the Pointer hockey team to play for the intramural College Hockey League. Heck is coming off of a season where he scored a team high 20 goals and 27 points for the Pointers.

Heck declared a change of heart on March 26, 2012, stating 'I am taking my talents to Intramurals' during a television broadcast. Heck made what has become known as The Decision just 10 days after being named American Hockey Coaches Association West Region Second Team All-American.

There is mass chaos in the community seeing as Heck is a local of the Stevens Point area and his departure from the UWSP hockey team has stirred up things on campus.

It has become common to see Pointer fans burning Heck jerseys in the streets since The Decision.

"I feel like I have the best chance of winning a championship in the CHL," said Heck. Which may be true but the caliper of competition is far from as credible as the UWSP team's competition.

The CHL's newest member will trek into unfamiliar territory, after playing among some of the best players in division III hockey he will now face off against a melting pot of talent. Though the competition is different, Heck will still be playing on his home ice of the K.B. Willet Arena.

"I am not sure how much the league will change once I start playing, all I know is if it gets better than it is it will be a bonus," said Heck.

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 Sunday'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 Holtan next year.

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

Heck will be restricted from using his

slapshots in 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.