

Disc golf floats back onto campuses

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If you're short on cash, but long for fun, Frisbee golf may be just the sport for you.

Many universities now have courses on their campuses.

The U. of Wisconsin, Platteville, has one

such on-campus course. Gary Marquardt and Troy Berchem, seniors in electrical engineering, were the moving forces behind the course's design. "I don't really like competitive sports," Marquardt said. "I can come out here all alone and relax." The sport is played like golf, but substitutes a flying disc for the ball and club. The object

of the game is to hit a marker in the fewest number of throws. "It's another disc sport I can play that is more relaxing than Ultimate Frisbee," Chris Archer of Humboldt State U. said. Ed Levy, who designed Rutgers course in 1982, said, "I was really skeptical of how popular (the course) would be. Now it's used like crazy all of the time."



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A new element of on-the-quad fun.

STUDENT BODY BRIEFLY

Whadja say? Warning: Loud music can be hazardous to your hearing. Nothing new there, but some campuses have started noticing that students are losing their hearing quicker than they might think. A ringing noise, called tinnitus, has been found in some students who listen to consistently loud noises, mostly music. John Brandt, professor of hearing at the U. of Kansas, said this type of hearing loss is becoming evident at KU and across the country. "When someone walks by wearing a Walkman and you can hear the music, they are in danger of damaging their hearing." Car stereos and live bands, both of which college students often listen to in their normal environments, also can cause hearing loss. The best solution: "Turn down the volume," Brandt said. ■ Justin Knupp, *The University Daily Kansan*, Kansas U.

A health breakthrough... A new technology developed by the U. of California, Davis and IBM will soon make it easier for doctors to perform hip replacement surgery on humans. Robodoc, which was developed for animal surgery, is just months from being used by doctors on a trial basis to do hip replacements on humans. Currently, hip replacements are performed using a metal rasp to hammer out an area in the femur where the implant will be replaced. The old method cracked bones during drilling. Robodoc cuts exact holes in the bone so that the replacement is less likely to cause doctors problems during the replacement process. Robodoc uses state-of-the-art computer technology to locate the exact location of the desired drilling area. ■ Jonathan Silvers, *California Aggie*, U. of California, Davis

Going to the mat... Members of Yale's wrestling team are suing the university for a breach of contract after the athletic department refused to reinstate the team to varsity competition. Yale's athletic department said it is attempting to scale down the athletic program for management purposes. Wrestlers are angry with the university for going back on the terms of their recruitment. ■ Jessica Gerstle, *Daily Spectator*, Columbia U.

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