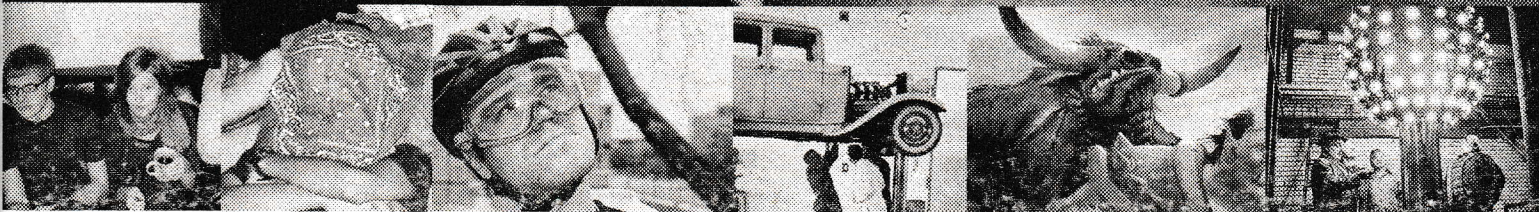


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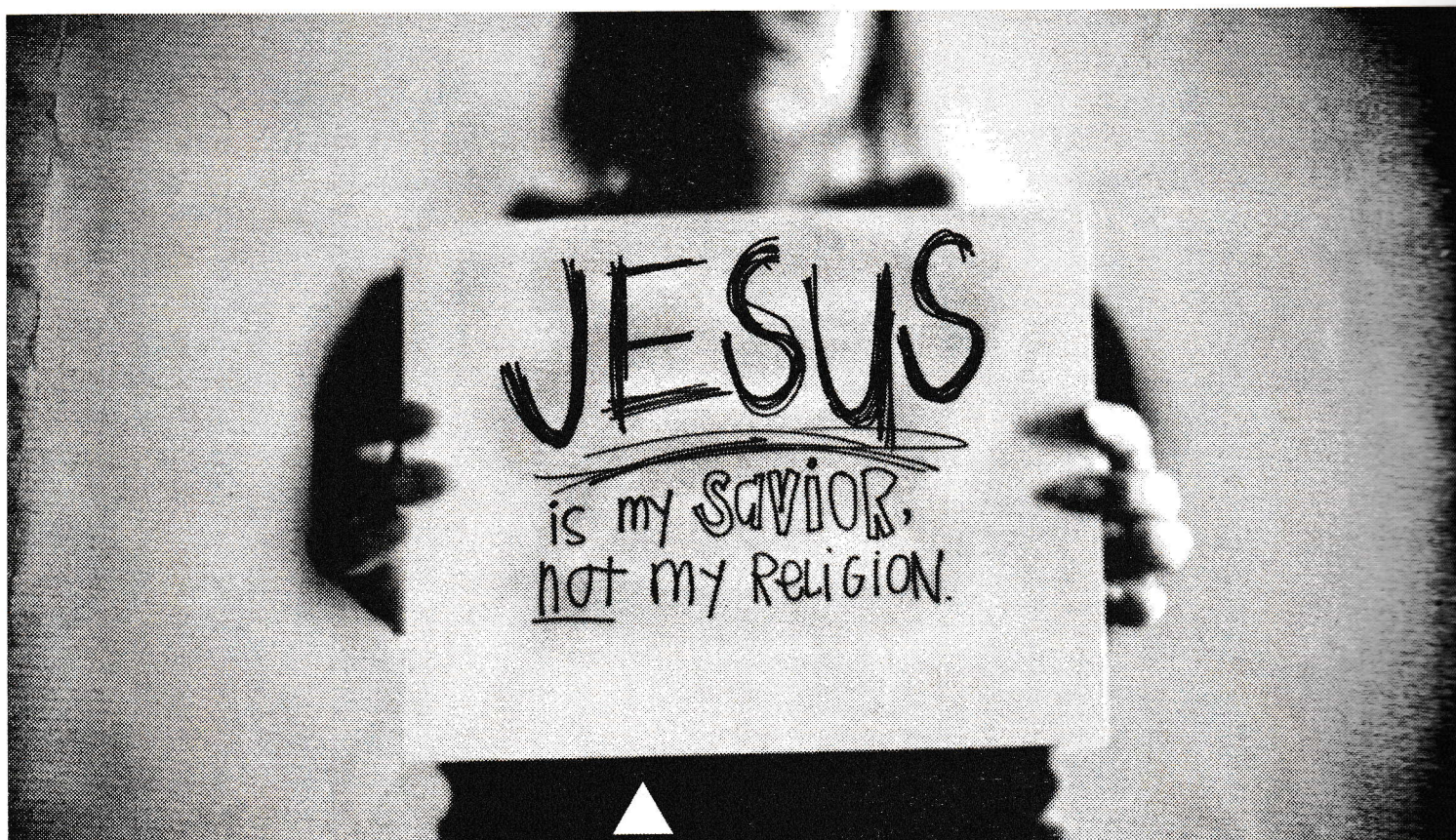
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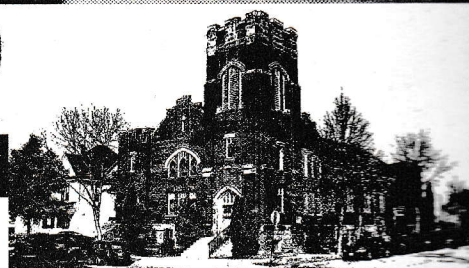


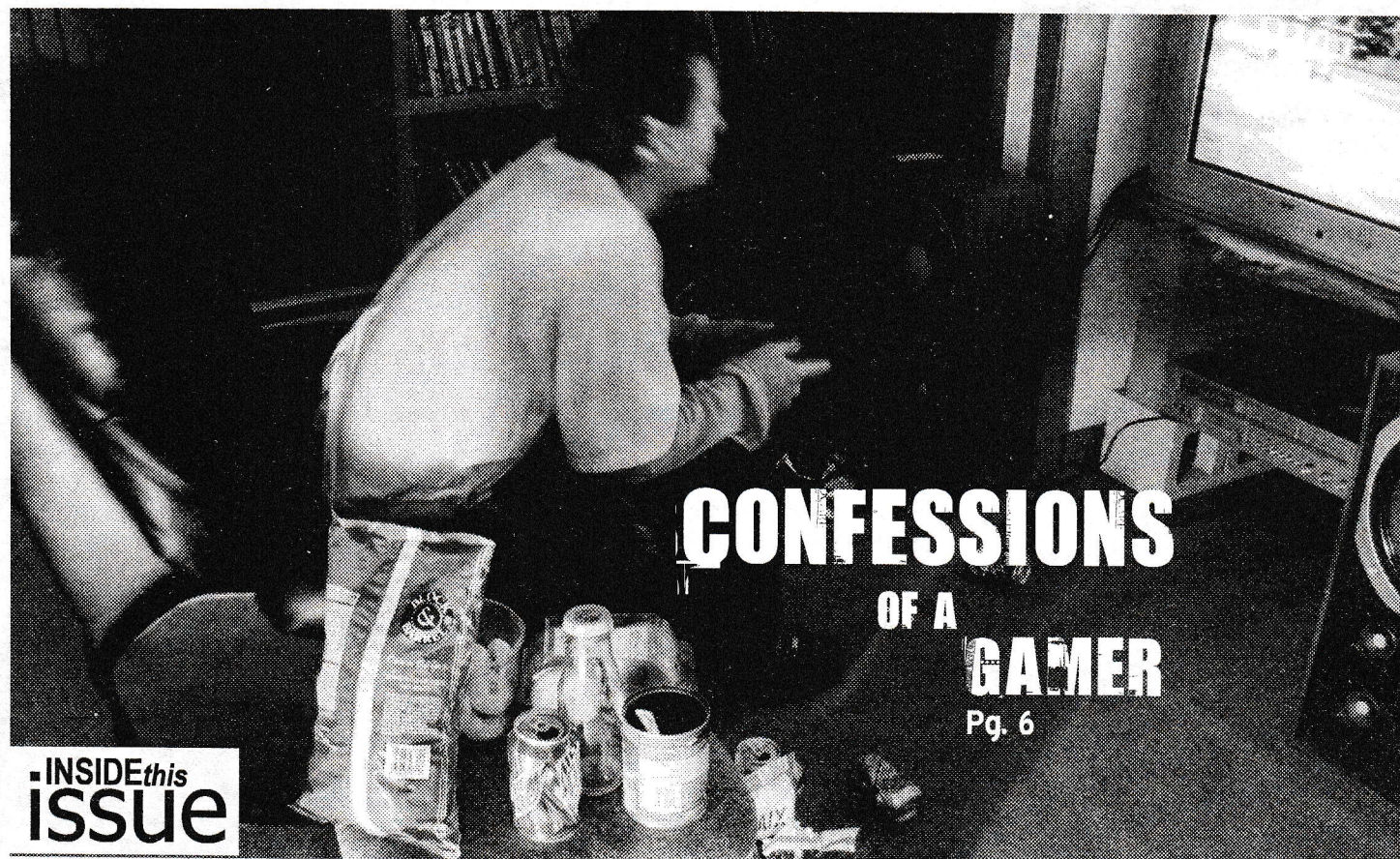
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Academic

Wed, November 25
Thanksgiving Break Begins, No Classes

Mon, November 30
Classes Resume

Tues, December 15
Classes End

Wed, December 16
Evaluation Week Begins

Sat, December 19
Commencement

Tues, December 22
Evaluation Week Ends

4 Mon, January 4
Winter Classes Begin

Mon, January 18
Martin Luther King Day, No Classes

Sat, January 23
Winter Classes End

Mon, January 18
Martin Luther King Day, No Classes

Tues, January 19
Semester II officially begins

Mon, January 25
Classes Begin

Sports

Fri, November 20
Men's Basketball vs Waldorf College
(Iowa) 6 p.m.

Women's Basketball at Cardinal Stritch
University 7 p.m.

Men's Hockey vs UW-Stevens Point 7:30
p.m.

Sat, November 21
Women's Cross Country vs at NCAA DIII
Championships 11 a.m.

Women's Basketball at Carroll University
3 p.m.
Men's Hockey vs UW-Stevens Point 4
p.m.

Men's Basketball vs Consolation/
Championships
6/8 p.m.

Men's Cross Country vs at NCAA DIII
Championships Noon

Tues, November 24
Women's Basketball at Northwestern
College (MN) 5:30 p.m.

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Maintenance Mania

It's the end of November; you're on the downhill of first semester and finally getting used to being away from home. Everything seems to be going okay and then you notice in the upper corner of your windshield that your car is 1,000 miles overdue for an oil change. Don't fret, these days they make it pretty easy to do general maintenance on your car. Here are a few good ideas and some information on how to keep your car maintained.

- Every 3,000 miles or three months (whichever comes first), your car deserves an oil change. There are plenty of places in town that do oil changes (Wal-Mart, Integrity Auto, or any other auto shop), but they are also simple to do on your own. All that it requires you to do is to drain the oil out of your oil pan and change the oil filter. Oil and oil filters can be purchased at Fleet Farm for about ten dollars. For a video on changing your own oil, check out www.videojug.com/film/how-to-change-your-oil.

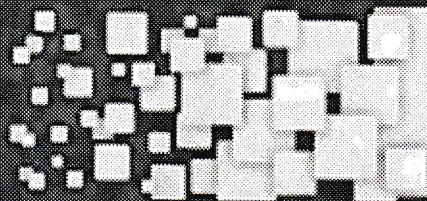


- Whenever you change your oil, also make a habit of checking your air filter. Air filters can easily be found under the hood and are crucial to your gas mileage and quality running of the car. Simply loosen the screws or unlatch the latches that are on the cover for the air filter and pull the air filter out. Once you have it out, hold it up to the sun and if light clearly shines through, it is still good. If the light is dim, it is time for a new filter. Filters can be picked up at Fleet Farm or Advance Auto in town.
- One of the biggest things you can do to keep your gas mileage up is to make sure that your tire pressure is up to where it should be. If one of your tires is low, it throws off the balance of the car. A small tire pressure gauge can be picked up at almost any gas station or store in town. All you have to do is take the cap off the valve stem (where air goes into the tire) and put your gauge on it. Make sure the result matches what's written for the recommended psi on the side of the tire. If it is low, there are many gas stations in town that have free air, or you can get air for about \$.50.

- It's also a good idea to consistently check all fluid levels in your car or truck every time you fill up with gas. Always make sure you have windshield wiper fluid, make sure your coolant is up, and check the dipstick for oil level. Also, you want to check your power steering fluid or you may miss the next big corner. Belts in a car are also something that needs to be checked regularly. They should not look worn and be snug if you try to pull one. The manual for your car would be a good place to check if you don't know what fluids are what or where to check them.

One of the biggest reasons cars have serious breakdowns is because they are not regularly kept up. It may seem like a lot of work to make sure everything is top notch and filled, but in the long run it can save you a serious amount of trouble and money.





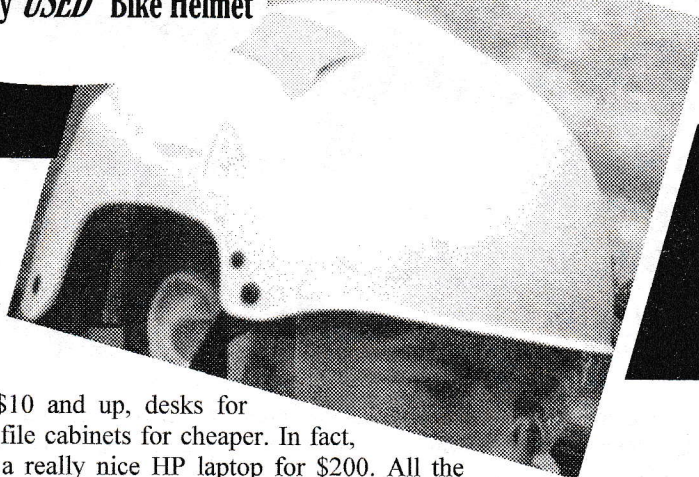
Shoppes @ STOUT

https://epay.uwstout.edu/C21720_ustores/web/store_main.jsp?STOREID=2 OR just Google "Stout Surplus Shoppe"

Ever wonder where Stout's used computers and office supplies go? They get shipped over to the university's own surplus store, Shoppes at Stout, and put up for sale. The surplus store is located on the west side of Broadway (across from Bowman Hall) on the main floor of the Parking Services building. There you can find quality used laptops, desktops (Mac and P.C.), file cabinets, desks, tables, chairs, a bubble balance analyzer, and an abundance of other necessities for this day and age. You can even check out a small variety of items on the Shoppes at Stout website, where you can also make purchases and pick up the items later.

Prices vary for certain items such as computers for \$50 and up,

\$3 Slightly USED Bike Helmet



TV's for \$10 and up, desks for cheap and file cabinets for cheaper. In fact, I picked up a really nice HP laptop for \$200. All the items listed online and in the store have been cleaned and are ready for sale. Shopping at the store is a good way to support UW-Stout and get the items that assist in daily life. You will also find that the staff on hand are pleasant and honest people. They will tell you straight up information on what you are interested in buying. You may also be able to wheel and deal with them, but remember all sales are final.

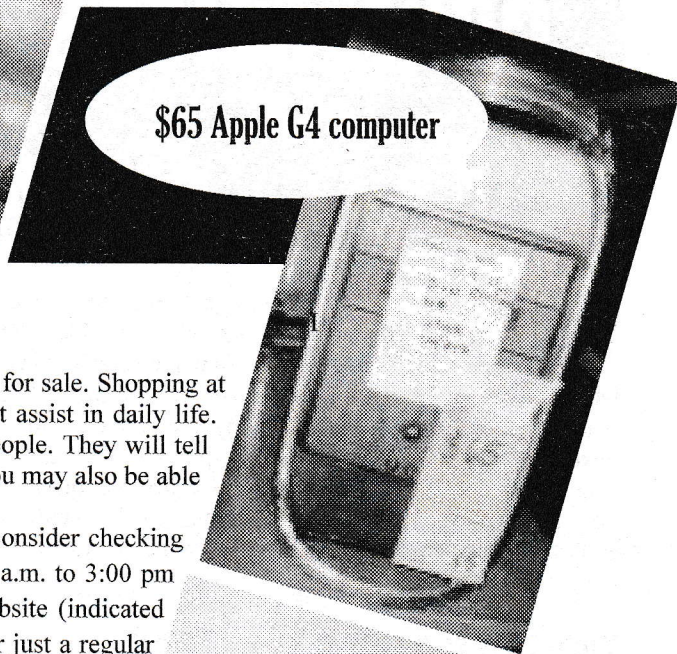
So the next time you think about buying something new, consider checking out UW-Stout's very own surplus store first. Store hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 pm every Thursday, or check out a piece of the store on the store website (indicated above). Whether you are a Stout student, teacher, factory worker, or just a regular Joe, the store is open to anyone.

9:00 am - 3:00pm Every Thursday

West side of Broadway
(across from Bowman Hall)
in the loading dock area of the
Parking Services building.

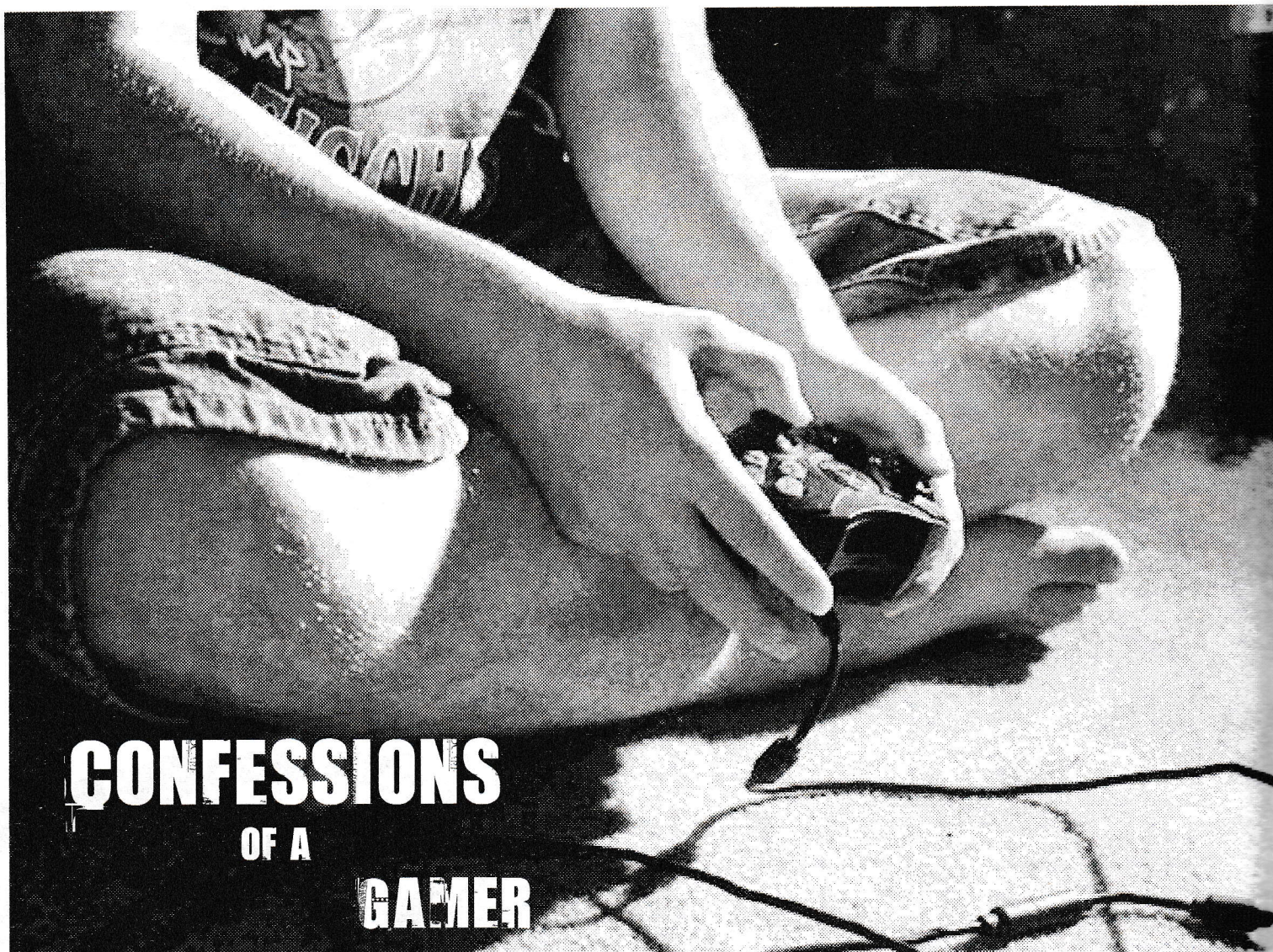
Slightly used government and office surplus!

\$65 Apple G4 computer



\$5 Fire Extinguishers





CONFESSIONS OF A GAMER

What you're about to read is the true story of a twenty-something hooked on role playing video games. If you've ever spent large amounts of time lost in a fantasy world, living life through the eyes of someone fake, keep reading. If you've ever wasted money in an endless pursuit of the next level, keep reading. Or, if you just know what it's like to want to escape to another place where life has purpose, where you have more control, where things make sense and are exciting, keep reading. Even if you've never touched a video game in your life, this is for you.

TWO LIVES: A GUY'S TRUE STORY

"Being a procrastinator to begin with, playing video games was the end of getting anything done. My assignments and responsibilities were very nearly late at all times. My social life was moved forward by my friends; they asked me to hang out and I would. I ate whatever could be made in the least amount of time. Sometimes I was too enthralled in the game to get a pizza out of the oven because I was too busy doing things online. At several points in time during the period that I played World of Warcraft, I went without showering for a week at a time."

"My real life was much different than my online life. After working third shift I would log on straightaway. During the week

I would play the game no less than four hours daily. Fridays and Saturdays I'd play for more than twelve hours. I would go to church on Sundays and Wednesdays, but always leave after the conclusion of the teaching to play Warcraft."

"If the game was down for any reason I would either sleep or do some reading regarding it. Playing Warcraft is largely based around legitimizing your actions. One summer I decided to ride my bike to work (to save money I said,) but really I just wanted a reason to lie to myself. I was trying to convince myself and others that Warcraft didn't really have as tight a grip as it did on me. I tried to 'quit' multiple times. I deleted all my characters' gear and the characters themselves. Twice this lasted only one day. One other time it lasted six months. I went back to it because it was fun. I thought I was going to be 'just fine'."

"I was cranky at everyone. In the fall for two of the years I played Warcraft I also coached Cross Country. This reduced my already low amount of sleep to below five hours a day. The athletes I coached and my coworkers noticed a huge change in my temper. Basically nobody at my job wanted to talk to me because I was so moody and the athletes thought I was bipolar."

"A typical session of Warcraft for me involved logging

on, checking to see if anyone had sent me any mail (rarely), checking if there was anything I wanted to buy in the game's Auction House, and then doing something repetitive for many hours following. While playing, I saw people standing in the same place for 8 hours in a day doing nothing but jumping up and down or moving around on their mount. There was even a time when I wanted a ring from an instance and ran it 50 times before I saw it drop! As soon as you have your character geared head to toe, you need to get a lot of money together to get them closer to being battle ready. Then, when you have spent all kinds of money and time just to get some gear, playing in a battle area is much more fun."

"A breakdown:

- Spend time to get gear
- Spend time to get money
- Spend money to increase stat
- Spend even more time battling people for no apparent reason other than pride.

Basically it's an all around time sink."

REALITY DOESN'T IMPRESS ME

"Reality doesn't impress me. I only believe in intoxication, in ecstasy, and when ordinary life shackles me, I escape, one way or another. No more walls."

—Anais Nin

If you've ever been chased in a video game, you know one thing is for sure: escape is never permanent. Eventually, there's another enemy, another fight for your life, and another escape necessary. These games are catering to our desire for *temporary* escape because we're "unimpressed" with the ordinary life that "shackles" us. We can escape for a while into a world where we control the variables and where all the time spent equals advancement. It's never a permanent escape, but it's just enough to get us through the day. Here's what one SIMS player had to say in an online review:

"Playing the Sims Online is fun, addicting, and appealing to all age groups, both male and female, worldwide! A whole new 'virtual world' awaits the person who pays the \$9.99 monthly subscription to The Sims Online. This virtual world is open-ended, that is, it becomes what the players make of it. Players can live chat with others while doing tasks or performing actions, either independently or interacting with another sim. Among the most popular actions are hugging, dancing, and kissing, but also include things like High-5, juggling, shaking hands, nyah-nyah action, belching, slapping, or even pile-driving another sim! All actions will have either a positive or a negative effect on the other sim's social meter, and ultimately decide whether the two sims become friends or enemies." ¹

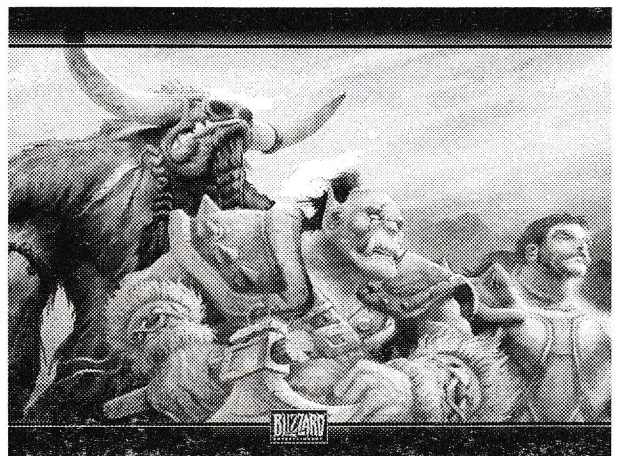
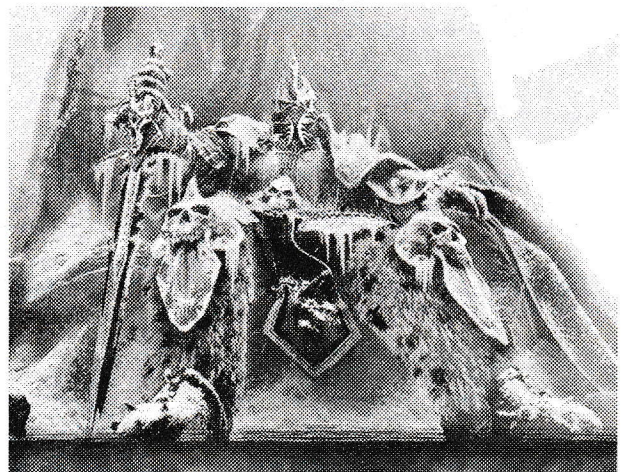
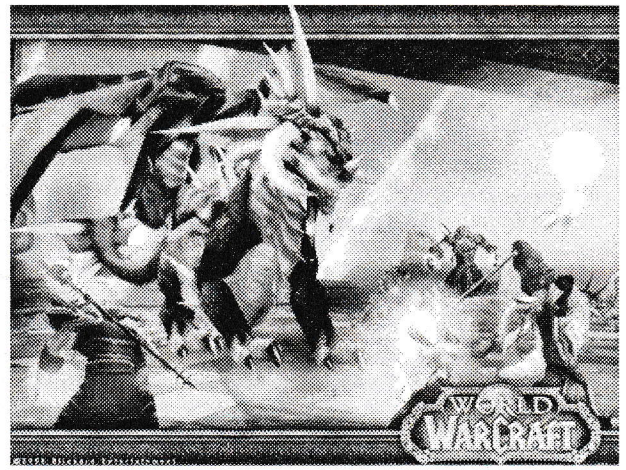
Instead of shaking real hands, dancing with a real partner and giving a real hug, it's just plain easier to get lost in a world where the outcome is controlled and there's no real risk. Why do we settle for that?

ESCAPE IS EASIER THAN CHANGE

"I find it fascinating that most people plan their vacations with better care than they plan their lives. Perhaps that is because escape is easier than change." —Jim Rohn

Getting absorbed in someone else's world (through video games, reality TV, fantasy novels, following celebrities rabidly—you name it) seems like a good way out. Maybe there's an unpleasant circumstance we don't want to face, maybe the daily routine is boring, or maybe we're holding on to mistakes from the past. It's no surprise,

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then, that getting away or taking a break from your life is much nicer than looking at reality honestly and changing. There's a problem, though, when the break turns into a week, a month, or a year of going deeper and deeper into some alternate reality that seems more exciting and less confusing. That's why you plan your partying schedule on Monday and make it through the rest of the week by looking forward to those plans. This is not to tell you never to read a book, play a game, or chill in front of the TV, but has it replaced your real life? Has escape become a permanent state of existence for you?

THE AFTERMATH

"You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today."

-Abraham Lincoln

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At some point, reality breaks through. It crashes in when your grades suck and you haven't showered for a week, when you're broke and living on ramen and Mtn. Dew, when you can't remember the last time you had a real conversation. The aftermath can occur in your thoughts as well. For example, maybe you're better at keeping it together on the outside, but your thoughts are constantly caught up in a fantasy while you go through your days spaced out. If you follow the path of escapism to its logical end, the results are broken relationships, lost opportunities, and wasted money and time. The trap is in the fact that the very thing that's helping you escape is really making matters worse.

FACING REALITY

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. In those days when you pray, I will listen. If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me. I will be found by you," says the Lord. "I will end your captivity..."

-God²

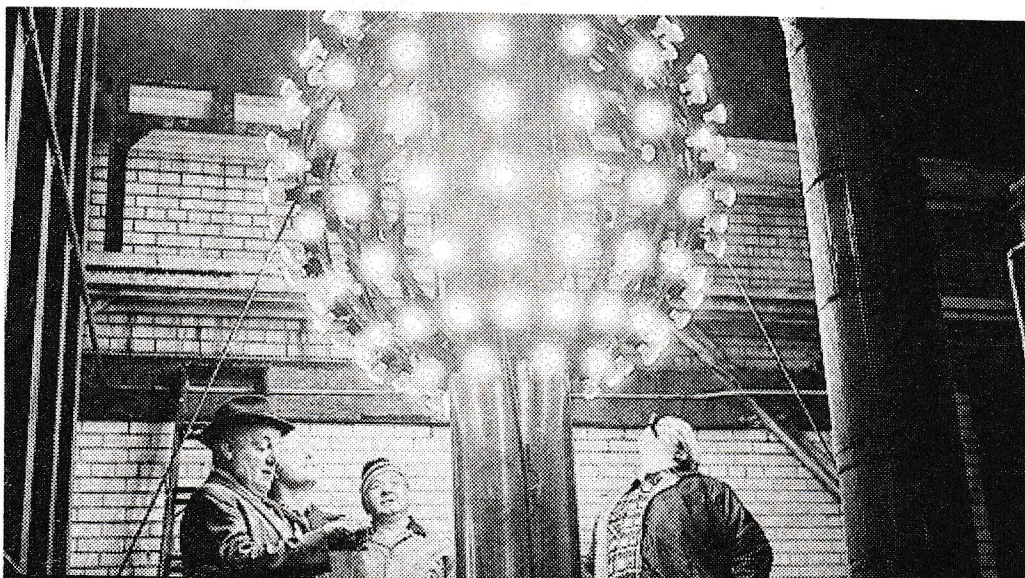
The opposite of fantasy is *reality* with all of its pain, joy, risks, victories and losses. The amazing part is that God has designed a way for each one of us to navigate reality according to the plan He's created specifically for us as individuals. The most important part of that plan is having a relationship with Him—a bond that begins when you walk away from a life of dead-end efforts (even after trying so hard) and walk into the way out He's already provided. The way out is Jesus Christ. No set of rules or good intentions will rescue you, but Jesus can. He can because He faced the harsh reality of being put to death and He was the only one (fully God and fully man) who could pay for our sin completely and with finality. Every wrong thing we've ever done and every cruel thought we've had and will have were paid for when Jesus died in our place. He said yes to God's plan and faced the pain instead of running away from it to a fantasy world.³ After the pain was over and the price was paid, God brought Jesus back to



life. Now we can come to God fully trusting in what Jesus did and receive His undeserved favor and forgiveness. We're guaranteed that anyone who trusts in this way has a home forever with God.

TRUTH IS STRANGER THAN FICTION

Why settle for a life of seclusion in a world that only exists online? Why settle for a weekend of drug-induced escape that fades as soon as Monday morning class begins? Why spend the life you've been given living vicariously through somebody else? Life lived in a relationship with the real and true God will blow your mind. He's offered you a way to know that you're in His safekeeping here on earth and after you die. He's offering you purpose and His strength to carry out His plan for your life. He's given you unique gifts that only find their fulfillment when you're using them for Him out of love and thankfulness. He wants for you to know real and lasting change in your life and to find rest instead of restlessness. God's truth is better than fiction.



Not Your Average New Year :

NEW IDEAS FOR WHEN "THE BALL DROPS"

- **Fondue Party in the Dorms-** Heat chocolate in the microwave and then get fresh fruit to dip with tooth picks, or melted cheese with bread, veggies, and meat.
- **Make a 2010 music playlist with friends**
- **Murder Mystery Dinner** (Have guests solve a "murder" like the game Clue: Miss Scarlet in the billiard room with the candlestick)
For directions on how to host, search on: www.entertainment.about.com
- **Web cam**—Celebrate New Year's with long distance friends
- **Watch New Year's videos:** www.youtube.com
- **Cruise across frozen Lake Menominee** while listening to Johnny Cash in the 4x4
- **Go sledding or play snow flag football** at the Rec Park: Follow Main Street east to Dunn County Rec Park
- **Take the polar plunge** on Jan 1st in Phillips Wisconsin:
www.discoverwisconsin.com
- **Practice writing 2010 over and over**
- **Watch movies with New Year's Eve scenes**—Get 5 movies for \$5 from Mr. Movies
 1. When Harry met Sally (1989)
 2. Bundle of Joy (1956)
 3. The Apartment (1960)
 4. About a Boy (2002)
 5. Holiday Inn (1942)
 6. 200 Cigarettes (1999)
 7. Repeat Performance (1947)
 8. Happy New Year, Charlie Brown (1985)

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Fri, November 27

Men's Hockey at Norwich University at PrimeLink Shootout 7 p.m. (ET)

Sat, November 28

Women's Basketball vs UW-Stout Tournament - St. Benedict vs. Wartburg 1 p.m.

Women's Basketball vs UW-Stout Tournament vs. College of St. Scholastica 5 p.m.

Men's Basketball vs Northland College 7 p.m.

Men's Hockey vs Plattsburgh or Middlebury at PrimeLink Shootout 4/7 p.m. (ET)

Sun, November 29

Men's Basketball vs Consolation & Championship 1/5 p.m.

Women's Basketball vs UW-Stout Tournament Consolation/Championship 11 am/3 pm

Wed, December 2

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

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

Fri, December 4

Men's Hockey at UW-Eau Claire 7 p.m.

Saturday, December 5

Women's Basketball vs UW-Whitewater 4 p.m.

Men's Basketball vs UW-Whitewater 6 p.m.

Men's Hockey vs UW-Eau Claire 7:30 p.m.

Wed, December 9

Men's Basketball vs UW-La Crosse 7 p.m.

Women's Basketball at UW-La Crosse 7 p.m.

Fri, December 11

Men's Hockey at UW-River Falls 7 p.m.

Sat, December 12

Women's Basketball at UW-Eau Claire 3 p.m.

Men's Basketball at UW-Eau Claire 5 p.m.

Men's Hockey at UW-River Falls 7 p.m.

Sat, December 19

Men's Basketball at Viterbo University 3 p.m.

Sat, December 27

Men's Basketball at Whitworth College 3 p.m. (PT)

Mon, December 28

Women's Basketball vs. Mary-Hardin Baylor - Trinity Tournament 6 p.m.

Men's Basketball at Lewis Clark State College 7 p.m.

Tues, December 29

Women's Basketball vs Trinity University - Trinity Tournament 8 p.m.

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Tues, January 5

Women's Gymnastics at Winona State University 6:30 p.m.

Wed, January 6

Women's Basketball at UW-River Falls 6 p.m.

Men's Basketball at UW-River Falls 8 p.m.

Fri, January 8

Men's Hockey at Augsburg College 7 p.m.

Women's Gymnastics at Iowa State University TBA

Sat, January 9

Women's Basketball vs UW-Platteville (Blue Devil Buddy Day) 4 p.m.

10 Men's Basketball vs UW-Platteville 6 p.m.

Men's Hockey at Gustavus Adolphus College 7 p.m.

Tues, January 12

Women's Basketball vs Northland College 7 p.m.

Fri, January 15

Men's Hockey at UW-Superior 7:35 p.m.

Sat, January 16

Men's Track vs Alumni/Intrasquad Meet 4 p.m.

Women's Track vs Alumni/Intrasquad Meet 4 p.m.

Women's Basketball at UW-Oshkosh 5 p.m.

Men's Hockey at UW-Superior 7 p.m.

Men's Basketball at UW-Oshkosh 7 p.m.

Mon, January 18

Women's Gymnastics at Hamline University 6 p.m.

Wed, January 20

Men's Basketball vs UW-Superior 7 p.m.

Women's Basketball at UW-Superior 7 p.m.

Fri, January 22

Women's Gymnastics at UW-Oshkosh 6 p.m.

Men's Hockey vs St. Olaf College 7:30 p.m.

Sat, January 23

Men's Track vs UW-Stout Open 12 p.m.

Women's Track vs UW-Stout Open 12 p.m.

Women's Basketball vs UW-River Falls 4 p.m.

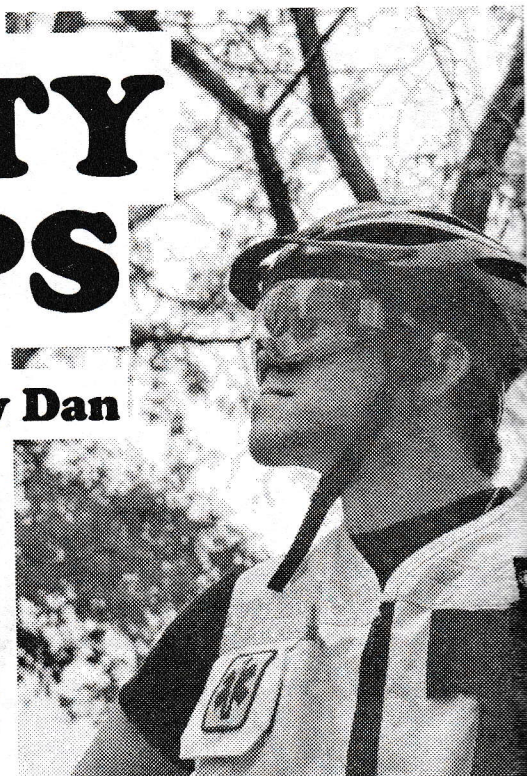
Men's Basketball vs UW-River Falls 6 p.m.

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SAFETY TIPS

with Safety Dan

In a land of danger and peril, one man stands for safety in an ever-changing world. A man whose name strikes fear into the heart of fear, a man who is world renowned for heroic acts of bravery and of safety-ness. That man is Dan, and now he offers to you, at no fee, wisdom that he has accrued over many years of epic battle with the forces of injury.



1. Refrain from frying bacon in the nude. It could possibly result in an awkward emergency room visit.
2. When jumping a moped over burning cars, be sure to go really, really fast so as to make the landing.
3. At all times, avoid death.
4. If you think you're Superman, remember you're not.
5. Just because you think "the chicks will dig it" doesn't mean you should do it.
6. When skydiving, if your chute should fail to open, contact the manufacturer of said chute upon landing.
7. The outdoor world is fraught with danger; wrapping one's self in bubble wrap can prevent many injuries. (see image 23)
8. It's best to wear a helmet when rolling down a hill inside a 55 gallon drum. (see image 745)
9. Guys will take greater risks when women are present. Guys, if women are present, stop and think if you would perform the same stunt if they were not present.
10. Never underestimate a chipmunk; when cornered, they will attack.
11. Most injury stories end with, "It seemed like a good idea at the time," and, "Hey, watch this, I'm going to try something real quick." Avoid anything that could cause the use of these phrases. (see image 1.6)
12. Laughing while drinking cranberry juice is strongly cautioned against.

"A well thought-out plan is a safe, well thought-out plan."

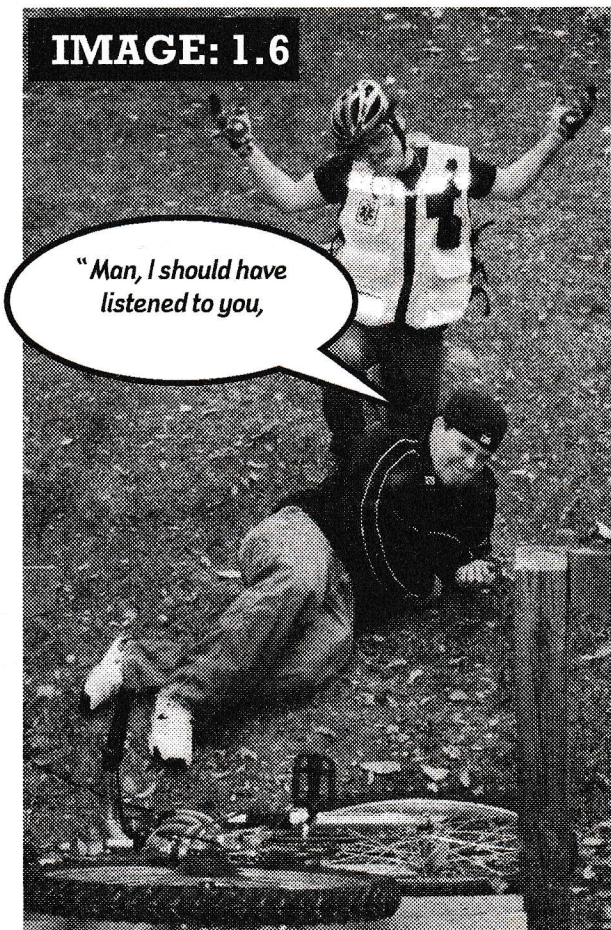


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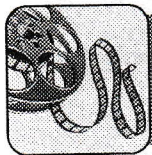
"Helmets are just dang helpful."



IMAGE: 745

NOTE: Safety Dan and others depicted may or may not have been injured while performing these foolish stunts, but "It seemed like a good idea at the time." Right?

Now hows about a little cranberry juice and a Jim Carrey film?

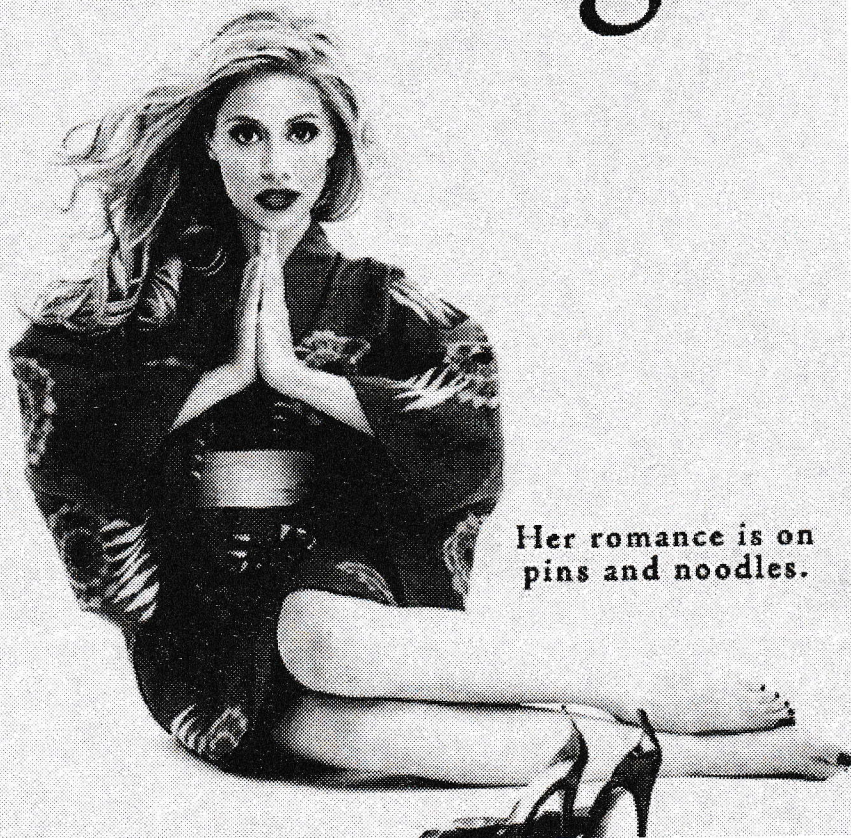


MOVIE

**Director: Robert Allen Ackerman****Released: May 2009****Starring: Brittany Murphy**

Brittany Murphy

The Ramen girl



Her romance is on
pins and noodles.

The Ramen Girl is a pleasantly quirky Asian-American comedy about life, love, and the pursuit of Ramen. Abby (played by Brittany Murphy), a confused American, finds herself stranded in Tokyo at a crossroads in life and with herself. Knowing little of the culture and language, she is determined, for the first time, to follow through with "something". After seeking out a local cantankerous Ramen

Master to teach her the trade, everyone begins to wonder, "Will this little whiny white girl have what it takes to make a magical bowl of Ramen?" Through all this, Abby discovers that, "In food, as in life, sometimes the missing ingredient is love." This is an off-center and refreshingly original movie, truly an undiscovered gem.

BONUS:

Check out the alternate ending for one more gigantic, "I can't believe I watched this, but I am so glad that I did!" grin.





Sitting in with ZOO.ANIMAL

Everyday sounds fade into the Menomonie scenery like the first layer of color on canvas. Sounds blend with the bar scene, merge with the cars passing by, and absorb into brick buildings. But on a particular day, the sound of Holly Newsom's voice and the simple, powerful songs of the band Zoo Animal resonated through the sidewalks of UW-Stout. This Minneapolis based-band describes themselves as a "Grunge pop minimalist trio that thrives on paradox. The gentlest aggression you'll ever hear." Zoo Animal performed at Yeshuapolooza 2009 on the UW-Stout campus and Burning Dog Radio 101.7 had the opportunity to interview the lead singer. Here's what Holly Newsom had to say:

Abbreviation Definitions: HN = Holly Newsom, lead singer of ZA = Zoo Animal

What's the story behind the selection of ZA as your band name?

HN: It's sort of a funny little analogy that earth isn't my home, sort of like a zoo animal. The zoo isn't their home, so it's kind of a little nod to heaven being my home.

How old were you when you first started writing music?

HN: I think probably when I was 11.

What's the main thing that pushes you now to write music?

HN: A lot of times it is when I am reading. I have a drive to be reading two books that have opposite ideas in them at the same time. I think my music is inspired by contrast, two different ideas and something that could be paralleled between the two. Or maybe one is actually reiterating the point of the other without meaning to. A lot of times that is what inspires me, is two completely different ideas and trying to put them into the same thing.

What two books are you reading right now?

HN: Actually, right now I am reading one because it is way too huge. It's called *The Fountainhead* by Ayn Rand. The opposite would be, well, I am always reading the Bible. But there are definitely some things about individualism and to fend for yourself that she (Ayn Rand) writes about: you don't touch anyone and they don't touch you and everybody will be fine because we'll all take care of ourselves and that's not really what I believe. But it hasn't been heard on any songs as of right now.

You describe your music as minimalist on MySpace. Can you elaborate on what that means to you guys?

HN: When Tom the drummer we have now came in, he was used to being in bands when there were a lot of busy drum beats. So I explained to him, every time he hits the snare drum he has to be conscious of how that snare drum hit sounds and that way you have to play less because you are being more precise with everything you are doing. We want every single note to be important, not just the melody, but every tone and every time when me and Tim, the bass player, are playing, I play guitar and he plays the bass guitar. Every time our notes intersect that it is very important. We are way into each individual note, which therefore ends up being less notes.

Can you explain the meaning behind your song "Sailor"?

HN: I have a group of friends and we've been getting together on Sunday nights for two or three years. I've sort of always felt like we're sailors. I know that sounds kind of cheesy, but that's where it came from. We read a chapter out of the Bible and then talk it over. The Spirit is like the wind so we are being pulled by that. Actually, some of the inspiration came from this in the last record. There were some crazy situations and I had to

quit pretending like I knew what I was doing, like paddling a boat, when all I needed to do was just let the wind push me.

If you could be any zoo animal what would it be?

HN: Oh boy, something with wings for sure. Any bird with wings that can fly, not a penguin or anything.

*When we were young
Well I guess we're still young
But do you think we're the same?*

*I don't think so, no
We've come a long way but it's a mighty big sea
We've come a long way but it's a mighty big sea
I don't think paddling will do much good
When you're sailing and there's a gust of wind so
Quit acting like you know what you are doing
And let go, Sailor, let go
-Zoo Animal "Sailor"*

For more information, check them out at:

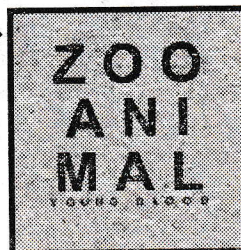
www.zooanimalmusic.com

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and
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Philippines

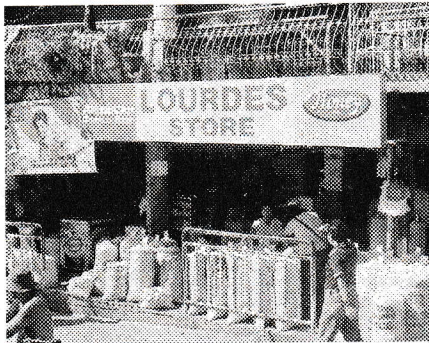
photo journal

Maayo! (Hi!) I'm Avegail Salas and I live in the Philippines on the island of Cebu. I am a Christian involved with Freedom of Christ church where my dad, Lando Salas, is the Pastor.

This summer guys and gals from Street Level Ministries at UW-Stout will be coming here to the Philippines for a missions trip. These are random pictures that I have captured. Cebu cannot be expressed in a couple pictures but we wish to give you a glimpse of the Philippines through them.

Minimum Wage

An average Cebuano (residents of Cebu) can earn at least 250 pesos, about \$5, everyday. Most families are big and though this amount might not be enough, they can always find ways to make ends meet.

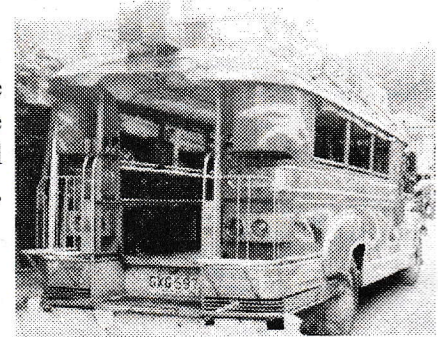


Sari-sari Store

Sari-sari means variety. These stores sell anything that you might need. They have become a basic entrepreneurial institution in the Philippines. In the mountainous areas where a mall is not available, the Sari-sari store is open to serve you. And it is important to note that most of them have names of family members or the family's last name.

Beep beep!

The Jeepney is the most popular public transportation. It is the undisputed King of the Road in the country. They were originally made from US Military Jeeps left over from World War II. The Filipinos reinvented it, put colorful decorations, now with a Jeepney you can go places!

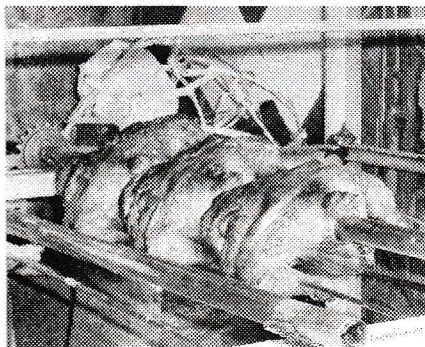
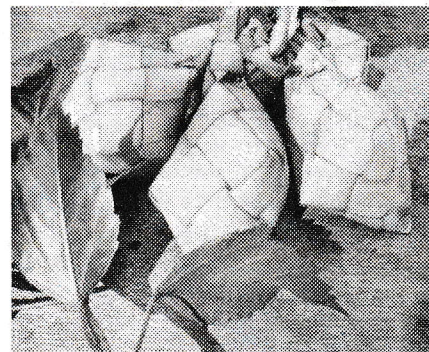


Well, well, well...

The well is a popular source of water in the Philippines. It is where people go to do their laundry, bathe, and fetch water. Everyone who needs water is welcome to get what he/she needs. There are modern pipes that bring water to the homes but when that fails, the well is always ready to provide fresh and cold water. We do not recommend swimming inside the wells. It has been proven dangerous.

Hanging Rice

This is rice boiled in coconut fronds. The coconut leaves are woven into diamonds and rice is placed inside then is cooked. This is exceptionally delicious and creative. It is called hanging rice because it is hung. And for the natives, we call it the *pusô*. Rice is the staple food of the Philippines. It is served in every meal.

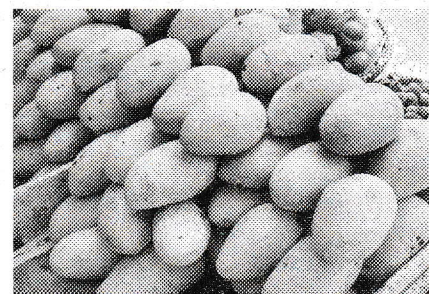


Lechon Manok

This is really just Roasted Chicken on a mat of charcoal seasoned by spices. It is served with a sauce composed of vinegar, soy sauce, garlic and pepper. This is one of the Filipinos' all time favorite. You can eat it alone, but it is better when shared!

Mangoes

The mangoes in Cebu are known for being sweet—sweeter than any other mangoes in the country. The quality of mangoes in Cebu are for export. It is difficult to explain the taste—you will have to taste it yourself to understand it.

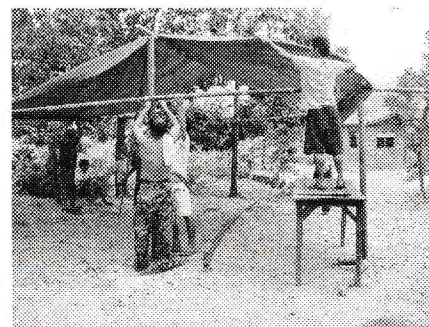


Carabao

The Carabao is a domesticated subspecies of the water buffalo which is common in Southeast Asia. It is associated with farmers because they help the farmers in pulling the plow. It is a very hardworking animal and the country's national animal. This photo was taken on our way to the outreach ministry of Freedom In Christ. I think these three Carabaos are friends—after all, they share the same experiences.

Outreach Service

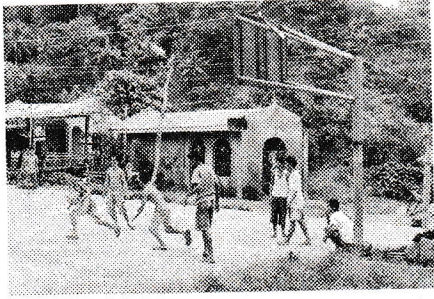
Pastor Lando and the crew go to the outreach for afternoon service. The place is so far from Topes. And because we do not have a church building there, we made a tent just to shelter us from so much sun and from the rain. Under this tent, lives are changed by Jesus.



Kids Ministry

In outreach, while the adults are studying God's Word, we keep the kids busy by singing with them and telling them Bible stories. It is amazing how excited they are to hear what Jesus has done. In their eyes you'll find innocence, contentment and purity. I learn from them more than they learn from me.

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Favorite Sport

Most Filipino boys are fanatics of basketball inspired by the legend, Michael Jordan. Some parents even name their children after the NBA stars. Every place has their own court and everyone is welcome to play. The basketball court has been for many years a place of not just exercise but of bonding.

Sweet Dreams

After a long day, boys from youth group will look for a place to chill. Their idea of rest is really sleep...and regardless of how little the space is, they make it enough. After all, friendship and brotherhood is about being close. In this photo, that is exactly what they are doing.



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Street Level Fall Retreat 2009 Photo Contest Winners

1. "Dog Pound"



The Setting:

Amnicon River, Superior, WI

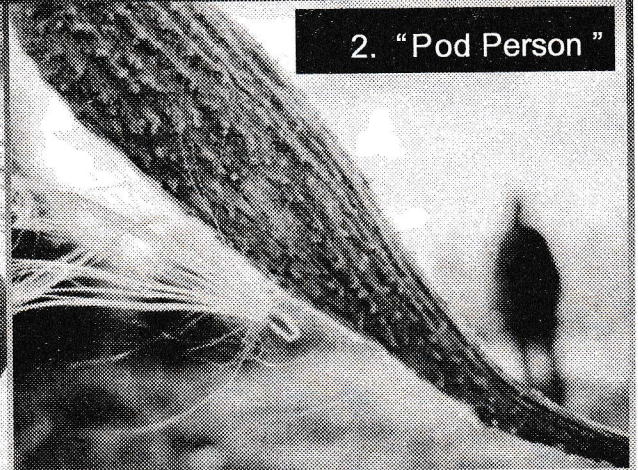
The Challenge:

Take a photo that shows *people with living things*.

The Players:

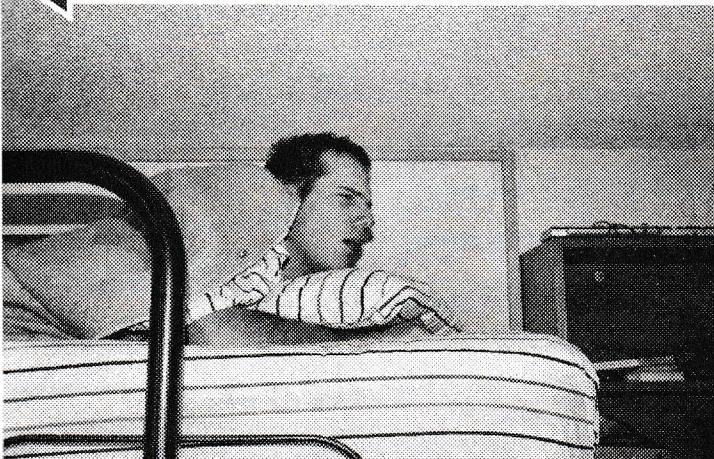
Street Level Ministries members took the shots at the retreat and then chose some favorites for Word on the Street.

2. "Pod Person"



3. "Poo Bear"

A STOUTY'S MONDAY



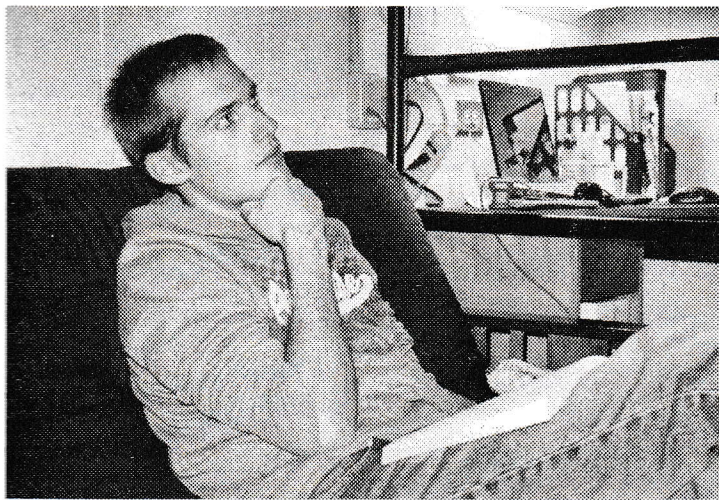
Time: 1455 hours

Event: Battle with the forces of evil

My thoughts: I was once again attacked by a group of masked men with primarily black apparel. They are known by the locals as *el ninja*, which loosely translated means "the ninja". I deduce that they desire to know the many secrets which I hold within the steel trap that is my mind, such as who kills who in the next season of *Lost*.

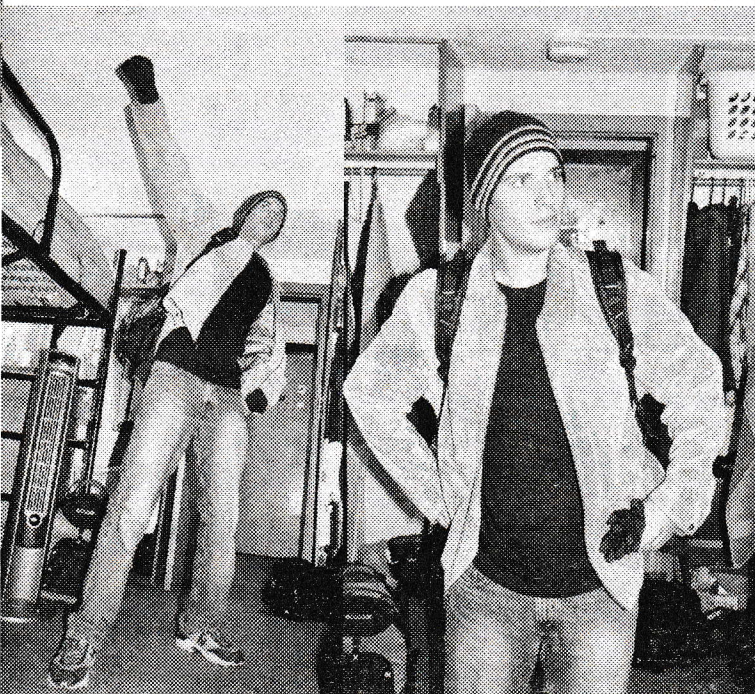


October 12, 2009: the sun rose at 0726, though its coming was hidden by the overcast skies that covered the greater Menomonie area. It was the beginning of a new day, but not just any day, Casey's day. I speak of Casey Shields, University Wisconsin-Stout freshman. For him, this morning would be the beginning of many perilous adventures. Join us now as we follow Casey on some of these adventures. The following are his exact, though slightly embellished, words from his daily diary.



Unfortunately, there is far too much in this above average day in the life of Casey Shields to fit it into this article. Take heart, for there is another way to join Casey on his epic quest. For the first time in *Word on the Street* history, you can tune into a video featuring Casey via our *Word on the Street* website. Just type www.streetlevel.uwstout.edu into your web browser and then click on *Word on the Street*.

Now go forth and *Carpe Diem* (Seize the carp)!



Time: 0630 hours

Event: Construction outside my dwelling commences

My thoughts: Insert head into pillow.

Time: 0920 hours

Event: Leaving for breakfast

My thoughts: I require sustenance to continue on my journey.

Time: 0925

Event: Breaking my fast at the structure commonly known as the "Tainter"

My thoughts: I have deduced that this structure has been named the "Tainter" because of some past event where this building was used to shame someone. I have deduced this by looking into the old English verb *taint*, which means to remove one's luster. Curious as this seems, they also have some of the best dang waffles around.

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Entertainment

Thurs-Sat, November 19-21

Seussical the Musical, presented by Menomonie High School
Menomonie High School's Fall Musical, "Seussical the Musical" is a fun, family-friendly show that incorporates a variety of the more famous Dr. Seuss characters and stories. Fun for all ages!
\$8 adults, \$5 seniors/students
Menomonie High School auditorium,
1715 5th St. West, Menomonie 232-2609
Ext 40-120

Thurs, November 19, 8 pm

Low w/ You and Yourn
The Underground, Memorial Student Center, UW-Stout

Sat, November 21, 28, Dec 5, 12, 19, 26, Jan 2, 9, 16, 23, 1-3pm

Mike Wolter & Evan Benidt Duo
Mike Wolter (guitar) and Evan Benidt (Sax) playing jazz standards.

Free

The Goat Coffeehouse Eau Claire 445-8853

Thurs, December 3, 8 pm

Open Mic Night
The Underground, Memorial Student Center, UW-Stout

Fri, December 4, 7 pm

Free Live Concert at the Blind Munchies Coffeehouse
Band TBD
621 Wilson Ave.
www.streetlevel.uwstout.edu

Thurs, December 10

Winterdaze Holiday parade and Fireworks, Downtown Menomonie
<http://www.mainstreetmenomonie.org>

Thurs, December 10, 8 pm

Daredevil Christopher Wright w/ The New Audrey
The Underground, Memorial Student Center, UW-Stout

Recreation

Fri, November 20, 27, December 4, 11, 18, 7:30-9:30pm

Eau Claire International Folk Dancers
A weekly recreational international dance group where you dance the dances of many lands. Come and join us whenever you like. Everyone is welcome, and no partners are necessary. Wear comfortable clothing. Please bring soft-soled, non-marking, clean shoes in order to preserve the wood floor we dance on. The first Friday of each month is Beginners' Night.

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BOOK

Title: *Every Young Man's Battle*

Author:

Stephen Arterburn and Fred Stoeker

Where to buy:

Jesus Fellowship Bookstore
621 Wilson Ave.,
Menomonie, or Amazon.com

Purity, No Longer a Hopeless War

In my literary travels, I recently picked up a book called *Every Young Man's Battle*. It is a book dealing with the issues encountered by men as they battle to achieve sexual purity. In my life before Christ found me, I struggled for years with keeping my eyes and hands to myself. No one had ever told me what it meant to be "pure" until recently. With no real definition as to what sexual immorality really was, I never made much effort to change how I acted or thought. I had so many unanswered questions that I was too scared to address and too scared to ask. I just figured that it was just the way I was and I never made any effort to change.

God offers sexual purity as a choice to us, along with all of the blessings associated with it. Contrary to what the rest of the world tells you, God isn't trying to be a killjoy; He knows the destructive wake sexual sin can leave in our lives and He desires so much better for us. If you have many unanswered questions regarding sex and what God has to say about it as I did, this book is for you. *Every Young Man's Battle* is an honest, straight-to-the-point look at what it really means to be sexually pure. It gives biblical evidence that God desires us to be pure, defines sexual purity, and goes over practical ways to apply these principles to your life.

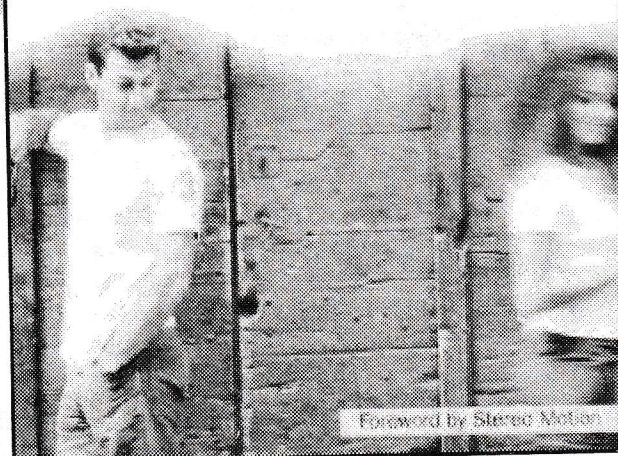
I can tell you from experience that even though the battle for one's mind is brutal, and may even seem impossible

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Stephen Arterburn
Fred Stoeker with Mike Yorkey

every young man's battle

Strategies for Victory
in the Real World of Sexual Temptation

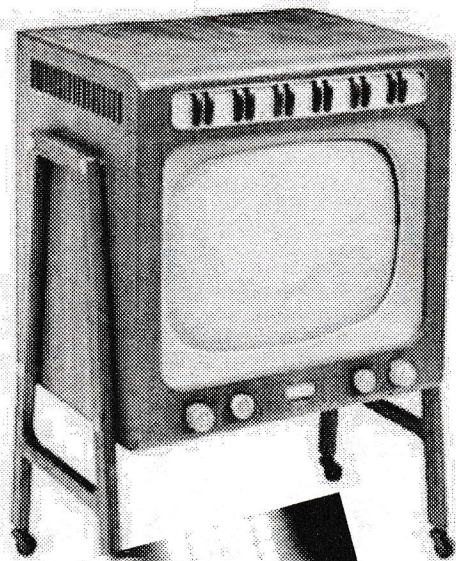


Foreword by Stereo Motion

at times, the benefits far outweigh the hardships. My relationships with women in general have greatly improved. Implementing many of the concepts I've learned in this book, such as avoiding watching movies with racy scenes, has helped me to better look at women as people and not like objects. Not only that,

"If you have many unanswered questions regarding sex and what God has to say about it as I did, this book is for you."

but as an added benefit, my walk with Christ is much richer. Without the loads of garbage floating around my head, it's made it easier to hear Him speak to me. So I challenge you to take up the fight for your mind. There is no better time to start than now, and you will never regret picking up your sword.



How well do you know your movies?

This is a test of your Emergency Movie Quotation Knowledge System. This is only a test. In the event that you should actually need to know a movie quote, watch or read more about the movie in question. The answers to this test are upside down at the bottom of the page. This concludes the broadcast of the Emergency Movie Quotation Knowledge System.

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1. Austin Powers:
International Man of
Mystery _____

2. Ferris Bueller's Day
Off _____

3. The Godfather _____

4. Happy Gilmore _____

5. Monty Python And The Holy
Grail _____

6. O Brother, Where Art Thou

7. Office Space _____

8. Tommy Boy _____

9. Top Gun _____

10. Young Guns _____

a. I don't like my job and I don't think I'll go
anymore.

b. Only the meek get pinched. The bold survive.

c. What the American public doesn't know is what
makes them the American public, alright?

d. Jimi Hendrix deceased, drugs. Janis Joplin
deceased, alcohol. Mama Cass deceased, ham
sandwich.

e. Did you guys see the size of that chicken?

f. I don't want to talk to you no more, you empty
headed animal food trough wiper! I fart in your
general direction! Your mother was a hamster
and your father smelled of elderberries!

g. The defense department regrets to inform you
that your sons are dead because they were
stupid.

h. In Sicily, women are more dangerous than
shotguns.

i. During high school, I played junior hockey and
still hold two league records: most time spent in
the penalty box; and I was the only guy to ever
take off his skate and try to stab somebody.

j. Well, it didn't look like a two-horse town, but try
finding a decent hair jelly.

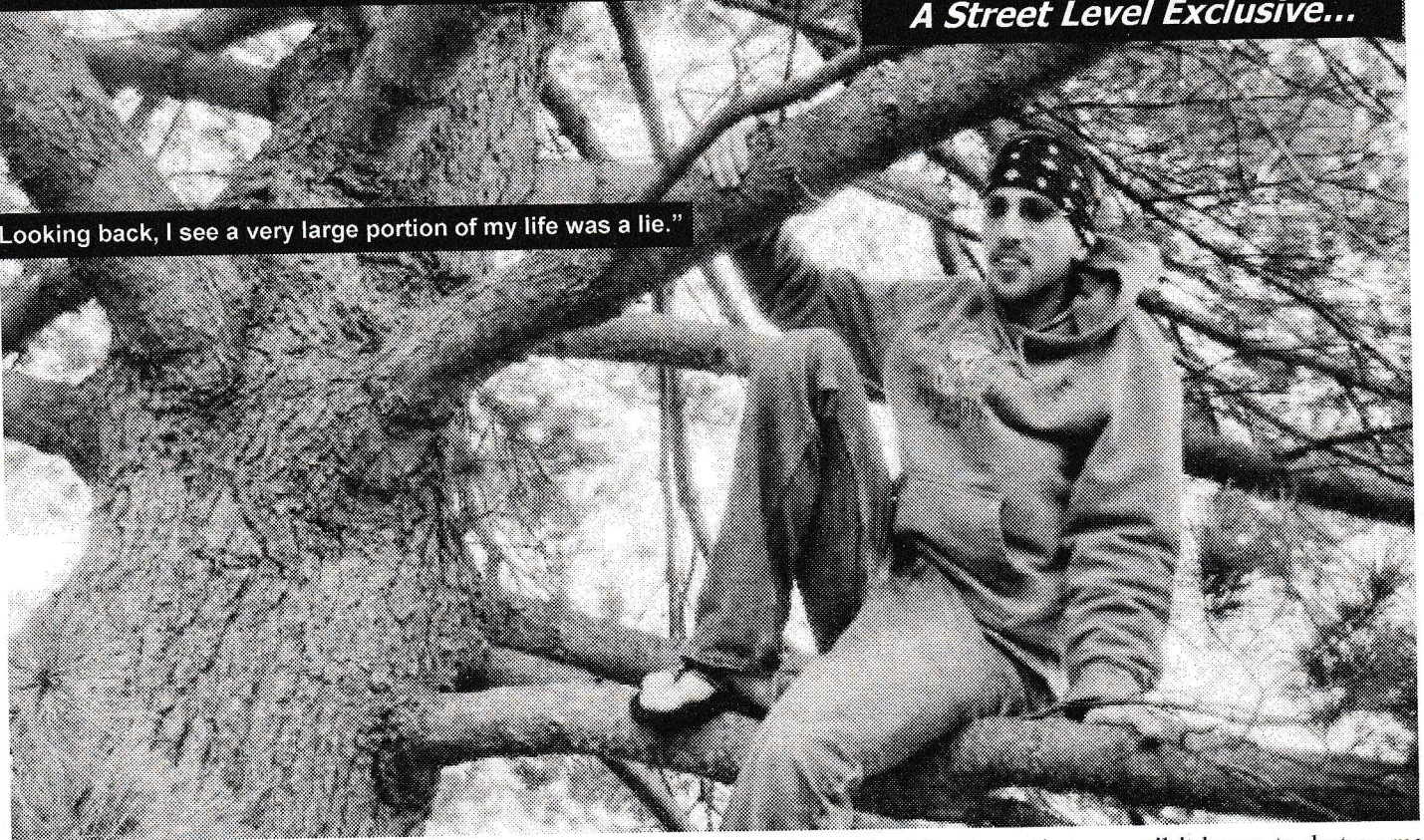
Movie Quotation Quiz Answers:
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I realized what I had been searching for all along...

A Street Level Exclusive...

"Looking back, I see a very large portion of my life was a lie."

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It is hard to summarize what my life has been like in something as short as a page. Many people have written biographies that are sometimes thousands of pages in length. Though I may not have lived as long as some of these people, the events that have brought me to writing this could fill volumes.

Growing up in a Christian family I always identified myself as Christian, if anything, by default. My mom started taking us to church when I was about ten years old, and a couple of years later, my dad began going as well. We never were very serious about our faith, at least I wasn't, and we were very much the "Sunday goin' to meet'n" type of Christians for many years.

Looking back, I see a very large portion of my life was a lie. When we were in public I was always respectful towards others and obeyed my parents, thus giving the impression of one that was well behaved. At home, though, it was another story. I would get in verbal fights with my parents on a regular basis and did not get along very well with my older siblings. I had much resentment towards my father especially.

Our relationship was almost non-existent after the age of about seven, probably because he didn't know how to deal with me anymore. It was hard for me because I was extremely emotional. This completely went against the "man's man" image that was portrayed by my dad. He rarely showed emotion, except when it was anger. I unfortunately did the same.

Behind the anger laid an ugly truth. For many years, I struggled with depression and a very negative self image. Since I never felt as though I could talk to anyone about it, I

just internalized it more and more until it began to destroy me from the inside out. This led to several near attempts at suicide, of which I have told no one until the last year. Once

I was old enough to get out of the house more, it began to manifest itself in even more negative ways.

At about age of thirteen I began dating, which then began a downward spiral that lasted almost nine years. My life became more and more of an emotional rollercoaster. Many of my relationships hardly lasted more than a month. In-between relationships I became more and more depressed, leading me to search for things to fill my life with to try and fill the void that I felt. These attempts included things like jobs and eventually school and careers.

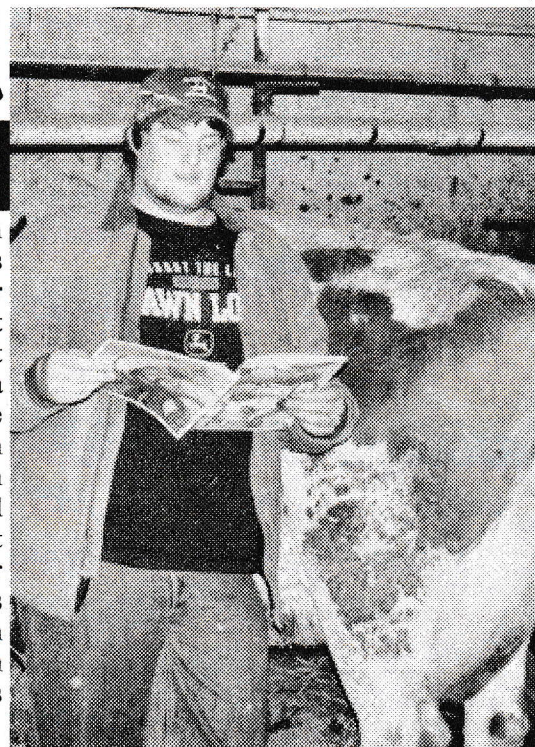
As the years passed, nothing seemed to fill the void or quench the pain that I felt. Finally, after my most involved relationship ended, I realized what I had been searching for all along. This moment of clarity took place in my brother's living room, with his brother-in-law Jordan sharing his testimony with me. He shared with me how God had worked to bring him out of a life of drug use and alcoholism to a place of peace. I can very vividly remember breaking down in tears in front of him even though we hardly knew each other.

It is amazing to see what God has done in the past couple of years since this event. Jordan and I are now the best of friends and serve together at our church. My focus has shifted more from career towards service in God's kingdom, and God continues to blow my mind with the things He does. Finally, after so many years of pain, I have peace, I have purpose, and a type of joy that has a tendency of weirding people out.

A Word From the Barn... NICK THE HICK

Today's Topic: Staying Fashionably Warm

Right away I will let ya'll know what keeps a regular fella like me warm in the winter. A Carhartt coat over my shoulders and Caterpillar boots on the feet. Now if there is one thing that eats up the girdles in the winter it's them people sporting pink fluff jackets and funny furry boots. What made keepin' warm go from survival to fashion! You know what they want for dem boots? I don't but I bet it's enough to keep the house warm for a month. These hats too, I tell ya, quit copying the practical bland ones of the past with yer fancy ones. You know how many people ya see shivering on the corner in there so called fancy winter dressin'? Back in my day when havin' a coke meant going to the store and drinkin' a soda, a guy could roll around in the snow and stay warm in the proper skin covers. Now it don't take a well sighted person to notice that plenty of people is wearing winter boots in the summer too. Let's break this down for the simple people. It's sunny you are wearing a t-shirt, shorts, and winter boots, what's wrong with this equation, circle the error. This isn't rocket science, it's bein' a common man, a common plan, a dog don't got a pedigree, common sense. Well that's enough grousing for now.

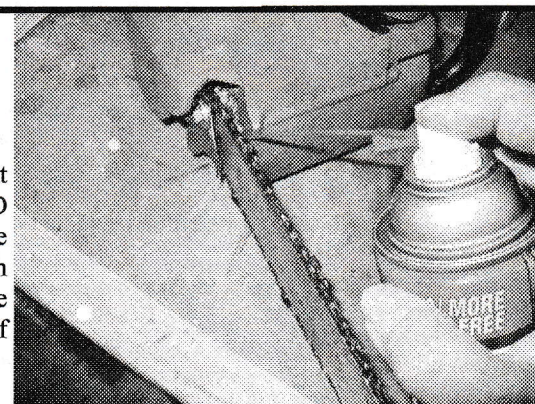


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Some of its Marvelous Uses

WD-40 has been around for 50 some years, but that isn't what makes it so special. The WD stands for Water Displacement and it took the scientists working on the formula back in 1953 40 attempts to come up with the formula that we know today. And since then, it seems that people have come up with over 2,000 uses for this wonderful product. Check out some of the more interesting uses taken from its official website: www.wd40.com.



- Removes tape from wall where poster was hung
- Cleans gunk built up on door knobs
- Shines tires
- Unsticks stuck Lego blocks
- Polishes silver jewelry
- Protects snow shovel from effects of salt
- Removes tomato stains from clothes
- Removes glue from carpet
- Cleans clogged inkjet nozzle



- Shines mailboxes
- Use full cans for bookends
- Removes tree sap
- Use to coat wire tomato plant cages to keep insects away
- Removes bike skid marks from driveway
- Removes tar from feet
- Shines diamonds
- My favorite: duct tape residue (goo) remover

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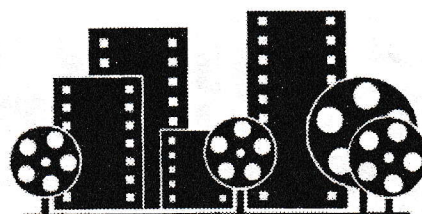
Eau Claire YMCA Fitness and Training Center,
216 Emery St., Eau Claire 835-4247

Sat, December 19

2nd Annual Tour of Lights

You can either bike or walk. Meet at Bad Cat
Bicycles, 327 E. Main St., at 5 pm. The ride
starts at 5:30 pm.

Contact Peter may for more information:
715.231.2453



ANN ARBOR FILM FESTIVAL

Indie Film Fest Comes to Stout

A handful of Stout students, professors, and curious community members filed into Applied Arts 321 on November 6th for a very personal, no cover viewing of the Ann Arbor Film Festival. The film fest, established in 1963, tours the country from Brooklyn to Los Angeles and everywhere in-between. Famous film directors such as Andy Warhol, Yoko Ono, Kenneth Anger, and Gus Van Sant showed some of their earliest work at the festival in years past. This year there were 6,000 to 7,000 independent film entries and 14 of them were chosen to go on tour. The beauty of the tour is in the variety of films; some are only 5 minutes long and others are 25, some are purely visual and some pack a hard-hitting documentary-style message. Here is a sampling of a few of the standout films.

"Dahlia" by Michael Langan is a 5 minute film shot in fast forward motion. Low-angle shots of a busy city street behind a cast iron fence portrayed how something constant can be surrounded by chaos. This eye candy was followed by other similar scenes of luminescent flowers and dramatically lit sidewalks. The underlying soundtrack of rhythmic breathing gave the short film its full effect.

"Passages" by Marie-Josie Saint-Pierre is an autobiographical French film roughly 24 minutes long about a young woman's poignant journey through a problematic pregnancy. This film was uniquely illustrated using semi-realistic figures drawn with white lines against a black background. Although there was lack of

detail in the drawing, the faceless outline of the mother's head and the catch in her voice as she narrated spoke volumes. The people the mother encountered at the hospital and beyond were beasts or clowns or robots, depending on the attitude of their character. Later on in the film, real pictures and footage of the mother with her child were added in with white outlines. The creative approach and true story of injustice made it almost impossible not to connect personally with this film.

"A City to Yourself" by Nicole MacDonald is a documentary about the decline of Detroit, Michigan. The film was shot over a three year period from 2005-2008. It shows the desolation of a once thriving city that had over a million people vacate since 1960. Throughout the film, MacDonald's matter-of-fact voice sets the tone for what you see on the screen. *"The fields just take over. There emerges a collaborative sculpture between man and nature. City blocks become fields."*

As the camera pans over multitudes of

Low-angle shots of a busy city street behind a cast iron fence portrayed how something constant can be surrounded by chaos.

abandoned, run down factory buildings littering downtown Detroit, MacDonald observes, *"If people are suffering so should the buildings."*

Born and raised in Detroit, she takes a different perspective on the city, seeing it as a quiet city full of character yet not of people; a city to herself. She says that most people want to look away when they see failure, but she sees beauty in it.

With the quality and popularity of the tour and short films in general, it is surprising that so few students attended the event this year. There is no doubt these films display excellent cinematography with controversial themes, but here they didn't get the appropriate acclaim. Those who attended, however, got a unique perspective of the current world of independent film making. Maybe one day we'll be at the movie theatre watching one of these directors' works on the big screen. Until then, the films can be purchased online at www.aafilmfest.org

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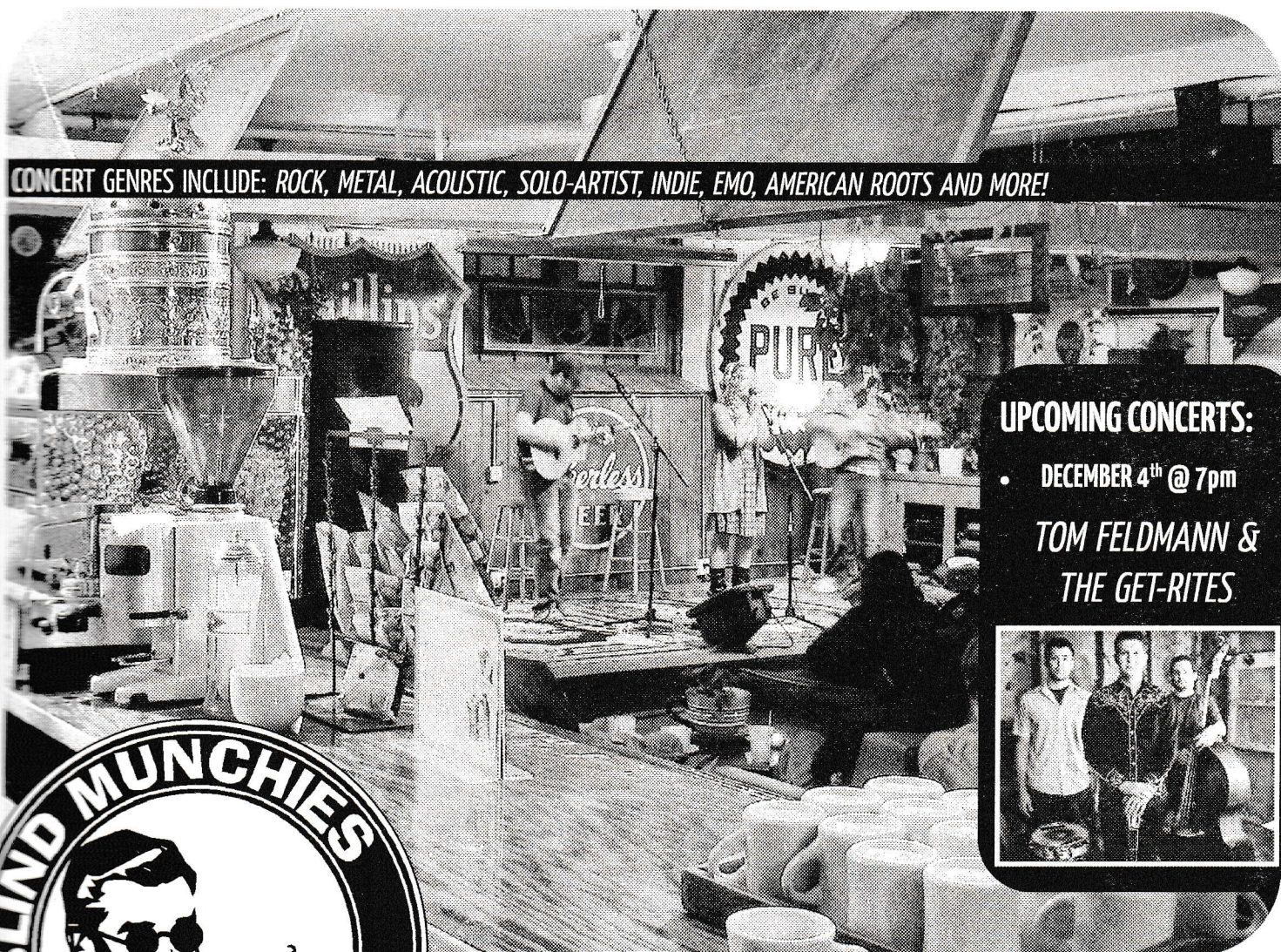
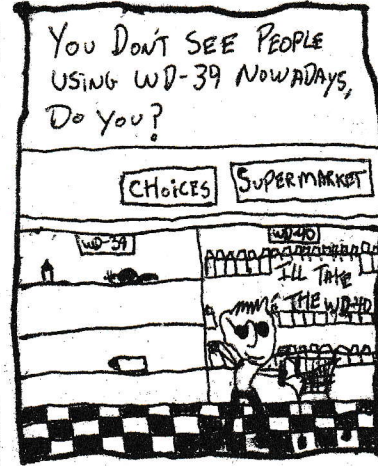


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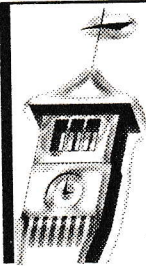


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