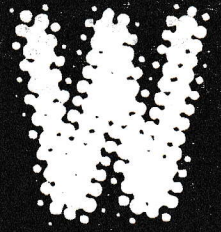
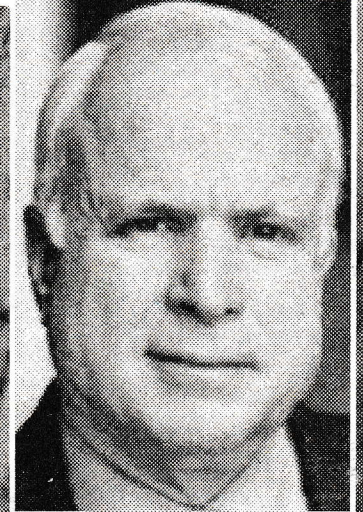


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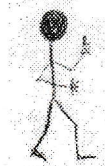
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**Academic**

**Monday, September 1**  
Labor Day, No Classes

**Tuesday, September 2**  
Advisement and Orientation

**Wednesday, September 3**  
Classes Begin

**Monday, October 20**  
End of First Quarter

**Tuesday, October 21**  
Advisement Day, No Classes

**Wednesday, October 22**  
Beginning of Second Quarter

# A Bee in the Bonnet of Honey Production

*Is there a real bee crisis going on in America?*

The bees are dying. I know this is probably a comforting statement to most of you, but unfortunately, getting the one-two sting is officially the least of our worries. Large populations of bees are completely disappearing, leaving no bodies for biologists and entomologists to dissect to figure out the problem. How does this affect you? Did you know three-fourths of our food is pollinated by a single species? Bees' honey is in almost all of our cosmetics and hair products and is also used as a secondary sweetener in many of our recipes. Beeswax is one of the most refreshing lip balms on the market; just ask Burt. More importantly, how does this affect good ole' Menomonie, Wisconsin, smack dab in the center of Dunn County?

Honey bees are the affected victim. The CCD Steering Committee extrapolated, in a report filed for public view June 20, 2007, that our friends are dying due to unseasonably warm weather, which tricks the little champs into thinking that spring has sprung. If the weather is warm, the bee will begin its normal spring activities too soon. They're also falling victim to the varroa mite. The mite attaches itself to a drone, a male honey bee which has no sting and makes no honey, in its development stages and then attacks the workers at the end of the season. This causes colony collapse by the end of the season. The entirety of North America, save for a few lucky states (Wisconsin is not one of them), is seeing the advancement of Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD).

So, what's the big deal you ask? As previously mentioned, three-quarters of our fruits, veggies, and nuts are pollinated by the bee. Honey prices per pound have started higher this year than ever before. Honey might disappear just as quickly as the bees. The ripple of this crisis would be as follows: at first as the honey bee population decreases, so would the production of honey, which would lead to an increase in the price for

real homegrown honey. Then, the fruits and veggies that also rely on bees for pollination (which make up one-third of the human diet) would slowly disappear from our shelves.

What can a poor Stoutie do? By buying organic foods, you can promote the non-use of pesticides, which are showing signs of bringing about CCD. Anyone looking for a hobby? Many bee keepers who have lost their honey bee colonies to CCD are cultivating bees that are known as solitary bees, or native bees. They stick to one field, which

leads to more effective pollination. Cultivation of solitary bees will not solve the honey crisis, but as luck would have it, a little sprinkle of powdered sugar directly on the bees and some sticky paper and a screen underneath a hive can. The powdered sugar makes it difficult for the varroa mite to keep its hold on the honey bee's back and the screen assures that only the mite falls to the sticky paper. The most tried and true method is perhaps just early detection where a drone brood, drone bees in a larvae state, is used as bait and then removed from the hive and frozen.

Luckily, some of these symptoms (such as the varroa mite and pesticide use on the levels of DDT) have been seen before, and are in the process of being righted, so we are more likely to run out of oil before we run out of honey. But, that's a whole different story. Don't be frightened of their sting, for a silent spring is a far worse punishment than the occasional moment of pain.

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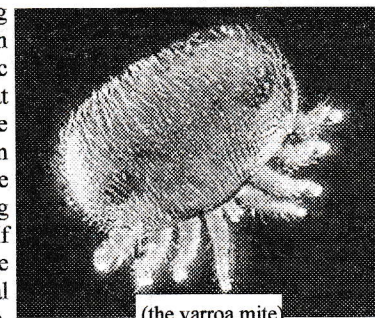
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**The Good Guy**  
(the honey bee)



(the varroa mite)

**The Bad Guy**

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# \*Geocaching: Not Just For Nerds\*

Attention! There are over 1,000 buried pieces of treasure in the Menomonie area that you probably never knew about, and they are easily track-able! Well, it's not exactly as it sounds. According to [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com), there are 1,442 "caches" right in or nearby Menomonie. A "cache" is usually an ammo box or some other type of airtight container which contains, at the very least, a log book and, at the most, several items to be traded out. These caches are track-able via coordinates entered into a GPS and a little exploration. Geocaching began in 2000 when 24 satellites around the world became available to the common man. By definition, GPS stands for Global Positioning System and is "an accurate worldwide navigational and surveying facility based on the reception of signals from an array of orbiting satellites." One of the pioneers of geocaching, Dave Ulmer, decided to hide a bucket in the woods near his home and post the coordinates on the internet for other people to find. After a few days, two people found his first "cache." People read about this and began to do it on their own, placing caches and recording the coordinates to post on the internet. Mike Teague, a local GPS enthusiast (and the first person to find Dave Ulmer's cache)



## Geocaching Lingo

*Some useful words to know when you are browsing geocaching sites or reading the log books in caches.*

**Muggle** - a non-geocaching person and/or someone who finds a geocache accidentally

**TFTC** - Thanks for this cache!

**TNLNSL** - Took nothing, left nothing, signed log

**Travel Bug** - an object that is to be moved between caches as if it's hitchhiking

**FTF** - First To Find (as in: I was the first person to find this cache)

**CITO** - Cache In, Trash Out. Carrying away garbage you find while out geocaching.

**GPSr** - the GPS receiver

**DNF** - Did Not Find

organized many of the coordinates posted and recorded them on his personal webpage. Interest in the game grew over time and it is now all over the USA and many other countries, including Chile, France, and the Philippines. There are even two hidden caches in the Vatican City.

It is fairly easy to get started with geocaching. The biggest (okay, the most expensive) piece of equipment you will need is a GPS. UW-Stout's Rec Department has seven GPS units that are available FREE of charge when you present your Stout student ID. Otherwise you can purchase one. They range in price from \$50-\$150+ with an array of functions. You don't need anything more than a basic one because you only need to enter in coordinates and go to the location; and all units have that capability. If you so choose, higher-end units include the functionality of entering in topographical maps and other things. After getting a GPS from somewhere, you simply need rugged clothes and shoes and a sense of adventure!

After you have the proper equipment, you will need to get some coordinates to enter into your GPS. The website [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com) offers a huge database of information. The website requires you to create a username so you can access it. It only takes a minute, though, and it unlocks cache information to you, including the description of where to look and all the information available. It also lists the coordinates, what kind of cache it is, and even who found it last and how long ago. Enter the coordinates into your GPS and start trekking. In the Menomonie area, a lot of caches

have been found recently so the "treasure" keeps changing. Keep in mind that the GPS will only get you within 15 feet of the cache. From there, you have to put on your thinking cap: where would I hide a cache if I was going to hide one? Be prepared to look under suspicious pieces of bark leaned up against a tree, inside decaying logs or tree stumps, and maybe even in more obvious places.

So if you've got some free time and the only thing you hear people say is, "There's nothing to do in Menomonie!" simply say, "Not so!" Grab a couple of your friends, a few sodas, and go check out a GPS from the Rec Department. Whether you find anything on your first attempt or not, it sure beats sitting in a dorm room!



*\*Check out the recreation schedule on page 16 for GPS and Geocaching training classes\**



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### UW-Stout Sports

#### **Friday, August 29**

Soccer at Augsburg College, 7 p.m.  
Volleyball vs. Anoka-Ramsey CC (JV), 5:30 p.m.

#### **Saturday, August 30**

M & W Cross Country host Alumni/  
Intrasquad Meet, 9:30 a.m.  
Women's Golf at UW-Eau Claire Invite, Mill  
Run GC, TBA

#### **Sunday, August 31**

Women's Golf at UW-Eau Claire Invite, Wild  
Ridge GC, TBA

#### **Monday, September 1**

Soccer at Augustana College, 2 p.m.

#### **Friday, September 5**

Volleyball at Colorado College Tourney vs.  
UT-Dallas, 1 p.m.; vs. Colorado College, 3  
p.m.  
Tennis at Edgewood College, 3 p.m.

#### **Saturday, September 6**

Football at Menlo College, noon (PT)  
Volleyball at Colorado College Tourney vs.  
George Fox, 11 a.m.; place games, 3/5 p.m.  
Tennis at UW-Whitewater Tournament, 8 a.m.  
Soccer at St. Norbert College, 2 p.m.  
Men's Golf at Auggie Fall Invite, Hutchinson,  
Minn.

#### **Sunday, September 7**

Tennis at Beloit College, 10 a.m.  
Soccer at Lawrence University, 2 p.m.  
Men's Golf at Auggie Fall Invite, Chaska,  
Minn.

#### **Wednesday, September 10**

Volleyball vs. St. Catherine, 7 p.m.

#### **Thursday, September 11**

Soccer at Bethel University, 4 p.m.

#### **Friday, September 12**

Volleyball at UW-Stout Tournament, vs.  
Viterbo, 2 p.m., vs. UM-Morris, 8 p.m.  
Tennis vs. UW-Oshkosh, 3:30 p.m.

#### **Saturday, September 13**

Football vs. Jamestown College, 1 p.m.  
Volleyball at UW-Stout Tournament, vs.  
Luther, 10 a.m., vs. Dakota State, 2 p.m.  
Soccer at UW-Stevens Point, 2 p.m.  
Women's Cross Country at UW-Whitewater  
Invite, 11 a.m.  
Men's Cross Country at UW-Whitewater  
Invite, 11:45 p.m.  
Men's Golf at Edgewood Culver's Classic,  
Cottage Grove, Wis.  
Women's Golf at DIII Midwest Classic, Ham  
Lake, Minn.

# IS THAT FROM THE

-Here are some common sayings you hear that are actually in the Bible-

### **‘GOOD SAMARITAN’**

Bible verse (NKJV): Luke 10:30-34 “Then Jesus answered and said: ‘A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.’”

### **‘IT IS BETTER TO GIVE THAN TO GET’**

Bible verse: Acts 20:35 “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

### **‘DO UNTO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD WANT THEM TO DO UNTO YOU’**

Bible verse: Matthew 7:12 “Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law of the Prophets.”

### **‘ESCAPED BY THE SKIN OF MY TEETH’**

Bible verse: Job 19:20 “My bone clings to my skin and my flesh, and I have escaped by the skin of my teeth.”

### **‘LOVE YOUR ENEMIES’**

Bible verse: Luke 6:27-28 and Matthew 5:44 “But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you.”

### **‘TURN THE OTHER CHEEK’**

Bible verse: Luke 6:29 and Matthew 5:39 “To him who strikes you on the one cheek, offer the other also.”

### **‘THE HAND WRITING ON THE WALL’**

Bible verse: Daniel 5:5-6 “In the same hour the fingers of a man's hand appeared and wrote opposite the lampstand on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace; and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote. Then the king's countenance changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his hips were loosened and his knees knocked against each other.”

### **‘LIKE MOTHER, LIKE DAUGHTER’**

Bible verse: Ezekiel 16:44 “Indeed everyone who quotes proverbs will use this proverb against you: ‘Like Mother, like daughter!’”

-Then some you've heard that aren't actually in the Bible-  
followed by actual Biblical scripture regarding these issues

### **‘GOD HELPS THOSE WHO HELP THEMSELVES’ -Benjamin Franklin-**

Bible verse: Philippians 2:3 “Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in all lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.”

### **‘CLEANLINESS IS NEXT TO GODLINESS’ -Author Unknown-**

Bible verse: Matthew 15:17-20 “Do you not yet understand that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and is eliminated? But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. These are the things which defile a man, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a man.”



# THE BIBLE OR NOT?

**‘HAIL MARY FULL OF GRACE. THE LORD IS WITH THEE. BLESSED ART THOU AMONGST WOMEN, AND BLESSED IS THE FRUIT OF THY WOMB, JESUS’** -Catholic Hail Mary Prayer-

Bible verse: Luke 11:27-28 “And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, ‘Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which nursed You!’ But Jesus said, ‘More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it.’”

**‘LIVE AMONG MEN AS IF GOD BEHELD YOU; SPEAK TO GOD AS IF MEN WERE LISTENING’** -Seneca-

Bible verse: Matthew 6:6 “But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.”

**‘WHOSOEVER SINGS IN CHURCH PRAYS TWICE’** -Author Unknown-

Bible verse: 1Thessalonians 5:16-17 “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

**A QUOTE FROM THE MOVIE ‘PULP FICTION’**

*“There is a passage I got memorized, seems appropriate for this situation: Ezekiel 25:17. The path of the righteous man is beset on all sides by the inequities of the selfish and the tyranny of evil men. Blessed is he, who in the name of charity and goodwill, shepherds the weak through the valley of darkness, for he is truly his brother’s keeper and the finder of lost children. And I will strike down upon thee with great vengeance and furious anger those who would attempt to poison and destroy my brothers. And you will know my name is the Lord when I lay my vengeance upon you.”*

Actual Bible verse: Ezekiel 25:16-17 “therefore thus says the Lord God: ‘I will stretch out My hand against the Philistines, and I will cut off the Cherethites and destroy the remnant of the seacoast. I will execute great vengeance on them with furious rebukes; and they shall know that I am the Lord, when I lay My vengeance upon them.’”

**Sunday, September 14**

Men's Golf at Edgewood Culver's Classic, Cottage Grove, Wis.  
Women's Golf at DIII Midwest Classic, Ham Lake, Minn.

**Tuesday, September 16**

Volleyball vs. St. Scholastica, 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, Sept. 17**

Soccer vs. UW-River Falls, 7 p.m.

**Friday, September 19**

Volleyball at UW-Oshkosh, 7 p.m.  
Tennis at ITA Tournament, 8 a.m.

**Saturday, September 20**

Football vs. Missouri S&T (Hall of Fame Game), 6 p.m.  
Volleyball at UW-Whitewater, noon  
Tennis at ITA Tournament, 8 a.m.  
Soccer vs. UW-Platteville (Soccer Family Weekend), 1 p.m.  
Women's Golf at Illinois Wesleyan Invite, TBA

**Sunday, September 21**

Tennis at ITA Tournament, 8 a.m.  
Soccer vs. Dubuque, 2 p.m.  
Men's Golf at UW-Eau Claire Invite, TBA  
Women's Golf at Illinois Wesleyan Invite, TBA

**Monday, September 22**

Men's Golf at UW-Eau Claire Invite

**Friday, September 26**

Volleyball at Viterbo Tournament in La Crosse, TBA  
Tennis at UW-River Falls, 3:30 p.m.

**Saturday, September 27**

Volleyball at Viterbo Tournament in La Crosse, TBA  
Tennis vs. Bethel University, 11 a.m.  
Soccer at UW-Oshkosh, 2 p.m.  
Women's Cross Country at Roy Griak Invitational, Mpls, Minn., 9:45 a.m.  
Men's Cross Country at Roy Griak Invitational, Mpls, Minn., 10:30 a.m.  
Men's Golf at Twin Cities Classic, Elk River, Minn.  
Women's Golf at UW-Stevens Point Invite, TBA

**Sunday, September 28**

Men's Golf at Twin Cities Classic, Ramsey, Minn.  
Women's Golf at UW-Stevens Point Invite, TBA

**Monday, September 29**

Men's Golf at Twin Cities Classic, Bloomington, Minn.

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## STUDENT POLL

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**Cassandra- UW Stout**

"Biggest myth=gaining the freshman 15 is hard to avoid. It's really easy to avoid actually, just take it easy on the pizza, don't drink high calorie beverages ( beer, pop), and take the stairs instead of the elevator."

**Eric- UW Stout**

"It's all partying and sex."

**Elissa- UW Stout**

"That drinking and partying will bring you loads of good friends you can count on always."

**Andrea- UW Madison**

"Biggest myth... that everyone drinks. Not true. Not everyone has to drink to have fun."

**Caitlin- UW Stout**

"That community showers are gross. They weren't that bad. (Except for drunk people puking in them.)"

**Kristen- Illinois State**

"One of the biggest myths I think is that you don't have to go to class if you don't want to. For many teachers, attendance counts and for almost all classes, you need to go to do well."

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No matter what, everyone seems to be looking for change. With the presidential election nearing in just a few short months, it seems like the most popular word is change. Presidential hopefuls in the past and present always seem to make it a priority to share with us how they would like to reorganize America. It is interesting to look back and see how America has been altered, both for the good and the bad. The United States seems to be constantly moving backwards and many Americans aren't content with the way and direction this country is going. With that in mind, let's take a look at how John McCain and Barack Obama plan on trying to change our lives in some very controversial areas. Is true, lasting change for the better, possible in our lives?

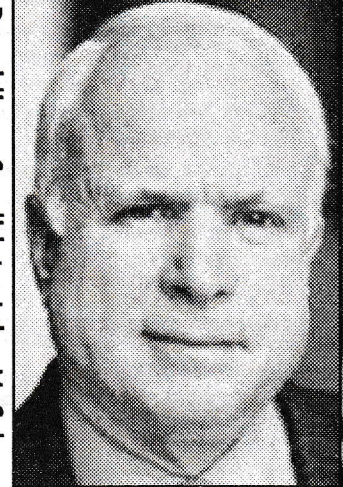
*Who can do it?*

*a Time  
for  
Change*

Democratic Candidate Barack Obama



Republican Candidate John McCain





# Key Issues Facing Americans and the Candidates' Plans for Change:

## • The Economy



### McCain:

- ⇒ Will act immediately to reduce the pain of high gas prices.
- ⇒ Will end policies that contribute to higher transportation and food costs



### Obama:

- ⇒ Wants to provide middle class income tax cuts
- ⇒ Wants to fight for free trade
- ⇒ Wants to invest in U.S. manufacturing

## • Education



### Obama:

- ⇒ "Zero to Five" plan will provide critical support to young children and their parents
- ⇒ Would like to make math and science a national priority
- ⇒ Will promote new and innovative ways to increase teacher pay that are developed with teachers, not imposed on them



### McCain:

- ⇒ Believes American education must be worthy of the promise we make to our children and ourselves
- ⇒ Public education should be defined as one in which our public support for a child's education follows that child into the school the parent chooses
- ⇒ Will fight for the ability of all students to have access to all schools of demonstrated excellence, including their own homes

## • National Security



### McCain:

- ⇒ Is committed to ensuring that the men and women of our military remain the best, most capable fighting force on Earth - and that our nation honors its promises to them for their service
- ⇒ He knows that to protect our homeland, our interests, and our values and to keep the peace America must have the best-manned, best-equipped, and best-supported military in the world
- ⇒ He has been a tireless advocate of our military and ensuring that our forces are properly postured, funded, and ready to meet the nation's obligations both at home and abroad



### Obama:

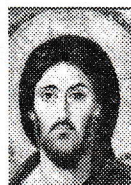
- ⇒ Will go to higher measures to protect our chemical plants
- ⇒ Will launch the most aggressive diplomatic effort in recent American history to reach a new compact on the stability of Iraq and the Middle East
- ⇒ Will work to protect the public from radioactive releases

Let's face it, no matter who becomes president, it would be highly overly optimistic to think that all of these proposed changes would actually be set in stone and practiced for any significant amount of time. True, some of the tactics our country tries do last for a while, but then the original

commitment is gone and we want something new. It seems as if history repeats itself over and over again every four years when a new election is approaching. I think we can all agree on one thing: no matter what change these two candidates bring, it won't be lasting change, but change that appeases us for only a little while.

## Someone Else with a Plan for Change:

There IS someone who wants to make lasting change in your life and he can actually do all that he promises. Millions in America and many more millions all around the world trust in him and have turned their loyalty to him. He isn't about fixing up our country or even about fixing you up. This is mainly because he's not in the business of fixing up. There is one thing he promises, though, and that is to make you brand new. This is his "plan for change" in these difficult times. Lets look at these issues:



### Jesus:

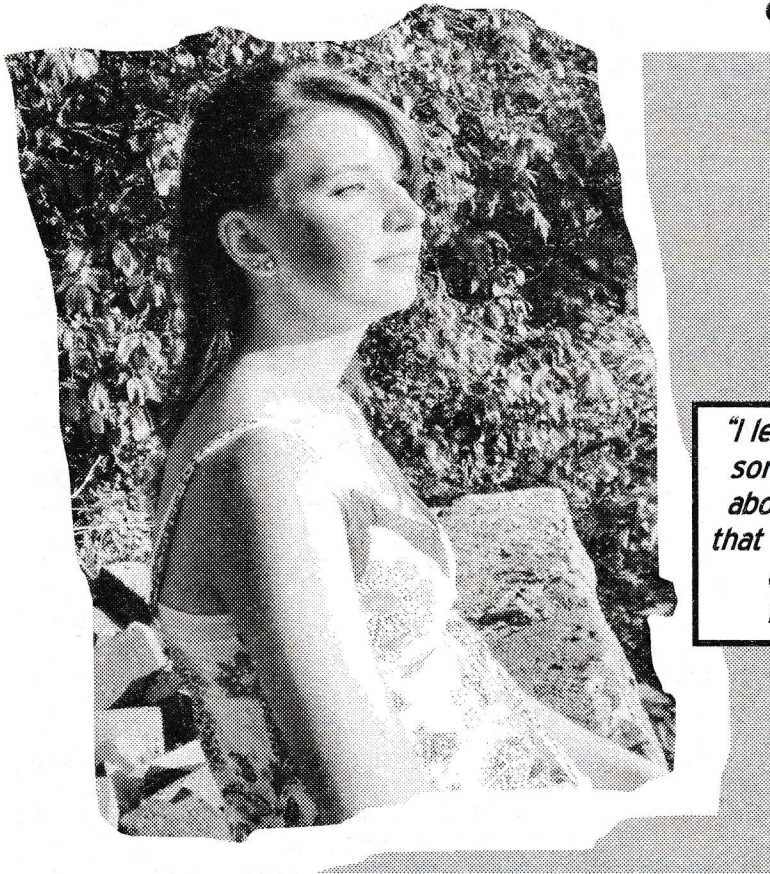
- ⇒ He has a plan for a **one-of-a-kind retirement package**. There's no suck value in this at all. The package includes a cease of sadness, suffering, and death.
- ⇒ His **"replacement plan"** is unmatched by any other candidate. In his plan, he takes all punishment and penalty for everything you and I screw up in our lives and exchanges it for his retirement package.
- ⇒ His **"Never Alone policy"** will make it so that all who vote Jesus will have him with all his divine power at their side to teach, guide and protect.
- ⇒ Believes in a **"True Love policy."** This policy holds to a love that will allow all people freedom to choose the path for their own life. If people desire the road to destruction and hell, though it breaks his heart, he allows them to choose destruction over life. In the face of that love, while he is in office, he will do whatever it takes to help every individual to see the right road without overriding that individual's freedom to choose.
- ⇒ His **"Whole and Complete Upfront agenda"** doesn't promise monetary prosperity or success in business but it does tout inner contentment, joy and peace. This agenda is a result brought by each of us putting to use all the packages and plans he has developed. When put into practice by many individuals, the results could affect our neighborhoods, society, our world.

I'm not telling you not to vote this year. Do your research and vote for the best candidate. However, take some time this fall to think about a bigger, better lasting change that can take place in your life. Its not the kind of change that will make you physically more comfortable in America, but rather a metamorphosis that will affect you both now and later. A president is only capable of leading for four to eight years, but Jesus is fully capable of helping you forever.



# All Things New

A Street Level Exclusive...



***"I left on the train knowing that something was much different about these people and I knew that "something" was Jesus. Yet, I continued to try and find fulfillment in my friends."***

One winter afternoon when my brother Michael was home on his Christmas break from college, I walked in on a conversation he was having with my sister. "I can't wait for the rapture<sup>1</sup> to happen," he exclaimed, as he walked down the stairs to the family room. I was headed to my room and I immediately yelled at him, wondering why he would say such a thing. I ran to my room while holding back tears. I had a deep fear of God and the rapture was the last thing that I wanted to happen.

Despite my fear and because of my curiosity, in March of my sophomore year of high school I went to Winona, Minnesota, to visit my brother on my spring break. In truth, I was on a mission to spy on him (for myself and my parents) to see what all this "church" stuff was about. I was convinced that he was in a cult. I attended my very first Blind Munchies concert and women's study/work day that weekend in Menomonie, Wisconsin. I left on the train knowing that something was much different about these people and I knew that "something" was Jesus. Yet, I continued to try and find fulfillment in my friends.

During the fall of my junior year I took my first shot of vodka with my best friend and sat in an attic with three other friends as they smoked pot. The very next week I had to take a drug test for work and I remember the agony and worry that consumed my body. I didn't get more than a wink of sleep for five days, being troubled that traces of marijuana would show up in my drug test simply from inhaling the air in the attic that night. I was feeling guilty and scared that my parents would find out all my deep, dark secrets. Needless to say, the test came out negative and I got the job. That week of worrying was enough for me, though, and from that moment on, I promised myself I would never attend another party or gathering where my friends were drinking and smoking pot. Looking back on it, I know that was a handprint of God.

At this time my sister and mom began to attend an evangelical free church. They would come home and tell me how great it was and how I should come with them because it was much different from the Catholic Church I had grown up in. For a few weeks I made up excuses or said things like, "Yeah, I'll go" and when they came to wake me up in the morning, I would just roll over and pretend as if I were still sleeping. Finally, I decided to go. After the service, I found myself admitting that I liked the church and the things I was learning about God. I began to attend Sundays regularly as my

interest and belief in God grew even more. Inside my heart, I knew He was the only fulfillment to all that I was seeking. It was a winter afternoon when my sister called me into the living room and said she had a gift for me; she

handed me a New Living Translation Promise Bible. I remember being prideful and not really saying much to her. I went into my room and began to flip through the promises in the front and got to the verses on specific topics. I distinctly remember reading about salvation, God's mercy, grace, and love. I knew in my heart that God was the only thing I could trust and have faith in—He was the only One who loved me fully and would forgive me for all the things I had done and would do. From that day forward, I had a purpose for living, a best friend, and someone to listen to all my worries and mess ups at any hour of the day. There would be no more tossing and turning, no more anxious nights. I had Jesus.

After much debate, I went off to college at Winona State. I had tossed around the idea of staying in Chicago and going into management at Jewel-Osco. Now I see, though, that going to Winona State was all part of God's miraculous plan. I spent my very first weekend at college with Jesus Fellowship Church (my brother Michael's church) at their annual campout and had an opportunity to get to know everyone. Then, in Winona I had the opportunity to attend a bible study and I began to realize all of the practical application the Bible had for my life. I instantly got involved in the Believers class at Jesus Fellowship in Menomonie, catching rides with people from Winona to Menomonie and, after a few months of attending Sunday service and eventually Wednesday service, I knew that it was the church I was meant to belong to. 2006 was a year of significant changes in my life as new desires began to arise in me and I really began to walk with Christ. I wanted to live for God and have an opportunity to serve Him in more ways than what I was doing. After much praying and seeking counsel from trusted brothers and sisters in Christ, I decided to transfer to UW-Stout.

Being at UW-Stout and fully committed and accountable at Jesus Fellowship has been fulfilling and instrumental in my walk with God. Transferring to Stout was a leap of faith, but I can honestly say that God has blessed me beyond anything I could have ever imagined. For every step I have ever taken closer to Him, He has taken 1,000 closer to me.



# PASTOR TOM WELCOMES YOU

## to UW-Stout and Street Level

### TO THE NEW STUDENT:

I would like to welcome you to UW-Stout this year and tell you a little bit about who I am and what our organization is and does. I encourage you to take some time to read this insert in our free magazine over and look at our website.

### WHO AM I?:

My name is Tom Karl. I am a UW-Stout alumnus. I graduated with a degree in Graphic Design after attending Stout for six years. In that time, I exposed myself to all college had to offer. It all began during homecoming my freshman year. Having never been a drinker in high school, I felt confident that this wasn't something I would be getting into at college either. I felt even stronger about that when my first college roommate came back to the dorm drunk his first night there. No way was I going to do that. I feared that my roommate and I would probably not get along. That opinion changed when I was given free beer at my first party. New friends, new environment. Something made me think this was the opportunity to redefine myself. At this point in my life I had discovered that getting drunk was FUN! There's no other way to put it. I liked it. Quickly, I moved to make sure I do that more frequently.

Relationships with girls was another odd thing. I avoided them in high school. I had the interest but no guts. Relationships made me nervous. Besides, my high school was quite small and everyone knew me. Let's just say I was an odd dude in high school. I was the metal-head that on the surface played the "nice guy that people liked", but inside I was a rebellious, sarcastic schemer. I didn't hang with the "right" people most of the time and being 6' 8", I was just an odd dude. So when it came to girls I figured odds were better at college where no one knew me. A plus to this equation was that I had become "drunken-partying-Tom". I thought, "this MUST be the key to relationships." It helped. I started seeing a girl my freshman year.

**Going in the right direction?** That's what I thought. I had a girl friend, I knew how much beer I could handle before puking, I was not only studying at college but I was in a really cool major...art. Most of my art friends were guys and girls I looked up to. They all did some drug of some type as well as listened to really underground bands (some of which I still love to listen to). I believed I was where I wanted to be in my life. Adult, cocky, put together, in control.

**The flip side of the coin.** The few relationships I did squeak out in my time at college all lead me through an emotional rollercoaster. Each relationship ended with some level of disaster attached to it. They covered the whole spectrum. A couple of them were spending time with other guys while with me, one was emotionally draining with neediness, one passed me venereal disease, pleasant stuff like that. Along with all of that, I was not the star dater either. Though I never cheated, I would throw myself emotionally into the relationship. I wrestled with depressive bouts. School was taking a hit because I couldn't concentrate on it. Vodka became my outlet to wallow in self pity. It was when I contracted VD that I freaked out beyond the line of control. I was ashamed of my life. I had failed my family and I felt that none of my friends could relate to me. I was alone. I had

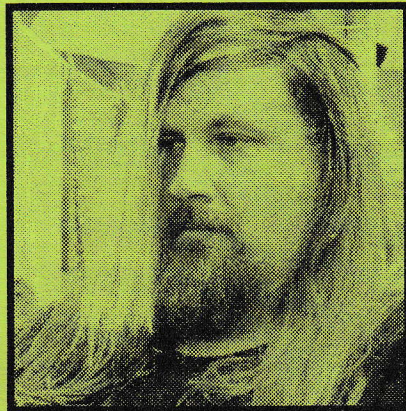
figured NOTHING out for my future and school was drawing to a close. I was in my fifth year at Stout and awaiting my test results for HIV. If I already had one disease I was sure in my depressed state that I had AIDS. Sleep wasn't happening and when it did, I would wake up achy from the stress. I had reached the threshold.

**Something else.** I would sleep with the TV on to keep silence from allowing me to think. I woke up late one night and there was a guy on TV talking about feeling like he could die at any moment. It was a man serving in the military in Iraq.

I listened to him because I felt the same way due to the choices I made with my life. He went on to tell the viewing audience that the only hope he had for his future was by being born again. Jesus was the only real help for his fear. I grew up going to church. Church never spoke to me. I tried to get into it in 2nd grade but none of it made sense to me at all ever. But when this man talked about reaching

out to God, I thought, "what other option do I have and what could it hurt to ask him for help?" So laying in my bed, I called out to God, "If you are real, reveal yourself to me. I need your help!" It was a supernatural experience. All of a sudden there was a peace in mind and heart. I could still be dying but there was peace. I started to talk to God. My HIV tests came back negative. There was still emotional damage but God was leading me. Today I minister the truth of the Bible to college students through Street Level. I hope to be there when all the crap hits the fan for those students who experience the short end of the stick while at Stout like I did. I am an ordained Pastor, today, and hope I can meet you sometime while you're at Stout. If you read this and you would like to chat with me, email me:

[streetlevel@uwstout.edu](mailto:streetlevel@uwstout.edu)

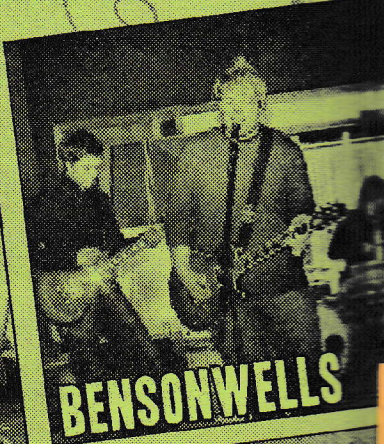




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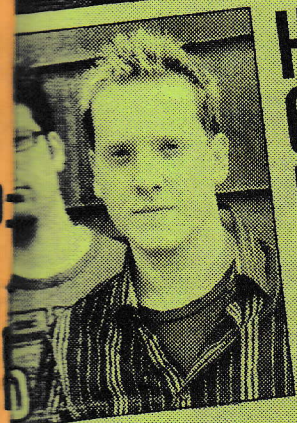
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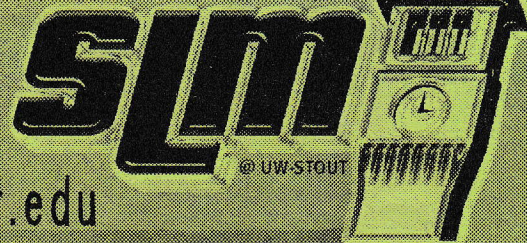


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# PASTOR TOM WELCOMES YOU

## WHAT IS STREET LEVEL?:

Lets talk college and life, huh? Maybe you are a Christian already and you are looking to move on in your schooling to have a family or a career. Maybe you're totally sure of yourself and very ready to meet the challenges of college. Maybe you are worried. Will you be tempted? Maybe you don't know how much of a role God should play in your day to day life at college. We're here for any of you.

It is a popular concept today for Christian students to live a life with God that is, in reality, watered down and empty. These students see the benefits of a life with Jesus but lack knowledge and true growth; they lack the ability to reap the full benefits of a life with Jesus and typically end up with a hybrid life that attempts to balance Christianity with pleasures found in living life without Jesus (sex, porn, drugs, greed).

**Part of the problem:** In numerous US colleges there are many popular religious groups who

*sincerely* try to help students in a life of faith but their individual members and leaders often times lack personal integrity when it comes to knowing/teaching bible-truth and real Christian living for their own lives. I don't say this to be demeaning. Often unready Christian students are encouraged into an org. position without consideration of their personal walk's consistency or level of growth. This happens on multiple campuses nation wide and the results are very disheartening.

**A different road:** Street Level Ministry (a student organization at Stout) presents college-level Christianity rooted in Bible teaching, Christian hang-time, growth in discipleship and opportunities to serve God. We believe God can and will impact the Kingdom with average people like you and me. We're lead by a pastor with a pastor's vision and direction. Our goal is to help point each student in the direction that God has called them so that by the time they graduate, not only will they have a college degree but direction and purpose for their lives.

There are no dues involved to be in our student organization. Some events may cost you but we try to keep it on a college budget. We meet every Monday night at the Memorial Student Center in the Cedar/Maplewood room.

**Jesus Fellowship of Believers Church:** We are based out of a really happening non-denominational church in Menomonie. The church is just two blocks from campus. If you are looking for a church, we recommend this one. You will not be disappointed. Services are at 10:30am on Sunday morning and at 7:00pm Wednesday nights. It is not at all a requirement that you attend Jesus Fellowship to be in Street Level. We really dig our church and just want to offer it as an option.

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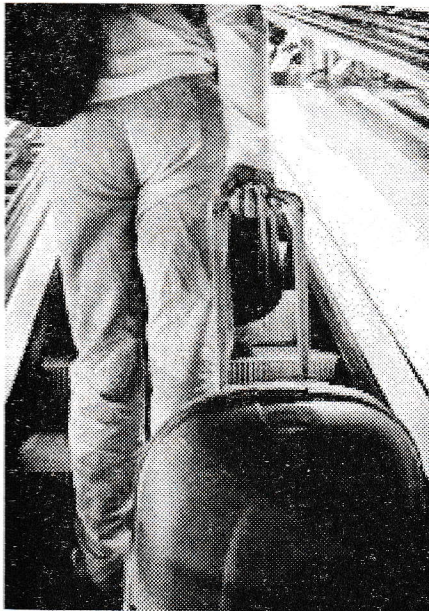
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Starting over is scary  
It takes courage—one trembling step after another.  
You prod forward tentatively and with uncertainty.



Starting something new takes time.  
It means wriggling into new roles, new friends, and new feelings.  
You try them on one by one; see which fit and which to cast aside.

Starting your own views is exciting.  
It's a chance to see who you are, what you really believe.  
You realize that what you've always been told isn't good enough anymore if it's not real.

Starting to question seems strange.  
It feels like the bottom's dropping out and you're suspended in mid-air.  
You sometimes want answers that don't come right away.

Starting to believe is vulnerable.  
It takes an open heart and a broken heart to realize that you've needed Him all along.  
You see how you've been wrong and how Jesus has loved you anyway.

Starting new brings hope.  
It means beginning a brand new life with a brand new purpose.  
You walk forward slowly, one step at a time, but you're never alone.

# Starting Over

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**Tuesday, September 30**  
Volleyball at Northwestern College, 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, October 1**  
Soccer at Gustavus Adolphus, 7 p.m.

**Friday, October 3**  
Women's Cross Country at UW-Eau Claire Invite, Colfax, Wis., 4 p.m.  
Men's Cross Country at UW-Eau Claire Invite, Colfax, Wis., 5 p.m.  
Women's Golf at WIAC Championships, Arkdale, Wis., TBA

**Saturday, October 4**  
Football at UW-Platteville, 1 p.m.  
Volleyball at UW-Stevens Point, 1 p.m.  
Tennis at UW-Stevens Point, 10 a.m. vs. Ripon College in Stevens Point, 12:30 p.m.  
Soccer vs. UW-La Crosse, 4 p.m.  
Women's Golf at WIAC Championships, Arkdale, Wis., TBA

**Sunday, October 5**  
Women's Golf at WIAC Championships, Arkdale, Wis., TBA

**Tuesday, October 7**  
Tennis vs. UW-Eau Claire, 3 p.m.

**Wednesday, October 8**  
Volleyball vs. UW-Superior, 7 p.m.  
Soccer at St. Catherine, 4 p.m.

**Saturday, October 11**  
Football vs. UW-Oshkosh, 1 p.m.  
Soccer vs. UW-Superior, 2 p.m.

**Wednesday, October 15**  
Volleyball at UW-Eau Claire, 7 p.m.  
Soccer at UW-Eau Claire, 4 p.m.

**Thursday, October 16**  
Tennis at UW-La Crosse, 3 p.m.

**Friday, October 17**  
Volleyball vs. UW-Platteville, 7 p.m.

**Saturday, October 18**  
Football vs. UW-Stevens Point, 1 p.m.  
Volleyball vs. UW-La Crosse, noon  
Tennis vs. UW-Whitewater, 3 p.m.  
Soccer at UW-Whitewater, 4 p.m.  
Women's Cross Country at Tori Neubauer Invite, West Salem, Wis., 11:30 p.m.  
Men's Cross Country at Jim Drews Invite, West Salem, Wis. 10:30 p.m.

**Sunday, October 19**  
Soccer vs. St Benedict (Senior Day/Alumni Game at noon), 3 p.m.

**Wednesday, October 22**  
Volleyball vs. UW-River Falls, 7 p.m.

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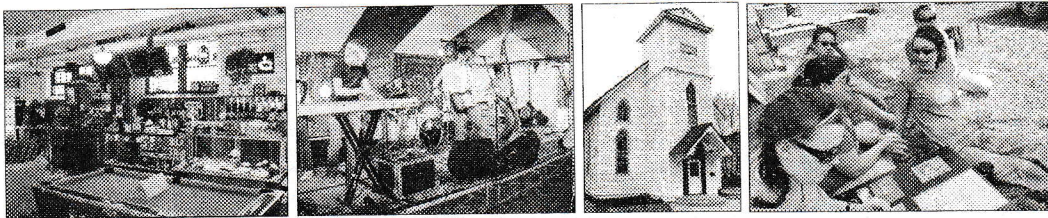
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# STREET LEVEL MINISTRIES

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## STREET LEVEL MINISTRIES

Street Level Ministries is not your average student organization. By average, I mean the type of organization that sits in a room, talks about rules, plans socials, and wears matching t-shirts. Street Level exists for one main reason: to teach college students how to have a real and lasting relationship with God through Jesus Christ. We're an organization that pushes the limits of what you've always thought it meant to be "Christian". We dig into the Bible weekly, put on concerts, run a coffeehouse, travel to a summer music festival, build close relationships with one another, grow to know God more closely, and pursue a life that is sold-out for Him.

There are so many misconceptions floating around about who God is and in college, everything you've ever thought will be challenged. Now that you're away from home, your religious upbringing (or lack thereof) won't be able to stand alone. In Street Level, we dig into the Bible to learn for ourselves who God is and how to know Him so we do not just believe something because of tradition. No matter what your experience has been with God in the past, you should drop in on a Monday night for the Bible study and find out for yourself who He really is and what that means personally for you.

Membership in Street Level will never leave you bored. There

are opportunities as a member to serve in our coffeehouse, help put on concerts, travel to a 25,000 person summer music festival in Illinois, and to reach out to other students on campus who might be struggling with what to believe about God. You get the chance to see college through God's eyes and let Him take you on the ride of your life instead of trying to fumble through it alone.

## COLLEGE BIBLE STUDY

Monday night is the big night on campus for Street Level. We meet in the Cedar/Maplewood Room in the Student Center at 6:30pm for an organizational meeting with members and staff. The gang consists of about 30 members and is headed up by Pastor Tom, a Stout graduate who does the teaching at the College Bible Study. The organizational meetings are where we discuss upcoming events, which might include hosting a free Friday night concert, planning our annual music festival called Yeshuapolooza, going on retreats, or just hang-out nights.

The College Bible Study starts at 7:00 pm. Pastor Tom teaches the Bible in context, verse by verse, one book at a time, covering about a chapter per week. What you *won't* find is a lot of religious rhetoric or high and lofty speech (sometimes Tom even makes up new words for the English language). What you *will* find is practical application teaching that will help you understand what the Bible has to say and how you can apply that to your daily life.





### WINTER RETREAT

Retreats with Street Level are every member's favorite time to get out and spend some time in the woods and get away from campus-land. We hang out, relax, spend time learning from the Bible, and enjoy each other's company. Last year, we had a no-holds-barred broomball tourney, and the previous year we visited some pot bellied pigs. We like to mix it up!

My favorite part of the retreats is the time we take the last night to pray for each other and be open about things we're struggling with. It's cool to remember that everyone is dealing with lots of stuff and that no one can do it alone. Oh yeah, and did I mention the junk food buffet?

### YESHUAPOLOOZA AND MONTHLY CONCERTS

There are three words that you should know this fall: *free live music*. On about 1-2 Friday nights each month, you can find free concerts in a variety of genres playing at the Blind Munchies Coffeehouse (see coffeehouse section on next page). Street Level has brought all kinds of bands to Menomonie over the past 10 years. Look for posters all over campus this year advertising the shows, which are always held down at the coffeehouse, only three blocks from campus, at 7:00pm on Friday nights. We put on concerts to provide a pressure-free atmosphere for people to enjoy good music.

Yeshua-what? No, it's not the sound you make when you sneeze; Yeshuapoloosa is the name of our annual on-campus music festival/extravaganza, going 10 years strong. Here you'll be able to kick back and lounge outside in the sun while you listen to six live bands of various genres perform onstage. We serve up awesome food and coffee drinks, do henna tattoos, sell unique merchandise from India, and broadcast the whole thing live on our radio station (see radio section on next page). This year, look for the festival on the lawn in front of the Student Center all day on Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>.

### COFFEEHOUSE GOES TO CORNERSTONE

What do you get when you pile 20 people and a traveling coffeehouse into cars, trucks, trailers and vans, and drive the whole operation eight hours south to a 40,000 person Christian music fest in Bushnell, Illinois? You get...Cornerstone! This is Street Level's yearly trip to sell coffee at the main stage of the music festival with all the proceeds going to support our missions work in the Philippines (see page 16). We have a great time working, sweating, drinking espresso, and watching concerts together.

### THE CHURCH HOUSE

On 6<sup>th</sup> Street, behind the Applied Arts building, there is an old church building with a lot of character both inside and out. It's nicknamed "The Church House" and is a disciples' house, full of an eclectic bunch of twenty-somethings. The disciple part means that the people living there are committed to living a life in love with Jesus and to be used for His purposes. It's a place where the group can be challenged, encouraged, and enjoy one another through everyday life. It's dorm-style living for about 10-15 guys and gals. If you think you might be interested in

learning more about the house and the application process to live there, you can call (715) 235-4977 to get more details. It's probably one of the only homes around with 25-foot ceilings!

### WORD ON THE STREET MAGAZINE

If you want to keep current with Stout happenings and community events, or you want to read some funny and thought-provoking articles on a break between classes, pick up a free copy of Word on the Street Magazine. It is Street Level's quarterly publication that addresses topics relevant to Stout life and contains edgy articles about controversial issues that apply to you. You will also find poetry, artwork, fun facts, student polls, movie reviews, and much more. Look for magazine racks located all over campus for the latest issues.

### BURNING DOG FM 101.7

Looking to hear some hard-core, "rock-your-face-off" Christian music and Bible teaching? Tune in to 101.7fm. We offer the greatest range of Christian music known to man! *Burning Dog 101.7fm* has genres anywhere from Acoustic Light in the morning, Punk and Alternative in the afternoon, to Hard Rock and Industrial during the dark hours...not to mention the rocking Bible teachings. Tune in Mondays, Wednesdays, and Sundays to 101.7fm to hear live Bible Studies, and listen in for prerecorded teachings throughout the week. If you want to know more, visit Street Level's website [www.streetlevel.uwstout.edu](http://www.streetlevel.uwstout.edu), and check it out! You can also call (715)235-9300 or email us at [WRJFLP@yahoo.com](mailto:WRJFLP@yahoo.com).

### THE BLIND MUNCHIES COFFEEHOUSE

Want to study in a place that has free wireless internet connection, gourmet espresso drinks, coffee, Jones and Stewart's bottled soda, homemade bakery and other goodies along with comfy seating and a retro interior? The Blind Munchies Coffeehouse is the perfect place to get away from the dorms and relax, play pool, do homework, or bring friends. The coffeehouse is run by Street Level volunteers and is non-profit with all proceeds going to Philippines mission endeavors. It's located close to campus at 621 Wilson Avenue, one block away from Burger King. It's located on the lower level of the Jesus Fellowship of Believers church, but be warned because this is no ordinary church basement!

### MISSIONS: PHILIPPINES

We have team trips to our church's mission center in the Philippines. The missions center is called Shofar Mission Center. We also work hard to raise money for foreign missions. In the past, Street Level has raised the funding for 3 church buildings in the tribal regions of India and has gone to dedicate those buildings to the Lord. Our current project to finish the details of a 1000watt radio station in the Philippines and begin the work on buying the land and building a Christian grade school and church in the mountain region of Cebu island. Our goal is to give godly college students a world vision for ministry.



**Thursday, October 23**

Soccer vs. St. Mary's University, 7 p.m.

**Friday, October 24**

Volleyball at Central Iowa Tourney, vs.

Millikin, 3 p.m., vs. Central, 5 p.m.

Hockey at Concordia-Wisconsin, 7 p.m.

Women's Cross Country at Lake Wissota

Invite, 4 pm.

Men's Cross Country at Lake Wissota Invite,

4:45 p.m.

**Saturday, October 25**

Football at UW-River Falls, 1 p.m.

Volleyball at Central Iowa Tourney, vs.

Augustana, noon, vs. Grinnell, 2 p.m.

Tennis WIAC Tournament in Madison, noon

Hockey vs. Marian College, 7:30 p.m.

**Sunday, October 26**

Tennis WIAC Tournament in Madison, noon

**Tuesday, October 28**

Soccer vs. Hamline University, 7 p.m.

**Friday, October 31**

Hockey at Augsburg College, 7 p.m.

**Saturday, November 1**

Football vs. UW-La Crosse, 1 p.m.

Volleyball at La Crosse Triangular, vs.

Augustana, Noon, vs. UW-La Crosse, 10 a.m.

Soccer WIAC Tournament, TBA

Men's Basketball vs. Lakehead University

(exh), 5 p.m.

Hockey at Hamline University, 7 p.m.

Women's Cross Country at WIAC

Championships, Stevens Point, Wis., noon

Men's Cross Country at WIAC

Championships, Stevens Point, Wis., 11 a.m.

**Tuesday, November 4**

Volleyball WIAC Quarterfinals, 7 p.m.

Hockey at Northland College, 7 p.m.

**Friday, November 7**

Volleyball WIAC Final Four, TBA

Hockey vs. Gustavus Adolphus, 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday, November 8**

Football at UW-Whitewater, noon

Volleyball WIAC Final Four, TBA

Hockey at St. Olaf, 7 p.m.

**Friday, November 14**

Hockey vs. UW-Superior, 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday, November 15**

Football vs. UW-Eau Claire, 1 p.m.

Men's Basketball vs. Buena Vista, 5 p.m.

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

Women's Basketball at St. Norbert Tourney in

DePere, 5/7 p.m.

Women's Cross Country at NCAA Regionals,

Rock Island, Ill, Noon

Men's Cross Country at NCAA Regionals,

Rock Island, Ill, 11 a.m.

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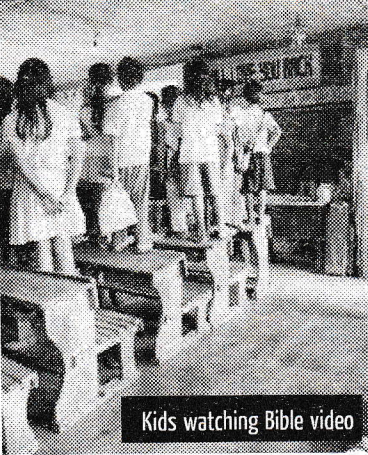
### LAURA SPERL'S JOURNAL NOTES

#### Adventure: Public School Ministry

##### THE SETTING

I placed one careful, sandaled foot in front of the other and descended the slick, narrow path down the side of the mountain. The orange clay trail was still damp from the tropical rainfall of the previous evening, so I walked slowly. Tethered goats munched leaves and grasses, balancing effortlessly on the steep slope. Palm trees, thatched huts, and wood smoke dotted the landscape and the rich smell of fresh rain filled the air. This trek could easily have been a mountain hiking adventure or a guided exhibition through the jungle, but for hundreds of elementary students in the Philippines, it's just another day at school.

This summer, five of my friends and I traveled to the island of Cebu in the Philippines and lived there for three months. During our



stay, we had the opportunity to teach in several of the village schools near the place we were living. Four of these were elementary schools and one was a high school. To say that education is different in the Philippines would be an understatement! Here are some of our experiences teaching in the schools:

##### THE GOAL

300 pairs of deep brown eyes are staring at us in anticipation as we set up a projector, automatic voltage regulator, projector screen, speakers, and an iPod. Our goal is to show the students at Lower Camp 8 Elementary School a video in their native language of Cebuano that chronicles the Bible using bright imagery and narration. We introduce ourselves using choppy Cebuano phrases whenever possible, and show a slide show on the big screen with pictures of America, Wisconsin, farms, and cows. Their eyes widen as we explain snow and tell them the Celsius equivalent to 10 degrees below zero! They ooh and aah at the pictures of colorful autumn leaves, and when we get to the pictures about dairy farming and milk products, one adorable little girl exclaims, "Wow, cheese!"

Satisfied that they know a bit about us, we go on to explain that our aim is to help them get to know more about the Bible and how to have a relationship with God through Jesus. We tell them that for the next two months, we'll be watching the video together and then having discussions, activities and games based on what they've seen. As the opening music for the movie begins to play, I look out at the sea of tiny faces and smile.

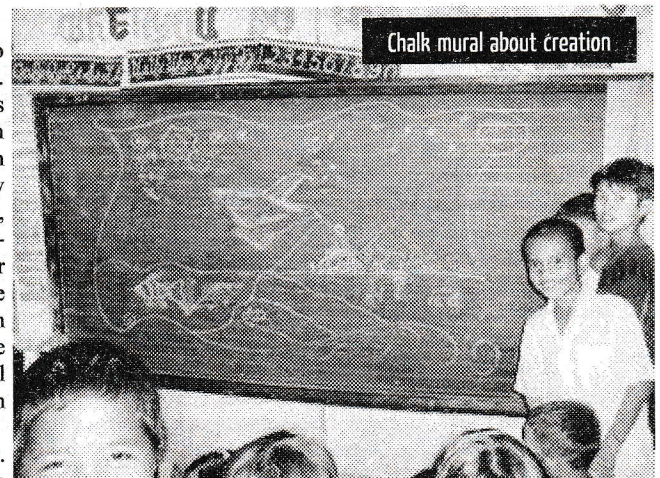
##### THE CULTURE

In the Philippines, families have to pay for their children to go to school. Due to this year's economic crisis, it's become increasingly difficult for them to afford this. The result is that often the boys go to school and the girls stay home and help their moms. Otherwise, parents send their children to grades 1-4 and then the kids stop attending after that. What that meant for us is that the younger grades had tons of kids in each classroom, and there were more boys than girls. We had to take all these things into consideration when planning activities.

Language also presented a barrier. Filipino students begin learning English at a young age, but their English is very basic (as was our Cebuano), so we had to find a way to communicate clearly and get our point across. We did this by researching Cebuano words and phrases, drawing pictures, asking the teachers for help in translating whenever they could, and capitalizing on using the English words that they did know. There were some funny moments when we pronounced Cebuano words incorrectly, but the kids appreciated our attempts and were always good-natured about our language faux pas.

##### THE LESSON

Although our group set out with the intention of teaching the kids, we realized more and more each time we went that they also had a lot to teach us. For example, the majority of them return home to a tiny hut packed with people and none of the commodities we would consider essential. They never complained. For many of them, meals are meager and money is always a question mark, yet they welcomed us with smiles, eager to learn and participate with good attitudes. They treated each other well, with the older kids looking out for the younger ones and helping those who needed it with projects and games. They have so much less than students in America, yet they appreciate what they *do* have so much more. As we trekked back up the mountain path and past the goats and palms on our way home, I felt very blessed to have had the opportunity to get to know these students and be a part of their lives if only for a brief period of time.





## NATE PAULSON'S JOURNAL NOTES

### Adventure: Jail Ministry

Walking into jail isn't anyone's favorite experience. It brings up all sorts of thoughts such as, "What did I do to get myself here?", "When will I get out?", "I don't deserve this!", "Will they break me?", "Will I be hurt?" and "I am scared." To actually think that someone would want to step into this situation willingly is absurd. However, to actually be offered an opportunity to talk to these individuals is a completely different thing. On top of this, to be able to share some sort of hope with these individuals in a foreign country is, well, breathtaking.



As a member in Street Level, I have been given many opportunities to volunteer my time with Jesus Fellowship (Street Level's parent church) and in the Street Level organization itself. One of the ministries I have been allowed to be a part of is the Chaplain Ministry. This ministry focuses on the local jails and even a boys' prison to reach the people in those institutions, by bringing them biblical teaching and the hope that a relationship with Jesus can bring. When I first started working with this ministry, I didn't really think that I would like stepping into the walls of a jail. After giving it some time, though, I found that there is a great need for God's love to be brought to the jails. Also, at the same time, I found that I really like to see lives changed.

So to hear that I would be allowed to be part of a missions team that was going to travel to the Philippines and minister there for three months was pretty cool. What was even better to hear was that I would be able to spend a lot of time with the team working in a couple of jails in the Philippines. I certainly have been given a heart for the people in these institutions.

One thing to remember is that life goes on inside of these institutions. Jail itself is a society. Certain individuals are good at certain things, so naturally a hierarchy can develop. Jail has its own set of rules. Obviously, the rules the institution and guards apply are the biggest, then those spoken between inmates, and there are those rules that are unspoken. Tempers can flare easily when living so closely to your peers, so it can be very difficult to find a happy medium in which a person can survive.

In America, it seems that things are getting worse. Overcrowding and not enough funding seem to plague our punishment system. Stepping into a jail in the Philippines, however, is so very different than in America. Their lack of funding is the same, but

something striking happens in Filipino jails. In America, most personal belongings aren't allowed inside, but since the Philippines is laid back about everything, they are allowed just about anything if it can be brought inside from a family member or a friend. It is not uncommon to see a large stereo system and a TV along with other personal appliances in an inmate's cell. I can only assume this is allowed because their stays are much longer due to processing time.

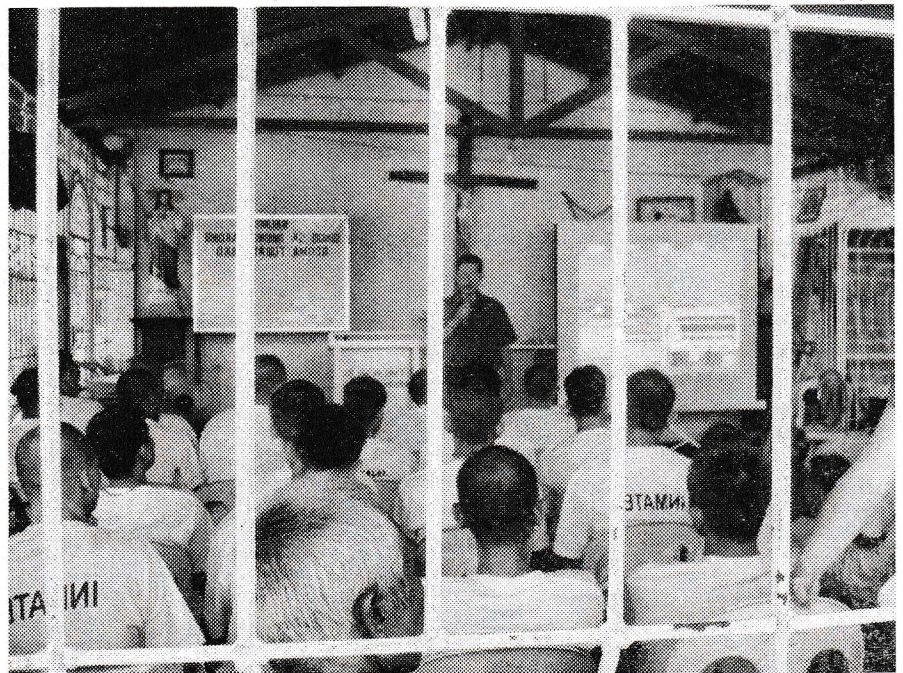
When I walked into the jail in Toledo (a town on Cebu Island), I found things very interesting. To begin with, chickens are everywhere in the Philippines. Everyone, it seems, has chickens for pets, so this custom naturally carries over to the jail. The guard shack, along with almost everything, is out in the open. The guard shack is just that, a cocoa lumber gazebo with a palm thatch roof. There is no need for a nice building due to the consistent 85 degree days, and a gazebo gives the guards a good view of the yard. The jailhouses themselves are built with concrete walls and bars, and are very similar to something you would see in the Wild West. As long as the inmates have shelter for their stay and proper accommodations, everything seems to be fine. Another interesting aspect is that the inmates are the ones working on building projects or income projects for funding. It seems they are the ones running the jail at the supervision of the guards. During our scheduled Bible study time, it was not uncommon to see inmates making coffins (they do this for funding), a water shipment coming in by truck (they don't have piped-in water), and other inmates making building improvements (arc welding). The women inmates are the ones who do the cooking for the entire jail.

Some sounds that might be heard are a tethered rooster crowing four feet from you as you attempt to teach a Bible study through a translator. Or, as the previous year's mission team told us, they were lucky enough to attempt to teach while a pig was being slaughtered. I am sure that was not a pleasant sound indeed. Lots of people walk around and talk. They will talk to whomever they please. If they are outside of the jailhouse and want to talk to someone through the bars in the next cell block, they do. It doesn't seem to matter who has contact with who. Even people even in our Bible study will speak up and shout something to the next cell block over. It's also hard to forget the sounds of construction, whether it's the pounding of nails into a coffin or the dropping sparks of arc welding slag. And when it rained, we had to stop because of the very loud sound the rain makes when it hits the metal roof above our heads. When you are not accustomed to this environment, it is very distracting.

However chaotic all of this sounds, these jails in the Philippines are very self-sufficient because they have to be. They are a microcosm of society by necessity. By working so closely with these people, I found that they are some of the most sincere people I have ever worked with, whether in jail or out. The Philippines isn't a rich country by American standards. Regardless, the people are some of the nicest a person can meet. Many people can't afford much, but they make do and hardly complain about their lot in life. Some might complain, but not many do. They certainly won't say they need drugs to overcome any depression that they might be feeling. First off, they wouldn't have the money to spend on it, and secondly, they have never heard of clinical depression.

The Philippines is rich in the character of its people and their way of life. Going there

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**Recreation:**

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Sport Lead Climbing Class - Sept 16, Nov 4  
GPS Clinic - Sept 17  
Open Pool Session for Boaters- Oct 1, Nov 5,  
Dec 10 (8-10pm)  
Full Moon Paddle - Oct 14 (9-11pm)  
Women's Climbing Night - Sept 24, Nov 19  
(7-10pm)  
Kayak Deep Water Safety - Nov 4 (8-10pm)  
Kayak Roll Clinic- Nov 11, Nov 13 (8-10pm)  
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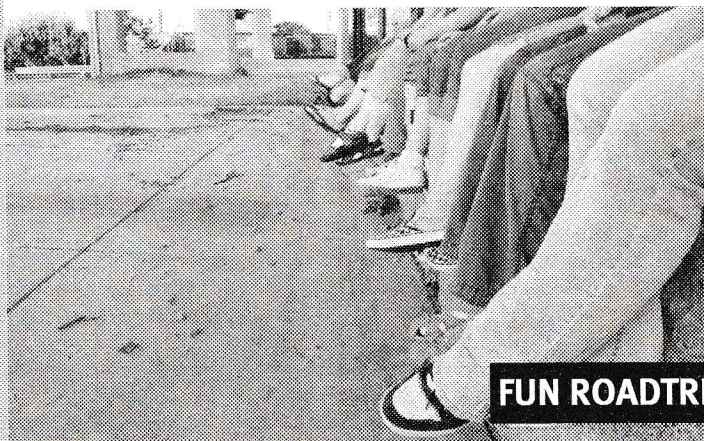
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# Flick Picks:

**Movie:** Expelled  
**Genre:** Documentary  
**Actors/ Actresses:** Ben Stein  
**Rated:** PG-13  
**Availability:** Mr. Movies or Netflix



"Bueller? Bueller?" You remember Ferris Bueller's monotone teacher back in that classic 80's flick, don't you? That was Ben Stein, a class A favorite. He has hosted his own game show, written speeches for presidents, and acted in a few decent movies. His newest film, *Expelled*, is a documentary based on the idea of Darwinism versus Intelligent Design. It has come to Stein's attention that it is considered almost insane for scientists to speak about, or even think about, the universe being created by the work of an intelligent designer.

Going all over the world, Stein interviews and shares ideas with many scientists and professors who claim they lost their jobs for mentioning the possibility of Intelligent Design. Even though some facts in the film are mind-benders, you will find that they are very interesting and persuasive. Stein duels with big time Atheist Richard Dawkins, author of *The God Delusion*. Dawkins throws punches with his explanation of natural selection, but the facts Stein throws back at him seem to be a challenge for Dawkins to answer. Dawkins appears to be Stein's biggest challenger in the movie.

Ben Stein hits it right on the head when he says not to watch the film if you are afraid of changing your views and/or losing your job because of Intelligent Design. Being bombarded with different theories of how man and earth came to be, I highly recommend this film to students, especially if you have questions about Intelligent Design or Darwinism. Don't miss out!

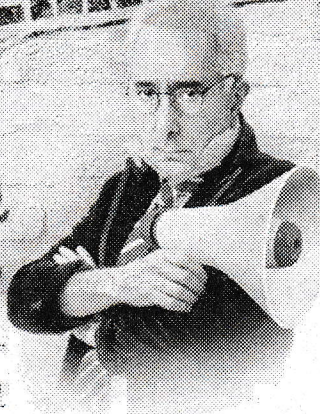
Ben Stein



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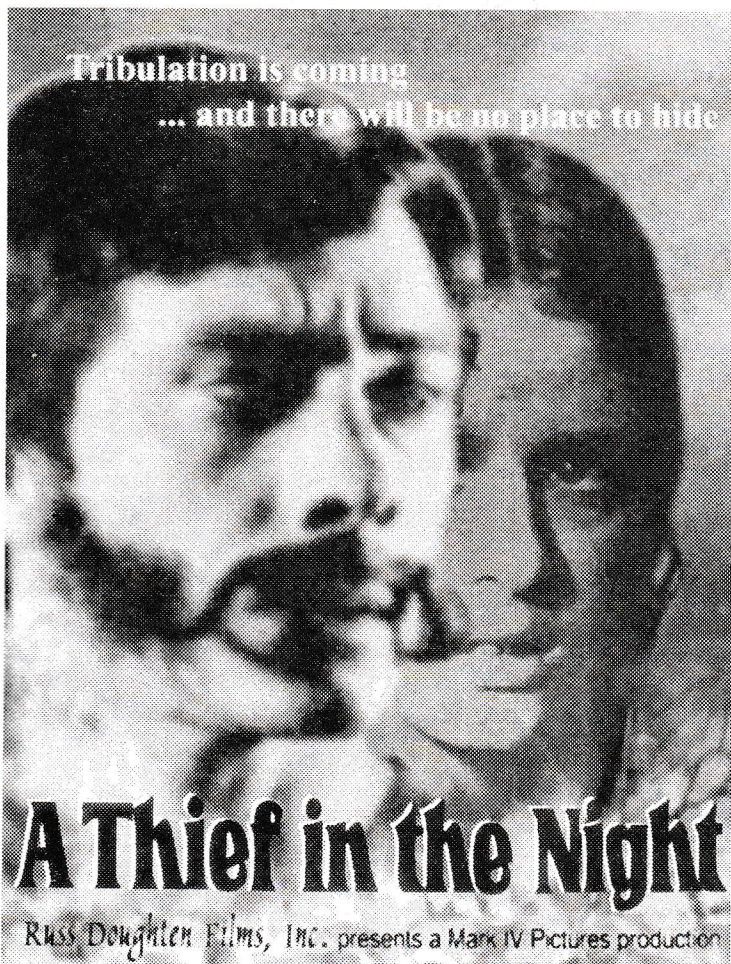
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**Movie:** A Thief in the Night

**Genre:** Suspense

**Actors/ Actresses:** Patty Dunning, Mike Niday

**Rated:** Not Rated

**Availability:** Watch it on [www.higherpraise.com](http://www.higherpraise.com)



*A Thief in the Night* is not quite your normal Hollywood movie. Created by Russell S. Doughton in 1972, the film was actually the first of a four film series based on the Christian rapture and the second coming of Christ. The acting is sort of cheesy, but the movie is more of a persuasive, revealing, factual kind of movie. This was good because with most movies like this, you have to put your discerning cap on and sort out what is true and what is not. I was afraid that the movie would send the wrong message, but it seemed to have proved itself throughout. With the run time at only 69 minutes, much of the film is fast-paced and is directed toward non-believers to believe in Jesus before He comes back.

In one scene, Patty (Patty Dunning) discovers that her husband Jim (Mike Niday) is not home, but his razor is still running by the sink. Patty remembers what her peers had been telling her about Jesus and how they were in the end times and that the rapture could happen at any time. At that moment, Patty realizes that her husband has been raptured and she becomes fearful for her own life. Running around town avoiding what is referred to in this movie as the mark of beast, Patty finds that she is running out of options to avoid getting it. You won't see any special sound effects or hear any good music in this film, but it definitely makes you think about the future! The cheesiness adds some comic relief to the seriousness of this flick's message. Check it out!



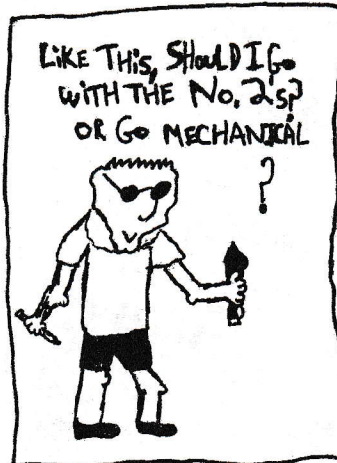
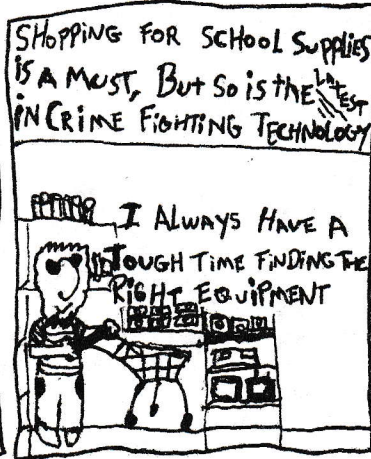
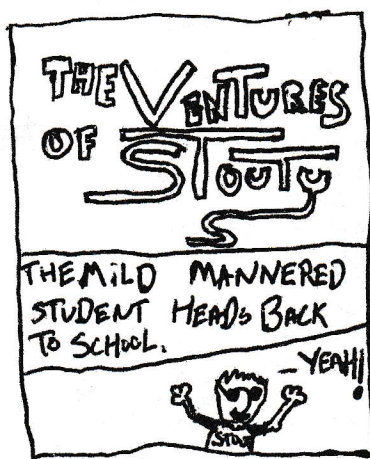
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was a real eye opener; I never thought that I would be allowed to see the things that I have been allowed to see. It shows me even more how fortunate I am and pushes me into a corner. In that corner, the walls say, "This is how the rest of the world lives." I can't deny it or run away from that fact. On top of that is the fact that these people need Jesus too. I could easily forget this when I get back to the comfort of America. I am not saying that America is horrible for having its wealth; it is just that America lives in a protective bubble. I just certainly hope not to forget what I have seen and the meaning behind what I have seen. As Jesus once said, "...the workers are few..." I also hope that others will see the fortune in America and use what God has given us to use wisely. What I hope for more is that others in America will find the true meaning behind a relationship with God just as much as I hope that light will be seen in the Philippines.

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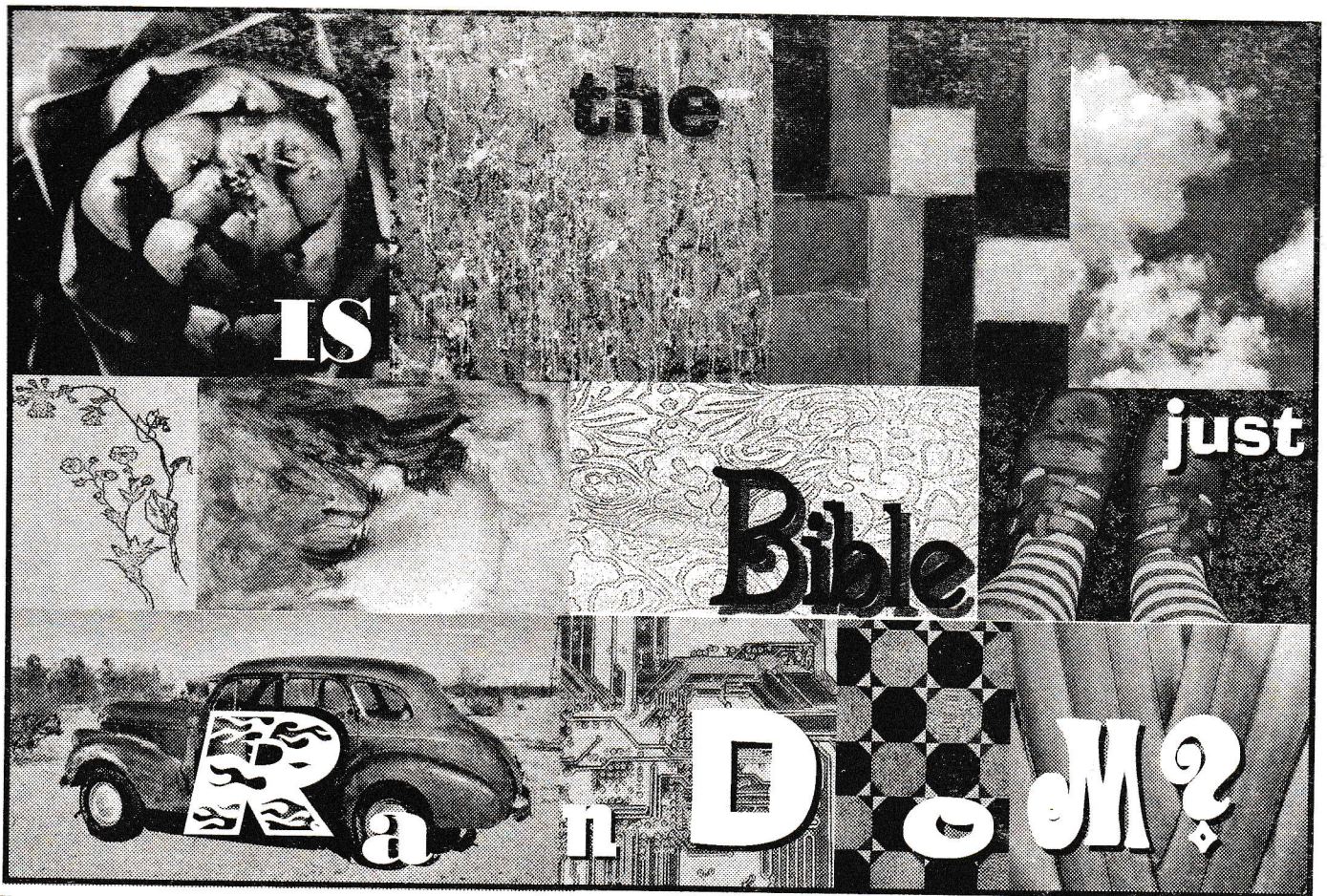
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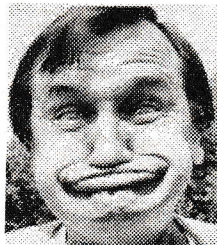
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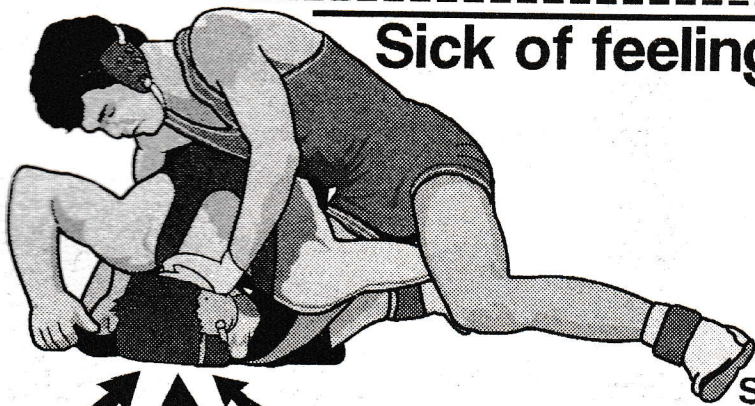
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7 am  
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8 am  
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9 am-12 pm  
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6 pm-7pm

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9 pm-12 am

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