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## Fees fund \*fabulous\* grad festivities



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Beyonce kicks off her upcoming international tour with a performance at Northwestern's commencement.

BY ABBIE AMIOTTE

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.

Now that students are more aware of the resulting awesomeness that will ensue at graduation, the reaction to the new fees has turned more positive.

"I don't mind having to pay, so long as I get to wear my wealth when I walk across that stage," said Marcia

“ Who runs the world?  
NW graduates.  
-Beyoncé ”

Van Swienkinvoy, a current junior planning to graduate next spring. "I think they should print our diplomas on money, too."

In future years, it is expected the graduation fee will only increase in order to provide even more exciting festivities for graduating seniors.

"We hope to add a bouncy castle for seniors and their families to celebrate in style," Gristy said.

A new Life Planning fee of \$500 for all seniors will be implemented next year. This fee will pay for pre-written, stock plans for seniors to use when asked what they will do after graduation.

## Follow Beyoncé's lead, put ring on it

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.

"We want our future NW students to attend chapel just

as much as their mothers," said Chaplain Varlan HanOort.

you know. We want one of the first things they hear is our organ on Wednesday."



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Engaged. nGage. Whatever.

# Feet Pores | 2

## Res lyfe scrapes the bottom of the barrel

BY MADISON RASKA

A big change is coming to many of the dorms this coming year. The changes that sets the tone of the entire dorm. Change that matters. Residentz directorz.

Harlon Maverdink announced early this morning who the newcomers in the halls will be.

First, Maverdink announced the fate of Hospers Hall; Big Foot.

Foot is extremely excited for his new adventure head.

"JLKA UJMF1 BVHKIGBJIGGKKGVMKJH DDFHGTYJKMGGVVKKYFNMHFB!!!!!" Foot explained.

Foot is ecstatic to meet the men of Hospers Hall and even more excited to battle with them in the cardboard battle.

Next Maverdink announced the fate of Fern Smith Hall: Mrs. PGC.

Since there will be extra fees for students starting next fall, Mr. & Mrs. PGC felt as though they would be doing the students a favor of cutting down their expenses and moving into Fern where Mrs. PGC could be the RD.

"We are actually donating our current home to be the science building so students can start using it right away," said Mrs. PGC. "Also it will be more efficient for my husband to walk straight from home to work. The more direct path the better!"

Then, Maverdink announced the fate of Stegenga Hall: Old McDonald.

Hearing about the application of the residentz director position, McDonald was told there have been many animals coming to Steg throughout the years.

"I feel as though my farming skills will come in handy while I am residing in Steggy," McDonald said.



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Old McDonald, the one and only, will be the new RD of Steggy Hall next year. Open dorn hours will remain in effect.

Next, Maverdink announced the fate of North Suites; North West.

"Hey yo, Northwestern," West said. "I'm so jacked to live in this new state and to be livin in a place that was pretty much named after me and has my name on it! I'm so #blessed! My mom and dad will be so proud!"

Finally, Maverdink announced the fate of the apartments: Kenny Mtanislav.

"I am really looking forward to all the arts and crafts time I am planning on hosting with all of the apartment gangz," Mtanislav said. "It will be such a fun time and I will teach them all how to play the piano just like me."

Overall, all of these candidates are highly qualified. Each and every one of these residentz directorz are looking forward to their new chapter in their book of life.

## Ethan's Answers



Dear Ethan,

With *Humans vs. Zombies* week just concluding, we were all reminded of the necessity of being prepared for the inevitable outbreak. Do you have any tips or tricks to surviving through a potential zombie outbreak?

Sincerely,  
Running Scared

Running Scared,

I really appreciate this 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 notice, so having a plan is essential.

With the current focus directed towards zombies here on campus, now is a 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 friends over at House Hunters will remind you repeatedly, "Location, location, location!" You will 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.

Naturally, 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 light weight 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've attached a well

thought out example from the one 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, as Mr. Hengst notes, having a back-up plan is absolutely crucial.

To understand this plan you must be familiar with my good friends Jeremy Price and Bo Wilkinson. As soon as word of the outbreak reaches me, we will rendezvous at Jeremy's ranch, which is gated off, surrounded by woods and up on a hill so you can see for miles. Jeremy has several horses, ATV's, pick-up trucks and (like any self-respecting Wisconsinite) 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 use our initial supplies to wait out the initial chaos. This could last around a week or so.

During this period we will take inventory of our supplies, suit up and make the necessary upgrades to our modes of transportation. Next we will raid gas stations and convenience stores around the area, collecting food and water, siphoning gas and gathering anything that may prove to be useful. Beyond that we will plan on making upgrades to the house, using his land as a source for sustainable food, and the pond on his property as a long term water supply. We will take in any trustworthy survivors we find during our raids and continue to make any adjustments as needed.

Our cop out plan if things were to fall through at the ranch would be to travel to another friend's secluded cabin in Rhineland. If things really went to heck, we would pack up all of our supplies and road trip on over to Montana.

Good luck out there,  
Ethan



# Farts & Culture | 3

## Sports and then more sports grunt.

BY STEPHEN DYKSTRA

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.

"As a floral management major at NW, I really don't see how my additional \$200 of lab fees will improve my educational experience," Myriad Loralis said. "I mean, I'm going to have enough trouble paying off my student loans with my floral shop salary, so that's a thing."

Loralis, a sophomore from eastern Iowa, is just one of many students on campus that will face steep fees in the upcoming year. So if students are paying more for tuition, where's the money going? According to a confidential survey conducted last month among the faculty at NW, none of the departments are planning to receive additional financial support next year.

"We know nothing," Professor Mike Huntsbury said. "We don't know where these additional fees will be applied, but the money certainly isn't coming our way."

The administration recently chose to address the topic after students and departments expressed concern about the rising costs.

"Our increasing source of revenue will be put to good use," President Craig Gristy said. "We've always wanted a hockey rink on campus — especially since Dordt has one — so it seemed logical to build one on the old West lot. Better to have that than a nice green area for students to communize."

The project, officially named the De Witt Hockey Rink, will cost roughly \$10 million with plans to be finished by the end of December, just as the weather turns cold and icy. Even so, the institution is not planning to add a hockey team as an



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Sports and then more sports grunt. Some sweat. Sporting on ice.

official collegiate club.

"We feel that our current Raider athletic teams are already being courageous and faithful enough in their respective fields," Athletic Director Pearl Wallstra said. "A hockey team would only suck resources and players from other team and besides, hockey isn't even an American sport."

With no current plans in place to use the rink for official

Red Raider sporting events, there still remains the question of the building's purpose.

"Obviously students can use the rink," Dean of Student Life Vulie Ermeer-Jelliot said. "But I'm pretty sure they'll be required to use flex dollars to get in — 8 dollars' worth, I believe. And obviously open dorm hours will remain in effect."

## Crocs rock your socks off feat. your feet

BY LYRIC MORRIS

It's time for Northwestern students to lay aside their Birkenstocks and Chacos for the newest summer footwear trend that is taking campus by storm — Crocs.

"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 trickled in from surrounding small towns.

"I saw a woman out in her yard gardening in some bright yellow Crocs," said John Johnson, "and I just thought to myself, 'Wow. I would give a lot to look as happy as she does.' And all I ended up having to give was \$10.50

to Amazon."

Others believe the sudden spike in Croc sightings on campus could be connected to the large amounts of social media posts tagged with the popular hashtag #TBT, or "Throwback Thursday."

"There was an old #TBT photo of myself wearing Spiderman crocs in the fourth grade," said Nicki Nickolay, "and I immediately knew I needed those back in my life. Just a few sizes larger."

Part of the reason the Croc fad has spread so quickly is because of the great variety of styles and options the shoe brand offers. Options include the classic clog style which comes in diverse colors, including but not limited to Navy Blue, Pool

Blue and Ocean Blue, sandals, heels, loafers, boots and even the Crocs Boys Grippy Socks Shoes. (these are a little hard to describe, but certainly worth looking up on Google).

NW's bookstore quickly noticed the peak in Crocs on campus, and made changes to merchandise accordingly.

"We have variety of styles of Crocs in stock in the classic Raider Red color," said bookstore manager Glenn DeVroos. "We also are now carrying several small charms you can attach to the holes in the shoe, including images of President Gristy's face, engagement rings, and smaller version of the actual Crocs you're already wearing."

As the number of



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Sports and then more sports grunt. Some sweat. Sporting.

Crocs across campus continue to multiply, it seems certain their prevalence will carry far into the summer months. "And when crocs go crashing down, crocs come back every time, 'cause crocs never go out of style. Crocs never go out of style," said Taylor Taylors.

# More Stuff | 4

## Old Factory now part of campus officially



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BY WILL NORRIS

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 DTRs 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.



### CAMPUS QUOTES

"I'm in the theatre (with an 're') building."

-Theatre student @luvtheatrelife

"We're having a show."

-Junior theatre student @playerdontplay

"I'm a theatre major."

-Sophomore theatre major @theatreislife

"Inside joke that only our group of friends will get."

-Senior theatre student @thespians4ever

"I have homework"

-NW student @summercomesoon

"Hashtag blessed."

-Fern girl @Jesusismyboyfriend

"I'm going to say something funny so someone sends it into campus quotes."

-Stephen Dykstra @desperateforfriends

"My internet is woking too well right now."

-Freshman student @NWislife

"You know who's always on time? Ethan De Groot"

-Said no one ever

