

# THE SHADOW



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## Computer Science Students Occupy Dorm Room

**Regents.** New Associate Vice President Sarah Ann Coleman's increasingly dreadful year took a turn for the worse yesterday as University officials announced that two computer science students, juniors Frank Kinder and Jeremy Weektow, have been occupying their Regents Residence Hall dorm room for 4 days and counting.

"Don't these people have any classes?" asked Associate Vice President Coleman. The protest is just another in a string of occupations including a pair of Alpha Chi sit-ins and the Pre-Sem Student Association's (PSSA) ongoing campaign against Martin Luther Bobble-Heads.

Campus Safety says that the two computer scientists began their occupation last Thursday evening when senior Exercise Physiology major, Staci Smith, noted the two entering their room after dinner. "I saw them in there at, like, 7pm when I left for a party, and they were like still there when I came back at 2am," she said.

When Smith saw them still within the room as she left for a party on Friday she asked why they hadn't left. "All they would say was like 'Float! See out!' or something. I think that's the name of their group. Something big is going to happen Thursday, too. They said that's

when their, like, 'Program' is due or something. Creepy."

Smith told Campus Safety of the situation when she stumbled home early Monday and noted the pair still in their room. "It's like, hey, don't you guys party? Then I realized that they must be, like, a group protesting something."

Monday evening A.V.P. Coleman met with the pair in their dorm. "They were still on their computers, but I talked with them. They said that this is a normal weekend pattern and that, if anything, they were protesting the release date of

Half Life 2 being pushed back again."

Coleman left immediately thereafter, claiming she had to meet with the Art Guild regarding a purchase of a new piece of art for the courtyard. "This is really getting excessive," said a frustrated Coleman. "I mean, does anyone *really* know what the heck those things are even supposed to be?"

Prominent uber-rich-geek and software superhero Bill Gates had heard of the protest and was flying out to organize a rally for the protesting programmers, but upon arrival, he was informed of the true situation. "It's disappointing, I guess," said Gates. "I even had a cool slogan made up: 'Everyone else is protesting, so buy Windows XP or we'll confiscate your PC'."

When *The Shadow* talked with the two computer gee... scientists about their dorm occupation, they were dismissive. "Occupation?" asked Weektow. "Ha! That's a good one. We computer guys are gonna be the only ones *with* occupations after college!"

*The Shadow's* reporter tried to ask further questions but the students had returned to searching for Half Life 2 information.



Jeremy Weektow at his desk in Regents.

## Freshman Learns "Stairway To Heaven" On Guitar; Touts Godlike Status



Freshman Nathan Eastridge playing his 113<sup>th</sup> performance of Stairway to Heaven in Heidelberg Lounge.

**Albrecht Lounge; Random girls' dorm rooms.** Freshman Nathan Eastridge claims his recent acquisition of a Yamaha F310 acoustic guitar, along with roommate Josh Lowe's instruction on Led Zeppelin's "Stairway to Heaven" has elevated him to a transcendental

status with the female students on campus.

"It's like, the Heidelberg girls used to, you know, just kind of walk by without noticing me and stuff. But now, I just sit there with my guitar, and everybody's like, 'Can you play Stairway to Heaven?' and I'm like, 'yeah.' I've already got three phone numbers, and five chicks want me to teach them how to play. This is, like, totally

awesome!"

Others, however, are skeptical about Scott's newfound talent. Tamara De Lancy, Junior, commented, "Yeah, I've seen these guys all over the place. I transferred from UWM, and oh my god; you can't walk ten feet without another Bob-Dylan-wannabe sitting there with a bunch of freshmen ditzes mooning all over them.

"Yeah, they can play Stairway to Heaven, but ask them if they can play Julio Sagreras's Leccino number 83, that one gets them every time."

But skepticism and citations of obscure Spanish classical guitar manuscripts aren't the only responses to Eastridge's one-hit-wonder performances. "He is so talented. I wish he'd be my boyfriend. Then he could play for me all the time. It's so magical; Led Zeppelin, a factory-produced guitar from Japan, and all just for me..." mused freshman Ashley Pratt as she

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## Bookstore Resorts To Taking Arms; Legs

**Bookstore.** Recognizing that most students can't afford to purchase the overpriced textbooks that it peddles, the CUW bookstore announced that they will now be charging an arm and a leg for books. "We know that sales are down," explained a bookstore spokesperson in a press conference held Monday. "The supply is greater than the demand. It's hard to compete when the students can purchase their books for much less using sites like collegebookstoressuck.com. Our business model wasn't working. We had to adapt. The only constant is change. That's why our new policy is so reasonable. No more shelling out \$90. We've reduced the price to an arm and a leg."

Some students call the change unnecessary since their parents buy all the books anyways, but those who use their own hard earned money say that an arm and a leg really isn't too far fetched. See BOOKSTORE, Page 2

# IT Help Desk Renamed 'IT Desk'

**Concordia.** Concordia Director of Naming Affairs, Lisa Summers, reluctantly announced Tuesday that the IT Help Desk has been renamed 'IT Desk'. "I was having trouble sending out a memo to the entire campus," Summers told *The Shadow*. "We were planning on announcing that the Lakeshore Room was going to be renamed the 'Pretty Far From The Lakeshore Room'. I wanted to create a specially formatted email to let everyone know. But I was having trouble attaching the thing to my email. So I called up the IT Help Desk and they told me they'd get right on it. Instead they sent some creature to my office. He babbled on about the difference between Outlook 2000 and Outlook Express and when all was said and done the problem wasn't solved. I threatened to rename the 'IT Help Desk' to 'IT Desk' and then later found out that that's what everyone calls it anyways. This name change is long overdue."

Some people who wish to remain anonymous say that relatively soon the 'IT' and 'Desk' will

also be dropped from the name.

"Do you know what IT stands for?" asked the anonymous person. "I'll tell you. It stands for Infested with Termites. Tell me, how long do you think an IT desk can really last? Not long at all. We'll soon all be calling it the 'Pile Formerly Known As The IT Desk'."



A newly imposed modification to the IT (Help) Desk sign.

# Mocking Of Exiled Friend Raises Clique Members' Self Esteem

**Concordia.** The members of one of Concordia's most enduring clique's have recently explained the key to their exceptionally high self esteems. "Self esteem is all about comparing yourself to the refuse of the earth," said clique member Liz Shirlees. "By refuse of the earth I mean Trevor Twiffle. Most of what our clique revolves around is hanging out and just chilling, and chilling usually means cracking a few jokes at Twiffle's expense."

Clique founder, Noah Johnstin says Twiffle was exiled from the clique two years ago because "he was bringing us all down" and "Twiffle's a drag".

"Don't even get me started on Twiffle," said life-of-the-clique Anthony Davies.

"When you think you're not as popular as you used to be, just look at Twiffle and you'll be able to look yourself in the mirror every morning and not break a sweat," Megan Ginidelli laughed.

Asked about his status as the clique's butt-of-all jokes, Twiffle says he has no idea why they continue to mock him long after the falling out. "I see them staring and laughing at their table in the cafeteria," Twiffle says. "And I know they're using me to boost their self esteem. Seems like only yesterday we were all listening to a strange frequency, waiting for the latest commands from our planet. And I said, 'This is sooo boring. I'm going down to the Nest for some of that liquid known as coke.' And that was it, I was out of the clique."

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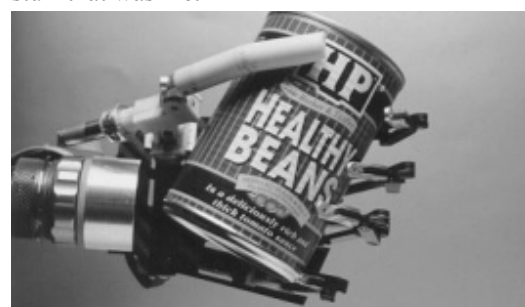
"It's a relief to be honest," said sophomore Jack Kerwon who spent half his life savings on textbooks last year. "I know I'll be able to afford textbooks now. It's not what you think. The bookstore is providing prosthetic limbs. They're better than anything made of flesh, of course. Not as pretty, but...well let's just say you won't burn your hands again, and they'll give you an edge in arm wrestling. It's an even trade and the bookstore has an implanting booth right next to the amputation booth right near the checkout."

Asked what they will do with the amputated limbs, the bookstore explained that the flesh is shipped to the publishers who are using it to create a new, environmentally friendly form of paper.

"It's weird to think," said Kerwon, "That this time next year I could be using my robot hand to read about anatomy on paper made out of the stuff that was me."



The new price of knowledge.



The prosthetic hands are excellent can openers.

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trailed off into a glassy-eyed stupor. There is a general assent on first-floor Heidelberg that Eastridge is "definitely the hottest guy this week."

When asked for his opinion, roommate Josh Lowe responded, "Hey, this is crap. I taught that little creep how to play, and I never get any attention! Heck, I can play way more than Led Zepelin. I know Bush, Pearl Jam, Metallica; the list goes on. I guess the difference is I don't sit out in the lounges like a street musician. At least I have my pride." Lowe ended the interview abruptly by staring at his Kurt Cobain poster and repeatedly muttering, "You never sold out Kurt, never."

# Boring Book Passed Around In Class

**Concordia.** A boring book was passed around in a religion class last Friday, completing its journey from the instructor's hands all the way around the room of thirty-four students in less than two minutes. Freshman Beth Carpennter says most students just looked at the object and then passed it on. "Only one person really looked at the book," Carpennter told us.

"A few people opened it up to be polite, but only Randy Hibbers really looked at it. He turned a few pages, pretended to be really interested and uttered a few *hmmm interesting's* loud enough for professor Kirke to hear." Following the passing of the book, the tooth of a long dead saint was passed around in a record breaking ten seconds.

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