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Beacon designer dismissed

BY DAYNE LOGAN
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After a yearlong test run, the Northwestern College Beacon student newspaper has decided to discontinue its use of a creative director. This past fall, Beacon Advisor Dayne Logan hired Jeriah Dunk for the new position in hopes of enhancing the newspaper's design capabilities.

"I want the editors to be able to focus more on editing and building a sense of community; design is currently eating up too much of their time each week," Logan said in an interview this past November.

The move appeared to pay dividends at first when the Beacon and Dunk launched a new design this January that received an overwhelmingly positive response from readers. However, the new design also ruffled some feathers in-house.

Beacon Editor-in-Chief Joelyn Van Dyke was so put off by the design and readers' reactions to it that she decided to terminate Dunk prior to the creation of this issue.

"All anyone ever talks about any more is how great the Beacon looks," Van Dyke said with only a hint of jealousy in her voice. " Doesn't anyone actually read the articles anymore?"

Arts and Culture Editor Lyric Morris shared similar sentiments.

"I won an award this year for review writing," Morris said. "But does anyone ever say, 'Wow, Lyric, you're an awesome writer'? No. They just rave and rave about the design. Jeriah didn't even win any awards. I'm the big deal here. Pay attention to me!"

In an attempt to prove that point, the Beacon editors put this issue together entirely on their own.

"Will people like the design?" Features Editor Jessie Schuldt asked. "I don't care if they like it. It's not a friggin' art gallery. It's a newspaper."

Sneaky students switch structures

BY MICHAEL SIMMELINK
SPORTS EDITOR

The Northwestern administrators are on the search for the culprits behind the latest, and perhaps most damaging, prank on campus.

"It is unlike anything we have ever seen," said President Craig Ghrity.

With the night sky as cover and the entire student body attending a Double D's dance, an unknown group of students moved three buildings on campus this past Saturday night. The perpetrators relocated the North Suites and West Hall while also flipping the Korver Arts Center around to face the opposite direction.

In the process, they damaged the already-fragile Learning Commons as they were being carried.

The damage is of biblical proportions. The North Suites is currently placed on the practice football field, which makes NW's newest dorm now the southernmost building on campus.

West Hall's destination was unclear. As soon as the building was picked up, pieces began to fall apart. The chunks grew larger and larger until the entire dorm essentially disintegrated in the middle of the green.

The art building did not receive a relocation as much as a reorientation. The building was rotated 180 degrees so the main entrance is now facing south towards the soccer complex.

"First of all, we want the student body to know we are not amused by these acts of vandalism," said Juliet Ermer Vellott, dean of student life.

"It was not a wise decision. We will pursue the highest degree of criminal punishment."

It is unclear which building caused the damage to the Learning Commons, but NW's largest source of pride shows signs of marring. Many windows are shattered, and bricks are displaced on the building's south side.

"The bathroom floors' finish is compromised, and the Common Grounds is virtually unusable, all a result of the prank," said Larry Von Tinkelstein, a member of the Board of Directors.

The question on everyone's lips is simply, who did it? Rumors are swirling, and concrete facts are difficult to come by.

"I think it was Heemstra," Mary Fallon said. "My friend's sister talked to her cousin and she heard from her boyfriend that they always do that sort of stuff!"

"My guess is it was the Hoppers girls," Harry Myers said. "I think they were pissed about getting kicked out of their dorm, so they just went super weird and moved the buildings."

Rewards, such as a $2 certificate to the Common Grounds or a guided tour of Zwenker Hall, are available for any information leading to the identification of the group responsible.

A new trend is emerging in physical fitness classes: students are starting to put effort into the Concepts of Physical Fitness classes. The concepts of physical fitness class may be a general education class, but students are putting more effort into it than previous years.

Donna Summers explains what she really likes about the class.

"I really enjoy the class. What is there not to like? We work out multiple times a week, fill out exercise logs and learn the Christian values about how we should treat our bodies."

Students are so excited about the class that they continue to attend the class even after it is over.

Some students go as far as to show up to their concepts classes up to an hour early.

"It is very flattering to see the students so excited about physical fitness," Coach San Dwier said.

Not only are students showing up to class early, but they are also completing more than just the required amount of workouts on their exercise logs. Since 2011, the amount of fully filled-out exercise logs has grown from 10 percent to 90 percent.

Students have even gone so far as to complete assignments that have not been assigned. There are workouts and worksheets that are in the book but are not assigned as part of the class, and the students work on them anyway.
With the upcoming destruction of West Hall, the moving of the men and the lack of housing for females on campus, Northwestern Residence Life was closing in on a cramming session.

"We were looking at placing three girls in a two-person dorm room in every female dorm," said Harlan Maverdink, director of residence life. "But we couldn't afford to risk the drama."

After many long discussions with contractors, administrators, donors and upperclassmen, another dorm will be added to campus in a pre-existing building. Beginning in the fall, Ramaker Library will become Ramaker Hall.

The previous plan of creating new office space and a homebase for the Student Activites Council, Campus Ministries and Career Development Services has been discarded as quickly as the old bricks on the walls.

"It was an abrupt change for sure, and now we have to work overtime on top of our overtime," said Rick Tennaple, a construction worker. "But they're paying us extra for it, so I guess we can make it work."

The re-renovated interior will have two floors and a complex hall system to accommodate the new residents. There will be room for 150 female students, with each room housing three girls. The resident director apartment will be fully furnished with a bathtub. Other furniture such as couches, bunk beds and desks from around campus will also be used.

"Thankfully we have a lot of extra furniture lying around, like the tub that didn't fit in the North Suites RD apartment," President Craig Gristy said. "We're recycling and trying to make the building cozy and have a well-worn feel."

Ramaker Hall will include three resident assistants who were selected from a pool of denied applicants. Two of the RAs will be placed on the first floor, and one will be on the smaller second floor. One of the RAs is Linda Vander Poop, a previous resident of Fern-Smith Hall.

"I think the new dorm will be really great since it's so large," Vander Poop said. "I'm a little leery of the couches being recycled from the plexes, but we can always cover them with sheets."

The construction crew is hoping to finish Ramaker on August 11, one day before fall sport athletes move in.

By Kaitlin Floerchinger

Opinion Editor

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By Sarah Wedel

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Discussion to Decrease Dollars Due

Last Friday an open forum was held in the chapel to discuss school tuition with students. Dean Juliet Ermeer-Velliott, Director of Residence Life Harlon Maverdink and President Creg Grasty hosted the forum. This year, several forums have been held to discuss policies regarding open dorm hours, Senior Bingo and students' opinions of the cafeteria.

"Since we have let students weigh in on all of these other topics, we thought why not discuss the cost of tuition with them?" Ermeer Velliott said. "After all, tuition is something that greatly impacts students."

The administration was very pleased with the turnout to the open forum. The chapel pews were full of students wanting to weigh in on how much their schooling should cost.

"We believe it is important to put the college's budget and the staff’s payrolls aside and focus on what is important," Gristy said. "And that is pleasing the student body. I mean without them we wouldn't even have a college."

At the open forum, there was an open microphone, at which students could share their opinions of the current cost of tuition. Many students expressed their belief that Northwestern costs too much even though many other private schools have similar tuition prices. Students want NW’s tuition to be comparable to public schools.

"I don't think that is an unreasonable request," Maverdink said.

After all the students wanting to share had a chance to speak, slips of paper with three different tuition options were handed out to everyone present. Students were given the instructions to circle the tuition price that best suited their desires. The three options were: $10,000, $20,000 or $30,000.

Grasty said the results of the survey would be reviewed and discussed by the administration and the board. He said students should expect to see a change to the cost of tuition.

"We are really pleased with the results of the open forums that have been held this year," Velliott said. "We believe channels of communication have been opened between the students and administration that will build an even stronger community on campus."

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Passed-up pews present problem

WITH ONLY A WEEK of chapel credits still available, one would think that more students would be frantically trying to fulfill their credit requirement. However, trends at Northwestern show the opposite. In fact, for several weeks now, no one has been attending chapel — literally no one.

“I think it’s surprising that students haven’t been showing up,” Chaplain Orlan Van Hort said. “Usually students love chapel, and they can’t seem to get enough of it.”

Students’ lack of attendance hasn’t seemed to affect the praise band. The band has vowed to play even with no one in the audience.

To be honest, I’ve reached my credit requirement so why go anymore?” Suzy Snoozer said. “I have to admit I will miss my midmorning nap.”

Many students such as Snoozer have confessed they will have a hard time adjusting their sleep schedule without chapel. But they’re not the only ones making adjustments. Chapel speakers have had to change their sleep schedule without chapel. They also had to make some changes, as well.

“We evaluated every possible alternative, but in the end, we felt that West Hall was a masterfully designed building that is truly fit to last through the centuries, much like the Roman coliseum and Greek Parthenon,” President Creg Gristy said. “We thought was put into the move.”

While the aesthetics of West are truly breathtaking, Ashley Van Sluugen said. “It is such a masterfully designed building that is truly fit to last through the centuries, much like the Roman coliseum and Greek Parthenon.”

The decision made by the committee of executives was not an easy one, and much thought was put into the move.

“We evaluated every possible alternative, but in the end, we felt that West Hall was a more valuable and everlasting symbol for Northwestern,” President Creg Gristy said. “We want to have all of our buildings to have a unified look and feel to them, and we felt that West certainly brings out the best in terms of curb appeal for NW.”

Because of the limited capacity in West, the girls will have to triple up in what were always two-person rooms. However, due to a lack of beds, two girls will have to share a mattress.

“Sharing a single bed with my roommate should be looked at as a blessing,” Van Sluugen said. “It just gives me another outlet for community, and I am truly thankful that NW has provided that for me.”

However, not all of the former West residents are happy that they now have to sleep outside in unfurnished tents.

“I’m paying over $35,000 to go to school here, and they make me sleep outside,” Jakub Eesau said. “The worst part of it is that they don’t consider me an on-campus resident anymore, so I don’t get a meal plan.”

An appeal has been made by the former residents of West that will be reviewed by the board of directors in six years.

Students who have decided not to fulfill the 45-credit requirement while others have opted to leave. This lack of attendance now leaves NW asking the question: Will chapel be in chapel, students have not been in attendance. The administrators are confused at the behavior of the student body because students are usually checking in at the bit to come in.

Thou shalt not tweet

Even though Lent is over and we are no longer encouraged to fast on Fridays, let us not forget the valuable lessons we learned on those days, especially regarding the social media disconnect. We, as the interaction-addicted generation, are completely dependent on our 3.5”-by-6.5 inch” iPhone screen and what it displays. Be it through blue boxes containing an “f”, a little bird, a camera or even a cute little white ghost, we are all guilty. So cut it off for 20 minutes a month, a week, a day even! Be bold and take the risk.

Let us remember the words of Psalm 119:97, written by a nameless worshiper, which says, “Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day.” Although we are not calling you to meditate upon it all day every day (though we should!), give up 20 minutes and reconnect with the Greatness that gave you those minutes. If 20 minutes can save you up to 20 percent on your car insurance, imagine what it can do for your spiritual life! After all, we all know the verse Philippians 4:13: “I can do all things through him who strengthens me.” Find that strength and get after it!
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Dayne Logan 2012-2014

Northwestern College professor of Communications, Dayne Logan has moved on to an arguably “better place.”

Logan was born sometime in the 80’s — a fact which might or might not contribute to his affinity for mustaches and more-fitted-than-average pants later in life.

He married his wife, Rachel, after studying Journalism at Kansas State University. The former Wildcat prowled through several jobs after school before settling in the Dutch tundra known as Orange City, Iowa.

During his time at Northwestern, Logan was known for giving highly quotable chapel speeches, revamping the school’s journalism program, watching massive amounts of poorly-streamed soccer matches during Beacon-layout evenings, proclaiming himself to be the “anal-retentive Grammar Nazi,” publishing the school’s first e-yearbook and unintentionally fooling most non journalism majors into thinking he was a student.

Logan’s hobbies included using a Sharpie to edit the grammar of public signage; organizing his extensive collection of dictionaries by title, publication year, cover color and editor-in-chief’s middle name; and searching for pots of gold at the end of rainbows with his tiny ginger son, Henry.

Logan is survived by his Beacon staffers, who plan to begin publishing the Beacon in handwriting on napkins next fall without his guidance.

Logan is preceded in parting by many Beacon-ites who have gone before, namely the paper’s former-former-editor-in-chief, the Late Great Andrew Lovgren.

FEATURES EDITOR

BY JESSIE SCHULTD

As we’ve grown to know the natural habits of flying objects, we’ve learned that they too are affected by weather changes.

Record sunshine in April has left students in awe. Last week, Northwestern witnessed the most consistent amount of sunny days in the past decade.

“This straight days of glorious warm sun,” said Judy VanTrousien. “I’m basically overdosing on Vitamin D.”

The men of campus shed their shirts, and the Steggy beaches were overcrowded with students anxious to soak up some rays.

“I don’t even own short-sleeve shirts,” Nathan Welkom said. “When it gets above 45, I just go shirtless.”

However, not everything was breezy and beautiful during the warmest days students have seen in months. Thirty-two students, faculty members and staff members checked into the Wellness Center with head injuries related to tennis ball and disc impacts — another record-breaker.

In an official email from the Wellness Center, the staff said, “It is clear that people do not remember basic walking safety during warmer days. Please be aware that there are many flying objects that can hurt you. Remember the motto: stop, duck and dodge.”

Although the warm streak couldn’t last forever, the remnants of the Spring-like weather can be seen all over campus. Brown and green grass dots the lawns, and red, sunburnt students hasten through the once-again chilly wind reminding NW that while Spring may tempt, winter always has the last word.

PUBLIC PUCKERING PUNISHABLE BY POISON

BY ABBIE AMIOTTE

Public puckering punishable by poison

Due to a drastic increase of parent and student complaints over the past several years, public displays of affection (PDA) will now be banned on NW’s campus.

Acts of PDA include but are not limited to the following: kissing, muzzling, cuddling, holding hands and anything beyond. The administration will be posting signs with specific guidelines at the beginning of next week.

“We believe that we must be considerate of others by holding ourselves to a Christian standard both in public and in private,” Dean of Student Life Juliet Ermeer Velliot said.

To help combat this issue, there will be several security cameras installed across campus over the summer. Some of the newly surveyed areas will be residence hall lobbies, the RSC and VPH. In addition to security cameras, all doors in the dorms will be removed to keep students accountable for what they do in their private time. This will also provide increased opportunity for dorms to build community.

“My son no longer wishes to attend NW after seeing several couples canoodling in the Learning Commons when we had our campus tour,” said Orval Proctor IV, a parent attending RED101 days.

Parents of both current and prospective students expressed their disgust at seeing NW students and their significant others spending so much of their time earning their MRS degree rather than a degree in something more practical.

Naturally, the change in rules is followed by students protest. In response to the newly installed rule, several NW couples have already applied to transfer to Dordt College in the fall.

“My girlfriend and I believe that our love flame should not be smothered by this unreasonable rule,” freshman Bart Throb said.

Just two days after the initial announcement was leaked to a portion of the student body, it is estimated that out of almost 1,100 students, 436 of them have expressed a desire to transfer to either Morningside or Dordt.

The consequences of violating are severe. Ermeer Velliot’s retinas have been fitted with poison-dart guns that will stun violators instantly. Students may also be sentenced to community service hours. The RA staff will be primarily responsible for monitoring NW students in the residence halls.

“As a student that is not in a relationship, I am excited to see the community in our dorm transform and have more of our campus focus on what is really important during the college years,” Resident Assistant of Stegenga Hall Hannah Hilbride, said.

The rule will be officially in place as of noon on April 30, 2014.

PHOTO BY SOME KID ON CAMPUS

NW female begs for a quick smootch; boyfriend rejects her using God’s Holy Word.