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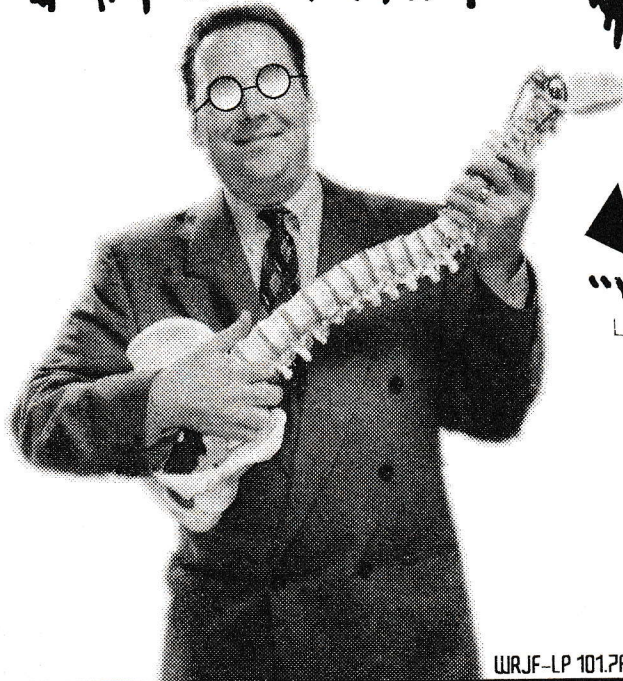
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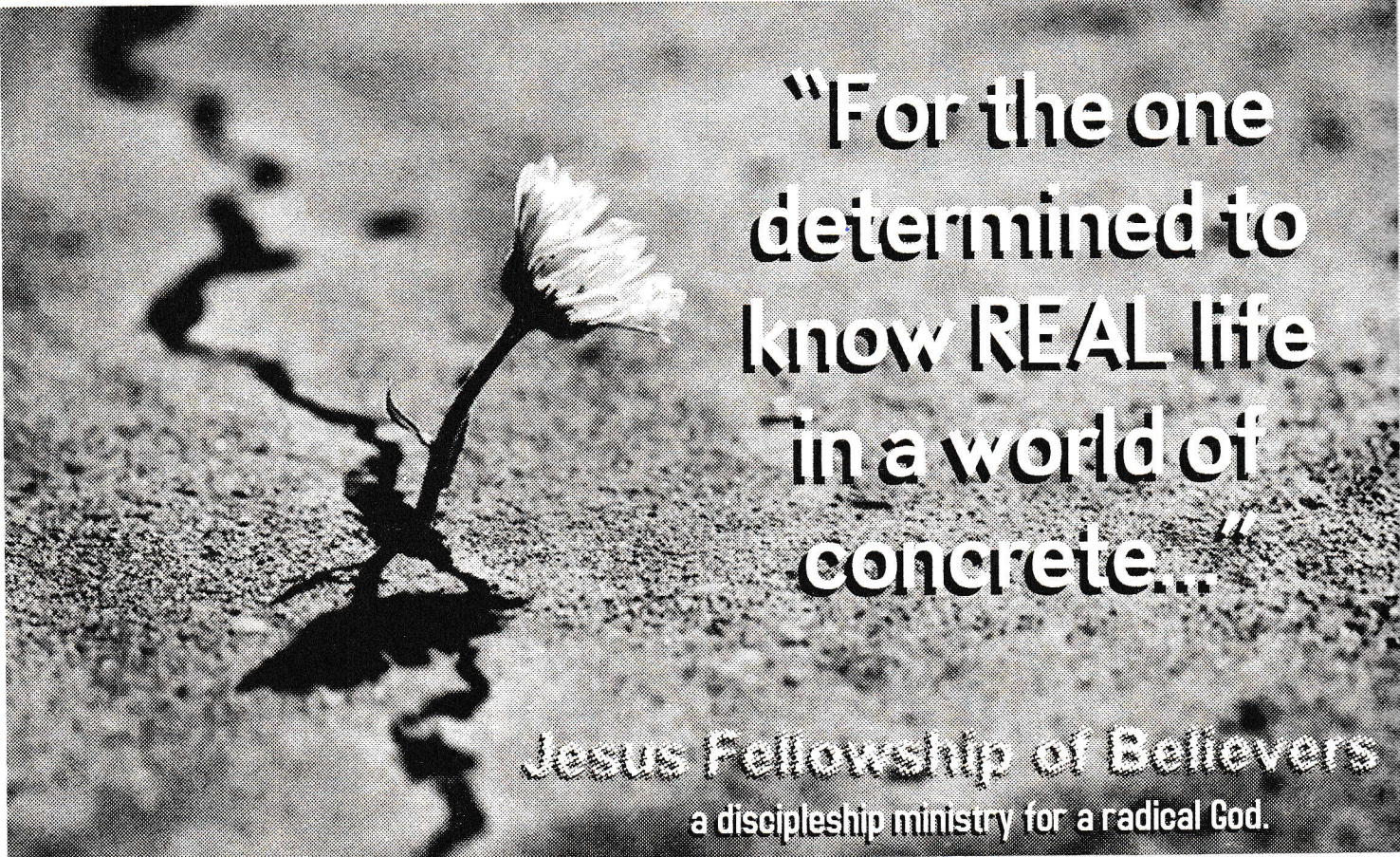
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**Academic**

**Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>**  
Thanksgiving Break Begins. No Classes

**Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Classes Resume

**Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**  
Classes End

**Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Commencement

**Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Evaluation Week Begins

**Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**  
Evaluation Week Ends

**Friday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
WinTerm Classes Begin

**Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**  
Martin Luther King Day, No Classes

**Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**  
WinTerm Classes End

**Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
Classes Begin

**Sporting Events**

**November Events**

**Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
Stout Hockey vs. Eau Claire  
Home, 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup>**  
Stout Women's Basketball vs. Cardinal  
Stritch  
Home, 5:00 p.m.

**December Events:**

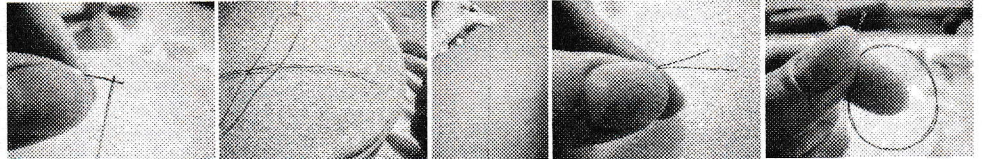
**Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
Stout Women's Basketball vs.  
Northwestern  
Home, 7:00 p.m.

**Friday, 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Stout Hockey vs. St. Norbert  
Home, 7:30 p.m.

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**Sew What?**

**A How To Guide for the College Student with a Moderate to Large Amount of Free Time that Could Willingly be Spent on an Indoor Project**



**C**hances are you either didn't pass 8<sup>th</sup> grade Home Ec, didn't take a sewing/fashion class in high school, or are a guy. Any way you slice it, you're flying solo and you don't know how to tie a tie, let alone sew a patch on your newly ripped \$80 jeans from Urban Outfitters.

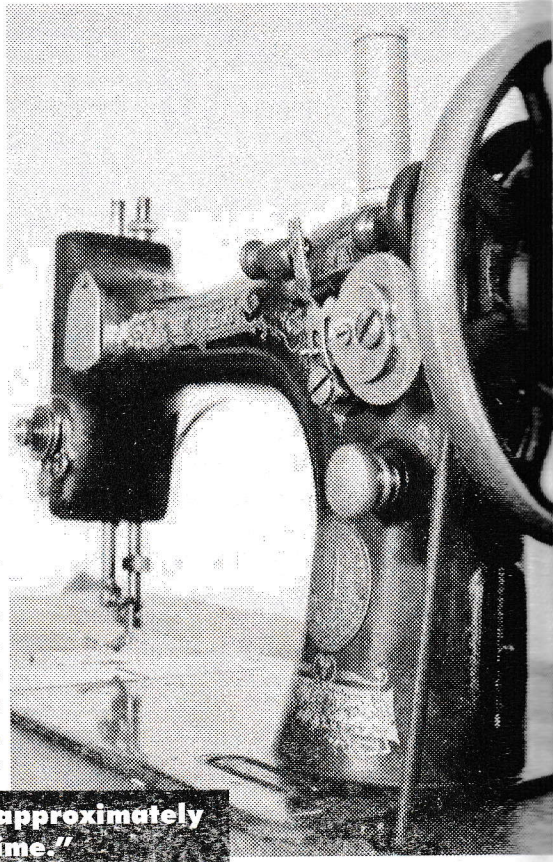
Fear not! Sewing small patches or even medium sized ones is not nearly as difficult as you might think. All it takes is a little effort and approximately 15-30 minutes of your time. Let's start out with one of the most common repairs you will probably run into: ripped jeans. Start out by cutting away the frayed excess jean material (this will help it from fraying underneath the patch). Then pin the patch into place so you will have a stable area to sew. It takes a bit more space than this article has to explain how to sew but, there are quite a few good websites out there which explain it in depth. For example, [www.instructables.com/id/SQWLW0RFEKDNUQD/](http://www.instructables.com/id/SQWLW0RFEKDNUQD/) offers a step-by-step picture guide to sewing by hand.

Obviously, you have your damaged article of clothing, but what about something to cover the hole or tear in your pants? To start, you will need whatever you are going to patch or repair (jeans, jean jacket, khaki shorts, etc.) or whatever you would like to dress up a bit. Next, you will need scraps of fabric or a patch to sew onto the item. Wal-Mart has a scrap fabric bin which has some pretty cool designs most of the time and on the cheap! Goodwill offers used bed sheets (you can usually find a Disney theme of some sort, perfect for you emos out there) and other types of cloth. Rockabilia.com and Hot Topic offer many band patches to fit your needs.

Hand sewing takes quite a bit of work and a fair amount of time to do anything more than patch small holes and tears. If you have the resources, it would be worth it to learn how to use a sewing machine. UW-Stout offers a lab for students to use open from 3-10 PM on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of Fryklund Hall. Using a machine, you can repair those jeans a lot faster and also

make custom or money saving items. The link [www.instructables.com/id/How-to-Sew-using-a-sewing-machine/](http://www.instructables.com/id/How-to-Sew-using-a-sewing-machine/) gives you the same sort of step-by-step picture guide for sewing machines as the hand sewing one. Purses, bags, clothes, costumes, you name it, somebody has probably made a pattern for it on the internet.

The sewing lab isn't exactly comparable to going to a party or other social gathering, but if you pop in there fairly often and make it look like you are having problems (or actually do have problems) sewing, you could almost certainly drum up some help. That is, of course, to say that you go in there not during mid-term or finals. If that's the case, be prepared to dodge sharp, pointed sewing scissors.



**"All it takes is a little effort and approximately 15-30 minutes of your time."**



# HUNTING

## A Statewide Tradition

Deer hunting in Wisconsin is nothing less than a statewide tradition. It is a form of recreation that has been passed down from generation to generation. Reliance on deer hunting has decreased as the years pass due to less reliance on home-killed or grown food. Many people still enjoy deer hunting for the sake of the great tasting meat, but they also enjoy it as a means of “getting away for a while” or making it a sport full of tactics and strategies to “shoot the big one.”

This year, the gun deer season in Wisconsin runs from Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, through Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. Your basic gun deer license costs \$24 for a Wisconsin resident and \$160 for a non-resident. Wisconsin’s Earn a Buck law requires that you shoot a doe before you are allowed to shoot a buck. After a doe is shot, tagged, and registered, then you will be issued a special irreplaceable sticker for a buck tag. Licenses and gear can be picked up right here in Menomonie at Fleet Farm, Wal-Mart, or Dunham Sports.

Wisconsin also hosts many public lands around Menomonie which provide city folk and Stout students an opportunity to hunt freely. A couple nearby public lands include:



### 1. Hay Creek Wildlife Area

**Size:** 375 acres

**Location:** 15 miles north of Colfax on Hwy 64

**Principal Wildlife:** Deer, Ruffed Grouse, Water Fowl, Beaver, Muskrat

**Habitat:** Stream, Forest, Marsh

### 2. Lambs Creek Wildlife Area

**Size:** 711 acres

**Location:** 4 miles north of Menomonie, 810<sup>th</sup> Avenue

**Principal Wildlife:** Deer, Ruffed Grouse, Squirrel, Rabbits, Beaver

**Habitat:** Stream, Timber, Marsh

### 3. Bolen Creek

**Size:** 250 acres

**Location:** 3 miles west of Connorsville, just off of County Road Q

**Principal Wildlife:** Deer, Ruffed Grouse, Squirrel, Rabbit, Bear, Beaver, Possum

**Habitat:** Stream, Swamp, Wooded



**For more on public hunting land and directions, visit [www.huntfishcampwisconsin.com](http://www.huntfishcampwisconsin.com).**

With Wisconsin being home to over 1.7 million deer, the chances of bagging one are pretty good. So, if you are interested in hunting around Menomonie this year, don't be afraid to at least check out the land and possibilities for you to do so. For more information on rules, regulations, and basic information, visit [www.wi-dnr.gov](http://www.wi-dnr.gov).



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**Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup>**

Stout Hockey vs. Lake Forest  
Home, 3:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup>**

Stout Women's Basketball vs. River Falls  
Home, 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup>**

Stout Men's Basketball vs. Oshkosh  
Home, 5:00 p.m.

Stout Women's Basketball vs. Oshkosh  
Home, 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup>**

Stout Women's Basketball vs. Mankato  
Home, 7:00 pm

### January Events

**Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup>**

Stout Men's Basketball vs. Ripon  
Home, 7:00 p.m.

**Friday, 9<sup>th</sup>**

Stout Hockey vs. Concordia-Moorhead  
Home, 7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup>**

Stout Women's Basketball vs. Steven's Point  
Home, 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup>**

Stout Men's Basketball vs. Whitewater  
Home, 1:00 p.m.

Stout Women's Basketball vs. Whitewater  
Home, 3:00 p.m.

**Monday, 19<sup>th</sup>**

Stout Hockey vs. St. Mary's  
Home, 7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup>**

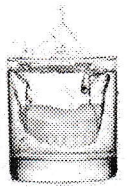
Stout Men's Basketball vs. Superior  
Home, 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup>**

Stout Men's Basketball vs. Platteville  
Home, 1:00 p.m.

Stout Women's Basketball vs. Platteville  
Home, 3:00 p.m.

# Teeth Whitening Harmful or Not Even?



A lot of you have probably tried some form of teeth whitening at some point in your life. Whether it's a whitening toothpaste, a gel, or whitening strips of some kind, it's probably been in your mouth with varying degrees of effectiveness, but is using a whitening agent over a long period of time going to do anything to your teeth?

First, let's take a look at some methods for whitening your teeth. You can either get your teeth professionally whitened (professional work can cost anywhere from \$100-500) at the dentist (which has been offered for many years) or buy an over the counter (OTC) whitener (which has only become available recently) in the form of gel, strips, or toothpaste. Toothpaste is not going to whiten your teeth as much as, say Crest White Strips because it isn't in contact with your teeth as long as other whiteners. Over the counter methods range anywhere from \$4 (for toothpastes) up to \$50 and beyond depending on what brand you pick. Regular cleaning of your teeth will help with the process in the long run, but using toothpaste as your main method is just going to leave you with a bad taste in your mouth, figuratively speaking. Gels or strips are applied to the teeth (they are usually only long enough to cover the front six or eight (from eyetooth to eyetooth) for an extended period of time over a few weeks. These do work. According to dentists Kafko, Kaminski, and Kaufman's website, "Bleaching is successful in at least 90 percent

of patients...Teeth darkened with the color of yellow, brown or orange respond better to lightening. Other types of gray stains...are lightened, but results are not as dramatic. These types of stains can take a minimum of three visits to see results, and as much as six months of at home follow up for complete results." Even then, though, the effect of teeth whiteners will not last permanently. Only daily brushing and flossing coupled with the continual use of teeth whiteners will keep your teeth looking white and beautiful.



Whether it is a home method or professional dentistry, teeth whitening ultimately does work, but that isn't the real question here. You're probably wondering things like, "Does this keep my teeth white for long periods of time with little or no upkeep?" and, "If it requires more than a little upkeep, what kind of damage will it cause?" First, it won't work like some magic charm, so there are a few things you can do to help keep your teeth how they are. Avoid chewing or smoking tobacco, red wine, cola, coffee, beer, black teas, and foods that contain a lot of spices. Although you may enjoy them, it would serve you well to avoid consuming them on a regular basis if you are looking to keep your teeth a certain color. You hear it said all the time



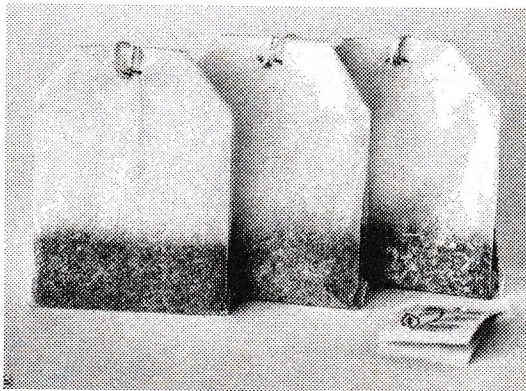
that you should floss, brush, and avoid sugary drinks to keep your teeth naturally healthy; these same things help to keep your teeth looking their whitest. There are, however,

the bleaching process of basically all home methods, and professional methods are monitored by either a dental hygienist or an actual dentist, both highly trained in their field. According to ABC news reports, "Excessive use of bleaching products can damage tooth structure and gums. Some overly enthusiastic patients experience tooth sensitivity, blisters and discoloration on teeth and gums."

It is advisable to pay attention to your dental health with either preventative methods like eating the right foods or even simply brushing and flossing. Teeth whitening wasn't meant to be a long-term fix for your teeth; that is why over the counter items come packaged as they are. For example, if you continue to smoke and start using a teeth whitener to cover up the damage from it, it's comparable to putting your seat belt on after you get in a car crash: the damage is already done.

For a full list of foods that aid in keeping your teeth clean, check out the following website:

[http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi\\_m0NAH/is\\_9\\_32/ai\\_94639442](http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_m0NAH/is_9_32/ai_94639442).



certain foods which can aid the cleaning process and break down bacteria in your mouth. For instance, green tea works to kill the bacteria in your mouth that turns sugar into plaque. Also, sesame seeds help work the plaque off your teeth and help to build enamel.

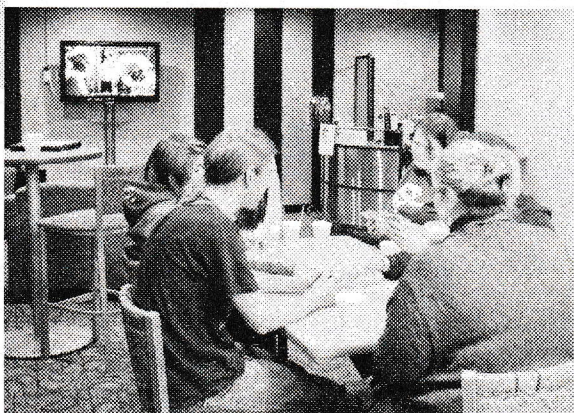
Second, unless you take teeth whitening to an insane degree, it is virtually harmless. Your saliva can break down the peroxide put out by

## THE BLIND MUNCHIES goes to College!

**T**he Blind Munchies Coffeehouse is partnering with the staff of CKTO at UW-Stout to bring you free espresso drinks and more. Stop by and hang out with friends while sipping on a hot chocolate or mocha.

Not much for hot drinks? Try a fruity Italian soda topped with whipped cream. You can find us in the basement of CKTO on Thursday, the 11<sup>th</sup> of December from 8 pm to 10 pm. For more information on The Blind Munchies Coffeehouse, check out:

[www.streetlevel.uwstout.edu](http://www.streetlevel.uwstout.edu)  
or call 235-9300.



**Monday, 26<sup>th</sup>**

Stout Gymnastics vs. Winona State  
Home, 6:00 p.m.

**Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup>**

Stout Hockey vs. Steven's Point  
Home, 7:30 p.m.

## Entertainment

### November Events:

**Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup>**

Comedian Will Marfori  
The Terrace, 8:00 p.m.

**Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup>**

Band: The Wars of 1812 with Josiah Newsome  
The Underground in the Student Center,  
8:00 p.m.

**Friday, 21<sup>st</sup>**

Film Showing: "B-Flick" Movie Night  
Blind Munchies Coffeehouse, 621  
Wilson Ave. 7:00 p.m.

Theatre: "The Little Mermaid" Missoula  
Children's Theatre

7:00 p.m. at Mabel Tainter Theatre,  
Menomonie, Tickets \$8 for students

**Friday, 28<sup>th</sup>**

Band: Vicky Emerson and Dean McGraw  
8:00 p.m., Mabel Tainter Theatre,  
Menomonie, Tickets \$16 for students

### December Events:

**Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup>**

Band, 3 Pill Morning  
The Underground in the Student Center,  
8:00 p.m.

**Friday, 5<sup>th</sup>**

Film Showing: "Step Brothers"  
Applied Arts, Room 210, 7:00 p.m.

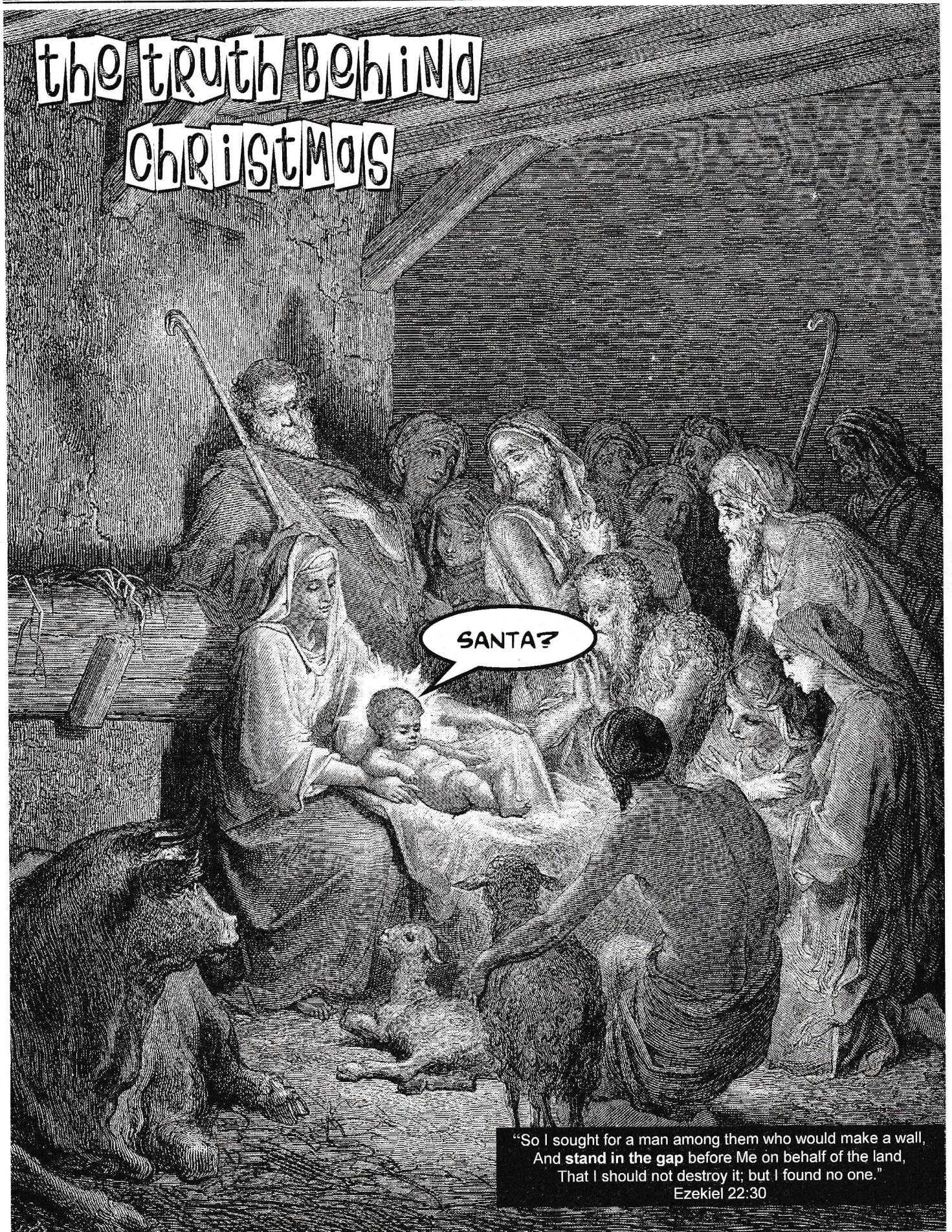
**Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup>**

Open Mic Night  
The Underground in the Student Center,  
8:00 p.m.

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# the truth Behind CHRISTMAS



SANTA?

“So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall,  
And stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land,  
That I should not destroy it; but I found no one.”  
Ezekiel 22:30



### Perfectly Wrapped Jesus

Fulfilling over 300 Bible prophecies during His 33 years of life on Earth, including His birth, Jesus is the man who **stood in the gap**. The odds of eight of those prophecies coming true would be like covering the entire state of Texas with a foot of silver dollars, marking one of those coins, then blindfolding a man and having him pick out the marked coin. Christmas is about the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, who

...A NEW  
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COOL!



offers an eternal gift: a relationship with the One who made your hands, your eyes, and your soul.

### Meaning of the Name:

The actual word "Christmas" is a contraction of the two words "Christ" and "mass" from the old English *cristes maesse*. To a Christian, this means gathering together in the name of Christ. In early Greek versions of the New Testament, the letter X (chi) is the first letter for Christ. Since the mid 16<sup>th</sup> century people have been abbreviating Christ with an X and using Xmas to stand for Christmas. I always wondered why it was Xmas instead of Cmas since there was no X in the word itself, but now I know and you do too. Now when you meet some new friends and there's that awkward silence, say, "Hey, did you know that Xmas is actually an abbreviation from the 16<sup>th</sup> century? Ya, like X is the first Greek letter in Christ, so Xmas became an abbreviation for Christmas."

### History of Christmas:

Once upon a time, Christmas was dedicated to Jesus, but this changed when Charles Dickens wrote *A Christmas Carol*. We all know that the message of this story was great: charity and goodwill toward all men, especially children. Parents saw this new belief structure as a way to lavish their children without spoiling them. However, Jesus began to be ignored during the Christmas holiday. Even as late as the early '40's, though, Jesus was included in the Christmas season. My grandfather, at the age of 90, celebrated Christmas by reading about the birth of

his Savior and then meditating and praying throughout the day. It seems a little drastic, but is it?

How do we celebrate Christmas these days? We spend months planning it, finding the perfect tree, decorating this perfect tree and putting perfect little boxes under the perfect, perfectly-decorated tree. We worship a tree. The Christmas tree actually originated with Saint Boniface cutting down a tree to make a statement. He said, "This humble tree's wood is used to build your homes: let Christ be at the centre of your households. Its leaves remain evergreen in the darkest days: let Christ be your constant light. Its boughs reach out to embrace and its top points to heaven: let Christ be your Comfort and Guide." That's a little different than what the tree stands for today. During the 16<sup>th</sup> century, the Christmas tree was decorated with apples, nuts, dates, paper flowers, and, of course, candlelight since electricity hadn't been invented yet. If it all started on fire, at least it would smell of pine, apple pie, and roasted nuts. I work at Menards in Eau Claire and we started displaying our Christmas items in our "Enchanted Forest" in early August. It is amazing how time distorts the meaning and truth behind things, just like the telephone game, but one thing is not morphed by time and that is the Bible.

### Jesus' Birth Predicted:

Prophets from the Old Testament of the Bible detail Jesus' life from where and how He would be born to His very last breath. The Messiah, or Christ, would be born from the seed of David, a king of Israel. God promised David in 2 Samuel 7:12-14 that one of his descendants would be the greatest king of mankind and rule forever. Living forever is impossible for any mortal man to accomplish, but God was talking about an immortal man, whose kingdom is heaven. The Old Testament scriptures also say Jesus would be born in Bethlehem. Micah 5:2 reads, "But you Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel, whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting." A virgin birth was also prophesied in Isaiah 7:14 because the Christ is a son

of God and not of men. The detail of these prophecies isn't just Silvia Brown guesstimating, "You will get married in two years." Daniel 9:25 even indicates at what point in time Jesus would come. It is amazing how there are 66 books that make up the Bible and not one page contradicts another. That's not just amazing; that's God.

### Jesus' Birth Fulfilled:

Jesus was the proverbial unsuspected pregnancy. He was born to a virgin, Mary of Nazareth, a descendent of the line of David. Mary was told one day by an angel that the Spirit of God would come upon her and nine months later she would have a baby boy who she would call Jesus. At this time, she was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, also a descendent of David, whose family line issued from the town of Bethlehem, a small village in Israel just south of Jerusalem (Luke 1:26-31).

Mary knew she had never been touched by Joseph, and Joseph knew he had never touched Mary, so Joseph had to make a difficult choice. He could choose to make an honest woman of this pregnant virgin or he could be among the first to stone her for lying down with another. This was not an easy choice for Joseph. It took an angel to tell him that he should protect Mary, and ultimately Jesus, with his very life. And so he obeyed.

Caesar Augustus, the ruler at that time, insisted on a census in order to tax the people (Luke 2:1). Each man was to go back to his homeland to be counted among his tribe. Mary

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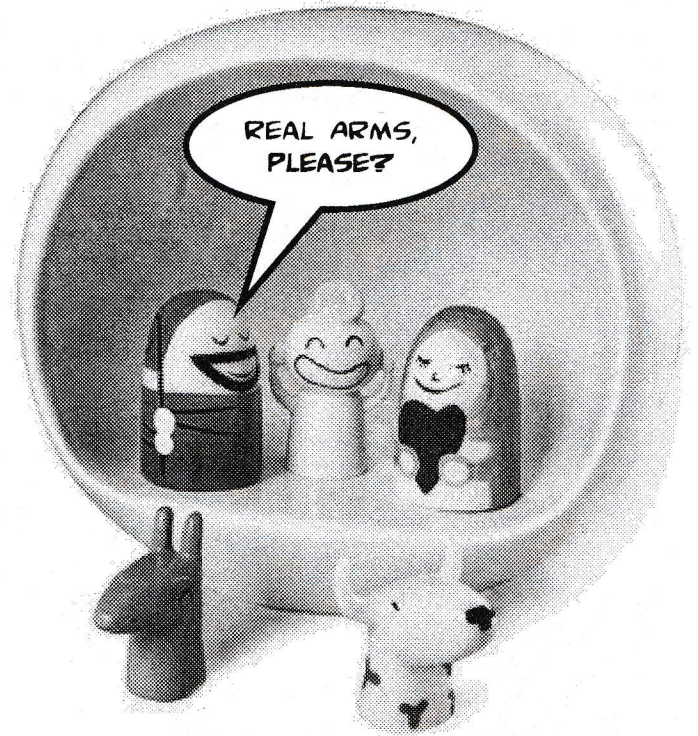
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and Joseph were married by this time, so Mary (now very pregnant) and Joseph set off on their journey to Bethlehem. They left in what may have been early to late spring and arrived in what many scholars believe was August. When they arrived, the town was so full of travelers that there was nowhere but a stable for the laboring Mary and her husband Joseph to stay. So it was among cattle and sheep and straw that Jesus was born (in Bethlehem), with a bright star shining down, announcing His arrival to all the surrounding land.

### Keepin' It Real

What is Christmas about today? The priority of most people around this time is the latest technology, big sales, and spiral ribbon. Can you buy your soul or wrap eternity in a box like a gift? Life has become a game to the average American, with no real truth, no real joy, no depth, no soul. To obtain depth, soul, truth, and joy, all Jesus asks from us are two simple things: the first is to believe in Him and what He did for you (that crazy taking all the sins of the world on His shoulders and then dying for them thing) and then repenting of your sins, which means acknowledging all of them, realizing that He forgives you, and turning away from them. Once you do these things, you have the choice: spend your money and your time on things that you really shouldn't be spending your time and money on, or you can choose to live for Him wholly and completely, and really begin to understand exactly what Christmas is supposed to mean. Jesus Christ is the saver of lost souls; He cannot be put under the Christmas tree.

New Testament verses of the fulfillment of prophecies for Christ's birth: Matthew 1:1/Matthew 1:18/Luke 1:26-35/Matthew 2:1/Luke 2:4-7/Luke 2:1-7/, Matthew 2:16-18/Matthew 2:14,15





## WANTED: A Cheap Holiday Season

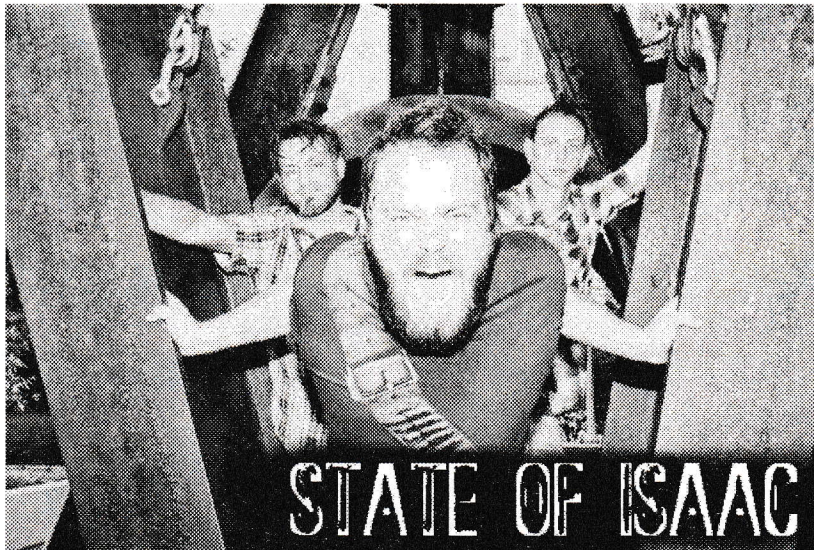
Here are a few ideas for the holidays that will keep you from having to search through your sofa for loose change.

- **Save stuff:** Bags, tissue paper, ribbon from previous years, but don't save wrapping paper. COME ON!
- **Tech-heads:** Make a Christmas video that fits your personality and wishes everyone a Merry Christmas. Send the DVD via mail or give to your relatives at Christmas.
- **Pictures:** Print family or friend pictures and frame them. Believe it or not your family likes to see you.
- **Food:** Make cookies or other yummy treats with some friends in the dorm kitchen and wrap them in colored saran wrap with a bow of course.
- **Artistic or poetic?:** Write, paint, or sculpt, and give your creation as a gift. Personal gifts are always more meaningful gifts.
- **Want to Gift?:** Go shopping for general, nonspecific Christmas gifts the day before or the day of, for some good deals. (Ideally go shopping for gifts for next year the day after Christmas which is the 2<sup>nd</sup> biggest shopping day of the year and everything is on sale.) - but for sure, resist the temptation to think that Christmas is about stuff.
- **Useful:** Try to think about what people would need well before shopping for them. It is better to get someone a smaller gift they will use rather than an expensive gift that sits in their closet. The more thoughtful the present, the more priceless, not pricey.
- **Last resort:** Anything just sitting in your closet? Think of someone who would actually use it. Make sure you don't give a gift to the person who gave it to you! Yeah, by the way, don't give someone some beat up, ripped up jacket from 1986 and say, "I thought you might like it 'cause it's from the year you were born." I'm sorry but you won't score any brownie points there.
- **Favorites:** Recipes, food, color, teams, and the list goes on. Everybody has a favorite; just find out what it is.





# YESHUAPOLOOZA



## What makes Yeshuapooza different from any other show you have done?

**State of Isaac (formerly Fire by Nite):** Yeshuapooza was different in the range of styles in music and bands. It was very refreshing to be a part of something that appreciated music as a unit and didn't try to bring in bands that sounded like replicas of one another.

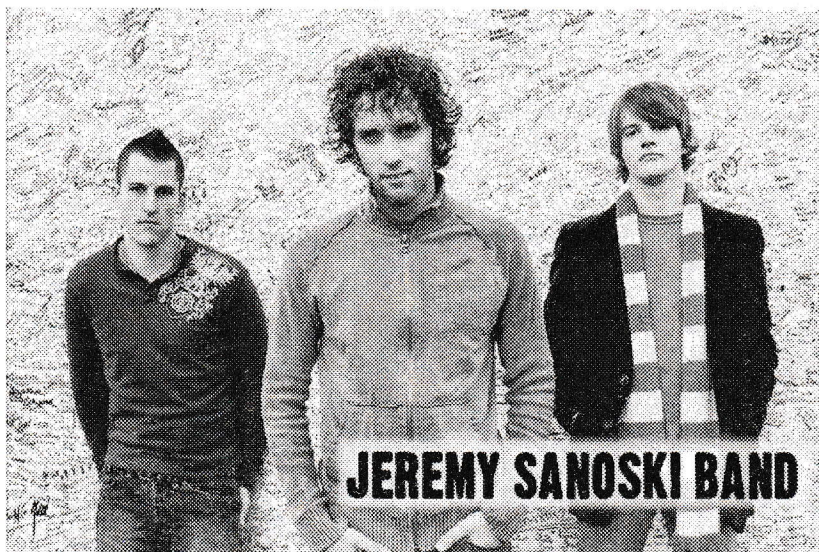
**Mitch McVicker:** The people. Open, loving, truly, "Come as you are".

**Bensonwells:** The crowd in Menomonie is always amazing! As for Yeshuapooza, it was a really great meshing of life, culture, music, and food. That really was a great time.

**Jeremy Sanoski Band:** The people!!!

## What is your favorite Bible verse?

**State of Isaac:** As a group we seem to appreciate Isaiah 40:31, "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they



shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint." We just love the encouragement in that. Our singer/guitarist, Jonny, has a tattoo of a wing on his arm that was inspired by this verse.

**Mitch McVicker:** Galatians 5:25

**Bensonwells:** 2nd corinthians 5:17 because it totally just drills into your head how changed you are because of Christ. The person that used to be you is dead and you are created new.

**Jeremy Sanoski:** Matthew 7:21

## Is there a time when God saved your life or did something miraculous?

**State of Isaac:** We where all born into Christian families and accepted Jesus at early ages, but there has definitely been moments that God needed to make Himself very real to us and smack us back in line. He saves our lives every day we're on the road. One example would be a time we experienced a trailer mishap that involved us trying to fix the spring and cable system on the ramp of the trailer. A couple of us were involved and it ended up with the spring breaking loose and catching our bassist's fingers and firing a screwdriver at Jonny's face. Although injured, it could have been much worse. But they where completely fine at the end of the night. We don't believe in luck. So the only answer is God.

**Mitch McVicker:** Jesus is rescuing me from myself everyday...truly. His salvation has no limits...which is good for me. A more tangible response to this question is when I survived the car wreck that killed the other person in the car, my dear friend Rich Mulins. Yeah, I was laid up for a long while, but I am grateful. Yet Jesus' daily salvific activity in your life and in my life is no less miraculous than it was that situation.

**Bensonwells:** Everyday something miraculous happens; you just have to be looking. I mean think of how amazing it is that my heart keeps beating day in and day out, that I have an amazing wife who loves me, that I have the freedom to experience life how ever I want!

**Jeremy Sanoski:** Too many times to count!!



**Who do you look forward to meeting in heaven?**

**State of Isaac:** Elijah; I want to know how it is to be so in touch with God that He spares your death.

**Mitch McVicker:** Real and true people without all our diseased hang-ups. Once again, a more direct answer: Bob Dylan, Tom Waits, Apostle Peter, Bob Schneider, O.T. Ezekiel, Jason Kidd.

**Bensonwells:** Probably Frodo since he actually took the ring to Mordor.....

**Jeremy Sanoski:** C.S. Lewis

**What would you do with your time if you were trapped in an acorn?**

**State of Isaac:** I would attempt answering interview questions on my cell-phone internet as I am doing right now. This is basically my laptop. Ha!

**Mitch McVicker:** Read and drill.

**Bensonwells:** Devise a plan to get out of an acorn : )

**Jeremy Sanoski:** Read a C.S. Lewis book.

**What is the best Halloween costume you've ever done?**

**State of Isaac:** Stewie from Family Guy, on stage for a Halloween show last year. This year will be a Batman theme.

**Mitch McVicker:** Ellen

**Bensonwells:** I once was a Velociraptor, 11th grade was a crazy year.

**Jeremy Sanoski:** I don't do Halloween; I'm a loser.

**How do you like your eggs done?**

**State of Isaac:** Fried in bacon grease. My father is to blame for that. It's brilliant.

**Mitch McVicker:** Scrambled

**Bensonwells:** I used to be a scramblin' man, but as of late over medium has perked my interest. I probably get this from my dad Ron Paul.

**Jeremy Sanoski:** Rock Hard!!

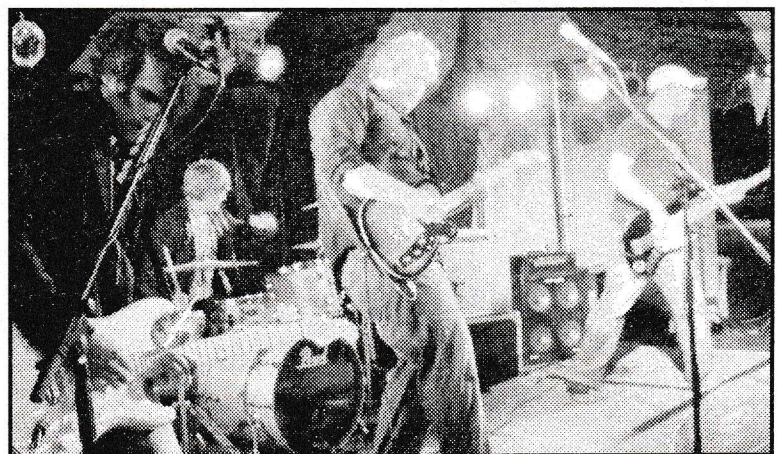
**And would you prefer sausage or bacon with that?**

**State of Isaac:** I'll take the bacon that supplied the grease!

**Mitch McVicker:** Turkey sausage (I know that is a wussy non-Wisconsin answer. forgive me)

**Bensonwells:** Bacon!!

**Jeremy Sanoski:** Bacon!!



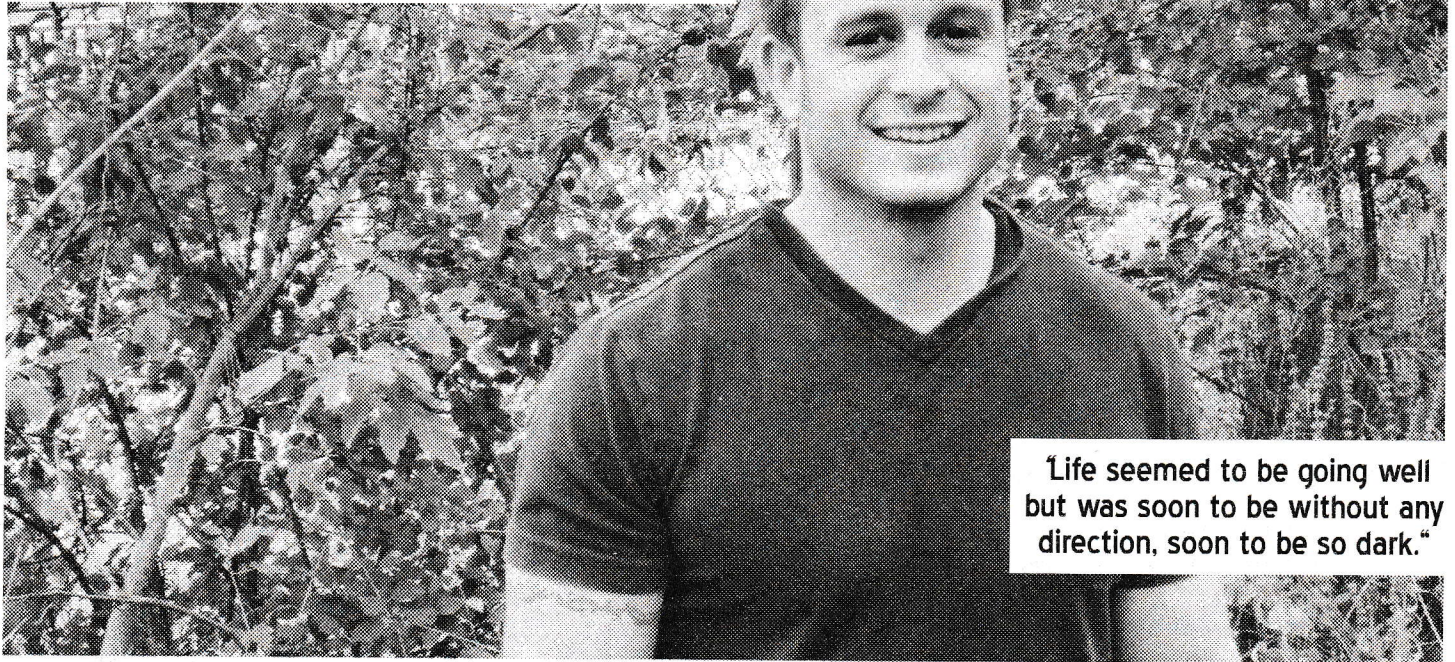


**"My God is always on time..."**

*A Street Level Exclusive...*

**"I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand."**

(Psalm 40: 1-2)



**"Life seemed to be going well but was soon to be without any direction, soon to be so dark."**

**G**rowing up my mother (not biological but the one who held my family accountable) showed us kids the way to church on Sunday and other nights of worship. This continued throughout the next 13 years of my life until my parents divorced, with dad and I moving our separate ways. Making it through school in a new district, I seemed to get good grades and I became well known under the lights on Friday nights. Life seemed to be going well, but was soon to be without any direction, soon to be so dark. I began drinking with my father and doing an assortment of drugs with friends. I came to find there wasn't anyone to hold me to that accountability my mother had once protected me with. I know there were times when I had stopped to think about how many years had passed me by and how my successes were few, and that the excitement was fading from my life. Traveling down this broad road of drugs and everything that came with them, I got my hands into methamphetamines, not knowing that shortly my life would come crashing down in many ways. I began using for the next year and beyond. My mind was at the point of confusion and paranoia, breaking me down with no sleep and not eating for days. This now seemed to be my drug of choice. Looking back, I don't know why I chose to use when I knew what the end result was going to be. With no sense of death, a selfish act led me to a bed in the hospital two days later on a prescription overdose that had consumed me. I know today that God has a plan for me

because they told me I surely wouldn't survive. He was carrying me all along, patiently waiting.

I could feel the love and I could also feel the storm passing over. I would now be taking the first step in his direction, which was miles away at the entrance of the Church House. This decision to change my life came with little preparation; everything about it was comforting. It was as if the Lord was telling me, "Now, listen to me. This is the only way, just follow me." He reminds me often and I am filled with tears, thankful for what he has done, that now it's time I patiently wait for him as he so patiently waited for me. I can pass on one thing to you that is very important in everything you do. In times of troubles, wait for him. The blessing that comes along is the greatest gift you can receive. The Lord has changed me in many ways: physically, mentally and spiritually. The only thing I know is that in order to survive, my feet have to follow in His footsteps, taking captive every aspect of my life. The Lord says he has great plans for my life, plans for hope and a future and now it's up to me to act in obedience to fulfill his will. The excitement it brings to me when I think about that is just one thing that motivates me to keep walking, and with his strength I'm certain I can.

**"Many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord."  
(Psalm 40:3)**



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**Friday, 12<sup>th</sup>**

Live Concert, Weaver At The Loom  
Blind Munchies Coffeehouse, 621  
Wilson Ave. 7:00 p.m.

Band: John Jorgenson Quintet  
8:00 p.m., Mabel Tainter Theatre,  
Menomonie, Tickets \$21 for students

**Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup>**

Theatre: "A Little House Christmas",  
Eau Claire Children's Theatre  
7:00 p.m., Mabel Tainter Theatre,  
Menomonie, Tickets \$10 for students

**Recreation**

November Events:

**Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup>**

Women's Climbing Night at Stout Rock  
Climbing Wall  
7:00-10:00 p.m. (Free for members, \$5  
for non-members)

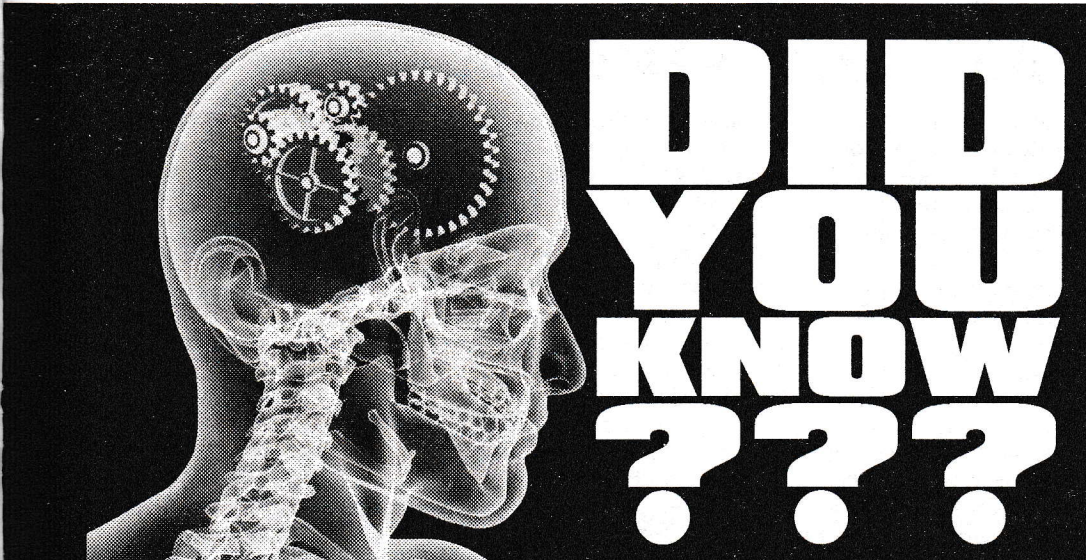
**Friday, 21<sup>st</sup>; Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday  
23<sup>rd</sup>**

American Red Cross Wilderness First  
Aid Certification, Stout Adventures  
Nov 21: 6:00 – 10:00 p.m.  
Nov 22-23: 9:00 – 3:00 p.m.

December Events:

**Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup>**

Paddle Building Clinic, Stout Adventures  
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.



# DID YOU KNOW ???

- **Did you know** the outboard motor was invented in Menomonie? The unfortunate thing about this outboard was that it was powered by a lead battery and had a battery life on the order of a double A.
- **Did you know** the county seat has had two different dams in the last hundred years, one destroyed in the weather, the other the cause of Lake Menomin?
- **Did you know** the founder of your school, James Huff Stout, the son of a lumber baron, died of diabetes? Some say that the ghost of James Stout still haunts Wilson place.
- **Did you know** that Fryklund Hall is one of the oldest buildings on the Stout campus, other than Bowman Hall and perhaps Harvey Hall?
- **Did you know** the University of Wisconsin-Stout hasn't always been UW-S? In fact, it has had seven different names, in which the only common factor is the name Stout.
- **Did you know** in 1897, at the time, the very young Stout Manual Training School was destroyed by fire?
- **Did you know** that when two "fell in love" in 1910 at Stout, they were to have "fussed." Keep your mind pure; they held hands and went on a few dates.



Until a weekend in late September, I didn't know any of this. In fact, until I was asked to write this article I didn't even know there was a place in Menomonie where all these facts were stored in one building, but there is, and it's not too far away from campus. The Russell J. Rassbach Heritage Museum located in northern Menomonie has a little bit of joy for everyone. I spent about ten minutes playing with their interactive "Solar Car" exhibit. Right now, in the "Making a Difference" exhibit you can see the Stout of the 1960's, as well as learn some more interesting facts of the founder of Stout, James Huff Stout. The museum touches on everything, from the Pleistocene as you walk through the doors to 1960's Menomonie, with nearly everything in between.

So for those of you who are bored and finished with all your homework, go up to North Menomonie and take a right onto Pine Street going toward the Super 8 and then hang a left on Game Park Drive. The museum is on your right. Oh, and make sure to talk to Laverne Weber and Carol Thibado. Both are part of the friendly staff and full of very interesting information as well as just some plain old interesting stories.

Info: [www.discover-net.net/~dchs/sitehm.html](http://www.discover-net.net/~dchs/sitehm.html)  
Or just call them at (715) 235-8685.



JAMES HUFF STOUT





# Truth and Tolerance

A teenage boy sits alone in his room, mustering up the courage to break the news to his parents after two years of silence, wondering what their reaction will be. His emotions flood in as words and phrases from youth group, science class, guidance counselors, the Bible, and peers compete for attention in his mind. Feeling isolated and scared, he takes a deep breath and heads downstairs to have "the talk". All across America, this scenario plays out time after time leaving families, friends, and churches in conflict over the issue of homosexuality. It's a topic that's infused with high levels of emotion, opinion, and debate.

Recently, the Stout Ally Center sponsored a video showing and panel discussion to delve more deeply into this issue. The video, "For the Bible Tells Me So", and the panel discussion that followed sought to answer questions about whether or not the Bible and Christianity agree with and support a homosexual lifestyle. Is there a compromise between Christianity and homosexuality? What does the Bible really mean in relation to this issue? Do gay people go to hell? Does God love homosexuals? Read on to find answers.

## "For the Bible Tells Me So" Film Showing

On October 1st, a decent-sized crowd gathered in the Great Hall. Maybe they were there to watch a video, maybe they were drawn out of curiosity about what the Bible has to say about homosexuality, perhaps they wanted to hear a panel of speakers debate, or possibly it had something to do with extra credit in Psychology class and free pizza. Regardless of motive, the room fell silent as the opening sequence flashed across the screen. The movie, which was produced, directed, and written by Daniel Karlslake was "made to persuade people who thought they already knew where they stood."<sup>1</sup> The movie sought to chronicle the lives of five American families who have a child that identifies themselves as a homosexual. The film's self-stated purpose is to offer a compromise to "anyone caught in the crosshairs of scripture and sexual identity"<sup>2</sup> by reconciling what the Bible and various churches say about the homosexual lifestyle.

A stark contrast is drawn throughout the film between fundamental Christianity—which they always linked with the extreme religious right—and more liberal denominations that ordain and accept openly gay ministers. By attempting to break down specific Bible verses (focusing almost exclusively on Old Testament verses and largely ignoring New Testament references), the film builds a strong emotional case, urging the Christian church as a whole to let go of "bigotry" and embrace the homosexual lifestyle as being officially okay with God. While the emotional pulse of the movie beats a million times per minute, it blatantly lacked in solid evidence, facts and foundation. The arguments came highly charged with opinion and floating on rivers of tears against a backdrop of propaganda-style cartoons and old black and white footage of southern preachers over-using the word "abomination". For example, the film reveals statistics such as, "Gay and lesbian people are 3-7 times more likely to commit suicide." Then the film draws unfounded

conclusions which "suggest" that these suicides are connected to a lack of acceptance in Christian homes or caused by depression derived from fundamental Christian teaching without giving any evidence at all to support this claim.

The film's definition of a Christian comes off as generalizing, naïve, and offensive. It suggests that all Christians who believe the Bible as THE word of God are from the same basket as James Dobson or Jimmy Swaggart and are parodied as a group as ridiculous and ignorant. Then they compare that "Christianity" with a myriad of theological "scholars" of modern churches who simply share the opinion of the filmmaker, which is a "theology" based upon thoughts and feelings as the means for scriptural interpretation. Such names as Bishop Gene Robinson (who is openly gay), Reverend Dr. Mel White (also openly gay), and Archbishop Desmond Tutu voice their opinions about the issue. Their beliefs stemmed primarily from personal feelings and experiences rather than being supported by facts, historical reference, or exegetical interpretation. Concerning those who believe in God through the Bible, the film indicates that the *biblical Christian view* of homosexuality is to see it as the "sin above all sins" and that God sees homosexuals as an "abomination" to be hated and condemned to hell. As the film ended, the audience was left with a loud and clear one-sided opinion of Christianity and its apparent view of homosexuality all the while using the trademark tactics of propaganda.

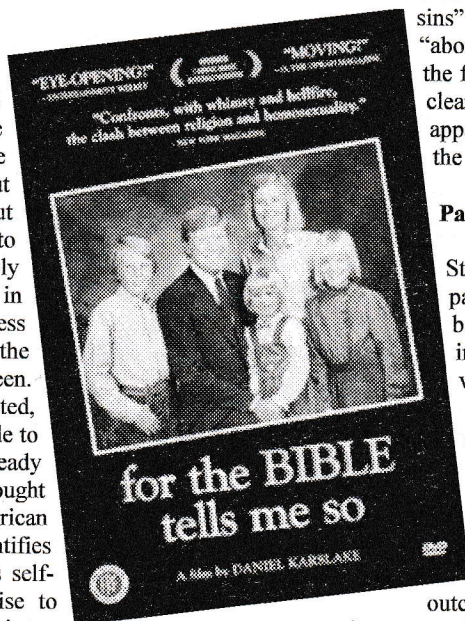
## Panel Discussion

The lights were turned back on and the Stout Ally Center invited the evening's three panelists up onto the stage. Coming from various backgrounds and perspectives, the three individuals had been chosen to represent different views on the issue.

The first panelist, Melissa Smith-Tourville, is a lesbian woman who met with opposition at a church she was involved in when she was younger. She wanted to remain involved at the church while living a lesbian lifestyle. So, from a church she loved and people who helped her find Christ, she felt shunned and counted as an outcast because of her sexual identity. Her views came from a position that the Bible should not be interpreted literally and that God agrees with the homosexual lifestyle.

The second panelist, Pastor Tim Dodson, is a Bible-believing (fundamentalist) Christian and the senior pastor of Jesus Fellowship of Believers church. He voiced the viewpoint that God loves homosexuals, but calls the practice of homosexuality a sin along with many other sins that are outlined in the Bible such as lying, gossip, greed, etc. Pastor Tim challenged the audience concerning this issue with a thought: he asked the homosexual community if they really wanted to become Christians and said if they didn't, then it's just an empty argument. He also stated that in the end when he crosses over to eternity, he wants his beliefs to be founded on something more substantial than his or the other panelists' own personal opinions or feelings.

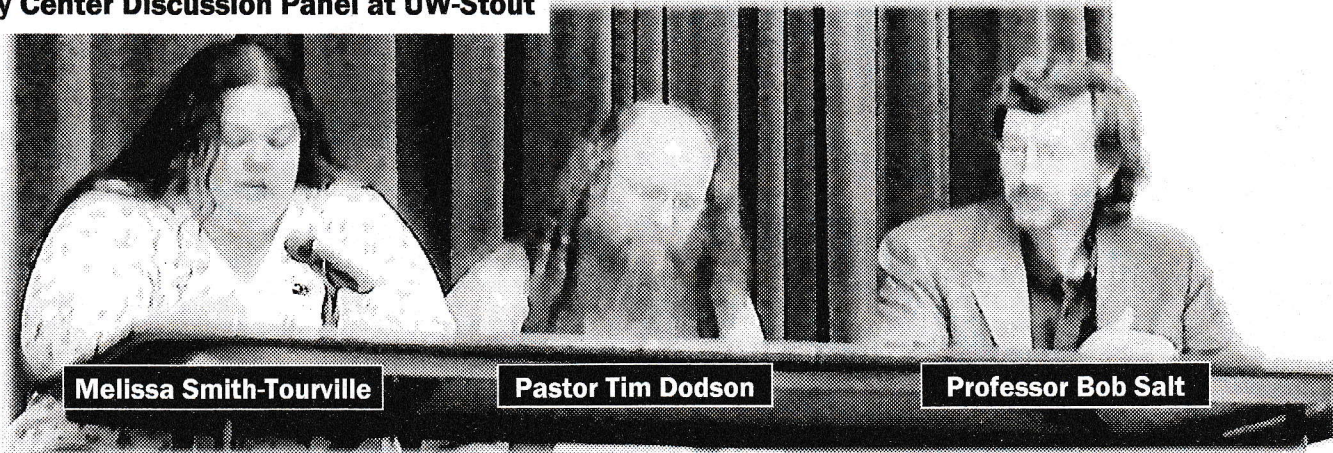
The third panelist, Bob Salt, is a professor of human sexuality at Stout and an ordained interfaith minister. Although not a homosexual himself, he agreed with Smith-Tourville's opinion that the Bible need not be interpreted literally, and that homosexuality is not a sin. His non-literal view of the Bible is based partly upon his conclusion that so many people would be





# A Real Look at Homosexuality Through the Loving Eyes of the God of the Bible

## Ally Center Discussion Panel at UW-Stout



going to hell, since only a small fraction of the world claims to be Christian in the face of all of the world religions. He believes in an open religious concept which is more broad and inclusive.

The first question was posed by the emcee from the Ally Center, simply wanting the panelists' reactions to the film. Melissa Smith-Tourville agreed that the film was strongly biased, but that the bias was not a problem to her. She said that the film moved her emotionally and that she could relate to what the people in the film went through.

Tim Dodson said the movie was strongly biased. He commented that one good point of the film was that it portrayed how a lot of hatred and persecution of homosexuals by Christians is the result of strong homophobia, fear, and lack of understanding. He reminded students to be careful not to put all Bible-believing Christians in one big gay-hating basket as the film often did. Although sure in his stance that the Bible does not condone the act, Pastor Tim stated that homosexuals are welcome at his church at any time.

Bob Salt thought that the film presented a good side of a more "open and affirming" religion. He agreed with the stance taken by those who did not interpret the Bible literally. He did not think that the director was biased, but rather that he was trying to show the issue from the perspective of the families involved.

When the panel was opened up to questions from students, an underlying theme to the student inquiries was, "What does God think about those questioning their sexual identity?" and "Do people go to hell because they're gay?" Due to the minimal amount of questions asked by students, the panel discussion was fairly short. The panelists' answers stayed consistent to their overall position as stated in their opening comments. Street Level Ministries, a UW-Stout campus organization, attended the movie and discussion and would like to offer their views on this issue:

### Street Level's View

At Street Level, we first believe that Jesus loves everyone, no exceptions. He does not love the avid churchgoer any more or less than He loves someone who practices homosexuality or is involved in any other sin. We stand with the Bible when we read in 1 Corinthians 6:9-11:

*Don't you know that those who do wrong will have no share in the Kingdom of God? Don't fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, who are idol worshipers, adulterers, male prostitutes, homosexuals, thieves, greedy people, drunkards, abusers, and swindlers—none of these will have a share in the*

*Kingdom of God. There was a time when some of you were just like that, but now your sins have been washed away, and you have been set apart for God. You have been made right with God because of what the Lord Jesus Christ and the Spirit of our God have done for you.*

So, although the Bible clearly indicates that believers actively participating in homosexuality are committing sin, it also puts in the same category those people who claim to be Christians while embracing a life filled with greed, lying, and illicit heterosexual sex outside of marriage. The hope for **all** people lies in this: there is freedom from a life of sin through Jesus Christ for those who want to follow Him with their whole heart. Clearly, in the above passage, the people Paul the Apostle was talking to used to be involved in **all** of those things. Paul didn't tell them it was okay to continue practicing any of these things. Instead, he highlighted the fact that their sins had been washed clean and they could walk away from sin and walk toward God.

We all have the option to live in a relationship with

## Do people go to hell because they're gay?

God because of what Jesus has done by dying on the cross and by rising from the dead, through the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives to overcome sin. A person's sexual identity or any other aspect of a person's human nature is not the critical focal point of whether they can become a Christian or not—it is much more than that. The biggest question is, do you want to know God and live for God? If not, then none of this matters at all. Just keep living life the way you want and ignore church, Christians, and anything else related to God. But if you do want to know God and live for Him, becoming a Christian is a death to self for everyone who believes. When you "die to self" to live for Jesus, sexual identity or any sin nature found in your old life is not what defines you any longer because now you belong to God—*every part* of you belongs to Him. You become a "new creation" (as spoken of in the Bible). If you desire to know and live for God, gay or not, then read on.

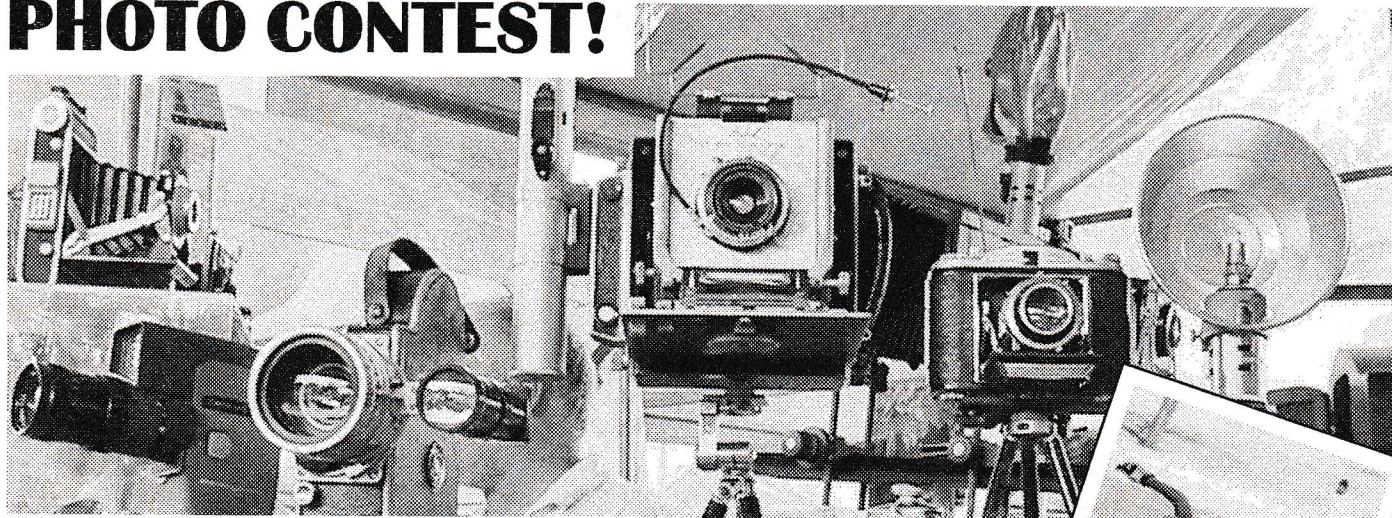
Aside from looking at homosexuality in the light of scripture and true biblical Christianity, Pastor Tom of Street Level would like to offer this statement:

*Being Americans, we are all free to believe as we desire. Just as one is free to explore life as a homosexual*

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# PHOTO CONTEST!



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and the rest are to be tolerant, so one is free to believe in God and in the scriptures and should receive equal tolerance. With that said, I would like to apologize for the unbiblical teaching of the nationwide "church" and those who agree with teaching gay-hate. They do not represent the heart and/or the teaching of the Bible or Jesus Christ. I cannot express to the homosexual community enough how much Jesus loves you. God **does not** call us as Christians to belittle homosexuals or lynch them. We are never called by God through the Bible to rally our political opposition against things like gay rights or gay marriage. If I am not mistaken, we all have equal rights as citizens of the United States, right? It's a national issue, not a God issue. As far as the Bible goes, it **does not** teach that homosexuality is "the worst of evils". Sin is sin whether it's a lie or murder. It's all the same in the eyes of a sinless God. Conversely, something we **are** called in scripture to do is share God's holy love and to open the door to Christ for **anyone** who is willing to come. Our doors are open to you.

On a final note, it's no secret that some homosexuals wrestle with wanting out of the homosexual lifestyle. If you would like guidance in moving away from homosexuality, we know some people who are experienced with your situation and are willing to help. Exodus International is a national organization that offers hope and freedom in Jesus to those looking for answers in the homosexual lifestyle. Thousands of people have left the homosexual lifestyle and have begun a walk with God in this ministry. Exodus has a local branch in Minneapolis called Outpost that offers great information on their site at [www.outpostministries.org/](http://www.outpostministries.org/). Exodus' website, [www.exodus.to](http://www.exodus.to) offers answers to FAQ's dealing with the issue and hope for those struggling with their sexual identity. Bob Davies, former director of Exodus, says that their message is:

*"The power of Christ can make a difference and bring freedom to those who struggle with homosexuality. We don't claim we're perfect here. The past is always going to be in the background.*

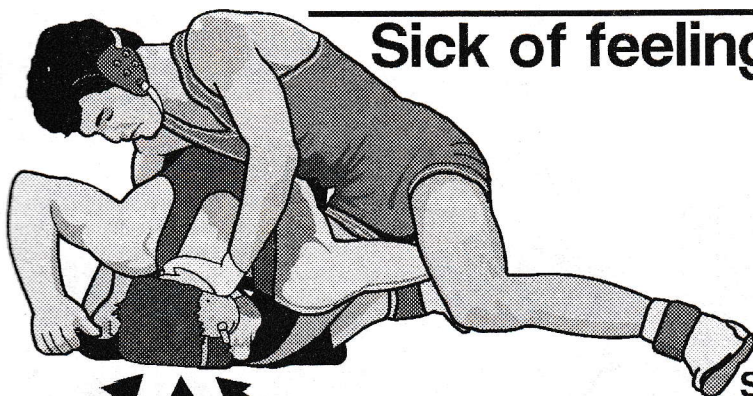
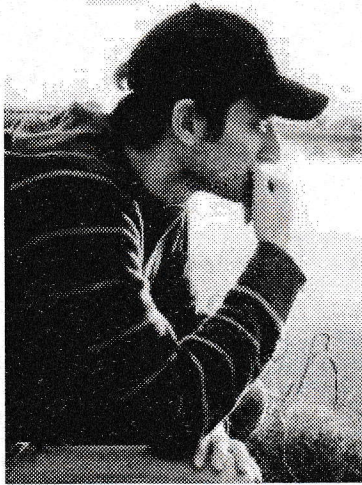
*There are occasional struggles, but they don't rule my life. If I didn't have this struggle, [with homosexuality], I'd have some other struggle. It's an ongoing choice to surrender to the call of Christ," he continues. "In that regard, we are no different from any other Christian."*

We asked Dan Puumala, the executive director of Outpost Ministries in Minneapolis, what he would say to someone who might be struggling with homosexuality. He stated:

*"The main issue here is not your struggle with SSA (Same Sex Attractions), but your relationship with the man Jesus Christ. I say that not to minimize your SSA issues, but to put them into perspective. (Lots of people will die without a saving knowledge of Jesus and it won't matter one bit if they are gay, straight or otherwise). Secondly, the question of, "What to do about my SSA" should only come up once the Holy Spirit talks to you about it. This is a question only for Christian people to face in regards to their faith understanding. People who do not have a faith issue with homosexuality ought not worry about it. (I do believe, however, that once one becomes a Christian, Jew or Muslim [all three of the major world religions deny the rightness of homosexual acts] that their spirituality will inform their sexuality and cause them to question their personal perspectives.)"*

Dan also said that the best way to contact Outpost if you are seeking help for yourself or a loved one is to either email the College Age Ministry Director, Nate Oyloc, at [noyloc@outpostministries.org](mailto:noyloc@outpostministries.org), or to phone their office at: 763-592-4700. He also adds,

*"We're always happy to talk about the amazing, transforming love of Jesus—with anyone and everyone! If this is an issue in your church, we'd be happy to set up a time to come and speak there (or at your campus group), sharing lots of personal stories of young people who have left homosexuality to follow Jesus."*



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# Flick Picks:

Word On The Street Reviewer Rating:



*Iron Man* kicked off the summer of 2008 as a blockbuster hit. Directed by Jon Favreau (also director of *Elf* and *Zathura*), *Iron Man* may be the best adventure movie to hit the box office this year. High tech weapon designer Tony Stark (Robert Downy Jr.) is the center of the film, along with his secretary Pepper Potts (Gwyneth Paltrow). The movie starts out with energizing info, which gives you a good foundation for the rest of the film. With everything booming and excelling at Stark Industries, it is quite surprising when things start taking a rapid turn for the worse. Stark takes a trip to the Middle East to demonstrate his newest creation, which leads to his kidnapping by a warlord who wants him to build him a missile. Through fast thinking and a little covering up, Stark is in a position to try to escape the grips of the warlord and his companions.

After realizing what is really happening with the weapons that roll out of Stark Industries, Tony decides that he needs to take a new approach to the way things are run at the company. Back at the drawing board, Stark designs and creates what seems to be extremely farfetched, but could very likely become the newest high tech military war weapon.

The acting in this movie is very good and quite simple. There is some clever humor and evidence of well thought-out script. It also includes entertaining special effects that control the mood of the movie. Many of the special effects get you wondering what our armored country really has. The process of constructing the well designed Iron Man suit is quite intriguing and the thought of something as unique as that becoming a real thing seems much closer than we think. For those comic book readers, it comes as no surprise that Iron Man was originally a character in a Marvel Comic.

*Iron Man* will keep you on the edge of your seat for the whole movie. It is a powerhouse of an action movie. Finally, a superhero done right brings the comic to life, and is larger than Batman, Hellboy, and the Incredible Hulk. So on the next rainy day, grab some friends, avoid burning the popcorn, and sit down to watch this film. It can be rented at either Mr. Movies or Stout Movie Rentals.



**Film:** Iron Man

**Genre:** Action/Adventure

**Actors/Actresses:** Robert Downy Jr., Jeff Bridges, Gwyneth Paltrow

**Rating:** PG-13

**Availability:** Mr. Movies, Stout Movie Rentals





# Tuneage Review:



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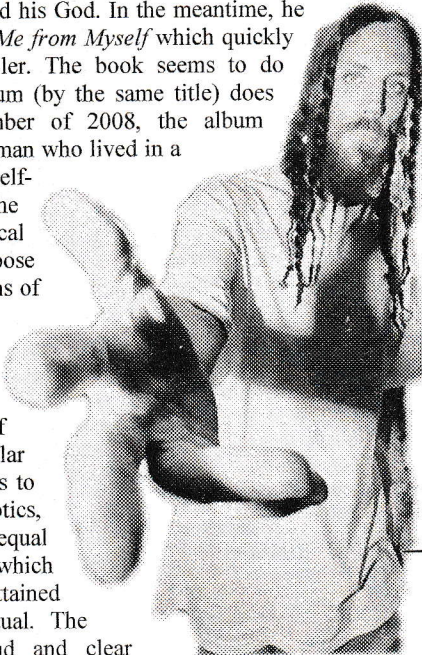
**Artist: Brian "Head" Welch**

**Availability: amazon.com, iTunes**

(literally): a message of salvation through Jesus Christ alone.

At the risk of losing a large part of the fan base he acquired while with KoRn, Welch remains loyal to his allegiance to Christ by writing uncompromising lyrics. In an ironic twist, he simultaneously faces the risk of losing a large part of his newfound Christian fan base due to his refusal to present the evils of his past in a more palatable fashion. A recently released video for the single "Flush" depicts the sins of his past in such a graphic manner that many retail stores are pulling the CD from their shelves saying that the video is too controversial to support. Head makes no apologies, but says that the video is an accurate depiction of the life that Jesus saved him from. The refrain provides insight into the former ways of Brian Welch, "Life is too boring, same old story, get drunk, throw up, sleep all day". His words weave their way from beginning to end with a consistent message of hope for the hopeless. Welch leaves his listeners with an answer to the despair that plagued him for so long. In a track called "L.O.V.E." he depicts God as one who longs to protect those who have fallen prey to a life of emptiness. A far cry from the message promoted by his former efforts he sings, "All the pain life brings...just to get you to come back to me...I'm the real drug to take to numb your heartache. Stop running and come back to me".

**B**rian Welch finally got his head cleared. After leaving the infamous rock band KoRn in order to "follow Jesus" in 2005, Brian "Head" Welch has been busy nurturing his relationships with the three most important things in his new life: his daughter, his sobriety, and his God. In the meantime, he penned an autobiography called *Save Me from Myself* which quickly became a New York Times best-seller. The book seems to do through literature what his debut album (by the same title) does through music. Released in September of 2008, the album provides a glimpse into the mind of a man who lived in a dark cloud of drugs, depression, and self-indulgence while dancing under the lights of fame and fortune. The musical effort appears to serve the same purpose as his book, which is to tell his millions of fans what the heck really happened. Lyrically, Head gives a revealing account of his opinions of the lies that are being fed to mankind concerning the true source of happiness. He vocally attacks the secular myth which suggests that happiness is to be found in sexual escapades, narcotics, and large sums of money. With equal fervor, he attacks the spiritual myth which suggests that happiness can be attained through religious ceremony and ritual. The message he promotes is very loud and clear



Listening closely to the lyrical theme of the album indicates that the changes Welch has embraced are as thorough as they are powerful, but one thing remains the same: the unique style of rhythmic guitar playing that made KoRn's popularity grow so well. The songs on his album are riddled with guitar riffs and those familiar screeches and abrupt squeals that should've been patented before the musical genre he helped to define began borrowing them. With help from Tony Levin and Josh Freese (who have worked with Alice Cooper and Nine Inch Nails), Brian Welch has put together a refreshing collection of songs that bring relief to those Christians with the insatiable desire for edifying hard rock. It may be hard to believe, but Head has proven that wild drum beats, screaming vocals, and eerie sound bites of crying babies can indeed satisfy the hungry soul. And he proves that Jesus doesn't make you wear polyester pants when you get born again... thank God.

**Word On The Street Reviewer Rating:**





# STAY INSIDE - HAVE FUN THIS

## *Chestnuts roasting on an open fire...*

So, you all know the song, but what on earth does it mean? Here's the secret: it means STAY INSIDE FOOL. It's cold. So, what are you going to do while inside with your family and friends? Here are a few ideas:

- Roast chestnuts in the dorm kitchen, sing holiday carols, and drink hot cider or cocoa for your cold cockles. Preheat your dorm oven to 425 degrees. As your oven is heating, put your chestnuts on a dishtowel so you can open up the shell so the steam can escape (or not, if you enjoy exploding chestnuts in your dorm oven). Bake until golden brown and salt if desired! While you're waiting for the chestnuts to cook, gently heat some milk in a sauce pan. Don't forget to stir frequently or you will scald the milk which tastes awful. Put that milk in a cup with your favorite hot cocoa mix and add marshmallows. Enjoy!
- Play board games (Apples to Apples, Monopoly, Trivial Pursuit).
- Ghost in the graveyard - in the basement! Don't forget to hide.
- "What's that Smell?" (for those of us alone for the holiday). You can almost imagine the drum roll on this one can't you? We've all played this game, but it's so much better when the windows are closed and the heat is on. Get something really funky brewing and see if your roommate can find it after he comes home from Mom and Dad's clean house. I've found that buttered bread behind a radiator or something similar works great...or a gym sock if you're not evil like me.
- Fort building. Remember the blankets that you have laying all over and the couch cushions that desperately need to be taken off the couch anyway? Build a fort with them, and play *Capture the Castle*. Crushing your opponent under his cushiony abode doesn't count.
- The Most Disgusting Entrée. See what you can build in your kitchen that would make the men and woman on Fear Factor squirm. To make a fun and repulsive party slop take one can of spaghetti (Spaghetti-O's work great), one can of Spanish rice, and one can of mild chili beans. Also, you can add a half pound of hamburger if you're feeling ambitious. It looks absolutely disgusting, but tastes wonderful if you are in the right mindset.
- Light saber wars with flashlights. Wrap some white typing paper around a mag light and turn it on and see what happens. Now do that a more couple times, extending your saber, if you will. See if you can cut off your opponents' hand (not for real, bro) without destroying your saber.
- Stair sledding. That's really all you need to hear.
- Read a book. You know you've been wanting to. The fort is a great place to hide and read. If you don't want to build a fort, your dorm basements have some wonderful nooks and crannies to hide in for hours. Great wintertime reads: any Dean Koontz book, some good Douglas Adams (RIP) and his Hitchhikers guide five book trilogy, or maybe just something other than that history text book you've had your nose stuck in for about three hours now.
- Pick a classic holiday movie and sit down with your forgotten friends and make some popcorn (or maybe some more of those exploding chestnuts). It's almost finals week and it's your turn to relax, even if only for two hours.

Happy adventures, indoorsian. Hey, when you build your fort, maybe take a picture and send it on to your friendly WOTS staff at

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Music Mix  
12 am-5 am  
Acoustic/World/Alt./Rock  
5 am  
Praise/Acoustic/World/Electronic  
6 am-10 am  
Live Jesus Fellowship Service  
10:30-Noon  
Alt./Electronic Beats/Rock  
12 pm-3 pm  
Rock/Electronic beats  
3 pm-7pm  
Rock/Alt.  
6 pm-9 pm  
Hard Rock/Techno  
9 pm-11 pm

### Monday-Friday

Music Mix  
12 am-5 am  
Acoustic/World/Alt./Rock  
5 am  
Danny Bond (Bible Study)  
6 am  
Acoustic/World/Alt.  
7 am  
Rock the Flock (Bible Study)  
8 am  
Acoustic/World/Alt./Rock  
9 am-12 pm  
Allstair Begg (Bible Study)  
Noon  
Alt./Electronic Beats/Rock  
1 pm-3 pm  
Rock/Electronic Beats  
3 pm-6pm  
Rock/Alt.  
6 pm-7pm

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Live Bible Study (Monday)  
7 pm  
Tom Karl Bible Study (Tues.)  
John Duncan Bible Study  
(Thurs., Fri.) 7 pm  
Live Jesus Fellowship Service  
(Wed.) 7 pm  
Rock/Alt.  
8 pm-9 pm  
Hard Rock/Techno  
9 pm-12 am

### Saturday

Music Mix  
12 am-5 am  
Acoustic/World/Alt./Rock  
5 am  
Acoustic/World/Alt.  
6 am-8 am  
The Berean Call  
8 am  
Acoustic/World/Alt./Rock  
9 am-noon  
Teaching Classics  
Noon  
Alt./Electronic beats/Rock  
1 pm-3 pm  
Rock/Electronic Beats  
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