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Fishbowl to Get Major Upgrades

S109. For years, students have trekked to the Fishbowl, CUW's well-known 24-hour computer lab, to print off papers, watch Youtube videos, or attempt to hack into secret government databases. It's common to see students hunched over Fishbowl keyboards at 3 in the morning, desperately attempting to break encryptions, plant viruses, or harvest secret personal information. The Fishbowl is certainly a landmark for students, and most would be surprised and sad to hear that it's being closed down for two semesters.

Sad, but true: the Fishbowl will not be operational for the next full school year. The reason, according to the Committee for the Prevention of Sadness and Boredom (CPSB), is that the current Fishbowl is "just too boring." After one student complained of being incredibly bored by the stupid monotonous inspirational posters on the walls, as well as the boring carpet and the boring desks, the CPSB decided to take action. The renovation will be a year-long project, and students are expected to make do without a real 24-hour computer lab while the Fishbowl is closed.

The story got interesting when the CPSB unveiled their design for the new Fishbowl.

Going with a literal angle, the design will turn the Fishbowl into an actual aquarium, complete with colorful tropical fish, algae-sucking catfish cleaning the windows, and various immobile anemones and such. "We just really want to immerse the students in the experience of computing with the fishes," stated an official press release.

The logistics still baffle most sane people; computers, last time this author checked, do not function underwater, and humans do not have gills, or at least functional ones. However, the CPSB assures everyone who asks that "the details are being delved into, and you're a nosy reporter. I don't care if you write for the only real newspaper on-campus. Leave me alone. I'm hungry. My mommy's calling." (At this point in the interview the CPSB spokesman grew incoherent and began to foam at the mouth. Two men in white coats entered the room and subdued him.)

Rumor has it that students will be required to undergo a special surgery to graft gills onto the neck, although the specifics of this plan have yet to be revealed. For now, students can look forward to a full year of Fishbowl-less computing, and after that...?

Your Horoscope



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Aries
The zodiac proclaims the following: "Hear ye, hear ye, I, the great farseeing one, the Zodiac, am severely underpaid* and my advice under-appreciated. Also, the person responsible for me sleeping on the couch tonight is an Aries. Thus, until my situation improves I have no choice but to withhold all Aries fortunes."

Taurus
A new path will unfold before you, a new wind is blowing, a new sun, altogether different from those that came before it rises. These will be the signs of a new cycle, a new paradigm, a new mode of existence. Unfortunately I regret to tell you that you only have one week of paid vacation this year so it's gonna be a really, really, short new path/new wind blowing/new sun rising thing after which you'll be back behind your desk in no time.

Gemini
You indeed have an affinity for the divine and beautiful. It has even been said that in your greatest writing you passionately plumb the depths of the human soul. However, you have erred greatly in thinking that you, in a sense, are the true "Joe the Plumber". You are actually just one of precisely #1,203,234 "Joe the Pizza Delivery Poets" currently residing on the planet earth. Also, you were very late so consider that piece of advice your tip.

Cancer
It is said that it takes every kind of people to make what life's about. However, oracle that I am, I'm having quite a difficult time divining exactly what it is that you bring to the table.

Leo
You need to pay more heed to signs and wonders. The sign that said "Community Watch Out! Group" should have made you wonder what kind of neighborhood you were moving into. Now you just wonder where your car is. Not to mention your garage door.

Virgo
Congratulations Virgo, your lucky sentence this month is "Do I look like I care?" Your fortune

\$37 Billion Dollar Monorail System Installed

CUW. Students at CUW's Mequon campus today were pleasantly surprised to discover that the University assembled a \$37 billion monorail system, dubbed the Falcon One Rail, from 2:00 - 2:30 AM last night. The monorail, which has routes to places as diverse as MATC, Miller Park, and Epcot Center, was requested by SGA a few weeks ago.

"Actually, we just said the University should have rental vehicles for students without cars to use to get around," said SGA Director of Transportation Brock Ebbers. "But I guess this is pretty cool, too."

SGA has been derided by many as unimportant and impotent, but the successful installation of a thirty-seven billion dollar hyper-speed cross-coun-

try mega-monorail will certainly change those perceptions. "This will make students forget all about our unsuccessful campaign for 2-ply toilet paper in resident halls," said Elias.

Since it is widely known that the once-secret gold mine that had been funding the campus' Master Plan ran out last month, questions about the source of funds are of primary concern to second year student Alison Freish. Said Alison, "Without Old Man Mequon's gold, there is no way they can build this and not triple the tuition!"

Campus Credit Coordinator Steve Jarvist had this to calm Alison's fears of a tuition spike. "Near the end of last year when it was apparent our gold was running



The newly installed monorail, seen zooming past the Sports Fitness Center at approximately 300 mph.

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will be directly proportional to the number of times you utter these very lucky, lucky words. However, there are two conditions. First, you are only allowed to utter the lucky words when you see someone in a board room or classroom pointing to a graph. Second, you must scream the words through a megaphone.

Libra

Bad economies are known to bring strange scams and schemes out of the woodwork. In this case no flimsy fortune or advice can substitute a concrete material product. I personally recommend my proven twelve step Scam n' Scheme Detection System complete with the NoBull Truth Education Kit. Guaranteed to provide a secondary income, simply recruit twelve friends and get them on board as well. Graduates receive certified "Snake Oil Recognition" diploma (or optional medallion with five easy installments of \$25.99).*

Scorpio

Go forth cunning Scorpio and strike a shrewd balance between the so called 'tried and true' and the roll of the dice. Traditional investments appear less secure than ever at this particular moment as parrots, monkeys and several above-average hamsters are outperforming career financial advisors again. With large scale unemployment on the horizon the oracle suggests disproportionate investment in firms producing either potato chips or extra-comfy sofas or daywear pajamas.

Sagittarius

Hail inventive Sagittarius! Your new TimeBeGone 2009, a computer which only plays YouTube and Facebook will eventually replace the cumbersome and bloated machines of today which still allows users to perform dull tasks, for instance, 'typing words'.

Capricorn

The devil is in the details. A road trip to find the worst parking spot has gotten out of hand for you and your friends since you enthusiastically embarked before sticking around to hear the two key conditions 'legal' and 'on-campus'.

Aquarius

As the semester wanes so too does your optimism about the college life, your chances to get back together with your ex from high school and your pending internship with TimeBeGone LLC. The stars show indifference to your predicament. However the stars could be persuaded otherwise.*

Pisces

A perfect storm involving the return of an infamous publication, hard financial times and the failure of your old horoscope generating software to run on a third rate operating system will have you yet again interlacing your unbiased astral forecasts with incredibly subtle and highly clever propositions for cash.

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Plan That Seemed "Crazy Enough to Work", Doesn't

Wittenberg Parking Lot. Police and firefighters arrived on campus late last night in response to reports that a massive explosion had ripped through the Wittenberg parking lot. Four men were rushed to nearby Columbia St. Mary's hospital for burns, one of whom is still in critical condition. Witnesses say that the trouble began after one of the residents could not get his car to start and hatched a scheme that "sounded just crazy enough to work."

"I think it was [Brad Melante's] car," said nearby Wartburg resident Jennifer Jones, "He and some friends were going to go out to McDonald's to get some food, but the car wouldn't start. They then opened up the hood and found the radiator was low on fluid, but they didn't have any extra."

It was then, campus safety investigators believe, that Melante took some oil, gasoline, gun powder and carrot juice and poured it into the car's engine. "I told him it was stupid, but he said that the gasoline would get the 'radiator started' while the gun powder scared the engine, then the oil would be able to cool things down because it would be able to 'see better' with the carrot juice. I didn't know anything about cars, but his plan sounded reasonable to me. It wasn't until the engine exploded and the car caught on fire that it seemed like a really bad idea."

This incident is one of several in the past

four months where someone has ignored the basic laws of science and common sense in hopes of a quick fix solution. "In my twenty years on the force, I've seen all sorts of these things, but they never cease to amaze me," said Sgt. Ronald Partridge of the Special Crimes Division at the Mequon Police Department. "Umbrellas for parachutes, attempting to use oars to speed the journey of a power boat, hoping to counteract the effects of a clearly labeled bottle of 'poison' by quickly scrawling the word 'antidote' on another vessel of similar size and shape: it's ridiculous."

Local authorities are asking all students to refrain from engaging in activities that sound "crazy enough to work," assuming it is truth because "it sounds stranger than fiction."



A local firefighter watches helplessly as the inferno rages. Photo by eyewitness Jennifer Jones.

Sodexo Announces "Foodless Fridays"

Siebert Dining Hall. Advancing the recently implemented Trayless Thursdays to its next logical step, Sodexo's Political Action Manager, Glenn Hampton announced yesterday that they will soon be starting a "Foodless Friday" initiative. "Trayless Thursdays have been a great success so far in our continuing effort to go green," said Hampton. "But we feel we can do even better. Starting next semester, we will be removing all food items from the menu on Fridays."

When asked if the removal of actual food items would mean a reduced price of admittance for meal seekers, Hampton was not sure. "The goal is to become as completely green as possible," he continued. "This is not a move designed to save the students money, but rather a move to save the planet."

So far the proposal has been met with mixed reviews. "I think it is a great idea," said Political Science major Traci Andrews. "The amount of food that goes to waste in this country is just crazy. If no one gets any food, they can't waste any either!" Third year marketing student Jeffrey Lamford has a different perspective. "This has nothing to do with 'going green!'" he exclaimed. "They're just trying to rip students off in every way they can! Well, I've had enough. I am going to start up an underground cafeteria. We will smuggle in food from different fast food

restaurants every day and sell it to students who just want to get some tasty food for a change." Lamford went on to explain that although the prices would have a significant markup to help fund his new food service, his prices would still be a better value than Sodexo, even when they do serve food.

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out, we launched the Concordia Credit Union. Then all we had to do was hand out mortgages for Mequon homes to student workers making fifty cents above minimum wage. The CCU inevitably failed, so now we have hundreds of billions of dollars flowing in from government bailout money!"

Despite the monorail's hefty price tag, Information Technology's Marketing Director Tim Gross expects it to be a huge source of revenue. "Our new monorail website, www.falcononerail.com, is expected to generate 300 billion dollars a year in advertising alone, as we expect seven billion people to visit the site daily."

The One Rail will be a boon for students needing to travel from Coburg to Wittenberg in less than 10 seconds, Panera Bread, or the Superdome. "Now I'll never be late for a date on the south side again!" said 3rd year social work student George Lauer.