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# President Ghristy becomes TikTok legend

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With the new “way of living” consisting of society being quarantined to their houses, people have done all they can to pass the time. From baking and crafts to family games and Goose Chases, people have come up with crazy and fun ways to fill the time with their families. Specifically, an up-and-coming video and music platform – TikTok – has views going through the roof. As more and more family videos are created due to the quarantine, even our own President Creg Ghristy has joined in on the fun.

Once college classes were officially moved to online, Ghristy turned his attention to what’s really important – creating influential dance videos. His son took it upon himself to gather his family together and entertain others through TikTok. With videos ranging from family

gymnastics to creating the hottest dances movies, Ghristy's family has become the go-to entertainment during quarantine. However, what Ghristy didn't expect was to become the newest TikTok legend.

Recently reached out to by the TikTok creators themselves, Ghristy has been asked to up his dancing game by creating more videos and increasing subscribers. Since Ghristy already has 999,997 followers on TikTok, he only needs a few more to make a living off other people's addictions to the app. After reaching 1,000 followers and receiving his verification badge only a month ago, his videos have been trending ever since. Our own President Ghristy has grown to be the hottest trend on TikTok, even more so than Charli D'Amelio, named "reigning queen of TikTok" by New York Times. D'Amelio's dance moves have nothing on Ghristy's now.

As some people spend up to two or three hours a day on TikTok, or at least those without jobs might, Ghristy knows he needs to meet the needs of those waiting for his newest video. Some of his latest trend ideas for TikTok videos include dancing to Renegade, recreating quarantine struggles, pranking family members, and more. He's even considered challenging someone on TikTok, similar to how Aidan Williams challenged Zach Overweg to see who could get the most followers. The possibilities are endless when there's no more responsibilities at the college.

However, Ghristy has ran into some problems within his Orange City community. Whenever he leaves the house, the neighbors see him and start replicating his dance moves. When he goes to the grocery store, people wearing masks start to dance in his aisle. Even at his own house, people are swarming so they can show off their dance moves through the windows. No matter where he goes, he can't seem to get away from his legendary dances on TikTok. He's become too famous.

Even though his celebrity status seems to be biting him in the butt, Ghristy has appreciated the propaganda his videos have brought to Northwestern, the opportunities to entertain his fellow community members and the fact that his students now see him as a dancing TikTok legend.

## Baby Boom predicted due to COVID social distancing

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Due to COVID-19 and guidance to stay home as much as possible, many reputable population tracking systems are upping the “babies born” count approximately nine months from now. (If this is confusing to you, ask your mother.) Though there is not yet sufficient evidence that correlates global pandemics to increased birth rates, many speculations are being made that this phenomenon is real and inevitable.

One of the top birth rate predictors, boomtheresababy.com, has projected that January 2021 will see a baby boom that is proportionally larger than the Boomers following World War II. These high projections are due to the scope of the COVID-19 guidelines affecting every citizen instead of just a high percentage, like with wars.

Since we've reached the end of the alphabet with Gen Z, some of the top identifying names for this new and numerous generation include Coronials (after the "coronavirus"), Quaranteens (after the government guidance to quarantine infected peoples) and Baby Zoomers (after the incredible reliance of the video conferencing platform, Zoom).

Northwestern College is already preparing for the increased freshman class they hope to welcome in 20 years.

"As we lament the tragic circumstances that caused this baby boom, we praise God for all the new life the world will welcome in nine months," said NW Chaplain Dark MeYounge.

MeYounge paused for a second then exclaimed, "Baby Zoomers stand out!"

NW Dean of Student Life also shared thoughts of the huge influx of students expected to come in 2040.

"We are starting plans for a new dorm to accommodate this large population," Ellie Juliet said. "We will call the dorms the Corona Courtyards in honor of the life-changing event that created this baby boom."

The dorms will be completed in 2039, just in time for the quarantine kids to be entering the college scene. This is also the same year the outdoor patio space, east of the Jack and Mary DeWitt Family Science Center, will be completed.

To take advantage of this amazing potential for the college to increase enrollment, NW has begun advertising campaigns on Zoom and TikTok. Their new marketing approach is an attempt to reach the younger audience and build a favorable relationship with the Baby Zoomers before other colleges reach out to do the same.

President Creg Ghristy also had comments concerning the pandemic's impact on NW college.

"Never in all my years of president-ing a higher education establishment have I ever expected this," he said. "COVID-19 was unprecedented, and the following baby boom was not something any of us saw coming until recently. I know one thing for sure, though, God was orchestrating this all from the beginning, and he's not surprised about COVID-19 or the Baby Zoomers. Deus Est Lux!"

In addition to advertising on Zoom and TikTok, the college plans to invest the next year's donor dollars in puzzles. This is an effort to honor the current historic moment and invest in a newfound hobby for current students.

# Celebrities bring people together once more

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In times of crisis, celebrities join together in an effort to make something meaningful, something the people can relate to, something to use to begin healing. During this pandemic, celebrities have again banded together to help people keep their sanity while in quarantine.

On March 18, 2020, actress Lag Todag rallied several other A-list actors and singers to compile a two-minute rendition of “Imagine” by Lohn Jennon. The video was immediately met with support from all the major news sites.

CBS called it a “moving montage.”

New York Times journalist Con Jaramanica said, “It’s sure to be remembered along with classics like ‘We are the World’ and ‘Do They Know It’s Christmas?’”

Northwestern College’s own music aficionado Voel Jam Meurseem praised the video for its groundbreaking techniques.

“The way each celebrity in each consecutive clip went a key higher than the last is truly inspiring,” Jam Meurseem said.

“Having every person sing the song at different tempos was engaging. I felt it was really pushing the envelope of what music could someday be,” said junior Lirpa HeDaan.

Due to the smashing success of the “Imagine” video, Lrie Barson has announced she will be making a follow-up with her closest celebrity friends to Gee Bees’ iconic “Stayin’ Alive,” which seems only too appropriate right now.

Barson has hinted that they will be performing the song slam-poetry style and there will be several clips of people saying lines at the same time. But the truly innovative aspect is that everyone will be speaking at different speeds, creating a united but separate feel for the inspirational video.

Other actors rumored to be working on the project are Rritt Bobertson (Tangled: the series), Atephen Smell (Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows) and Danrea Daners who starred in “Joey,” the “Friends” spin-off.

Jam Meurseem was kind enough to interview with the Bacon about this upcoming project and the song Barson has selected.

He analyzed each lyric, speculating who might slam what. Lyrics like “Whether you’re a brother or whether you’re a mother/ You’re stayin’ alive, stayin’ alive/ Feel the city breakin’ and everybody shakin’/ And we’re stayin’ alive, stayin’ alive,” feel much too real, along with the bridge which says, “Life goin’ nowhere, somebody help me/ Somebody help me, yeah.”

“‘Stayin’ Alive’ is a classic song whose lyrics couldn’t apply more than they do right now,” Jam Meurseem said.

Needless to say, everyone is stoked for the upcoming video. We at the Bacon want to thank all the celebrities for their sacrifice during quarantine, and we appreciate them letting us know we are truly in this together.

## Cardboard cutout of PCG sent to seniors for graduation

HREE BODNEFIELD

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Due to COVID-19, seniors across the nation—high school and college—lost the opportunity to have an in-person commencement. Specifically, those from Northwestern College won’t get to proudly celebrate their transition from student to graduate as they walk across the stage, receive their diploma and pose for one last picture with President Creg Ghristy.

“Posing picture after picture with each senior is my favorite part of graduation,” Ghristy said. “I always look forward to the cheek cramps and seeing every student one last time before they move on to bigger and better things.”

NW has received a number of emails in the last couple of weeks from students asking if there is any way to still receive their diplomas from Ghristy and get that final grip-and-grin for the fam and Instagram.

The faculty and staff met via Zoom to discuss options. It just didn't seem possible for the seniors to get their wish.

“Because we can't meet in person or shake hands or be within six feet of each other, it is with a heavy heart that the senior's request is impossible,” said Phate Ninney, vice president of academic affairs.

Illa Ben Doer, administrative assistant, began typing up an email to send the seniors apologizing for not being able to grant them their wish when, suddenly, she was struck with an idea:

Cardboard cutouts of Ghristy.

She started a completely different email:

Dear faculty and staff,

I think I might have just the thing to keep everyone safe and still make the seniors happy—we send each of them a cardboard cutout of President Creg Ghristy holding out his hand.

Not even five minutes later, she was receiving emails left and right in agreeance that a cardboard Ghristy was the best option.

Ghristy wanted to wait until morning but knew this project couldn't wait. Knowing the seniors needed their cutouts as soon as possible, he called Mem Laurer, NW's multimedia producer, in the middle of the night.

“Mem, I need a quick photoshoot,” Ghristy said. “I need to be made into a cardboard cutout for the seniors ASAP. This can't wait till morning.”

Mem grabbed his gear, rushed out the door, dashed through Kepp Hall to make sure he had the right lens, and met Ghristy in the chapel. A few photos later, Mem was on his way back to his office to start on project make-Creg-Ghristy-a-cardboard-cutout. After days of hard work, the product was finished.

“It was the best picture of me I'd ever seen,” Ghristy said. “The seniors are going to love this life-size cardboard cutout of me.”

Illa Ben Doer began typing another email to the class of 2020:

Dear seniors,

Due to the extra free time the faculty and staff have with no students on campus, we've devoted hours and hours in meeting to discuss how to best meet your need of receiving your diploma from President Ghristy and getting the classing grip-and-grin photo. I am pleased to say we came up with a brilliant idea—a cardboard cutout.

Each of you will receive one life-size cardboard cutout of President Ghristy holding his hand out to pose in a photo with you on your graduation day. Your diplomas will be sent in the same package.

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So, graduating class of 2020, put on your cap and gown, grab the diploma we'll send to you in the next couple of weeks and smile big for your final photo with President Ghristy.

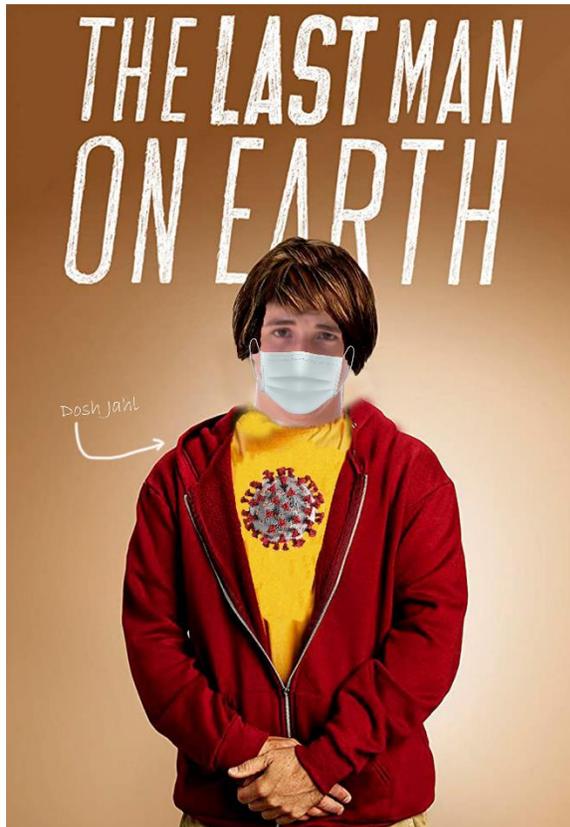
COVID-19 may interfere with a lot of things, but a cardboard cutout of President Creg Ghristy for seniors to pose with isn't one of them.

Congratulations class of 2020, you made it!

# “Last Man on Earth” predicted COVID-19

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The comedic TV show, “Last Man on Earth,” has suddenly become one of gloomy prophecy.

It made its first appearance on March 1, 2015, and starts off with a terrible virus that spreads like wildfire across the globe, infecting everyone and ultimately resulting in death. Very little hope is had as no cure can be discovered in time. The main character, Mil Philler, just so happens to be immune and watches as everyone he knows struggles through the virus.

The plot seems to make the viewers question what they would do should they survive such an apocalyptic event. Would you fill a pool with your favorite beverage and drink it to the bottom?

Would you venture out, collecting items you could have only ever dreamed of owning before? Would you turn the biggest house on your block into a sweet crib for you and yourself to hangout in?

We brought these questions to one of our own, Sendall Ktanislav, who, without hesitation and almost too much enthusiasm for someone of his mature age, said, “Like Mil Philler, I would go find the car from ‘Back to the Future.’ I would take advantage of no rules and play racquetball in the house. Who knows, maybe I’d even move out to Arizona.” It would appear, that Ktanislav would get along quite nicely with Mil Philler.

Where this show takes an icy turn isn’t until the third season when we go back to the beginning of the virus with a new character named Bamela Printon. These few episodes depict a world of chaos as fear of the virus spreads, stirring up panic as stores run out of supplies. Sound familiar? People are placed in quarantine. People only go out with masks, if not full out hazmat suits. It even shows people’s pets with masks! Those who can afford it, invest in underground bunkers meant to withstand some of the greatest disasters. People fear childbirth as trained individuals are either elsewhere or unapproachable.

We also see that political leaders are far from exempt from this virus as governments collapse and entire nations go dark. With current news of certain Asian leaders—cough, Kim Nung Kun, cough—it seems disturbingly accurate.

One message that can be taken from this jokingly realistic show is that we are never alone. One day, Mil Philler stumbles on some freshly cleaned women’s clothing hung up to dry. This, of course, leads Mil to the woman who washed the clothes and would later in the show become his wife. As the show goes on, more and more people find their way into his life, growing his family.

As we face these rough times ahead, with COVID-19 and everything that comes with it, it’s important to know that we do not have to struggle through this alone. Unless you’re someone stuck on a deserted island by yourself. Boom.

## Roommate satisfaction plummets for NW students

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Roommate satisfaction is down during the spring semester, a drastic shift from the overall numbers last fall. A shocking new study shows that NW students are twice as likely to be dissatisfied with their current rooming situation than in the fall.

“These are unprecedented numbers,” said admissions counselor Whatalie Neeler. “We aren’t used to this type of drop in numbers, and we are devoting all of our resources into figuring out why.”

The study was conducted by a group of students working on a class project. Being a sensitive issue, the researchers and their interviewees have requested to remain anonymous.

“Privacy is our number one concern,” their faculty advisor said. “The students surveyed opened up their hearts to us, and we don’t take that lightly.”

The study concluded that forced change was the number one reason why students were not happy with their current roommates. Only a small portion of the student body is currently living

with their previous roommate, despite an overwhelming majority of students who planned to stick with their roommate during the semester.

“It’s like we’re freshmen all over again!” one student said. “I had finally got used to my assigned roommate. Now I have to go through the process for a second time!”

This sentiment is echoed by most other students in the study. The inability to choose their rooming situation topped the list of complaints.

Beyond that, students have also seen an increase in unsavory behavior amongst their new roommates. One said, “My new roommates are extremely bossy and intrusive. They are always asking me to do chores or trying to start conversations—stuff my old roommates never did. I miss them.”

Another phrased it differently, saying, “They act like they are the RD or something, always thinking they are in charge. Like we get it, you think you’re a big shot. Just let me study in peace.”

Students also expressed concerns about the reporting system with resident assistant approval ratings seeing their biggest drop yet for claims of overreach and bias.

Oddly, there were some exceptions to the overall disapproval. Roommates with four legs still experience an approval rating near 100%, holding steady compared to their previous numbers. Students rate them high for emotional support, snuggling and extreme cuteness, beating out two-legged roommates in those departments by double digits.

“I mean, my old roommate was a good snuggler, but they don’t even begin to compare,” a few students glowed.

Even with that glimmer of goodness, the study still concludes that students will be dying to escape their current roommates come the fall.

“We’re expecting some very enthralled students,” Neeler said.

But until then, students will just have to put up with their bossy and annoying co-bunkers.