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Due to a new $100 graduation fee, the class of 2016 can expect some major improvements to their commencement services. Along with the traditional graduation robes being replaced by gowns made of sewn-together $1 bills, students should expect some headline entertainment and speakers.

"The new fees are really to give the students what they want," said President Craig Gristy. "We know graduation hasn’t been the most exciting event of the year, and we want to change that. Our students have given hundreds of thousands of dollars to our institution, and we want to make sure they leave in style."

Next school year’s graduation will no longer have the Northwestern Symphonic Band serenading the festivities. Beyoncé is scheduled to perform both the processional and the recessional. While the speaker has yet to be finalized, administration assures students to expect some riveting parting words. Rumor has it that the likes of Emma Watson or Morgan Freeman may be on the agenda.

"I don’t mind having to pay, so long as I get to wear my wealth when I walk across that stage," said Marcia Van Swienkinvoy, a current junior planning to graduate next spring. "I think they should print our diplomas on money, too."

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Northwestern will be putting into place new perks for engaged students in the fall of 2015.

“We want to promote community,” said President Craig Gristy. "If that means giving a little extra help to those students that are engaged, that's something the college is willing to do."

As of the beginning of next semester, students who are engaged will receive a few extra perks on campus. Engaged students only need 45 chapel credits between the two of them, they can attend each other's classes and closed dorms no longer apply to them.

“We want those students who will soon be spending the rest of their life together, to spend as much time together as they can so they know what married life will be like,” said Harlon Maverdink.

To prove they are engaged they must make it Facebook official, notifying all their peers of their new found relationship status.

"Students will also get to take new ID pictures with their fiancé, as to better use each other’s flex money and get into each others’ buildings,” said Maverdink. "This will eliminate any confusion of those who are actually engaged, and those who are just in a committed relationship.”

Students will even be able to submit their engagement photos as their new photo ID.

“A lot goes into planning a wedding and we know that, that’s why they only 45 credits between the two of them,” said Darling Hettinga.

Along with these new policies for betrothed students on campus, there are a few changes for the students who are expecting. These changes include double chapel credit requirements, pregnancy fines and double meal charges.

“The mother is eating for two, so we will simply be charging her for two,” said Campus Dining Manager Ped Nice. "Pregnant students will also only get two meal exchanges for the week, due to budget cuts we can’t afford the extra.”

The reasoning behind the new fines is unclear but that is not the case for the extra chapel credits.

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I really appreciate the question. Zombie outbreaks are no joke, so I’m glad people are starting to take it seriously. A zombie apocalypse can break out quickly, and with little to no warning, so it’s important to be prepared for the inevitable. With the current focus directed towards zombies here on campus, now is a perfect time to start developing your plan. The administration recently chose to address the topic after students and departments expressed concern about the rising costs; "We have variety of options the shoe brand Crocs across campus come back every time, 'cause crocs never go out of style. 'Crocs are the only shoes that can make you feel like you're walking on a cloud.'

"I immediately knew I was a shoe that both looks and feels great and looks great after," said bookstore manager Glenny Loralis, a sophomore from eastern Iowa, is just one of the many students on campus that will face steep fees in the fall. "As a floral management major at NW, I really don't feel like my additional $200 of lab fees will improve my educational experience," said Loralis. "I think I'm going to have enough trouble paying off my student loans with my floral design salary, so that's a thing."

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**Ethan’s Answers**

Dear Ethan,

Kyle Flanner vs Zombies work just incredibly, we were all rounds of the con-pacity of bringing-up for the inevitable outbreak. Do you have any tips or tricks to surviving through a potential zombie outbreak? Scarily.

Running Scared,

I really appreciate this question. Zombie outbreaks are no joke, so I’m glad people are taking it seriously. A zombie apocalypse can break out quickly, and with little to no notice, having a plan is essential.

With the current focus directed towards zombies here on campus, now is the perfect time to start developing your plan. There are a lot of crucial aspects of your plan to think about. One of these is location. As my friend ever at House Hunters will remind us, “Location, location, location.” You want to look for a spot that is secluded and easily defensible. It should have good views of the surrounding area and not many entrances.

Another concern will be weapons and armor. This can vary widely from person to person. If you plan on moving from place to place, then you’ll want something lightweight and handy compared to if you plan on establishing a permanent base. There are many other factors to include in a good plan, so I’ll attach a well-thought-out example from the site and only Dylan Hengst. Feel free to use this plan as a source when working on your own. Creativity is important, and keep things as simple as you can. Also, Mr. Hengst notes, having a back-up plan is absolutely crucial.

To understand this plan you must be familiar with your good friends Jeremy Price and Dr Wilkinson. As soon as word of the outbreak reaches you, you will rendezvous at Jeremy’s ranch, which is gated off, surrounded by woods and up a hill so you can see for miles. Jeremy has several horses, ATV, pickup truck and also I self-sustaining Wisconsin plenty of guns. When we arrive we will bring any supplies we can with us, such as food, armor, weapons, or anything else that might be useful. We will then set up our initial supplies to wait out the initial chaos. This could last around a week or so.

During this period we will survey all of our supplies, suit up and make the necessary upgrades to our mode of transportation. Next we will call gas stations and convenience stores around the area, collecting food and water, splashing gas and gathering anything that may prove to be useful. Beyond that we will place on making upgrades to the house, using its find as a source for sustainable food, and the pond as a long-term water supply. We will take in any kindness survivors we find during our roads and continue to develop our home. They should have good views of the surrounding area and not many entrances.

If you are another student interested in becoming a zombie-fighting hero, do not hesitate to contact your friends and family. Five sets of three are going to be released, so it seems certain their prevalence will carry far into the future.

Best,

Ethan

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**Farts & Culture**

Only months after announcing a tuition increase of over $1000, Northwestern is now planning to implement additional fees for the 2015-16 school year. Many of these fees are being applied to specific departments, but it’s doubtful these majors will see their dollars put to good use.

“Another factor is the cost of living. Unfortunately, the average student doesn’t seem to realize the impact this will have on their wallet,” said Mountain View dorm senior Jessica Soto. “I’m not a fan of the idea, but I guess we’ll have to deal with it. With the new fees, I’ll have to cut back on my spending habits, but I believe it’s necessary.”

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**Croc rocks your socks off feat. your feet**

It’s time for Northwestern students to lay aside their Birkenstocks and Chacos for this newest summer trend, the Croc fad. This footwear trend is at taking campus by storm and could be here to stay.

“I’m just amazed by their ability to bring together form and function,” said fashion major Liz Lizard. “Finally a shoe that both looks great and feels great!”

Though it is unclear where the trend began, many believe it started in the fourth grade, “cause crocs never go out of style. Some sweat. Sporting. Crocs across campus. From freshman to junior. And when crocs go out of style, it seems certain their prevalence will carry far into the summer months. ’cause crocs never go out of style.”

By Lyric Morris

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In a recent turn of events, Northwestern has adopted the Old Factory Coffee Shop as the newest campus building. The shop, which already serves as a late night study and conversation space, will be taking on its new role as the Campus Conversation Center and select upperclassmen housing.

The new Campus Conversation Center, or CCC, will be a place where students can talk to each other, perhaps students who are romantically interested, without the campus pressures of feeling guilty for procrastinating homework. In fact, the Old Factory will basically be the exact same. Except for NW will own it, and it's name is now the CCC.

One exciting new establishment of the CCC is a senior internship component. Upperclassmen psychology and sociology majors will be offered a listening internship through NW. Senior students will live in the upstairs of the building where they will be able to listen in on common CCC conversation.

There they can analyze the one-on-one dynamics of an RD and RA, administration and faculty or even relationship DTWs and breakups. The interns will learn not only about how to listen, but also all of the juicy gossip circulating around the school.

"I'm excited about this new addition to the NW campus," said President Craig Gristy. "We figured that NW students were at the Old Factory so much anyway, that we might make it an official NW building."

Because this will be an official NW building, students are expecting to behave according to the college's standards. Men and women who would like to have conversations in the CCC must place a hanger on tables or a brick in between them when sitting in booths and on couches.

"The CCC is set to be opened by NW this coming fall semester. Students in the internship program will move in this August. Although the CCC will serve essentially the same purpose in the fall, being a part of NW allows students more time to develop those lasting college relationships inside of the rules of the college, even when they just want to go get some coffee."

"We want to provide an education for whole lives," Gristy said. "We need to infiltrate even the most personal aspects of students' lives, even their coffee intake."

A fee of $760 will be added to next year's tuition so students can walk by the Old Factory.