

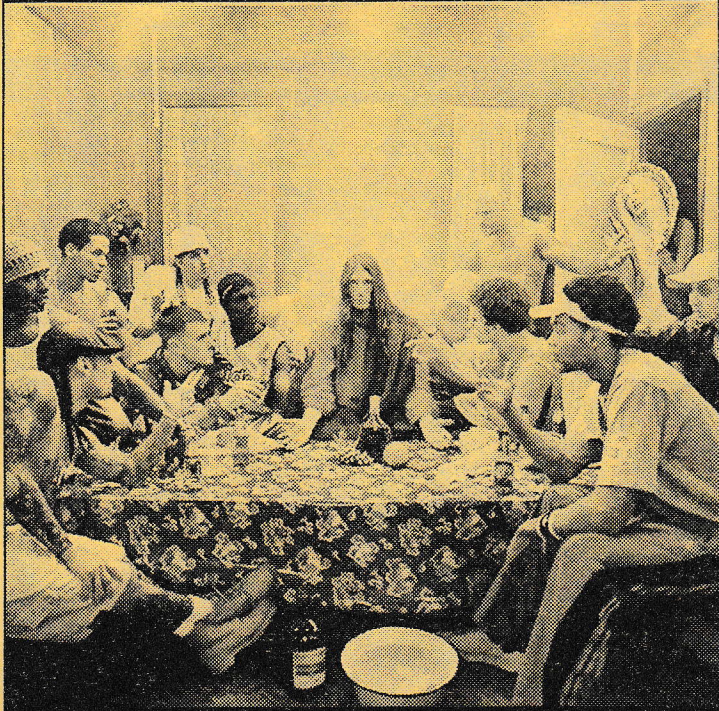
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Academic

Wednesday, November 21
Thanksgiving Break Begins, No Classes

Monday, November 26
Classes Resume

Friday, December 14
Classes End

Saturday, December 15
Commencement

Monday, December 17
Evaluation Week Begins

Friday, December 21
Evaluation Week Ends

Wednesday, January 2
WinTerm Classes Begin

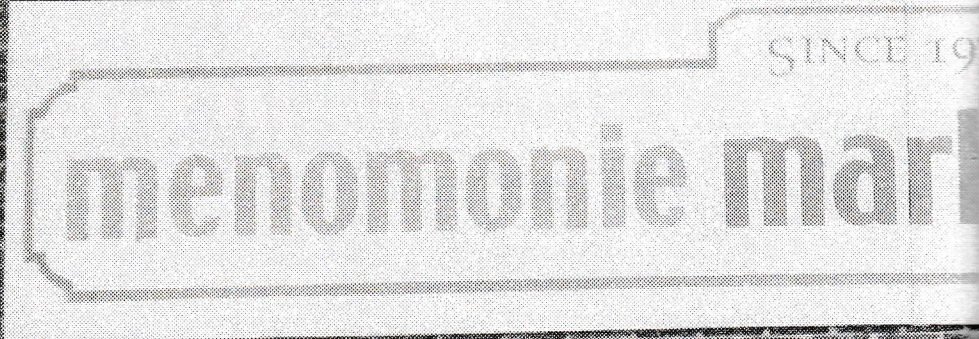
Sunday, January 20
WinTerm Classes End

Tuesday, January 15
Semester II officially begins

Monday, January 21
Martin Luther King Day, No Classes

Tuesday, January 22
Classes Begin

A Closer Look:

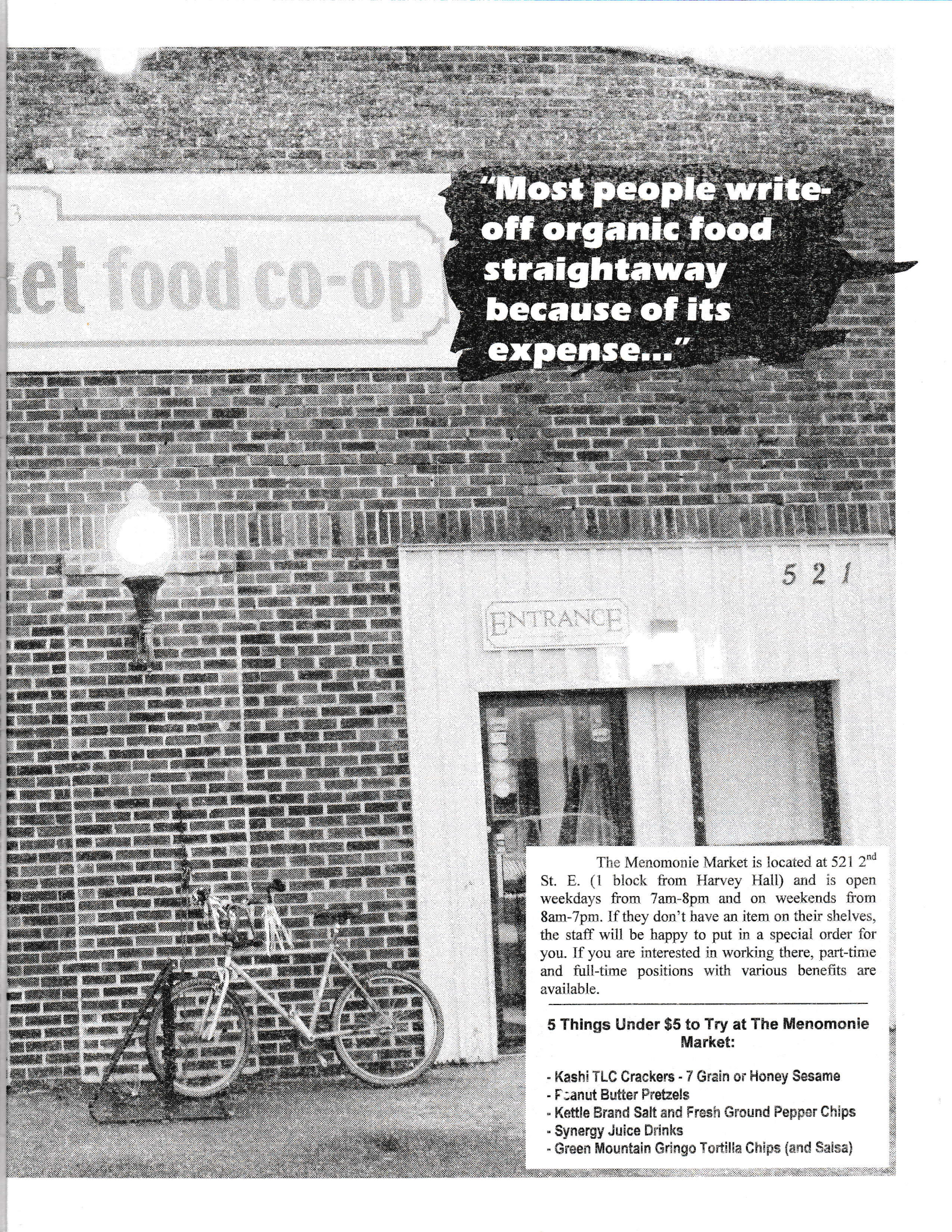


The Menomonie Market is a great place to meet all of your organic food needs in an easily accessible location, but that's just on the surface. If you delve into it a bit more, you will see that the market has a history that reaches back almost 35 years when it got its start with just a few neighbors who wanted to buy bulk items to save money. It slowly evolved (and moved locations a few times) until it reached its \$1 million/year sales mark..

By definition, a co-op is farm or business run and jointly owned by its members, with profits or benefits shared among them. To become a member at the Menomonie Market, you are asked to make a one time \$100 stock investment contribution. Members receive such benefits as \$20 check cashing, a member coupon book, having the bimonthly Morsel newsletter mailed to your house, and member-only items. For the first time since opening their doors, the Menomonie Market will be able to share their profits in what is called a patronage rebate for their members: each month, there are about 20-50 special items in the store that are reduced by about 25%.

The Menomonie Market also features bulk bins. Most people write off organic food straightaway because of its expense, but bulk bins are there to help alleviate some of that cost. Items such as beans, granola, and even candy are available for bulk purchase. Some of the items in the bulk bins are seasonal, but for the most part, the items stay the same. In addition, the market also has various natural remedies for ailments such as headaches, stomachaches, fatigue, etc. A computer is set up in an aisle with a program called Hyper Health, which will give about two pages of comprehensive analysis for most ailments. For a headache, for example, it would list aromatherapy, herbal teas, and also some foods are listed either to avoid or consume. They also offer supplements for cleansing of the body (i.e. colon cleanse).

In terms of special offerings you may not find at the local grocery stores, the Menomonie Market offers a variety of items from soaps and other hygiene products to fresh vegetables, meat, and even specialty cheeses. The market guarantees that your purchases generally come anywhere from a 50-200 mile radius of Menomonie, including the Twin Cities and Milwaukee. Of course, there are many local growers right from Menomonie. For what the market doesn't have, stop at Marketplace Foods. Regular customers use Marketplace as a supplement to the market because their size at present isn't large enough to house every organic and alternative food under the sun.



Market food co-op

"Most people write-off organic food straightaway because of its expense..."

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ENTRANCE

The Menomonie Market is located at 521 2nd St. E. (1 block from Harvey Hall) and is open weekdays from 7am-8pm and on weekends from 8am-7pm. If they don't have an item on their shelves, the staff will be happy to put in a special order for you. If you are interested in working there, part-time and full-time positions with various benefits are available.

5 Things Under \$5 to Try at The Menomonie Market:

- Kashi TLC Crackers - 7 Grain or Honey Sesame
- Peanut Butter Pretzels
- Kettle Brand Salt and Fresh Ground Pepper Chips
- Synergy Juice Drinks
- Green Mountain Gringo Tortilla Chips (and Salsa)

UW-Stout Sports

Wednesday, December 5

Women's Basketball at UW-River Falls, 7 p.m.

Men's Basketball vs. UW-River Falls, 7 p.m.

Friday, December 7

Hockey at St. Norbert, 7:05 p.m.

Saturday, December 8

Hockey at Lake Forest, 3 p.m.

Women's Basketball at UW-Oshkosh, 1 p.m.

Men's Basketball at UW-Oshkosh, 3 p.m.

Tuesday, December 11

Women's Basketball vs. Finlandia University, 7 p.m.

Men's Basketball at Michigan Tech, 7 p.m. (et)

Wednesday, December 12

Men's Basketball at Finlandia, 7:30 p.m. (et)

Friday, December 28

Women's Basketball at Land of Magic Tournament, Daytona Beach, Fla. vs. SUNY-Oswego, 3 p.m.

Saturday, December 29

Men's Basketball at Buena Vista College, 2 p.m.

Sunday, December 30

Women's Basketball at Land of Magic Tournament, Daytona Beach, Fla. vs. Immaculata, 4 p.m.

Friday, January 4

Hockey vs. So. Alberta Institute of Tech. (exhibition), 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 5

Women's Basketball vs. UW-Platteville, 3 p.m.

Men's Basketball vs. UW-Platteville, 5 p.m.

Wednesday, January 9

Men's Basketball at Ripon College, 7 p.m.

Friday, January 11

Hockey vs. St. Johns, 7:30 p.m.

Gymnastics at Winona State, 7 p.m.

Movie Reviews



REIGN OVER ME

A drama starring:

Adam Sandler, Don Cheadle, Liv Tyler, Jada Pinkett Smith, Saffron Burrows

Rating: R for language and some sexual references

Available at: Mr. Movies and Movies Etc. in Menomonie

Website: www.sonypictures.com/homevideo/reignoverme



Charlie in turn helps Alan remember what it's like to "be a guy"--free from his overbearing wife (Jada Pinkett-Smith) and the demands of fatherhood. Add to all of this a gooey-voiced therapist (Liv Tyler), and a nymphomaniac dental patient (Saffron Burrows), and you've got the stuff of which Hollywood is made.

To its credit, this movie is downright pretty. The ethereal sound and haunting soundtrack, intelligent camera angles and

glowing lighting provide the perfect backdrop for careful development of Binder's characters. The mood is unashamedly melancholy while still managing to be hopeful in dealing with harsh realities of life. In places the movie feels fragmented and Sandler's "angry" scenes become a bit unbelievable, but Cheadle is able to save the day at these spots and bring credibility to the overall theme of coping with grief through friendship.

This is one of those rare films that has the unique ability to translate well for either guys or girls. The combination of artistry, quality acting, and decent screenplay will keep you interested from beginning to end. It's a classic "buddy flick" in the tradition of "Rain Man"; this is one you don't want to miss.

As far as odd couples go, Adam Sandler and Don Cheadle could easily float to the top of the list of unlikely buddies. Sandler, (deviating from his usual role as Mr. Funny,) is the helium balloon and Cheadle is the DumDum on the end of the string anchoring it to earth. Somehow, director Mike Binder manages to meld the two into a cohesive- although quirky-whole in his reflective hit drama "Reign Over Me."

The story is set in melancholy Manhattan, where eccentric Charlie Fineman, (Sandler), rides his motorized scooter through the pale city streets. He lives life in his head due to post traumatic stress disorder--the result of losing his wife and daughters in 9/11. His only companions are his large headphones which blare a soundtrack of classic rock hits, and the PS2 game "Shadow of the Colossus." Enter Alan Johnson, (Don Cheadle), an old college roommate of Charlie's. Alan is a dentist whose constricting family life has left him with his own nagging form of unhappiness. Little did they know at the time of their meeting that the rediscovered friendship was just what the doctor ordered for both of them.

As the two rekindle a friendship that draws from both past and present, their dysfunction forms a therapeutic bond. While Alan helps to bring Charlie back to the land of the living by facing the reality of his loss,



Saturday, January 12

Women's Basketball vs. UW-La Crosse, 3 p.m.

Men's Basketball vs. UW-La Crosse, 5 p.m.

Men and Women's Track at Northest Open (Univ. Minnesota), Minneapolis, Minn., TBA

Sunday, January 13

Hockey at Concordia-Moorhead, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, January 16

Women's Basketball at UW-Stevens Point, 7 p.m.

Men's Basketball vs. UW-Stevens Point, 7 p.m.

Friday, January 18

Hockey vs. UW-River Falls, 7:30 p.m.

Gymnastics at UW-Whitewater, 7 p.m.

Saturday, January 19

Women's Basketball at UW-Whitewater, 3 p.m.

Men's Basketball at UW-Whitewater, 5 p.m.

Men and Women's Track Alumni Meet, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, January 22

Hockey at St. Mary's, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, January 23

Women's Basketball vs. UW-Superior, 7 p.m.

Men's Basketball at UW-Superior, 7 p.m.

Friday, January 25

Hockey vs. St. Scholastica, 7:30 p.m.

Gymnastics hosts John Zuerlein Invite (UW-Eau Claire, Gustavus Adolphus, Hamline), 6 p.m.

Saturday, January 26

Hockey at UW-Superior, 7 p.m.

Women's Basketball at UW-Platteville, 3 p.m.

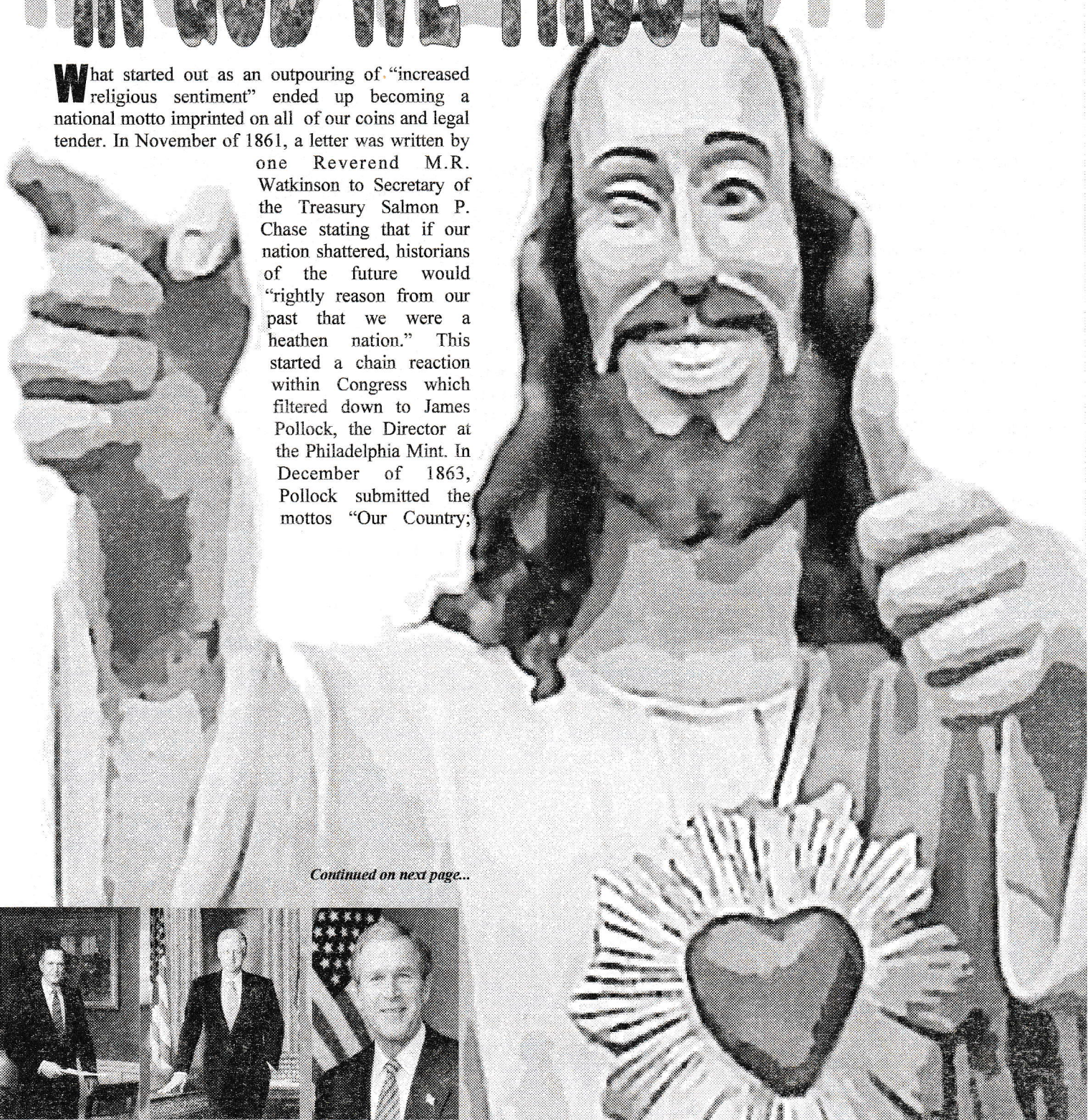
Men's Basketball at UW-Platteville, 5 p.m.

UW-Stout Men and Women's Track Open, noon

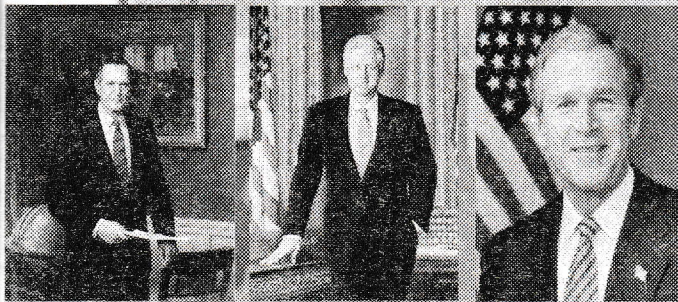


IN GOD WE TRUST?

What started out as an outpouring of “increased religious sentiment” ended up becoming a national motto imprinted on all of our coins and legal tender. In November of 1861, a letter was written by one Reverend M.R. Watkinson to Secretary of the Treasury Salmon P. Chase stating that if our nation shattered, historians of the future would “rightly reason from our past that we were a heathen nation.” This started a chain reaction within Congress which filtered down to James Pollock, the Director at the Philadelphia Mint. In December of 1863, Pollock submitted the mottos “Our Country;



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Our God" and "God, Our Trust." Chase sent a letter back to Pollock saying, "I approve your mottoes, only suggesting that...the motto should begin with the word 'Our,' so as to read 'Our God and Our Country'. And on that with the shield [perhaps in a drawing with the letter] it should be changed so as to read: 'In God We Trust.'" On April 22, 1864, Congress changed the one cent coin to include the motto, "In God We Trust." Since then, it has been printed on all of our currency and was declared the national motto on July 30, 1956.

In God We Trust?—The American Dollar Bill Standard.

We Americans tend to have a funny way to trust. We say we trust the dealer in poker, but we generally have that ace of spades up our sleeves, just in case. While we're in college, we say we trust our classmates, but we sure do wrap up in the "test takers' cocoon," contorting our bodies so no one else can possibly see our tests. We say we trust God, but we insist on "controlling our destiny." So, what is trust? Who is God? What does it mean to trust Him? And do we really live up to the standards our dollars set for us?

What is Trust?

Trust, according to Oxford's Dictionary, is "a firm belief in a quality of someone or something." A person has a trust in Fido to bring back the stick because Fido has been trained to do so. Also, there is a bit of blind faith involved. Indiana Jones held a firm trust that there was an invisible bridge while making his death-defying leap in search of the Holy Grail. Trust is also a responsibility to those whom someone cares for. An adoptee is in a trust to his adoptive parents. As a verb, it is also conveys confidence in someone or something. An infant trusts his mother to feed him when he cries. This also illustrates a need and reliability. The verb also implies hope, mostly a blind and undying hope. Trust is confidence, blind faith, hope, responsibility, reliability.

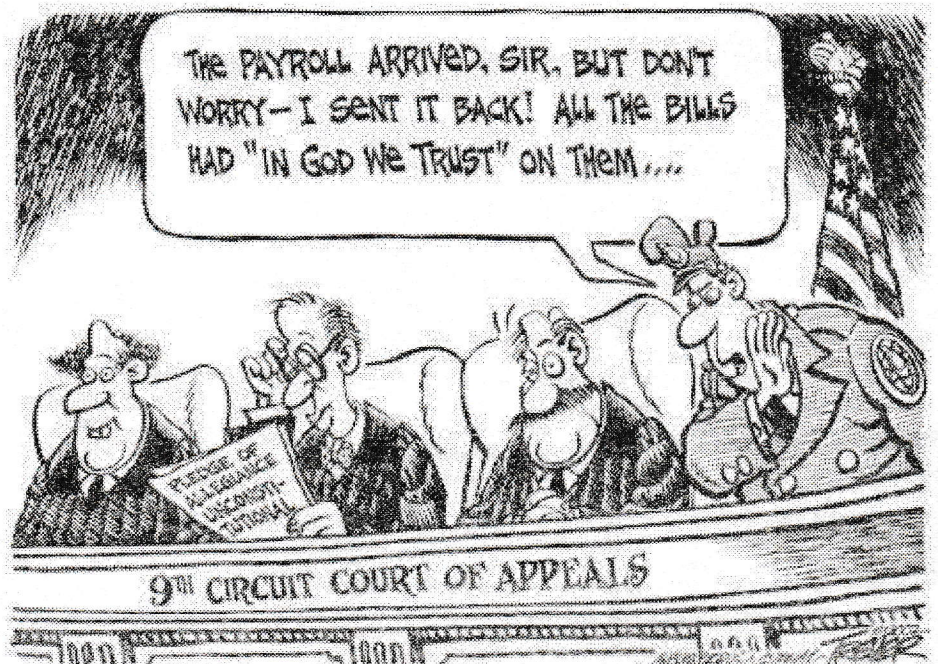
Who is this God Person Anyway?

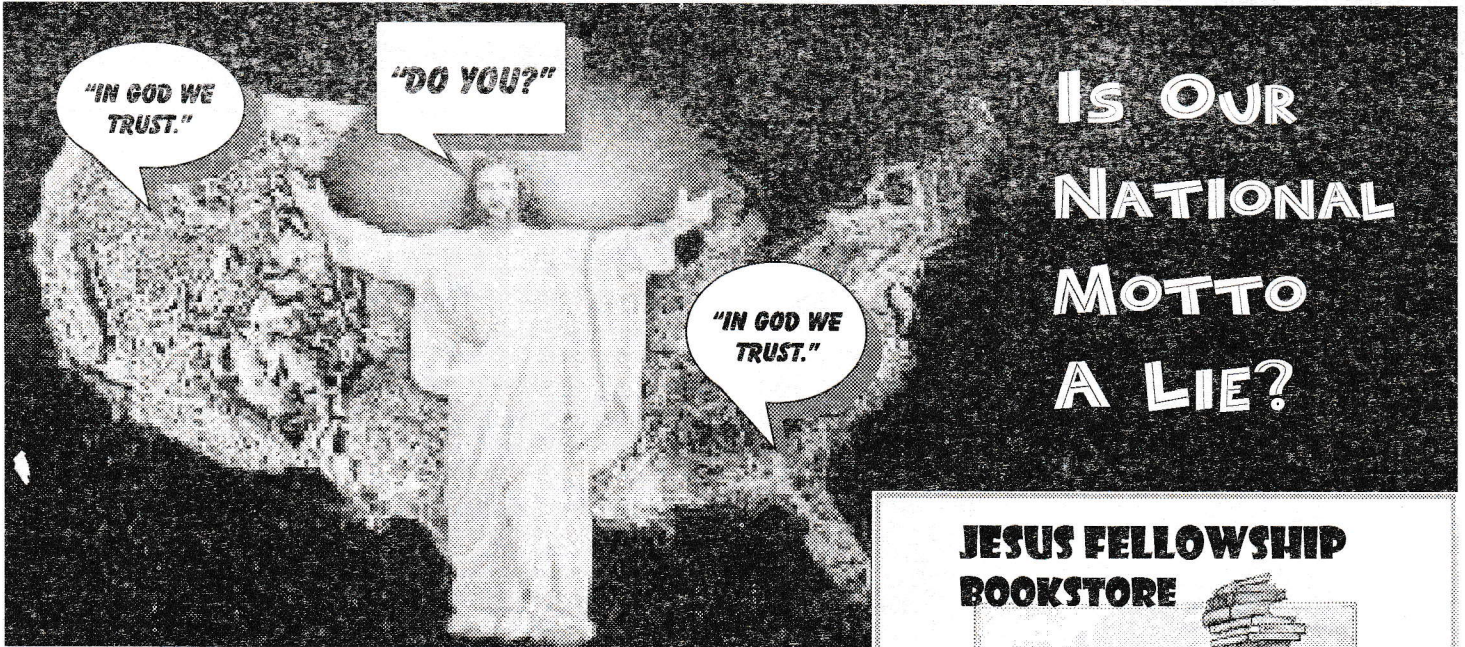
Oxford's Dictionary defines God as, "The creator and supreme ruler of the universe, a superhuman being or spirit, a greatly admired or influential person." From the

Bible we see that He is a "...God of compassion and mercy...slow to anger and filled with an unfailing love and faithfulness." (Ex. 34:6) King David thirsted, "...for God, the living God." (Ps. 42:2) Solomon stated that "...God understands all hearts, and He sees you." (Pr. 24:12) The prophet Isaiah called Him a "...Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, [and] Prince of Peace." (Is. 9:6) The prophet Jonah refers to God as "...merciful and compassionate." (Jona. 4:2) Nehemiah tells Israel that "The Lord is a jealous God filled with vengeance and wrath." (Ne. 1:2) Paul and the writer of Hebrews say, "God is not a God of disorder but of peace," (1 Cor. 14:33) and also, "It is impossible for God to lie." (Heb. 6:18) The book of John tells us that "God is light, and there is no darkness in Him at all." (1 Jn. 1:5) The Lord Himself states through the prophet Malachi, "I am the Lord, and I do not change." (Mal. 3:6) So, God is love, compassion, light, jealous, vengeful, graceful, peaceful, orderly, truthful, living, and, above all, unchanging. All of this is shown through the Bible, which is the "eternal, living word of God." (1 Pe. 2:23)

What Does it Mean to Trust God?

There are ultimately two steps to trusting God. The first step is trusting Him for salvation. How? This is done by realizing you are a desperately wicked person even though you do good things, and the only way you'll ever escape those terrible thoughts in your head is through Jesus Christ. Then you can begin to learn how to trust Him for your daily life. The apostles of Jesus all learned quickly what it meant to trust God in their day-to-day existence. Paul learned as he was lowered down the walls of Damascus to escape stoning, Peter learned while walking on water, and John learned as he was lowered into boiling oil while being persecuted for the sake of the Lord. In his letter to Philippi, Paul tells the faithful there, "Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done." (Ph. 4:6) Even to the end of his life, Paul was happy and trusted that the Lord would bring him through even the final trial of his death with dignity and grace: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful. And now the prize awaits me..." (2 Ti. 4:7-8) Throughout the ages, men and women have been placing their trust in the Lord not only for big things, but also for little things. As students we've all asked





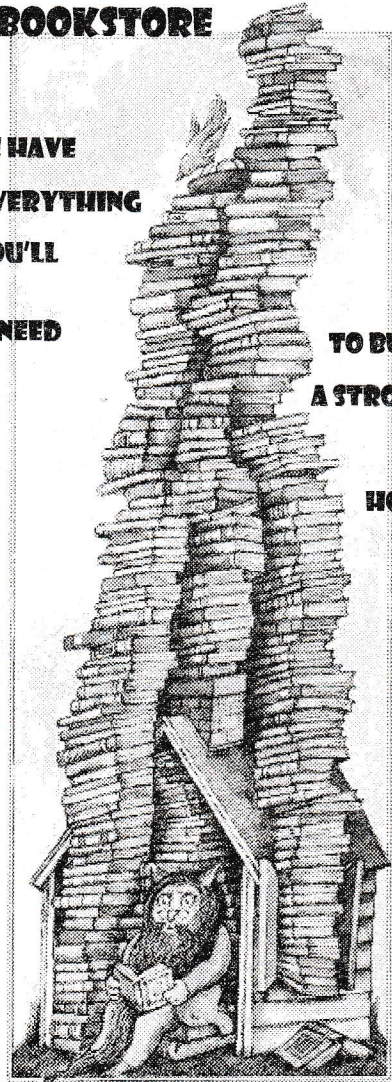
ourselves the question, "Do I want to eat this week or pay rent?" at one time or another. A former Stout student said he didn't know how he was going to cover rent and eat one month during his school days. He trusted that God would provide for him, and a day and a half later, he found a \$50 gift certificate for the grocery store in his mailbox. Trusting God becomes laying down our burdens and allowing the Creator full reign in the choices (even the little ones) in our life. To begin trusting Him, Pastor Tom Karl of Street Level Ministries says, "In order to trust God, begin to include Him through godly counsel, scripture, and (definitely) prayer. Allow Him say through these things and He'll show you what life could really be like."

Do Americans Meet the Dollar Bill Standard?

The short answer is no. When asked why, Pastor Karl stated, "Americans have become apathetic. They've been raised up in families where the parents aren't making it a point to raise their children in the church." So the real question is not, "Do we trust God?" The real question becomes, "Do I trust God?" He's not a nebulous character that is going to grant your every hope and desire; sorry to those of you who keep praying for that Pamela Anderson look-a-like to fall out of the sky! He does give us what we need when we need it, though. Many say that trusting in something else besides yourself makes you weak. The Apostle Paul had other ideas. He said to the Corinthians, "Three different times I begged the Lord to take [my blindness] away. Each time He said, 'My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.' So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me. That's why I take pleasure in my weaknesses... For when I am weak, I am strong." (2 Cor. 12:8-10 NLT) God desires to be a part of our lives, no matter how vile they are. All that is required is an despicable life and a desire to change. Do Americans trust God? Nope, our national motto is a lie. Do you trust God? Maybe? Well, then let Him show you what He can do.

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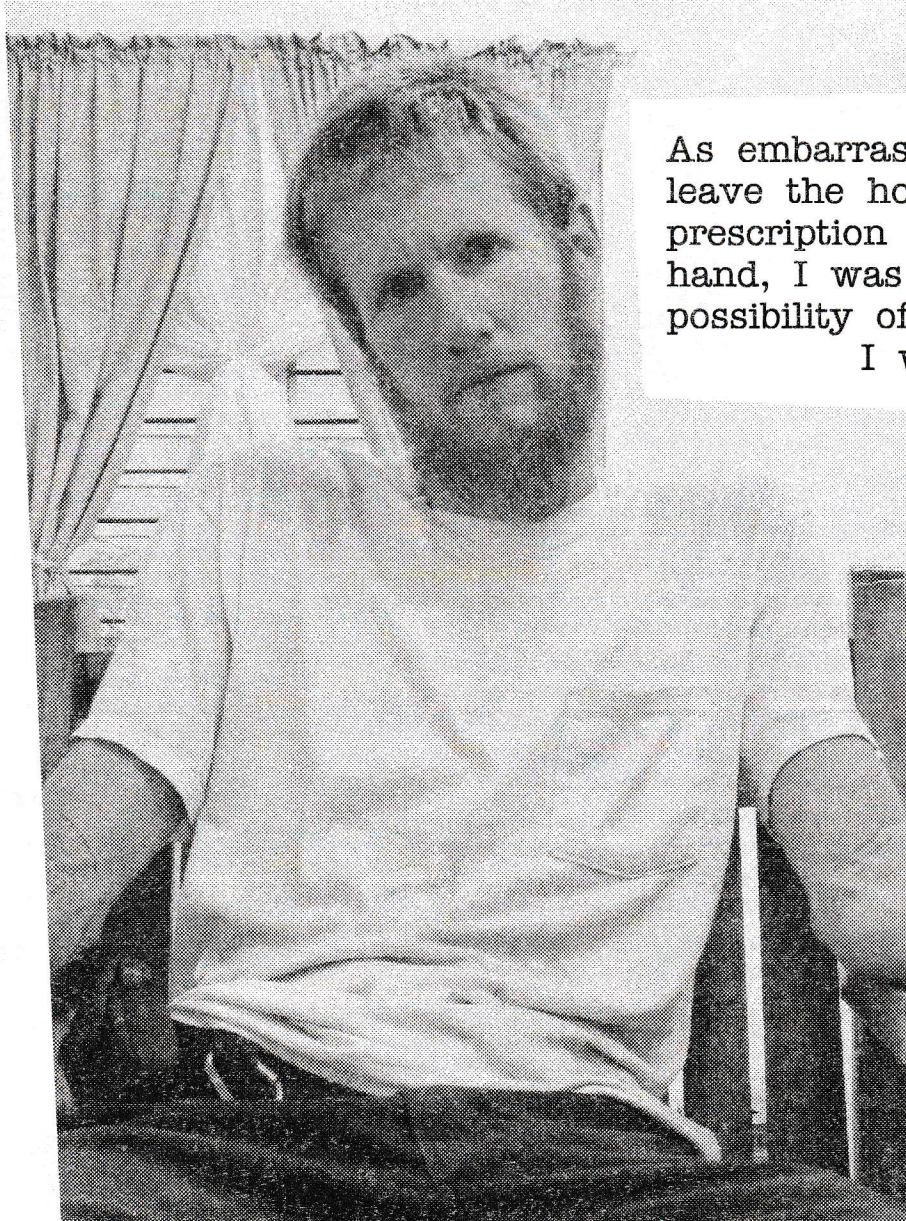
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"I was doing just fine..."

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As embarrassing as it was to leave the hospital with a prescription for Prozac in my hand, I was excited at the possibility of relief.

I was still without Jesus.

an education, paid my college debt in full, found a good job, had a fiancé, great friends, and a loving family. I was doing pretty good without Jesus.

My wedding was only months away when I received a phone call from my family. They asked if I would come home for the afternoon. They told me my sister would be coming over as well and asked me to leave my fiancé at the apartment and come alone. I could only wonder what was so important as to warrant a "family intervention" such as this. What was so important that it couldn't be discussed over the phone? Was someone sick? Was my sister's marriage in trouble? Were my parents getting a divorce? Had someone in the family died? Well, at least I was doing ok ay without Jesus.

I don't have too many scars, no tattoos, and no criminal record. I've never had a desire to pierce any part of my body and I've never colored my hair. I've never smoked a cigarette, never been even slightly tempted to use illegal drugs, and I've consumed more alcohol by means of a few spoonfuls of cough syrup than I have in hard liquor. My parents have always trusted me. The first time I kissed a girl was at 18 years of age, and I graduated from college cum laude. I was doing just fine without Jesus.

By the time I was 27 years old, I had my life together; I had traveled the country, acquired

Later that year, I found myself in a psychiatrist's office. Never would I have guessed that the reason for the family intervention was *me*. It made sense, however, when they told me that, over the years, I had seemed to become more hopeless and how I wasn't really "myself" anymore. I had to agree with them that my outlook on life was pretty grim, and I can't say that I wasn't hopeless. As embarrassing as it was to leave the hospital with a prescription for Prozac in my hand, I was excited at the possibility of relief. I was still without Jesus.

Anti-depressants were great. After I got past the initial sickness they caused, I can honestly say that they made me feel better than I had felt in a long time. But how was I supposed to turn away from the nagging conviction that I had settled for only a temporary fix? How was I supposed to ignore the fact that, in spite of more tolerable emotions, I was still lacking something more substantial? I had been so "anti-drug" in my past that I was made terribly uncomfortable by the idea that I now was dependent on them. I began taking half doses which seemed to work, but

still I felt dependent. Believing that prescription drugs weren't the answer, I determined to read my Bible from cover to cover, reasoning that if God was real then He would be able to take me through anything—even this. I quickly learned about all of the rules God had made for me to follow if I wanted to meet His requirements, and that I simply wasn't capable of doing it. I quickly realized that being better than most other people means nothing to God. I understood that I needed help now more than ever. This was so real to me that I began to make major adjustments in my life. I knew for a fact that living with my fiancé was sin, so I moved out. I knew that God wanted me to go to church so I found one and, six years later, am still going to it. I knew that He wanted me to read the Bible over and over and over, so I am. I learned about Jesus and how He would forgive me for all of my stupidity and rejection of Him. When I looked back at my life with the new perspective that Jesus gives, I was able to see how He had been there all along, waiting and waiting for me to give my life to Him. I remembered all of the times He had spoken to me in some way or another and I had ignored Him because I thought He was a loser.

My testimony isn't spectacular by any means, but it parallels thousands upon thousands of empty lives that have a pang in their soul for something more than what doctors, psychologists, philosophers, professors, or anyone else has to offer. Jesus said that anyone who was "weary" could come to Him and find rest. Honestly, are you tired of what the world has to offer?

This is an advertisement. Beware!



Menomonic Events

Dec 2

The Memories Holiday Show at the Mabel Tainter

Dec 13

WinterDaze Holiday Parade & Fireworks

Dec 21

UW Eau Claire Jazz Ensemble I "Holiday Big Band Extravaganza"

Jan 26

Spring Fever Dinner and Auction

For further details:

<http://www.menomoniechamber.org/events/>

Stout Events

Nov 29, 8 pm

Open Mic night at the Underground, MSC

Nov 30, 7 pm

B Movie Night at the Blind Munchies

Coffeehouse

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Free

Dec 7, 7 pm

Jeremy Sanoski Live in Concert at the Blind

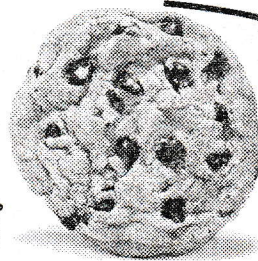
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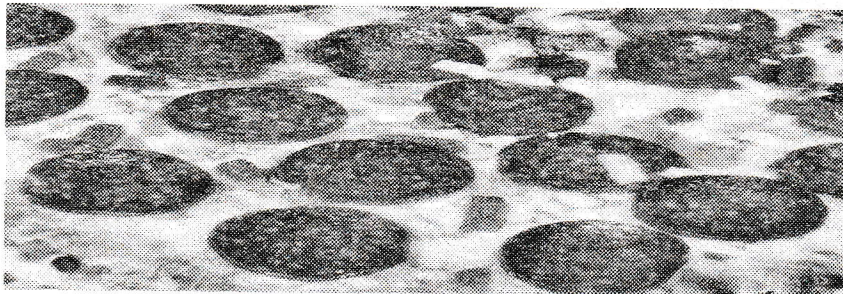
Dec 13, 8 pm

Open Mic night at the Underground, MSC



HOW TO **GAIN** 15-115 POUNDS @ COLLEGE

1. Eat your biggest meal anytime after 9:00pm. For maximum effect, wait until at least 11:00pm before consuming four pieces of pizza and a Coke.
2. Pick up a honkin' chocolate chip cookie each time you take a trip past the Pawn; after all, you've walked at least two whole blocks already today and you deserve it.
3. Eliminate water from your beverage list. Grab pop, energy drinks, or coffee instead.
4. Pawn Melt madness with Criss-Cut fries.
5. Take full advantage of the ample dessert selection at the Commons. (You want to get the most out of those tuition dollars, don't you?)
6. Sports were just something you did in high school. College students are far too busy studying (or whatever) to put the tennis shoes on.



7. Pasta night at Merle Price Commons.
8. Make sure you equate studying with snacking and you'll do great. Pile some HoHo's and Doritos next to your books and pop them into your mouth frequently to keep yourself focused.
9. Beer. - - - - - ▶
10. The last helpful tip for achieving that classic college bulge is simply this: resist the urge to cook your own fresh food and never eat anything unless it comes prepackaged, processed, and can be made in the microwave in less than two minutes.



Good luck packing it on!

This just in...



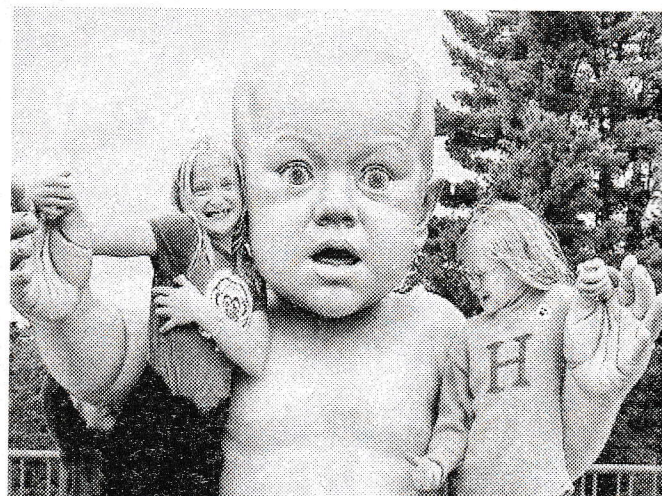
"80's bangs come back in a big way."

or

"What? She thinks it's cute."

or

"Does this toupee make me look fat?"



Street Level had a caption contest recently. Check out the winning captions... drum roll please...

“I’m still the same Britney!”

or

“Pardon me, would you have any Grey Poupon?”



“This don’t pay enough!”

or

“Mom mistakenly bought non-RGBH-free milk for Junior’s bottle.”

or

“Woman in Russia has 17lb baby and dwarf siblings instantly.”

FACES OF STOUT:

meet Cindy Scholfield



Have you been to the Student Center Bookstore recently? If you have, you might have been assisted by a smiling lady with long white hair. This issue’s “Face of Stout” is Cindy Scholfield, an employee of the Student Center Bookstore. We asked Cindy a few questions about her life. Here’s the scoop:

Cindy was born and raised in Boscobel, Wisconsin, a small town on the Wisconsin River. She also lived in Houston, Texas, for 10 years and ended up in Menomonie as a Stout student after she graduated from high school. While at Stout, she met her husband, who was from Menomonie, and the two settled here in town. They have two boys, one still lives here and the other is a senior at UW-Stevens Point. At home, Cindy and her husband chase around their two labs: Kellydora and Lexirose.

Although she works from 7:00am-3:00pm at the bookstore during the week, Cindy still manages to find time for some hobbies. She spends as much time as possible quilting, sewing, and designing patterns. If she’s not working or quilting, you can find her watching Nascar racing or going camping on the weekends. During football season at the Scholfield home, there are two TV’s rigged up side-by-side so they don’t miss any of the excitement!

If you’re in the mood for a chat, stop by the Student Center because Cindy’s favorite part about her job is simply visiting with students and parents in the bookstore.

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Music Reviews



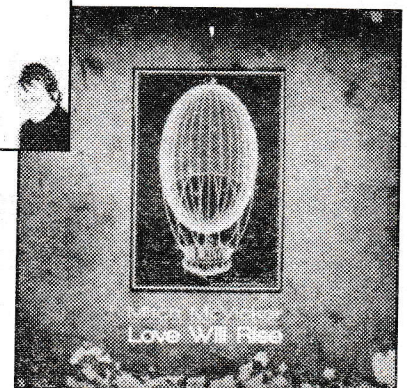
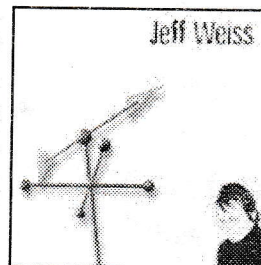
where: **Live Music at the Blind Munchies**
when: **Way back in September**
why: **Read on...**

Before I tell you about the concert, you should have the “background” on the background. The Blind Munchies is a coffeehouse in the basement of a mason’s nightmare (the brick church two doors down from the Burger King, and one short hop from Olsen’s Funeral Home.) On the night of September 21, 2007, there was a disturbance in the force, but a good one, mind you. The Munchies was hoppin’ to the beat of a very different drum with Jeff Weiss who, quite frankly, blew our minds. Weiss had partaken in the Munchies specialty, dark roast coffee, so his songs were played “twice as fast as they should go.” He enjoyed getting the audience involved with clapping and singing, and was an all-around good time.

Of course, all who were there know that Jeff was the opening act for Mitch McVicker. Weiss was a hard act to follow, but McVicker did it with a great response. Sorry, no compare/contrast—both are amazing. I will also give mad props to McVicker’s fellow band mates, who played every instrument on that packed stage. At one point, all three were standing up and switching places mid-song without missing a beat.

I must recommend checking out Weiss’ CD “Monuments & Markers,” which is a collection of worship music with a contemporary flare at jeffweissmusic.com. McVicker’s new CD “Love Will Rise,” as

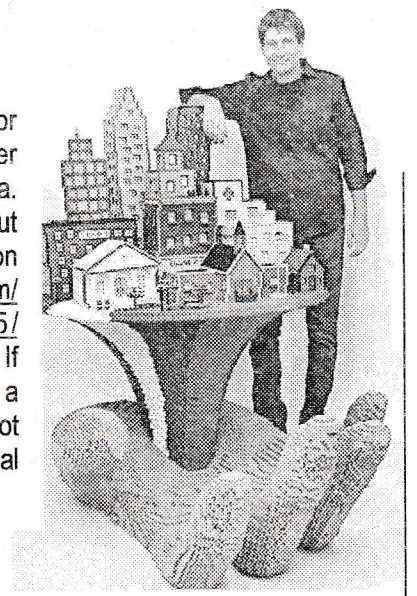
well as all his other CDs are quirky, contemporary Christian rock that will keep you entertained and listening for many hours. They are available at mitchmcvicker.com.



Nathan Sawaya, LEGO Artist Extraordinaire



If you thought Legos were just for little kids, you've probably never seen the art of Nathan Sawaya. He created giant masterpieces out of Lego pieces. You can find him on YouTube or at <http://www.cnn.com/interactive/entertainment/0705/gallery.lego.art/frameset.exclude.html>. If you ever played with these blocks as a kid (or an adult), you know that it's not easy to get something to look this real with pieces this rigid! Check him out!



I told you to Beware!



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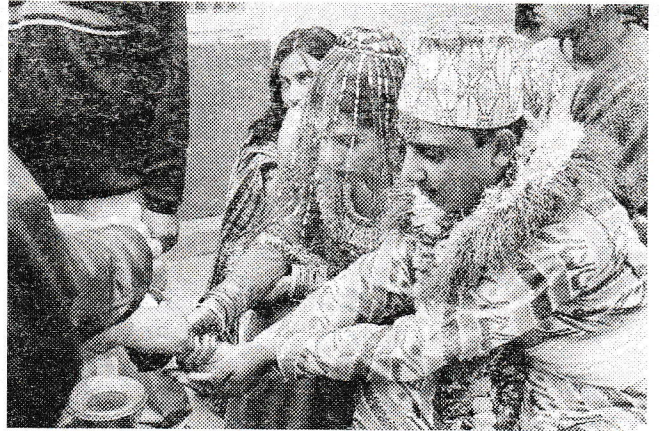
if people come here because they really like Jesus.

or just because they like the soda)

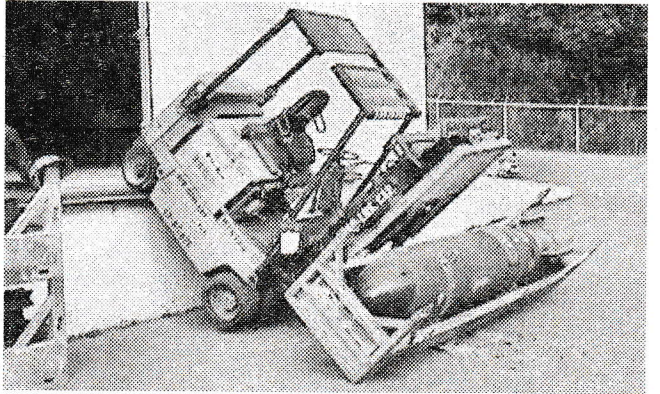


JUST IN CASE LIFE ISN'T RANDOM ENOUGH

⊕ Did you know that on average, in Nepal, men get married at 22? That's pretty normal seeing as how the average age of women getting married in the Dominican Republic of Congo is 16 ½.



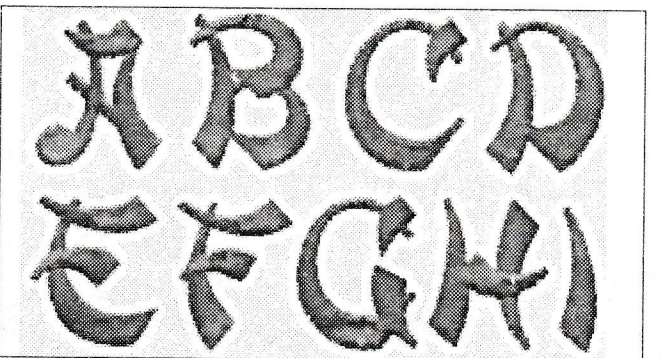
▶ Estonia has the world's top accidental death rate at 102.8 (per 1000 people). I guess they didn't see that German forklift safety video on YouTube.



◆ Finland tops the world's highest crime rates with 14,525 (per 100,000), which makes sense because they didn't even make the top ten for prison population. Compared with the United States' 4,160 crimes (per 100,000) and 700 inmates (out of every 100,000), there might be a correlation.



⊗ 1,120,000,000 people speak Mandarin Chinese, as opposed to the second most spoken language – English (which almost comes to half that with 480,000,000 speakers). But if it were online language, 286,642,757 Internet users use English, followed by 105,735,236 Chinese users.



✕ Elvis Presley really was “The King” of rock and roll with 19 number 1 singles and an amazing 127 chart hits; he blows away Michael Jackson's 11 number 1 singles and James Brown's 90 total chart hits. Some speculate he will *never* be “dethroned.”



A Newsweek poll alleges that 67 percent of Americans are unhappy with the direction the country is headed and 69 percent of the country is unhappy with the performance of the government. In essence, 2/3s of the citizenry just isn't happy and wants a change. What are we so unhappy about? Is it that we have electricity and running water 24 hours a day, 7 days a week? Is our unhappiness the result of having air conditioning in the summer and heating in the winter? Could it be that 95.4 percent of these unhappy folks have a job? Maybe it is the ability to walk into a grocery store at any time and see more food in moments than Darfur has seen in the last year? Maybe it is the ability to drive from the Pacific Ocean to the Atlantic Ocean without having to present identification papers as we move through each state? Or possibly the hundreds of clean and safe motels we would find along the way that can provide temporary shelter? I guess having thousands of restaurants with varying cuisine from around the world is just not good enough. Or could it be that when we wreck our car, emergency workers show up and provide services to help all and even send a helicopter to take us to the hospital? Perhaps we are one

WANT AND HAVE

of the 70 percent of Americans who own a home. We may be upset with knowing that in the unfortunate case of a fire, a group of trained firefighters will appear in moments and use top-notch equipment to extinguish the flames, thus saving us, our family, and our belongings. Or if, while at home watching one of our many flat screen TVs, a burglar or prowler intrudes, a police officer equipped with a gun and a bullet-proof vest will come to defend us and our family against attack or loss. All of this in the backdrop of a neighborhood free of bombs or militias rapping and pillaging the residents. Neighborhoods where 90 percent of teenagers own cell phones and computers. How about knowing that the religious, social and political freedoms we enjoy are the envy of everyone in the world? Maybe that is what has 67 percent of us folks unhappy. Fact is, we are the largest group of ungrateful, spoiled brats the world has ever seen. No wonder the world loves the U.S., yet has a great disdain for its citizens. They see us for what we are: the most blessed people in the world who do nothing but complain about what we don't have. ☹☹☹☹.

You Tube Trades

Broadcast Yourself™

Free time always escapes us, but sometimes we get really bored and don't know how to properly use our free time. This is where the WOTS staff comes in. In an attempt to bring about consistent fun and something to show off, we bring you "YouTube Trades." This is where anyone who has a little free time can waste it away usefully, and come away with something to impress their friends. So get ready, grab the supplies you need, and check out these web searches. Remember, a magician never tells his secrets, and neither should you!

Cup Stacking (or Speed Stacking)

This art form is actually a competitive sport, in which plastic cups are stacked and collected in the same way. Every time someone performs this routine, they do it the same way. First, you need 12 plastic drinking glasses. The beginning of this routine starts with forming three pyramids, one with three glasses, one with five glasses, and another with three glasses. Then you collapse the pyramids, form two pyramids with five glasses each, and collapse them again. For the finale, you create one pyramid with 10 cups and then collapse them to finish. This is the whole routine and it's timed. Right now, the world record stands at 6-7 seconds, so beat that! This video is a good start.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H0YgrUKfTcA>



Dice Stacking

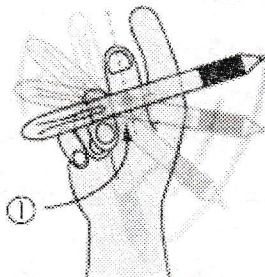
This trade isn't so much about speed, but more so about precision. By holding a cup upside down, you can scoop dice up into the glass by waving the glass in a way that produces some sort of black hole. Once you have four dice in your glass rotating around your black hole, you can stop the gravitational pull of the black hole by *not* moving your hand. If you do everything right, you will have four dice on the table stacked on top of each other, and the black hole has floated away. It looks really cool, and your finesse comes in handy when you try to stack them on your stapler. Check out this video and others for great examples.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4bDgO3_vRXQ

Pen Spinning

Way over in the "Land of the Rising Sun," teenagers have been perfecting this masterful art for quite some time. This art is all about flow from one movement to another, or finger-to-finger. You can do this in class to try to distract your professor; I am sure he/she will love it. The object is to try and keep the pen rotating around as much as possible. I can only get it to spin around my thumb. There seems to be some bending of the space-time continuum to accomplish this, but I just haven't figured that one out yet. Here is another video to help describe it:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1q7s4E94-No>



For all of these trades, search the web for these arts. YouTube has plenty of videos. If you look for tutorials in your searches, you can usually get both a description of how it is done and what supplies you need. Hopefully now your boring free time can become useful free time. Have fun!

WORDS THAT SHOULD BE IN WEBSTER'S

BUT AIN'T

Rearish: adj. 1. General crabbiness or the condition of being easily aggravated

Man-dandle: v. and adj. 1. to bounce a full-grown man upon one's knee, as is often done to a baby.

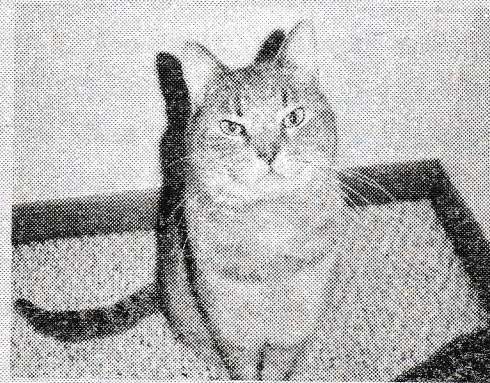
Example: "I feel man-dandled," or "They wouldn't stop with the noises, so I grabbed the nearest one for a swift man-dandling," or "My neighbor can man-dandle like a pro, but he can't golf worth a crap."

Hausen: (Haass - 'en) v. 1. the act of house sitting and vegetating while doing it. 2. eating a lot of junk food while lounging at home.

Example: "I'm hausen this weekend," or "I wish I could watch all five Harry Potter movies today, but I am just way too busy to be hausen."

Tallist: adj. 1. One who is into all things tall.

Example: "Bob is such a freakin' tallist!"



Catsy is rearish today. He hasn't had his frisky vittles.

SAY WHAT? - Letters to the Editor (the few we get)

A Letter to the Editor!

Our response!

Re: My child:

Sir or Madam:

Reference is made to your organization's publication, "Word on the Street" magazine, which was received today by my daughter, at her home address shown above.

You are hereby placed on notice that your organization, and/or any of its affiliates, and/or any individuals acting on their behalf, are NOT to send any more of your organization's materials to my daughter, _____.

Your unsolicited attempts to promote your religious organization to any member of this family are completely objectionable, inappropriate and unwelcome.

Moreover, your materials give the false appearance or suggestion that your organization is affiliated with, or sanctioned by, University of Wisconsin--Stout. Among several examples of this false suggestion are your organization's use of the suffix "uwstout.edu" in its web address, and its use of the name "UW Stout" as part of the street address that appears on the back cover of the its "Word on the Street" magazine.

As you are undoubtedly aware, UW-Stout is a publicly-funded state university, established and existing under the laws of the State of Wisconsin. Therefore, this falsely-suggested affiliation may very well be in direct violation of several state and federal laws, including the Constitutions of both the United States and of the State of Wisconsin.

Therefore, demand is hereby made that you IMMEDIATELY remove my daughter's name from any and all of your organization's mailing and contact lists. Be further advised that ANY further attempts to contact my daughter, whether by or on behalf of your organization, its representative, or any of its affiliates, may result in IMMEDIATE civil legal action against all such offending organizations AND individuals.

Your full cooperation, immediate attention, and immediate action are expected.

Respectfully,

-D
Attorney at Law

How-do!

Yep.

As an organization, we hereby notice the notice. Therefore, we hereby conclude that hereon we shall refrain from yonder further actions duly noted in the notice therein concerning the recipient thereof. --er something...

We're not for everyone, just like the periodic unwanted pizzeria flier that comes in the mail.

Nothing false here. We are an official UW-Stout Student Organization recognized by the Stout SSA office. Also note our presence on www.uwstout.edu under student orgs.

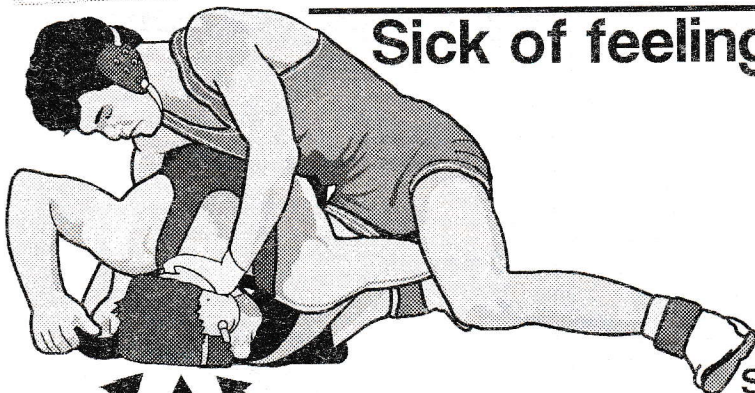
Please note, being a Christian student organization at a state university is not a violation of any state or federal law. That's just plain ridiculous. Universities are about diversity. Incase you're worried, we are not funded by the University in any way.

Out of courtesy, we have removed said individual from our mailing list. Note, it is not illegal to bulk-mail in the United States. Also, without superpowers, we are unable foreknow if our mail will be desired or undesired by the recipient prior delivery.

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"Thank "yer", ladies and gentlemen!"*

* Quote from the movie *You've Got Mail*.



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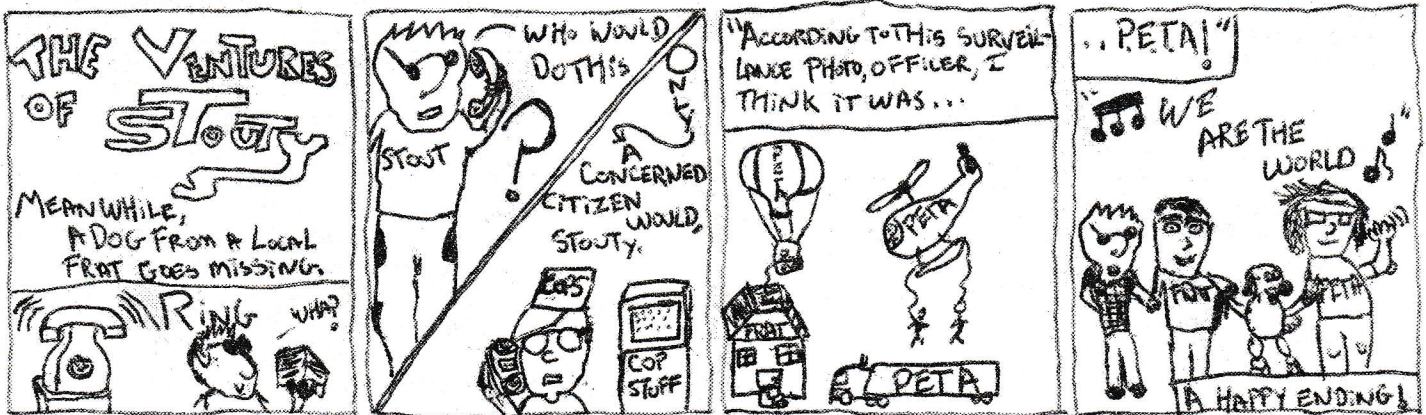
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PRACTICAL CELL PHONE ETIQUETTE

- Now that you've mastered the most dangerous of all sports, texting while driving, you should tackle some other things a bit less risky. You know, like skydiving while juggling running chainsaws, tame stuff like that.
- Buy a megaphone and when you see people talking loudly into their phone, pull out yours and use the megaphone—they might get the picture.
- The "vibrate" setting on your phone isn't Brazilian for "The Plague" or something. It's okay to use it.
- It's fine if you talk on your phone in restaurants. People are paying \$12.99 to eat, why shouldn't they get entertainment too?
- Leave your cell phone on during a date. You may get a call which could give the impression you are possibly "getting a better offer."
- Allow your cell phone to rule your life. Your life priorities should be in this order: 1) GSM quad-band communication capabilities, 2) air to breath, 3) water, 4) food, etc...



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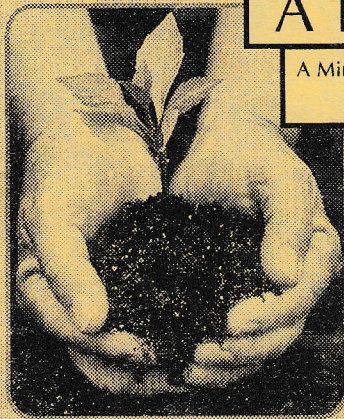


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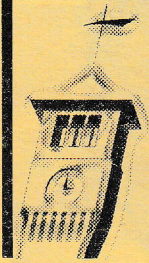
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