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Freak May blizzard strands NW students

BY SMILEY SPELLERMAN
WAL-MART GREETER

The sound of thudding punches and hopeless crying echoed through the howling winds of a freak May blizzard that started Sunday, May 6—the day before Northwestern’s final exam week. The blizzard assaulted Northwest Iowa with snow and wind for the entire next week, stranding NW students for their first week of summer vacation as they made up final exams.

Residence life staff tried to keep students calm, but with emotions running ragged, it wasn’t an easy job.

Under the tremendous weight of stress and disappointment from the postponed summer, the men broke down. RA’s in the male dorms were in shock as suddenly while attacking a player in a Halo video game, one guy began to cry. Others looked up surprised, but soon tears began to pour all across the room. Emotions spread like wildfire and male dorms were full of disappointed, crying men, holding tissues and each other as they worked through their emotions. Residence life staff didn’t know what to do, and left the men alone to work through their issues themselves.

“This was not what I expected or what I was trained for when I became an RA,” said one Coly RA as he shook his head, still confused about what had happened that week.

The women’s dorms started out almost the same way, with tears and hysterics over the storm. However, those emotions soon turned to anger and catfights as the girls took out their anger on their friends. Staff took the initiative to safely take care of the rage and let the girls use dorm lobbies for informal wrestling matches on mattresses. It seemed to help take care of the women’s energy and anger as they wrestled or cheered on their friends in their own fights.

Outside, it seemed that the heavens and earth were having their own fight. With over four feet of snow and winds ranging from 50 to 75 mph, visibility was decreased to six feet. During the week of finals, email after email was sent to students as professors postponed final exams until the weather cleared. A few determined students put on the waiting list for the third weekend in May. It is here that students will experience Dutch heritage at its finest.

Program participants will be able to choose from a wide variety of classes including Introduction to Dutch, Dutch History, Dutch Myths & Legends, Business in a Dutch Community, Learning to be Thrifty and Marriage and Family Before Age 25. The Orange City and NW libraries will be available for student use.

Despite challenges, participants were still able to enjoy sunbathing on the NW’s campus green, taking in movies at Holland Plaza Theater, enjoying a fun meal with friends at the famed Pizza Ranch and playing java tag in Kinderspeeland Park.

If you’ve ever considered the adventure of studying abroad or are seeking a way to meet cross-cultural requirements, the OC Semester may be just what you’ve been looking for. To find out more about Orange City, check out http://www.orangecityiowa.com.
When I survey the glorious organ pipes....

Just the other day, I was in chapel, enjoying the angelic sounds of the worship team and the melodious musical accompaniment offered by the glorious organ.

“When I survey the wondrous cross, on which the Prince of Glory died,” I sang out in my most worshipful voice.

As I sang out my worship, I looked up towards the heavens to lift my worship to my crucified savior. Well, not the heavens, per se. Actually, I looked up towards the organ.

The glorious organ, with its magnificent shiny pipes and glorious worshipful sound, encompasses the entirety of the visual front of Christ Chapel. It was at this very moment in time, right in the middle of my worship, that I was struck with this simple statement: Christ died on the cross.

Actually, the thought that struck me was not my own; it was a voice in my head and it said to me, “I lied on the cross, not the organ.” Normally, I can ignore the voices in my head or at least have an interesting conversation with them. But this voice did not want to converse peacefully. This voice meant business—it wanted to debate.

As the congregation was invited to be seated and enjoy the meaningful words of our chapel speaker, I was disturbed by the words I heard from that deep voice in my head. And, being a journalist who is thoroughly knowledgeable in practices of the Reformed faith, I worked to come up with three convincing points to justify the seemingly Reformed worship of the pipe organ.

First of all, the organ provides visual appeal to the intricately designed interiors of Reformed churches across the country. Having organ pipes in the front and center of the church is just good sense. Personally, I have never been in a church where the organ pipes did not encompass the entire front of the sanctuary. So John Calvin must have decided that this was the best way to design the interior of the Reformed church sanctuary.

Second, Dutch hymns have always been accompanied by the organ. Without the vast display of shiny organ pipes, how would we be able to sing praise to our God? Surely we cannot worship with stringed instruments, as suggested by the Psalms. Dutch hymns were not written for stringed accompaniment; they were written for organ accompaniment only. So in respect for our Dutch ancestors, who fled the sinful streets of Amsterdam in search of freedom and independence against the nations that would be present in even an otherwise hedonistic design.

Yes. Married. He never said anything about letting them have sex which he already clearly stated was a sin in his previous commandment.

“But didn’t Jesus say that a man will leave his mother and father and become one flesh with his wife?”

We have to interpret this in light of the fact that Jesus already made it clear that sex is bad, and in light of what he explains next in the passage.

Understanding the temptation that would be present if even an intentionally celibate marriage, Christ goes further to explain that those who enter into marriage for service to the kingdom of God or who are eunuchs are exempt from getting married. Those who aren’t eunuchs or set aside for the kingdom should “accept” marriage. Aren’t we all called to dedicate ourselves to the service of God? Without exception?

Wouldn’t this imply that Christ must have only been talking about NON-Christians when he said that it is good to marry? If this sounds like too difficult a teaching for you, Jesus has given you the option of becoming a eunuch.

Yes, there’s hope! You can change from your heterosexual ways. Many people throughout history have done so. All you need is a pair of scissors and lots of prayer. Also, maybe some disinfectant.

This is why the scripture states that when we are tempted, God himself will provide a way out for us. In the early centuries of the Church, ascetics who abstained completely were seen as the highest form of Christian, and some thought that only the ascetics could be truly saved.

But then liberals like St. Augustine came along spouting off phrases like “grace” and “love” as if these things were more important than the inerrant WORD OF GOD where it is clearly stated that ALL believers are members of the priesthood and set apart for special work, which means of course that ALL must abstain from sexual relations. Period. Don’t argue with me; argue with God.

Why am I so adamant about preserving this biblical teaching against the revisionist liberals? Look at history. EVERY SINGLE CIVILIZATION that has allowed heterosexuality has fallen under judgment and ruin eventually.

Rome. Greece. Persia. Ancient Israel. A long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away, the Galactic Republic fell because Anakin couldn’t keep his hands on Padme. It’s only a matter of time before God brings similar judgment against the nations of today unless we repent of our heterosexual ways.

God doesn’t like sin. When people keep reproducing, they keep making more people who can sin more. The more babies, the more sinners. This doesn’t make God very happy.

The only way for all the sin to stop is for the reproduction to stop. And that will only come when we renounce sex.

Then, as a wise faculty member has pointed out, Jesus will have to come back because humanity will be ending whether he likes it or not. Glory!

In my house, I have a rock and a sofa. If I throw the rock at the sofa, it will fly back and hit me in the face.

See, it all comes down to this: God made Sally and Larry, not Sally with Baby. It rhymes. That means it must be true.

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**QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*Mr. Diggory handed Harry his wand and Harry pocketed it.*

“Come on, you three,” Mr. Weasley said quietly. But Hermione didn’t seem to want to move: her eyes were still upon the sobbing elf.

*Hermione said, “I’m sorry, Mr. Weasley, said more urgently. She turned and followed Harry and Ron out of the clearing and off through the trees.*

*“What’s going to happen to Winkey?” said Hermione, the moment they had left the clearing.*

“I don’t know,” said Mr. Weasley.

“The way they were treating her!” said Hermione furiously. “Mr. Diggory, calling her ‘elf’ all the time... and Mr. Crouch! He knows she didn’t do it and he’s still going to sack her! He didn’t care how frightened she’d been, or how upset she was—it was like she wasn’t even human!*

“Well, she’s not,” said Ron.”

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*J.K. Rowling in "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire"*
By Bitsy Lil’Forter
Queen of Busy-Ness

I’m sure many of you have seen the large stack of Beacons left in the cafeteria each week. Ever wonder what happens to them? Or what could be done with them?

Never fear, because I am here to suggest the top 10 things to do with those leftover Beacons!

Bonfire. On the off-chance that it decides to not rain when you grab that stack of Beacons, please find the nearest area where it’s legal to have a fire. This may or may not be Alton Pond. Proceed to crumble every individual sheet of Beacon. Place in burn pit. Light with match. Find dry twigs, branches and leaves to add. Roast a few marshmallows. If the fire is drying down, add more Beacons.

Carpet. So you’re one of the unfortunate ones that ended up in a dorm without carpet. My apologies. Fortunately, there are now an over- abundance of cushy Beacons to line your floor. First, remove everything from your room. Then layer the floor with as many Beacons as you possibly can. To ensure ultimate comfort for your toesies, you might want to take every leftover Beacon for about three weeks.

Insulation. And we thought the snow ended in March. No such luck. Since we’re all stuck here with no winter jackets, I suggest using the extra Beacons in the caf to protect yourself against this cold. That’s right; stuff them in your clothes. It’ll keep you warm.

TP. The Puddle Jumper is pretty long, and there are no bathrooms along the way. I’m not sure if it’s legal or not to relieve yourself on the trail, but given the assumption that you may need to, please remember to grab a few of the completely biodegradable Beacons for your wiping use.

Paper weight. No, not that kind of paper weight. Actual paper weight added to your final papers. I don’t know if you know this, but pros don’t really read those. They just pick it up and feel how thick it is. If it’s pretty damn thick, you get an A.

So while the first page, then put Beacon pages interspersed with a few blank pages of computer paper. They’ll never know the difference.

Packing paper. We’ve all got to go home sooner or later, and somehow we’ve got to pack everything up. Given that most of us end up piling everything in the backseat and trunk, I suggest adding a little buffer to protect your precious possessions. Throw in those old Beacons. It might be kinda messy to clean out, but everything will get home safely.

Paper mâché. We’re all artists at heart. No glue? Never fear; one part flour and two parts water make the paste you need. Then tear those old Beacons into strips and start mâché-ing. Get some real memorable things – your roommate for starters. Everyone needs a paper mâché roommate to bring home over the summer. Then continue on with the campus cat, your favorite prof and that special seat you like to sit in during chapel.

Grease bloter. As much as we love the caf food, we do have to admit that it sometimes is a bit greasy. However, for your convenience, located right outside the caf, you can grab a back-issue of the Beacon to use as your personal grease bloter. Simply lay on top of your tray and press down lightly. The grease will soak into the Beacon, and you can eat a healthier, happier meal.

Gift wrap. You know all those seniors that are graduating? You probably got a present for at least one of them. Use a Beacon to wrap it up. Even the wrapping paper will bring them fond memories of good ol’ Northwestern…waving in the caf line and reading the exciting news of the week… Or, if you didn’t get anyone a present, just wrap up a stack of old Beacons with an old Beacon and give that to a random senior. Hey, a present’s a present.

Hopefully some of these ideas appealed to you, and if not, then just grab some of those leftover Beacons anyways. You never know when you may need to look busy as you’re stalking that cute guy or girl.

Childbirth: the culmination of humanity

By Lady Been Eaten

Word Goddess

As Ciara Haines went into labor on 4-20, the thoughts which crossed her mind were filled with wondrous dreams of her new baby son. The queen of the North had been contemplating her fate at this moment for the nine previous months but nonetheless could never make that moment for the nine previous months but nonetheless could never

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Got Parking?

BY TYGER WRESTLER
RESTLESS REPORTER

This week’s question: Why do Northwestern students suck at parking?

The explanation for the phenomena of crappy parking dates back to 1908, and the invention of the Model T. When Henry Ford revolutionized the automobile with his Model T, he said, “Few of you will own one of these.” In response, people would go forth and take up as much space as possible. In order to tell the world, “I am better than you and am the only one who needs to park here.” So in the early 1900’s, people would leave huge gaps in-between their cars in order to take up as much space as possible.

Psychologically, several generations later, we are unable to shake this desire. Therefore, on the NW campus, unless there are strict lines painted to guide us, students have this psychological desire to park like idiots. Let me present to you a method that we can all take to ensure that we take up as much space as possible and do the craziest parking jobs we can.

1. If you are parking on one of the sides of the row, do not park right next to the “open student parking sign,” be sure to leave a large gap before your car and the sign.

2. When there is an open parking spot big enough for two cars, park in the middle of it.

3. Do not, under any circumstances, park as close to the car on your left as possible. Leave a large gap there, to satisfy your desire, and take away that desire from anyone else.

Ranting with Rhonda Van Zegersma

Dear Rhonda,

I am a student at Northwestern College and, try as I might, I just can’t find the kind of guys I’m interested in on this campus. I have searched high and low and the closest I’ve come is Davey Crockett, who consequently, I think should get a lip ring (as do 87.9% of other girls at NW).

I’ve recently heard rumors of NW girls traveling to Dordt College in search of the emo/punk boys that are lacking at their own school. Is it true that NW girls are tired of the guys on campus? Do you think it’s wrong for me to leave in search of guys?

Sincerely,
Betsy Dunn

Dear Betsy,

There is a good amount of truth to the rumors you’ve heard regarding NW girls traveling to Dordt in order to hook up with the stereotypical emo/punk boy. In fact, approximately 640 girls travel to Dordt on a given week to get their fill.

One advantage they find in doing so is that their reputation at NW remains, and their promiscuous behavior at Dordt has no consequences. If you were to travel to Dordt College on a given Saturday night, you would probably find a great number of cars bearing NW parking passes. These vehicles usually belong to girls looking for men.

A recent poll suggests that when limited to the romantic options available on their own campus 10 percent of NW girls like Coly boys, 30 percent like West boys, and 58 percent like Heenstra boys. The other 2 percent reported that their hearts belong to Jesus or Vanden Bootie.

Many of the girls polled mentioned their dissatisfaction with the guys on campus. You are not alone in your feelings. Checking out your options at Dordt is perfectly legitimate.

If NW boys wish to appeal to the punk/emo-seeking-girl, they ought to:

1. Wear concert tees.
2. Wear tighter jeans (not too tight, that’s gross).
3. Try sporting faux hawks and emo hair.
4. Use eyeliner in moderation.
5. Go for tattoos and piercings—lip, no nose; eyebrow if you can pull it off; plugs, etc.
6. Take girls to concerts.
7. Ask girls out, don’t make them go to Dordt.

Best of luck to you,
Rhonda
Word on the street: Asking the truth of tulips
As an Orange City tulip what are your greatest aspirations?

Blue Smurfee finds new way to do sabbatical

BY SUSIE KUMQUIAT
STILL THINKING
Over the course of the past few weeks, President Blue Smurfee put together a summary of his recent sabbatical. Many students gasped when they realized that the summary was over 30 pages long, and many more requested a summary of the summary.

“I think it would be a good idea for professors to not assign homework to any student... How are they supposed to concentrate if they have other homework to do?”

- President Blue Smurfee

Smurfee’s emphasis over his presidency has been “a new way to do college,” and by leaving on this sabbatical, he intended to find those new ways.

Smurfee’s first stop was the island of Fiji, where he admits he very conveniently missed the snowstorm.

“Snowstorm?” he asked. “That’s news to me! Right before spring break….hmmm, that must have been the day I learned how to surf.”

The ocean view helped Smurfee focus on the calm and serenity of a non-stressful working environment, and he realized that Northwestern needed to implement this into their courses.

He is also considering the need for a water sports class at NW. All students in the class would take two weeks and travel to Fiji or another island to learn various water sports, including surfing, water skiing and Marco Polo.

Travel to an exotic island would also be implemented into the biology program, where students would spend a week deep-sea diving and learning about various ocean lifeforms.

Smurfee then traveled to India, where he met with several Hindus and Buddhists to learn the art of meditation. This helped him focus on peace and serenity. Upon retirement, he is considering teaching a class in the meditative arts.

“There is debate about the homework load for students in this class,” said Smurfee. “I think it would be a good idea for professors to not assign homework to any student in meditative arts. How are they supposed to concentrate if they have other homework to do?”

After his lessons in meditation, Smurfee headed back to the U.S. for a technology convention in New York City.

Smurfee hopes to apply the skills he learned there by speeding up the Internet connection and improving the quality of Internet service provided at NW.

When he announced his retirement, he was quoted as saying, “One of the distinctives of NW that we talk about is a small campus with a large worldview.” By improving the Internet service, he hopes to enhance that large worldview.

Along with that, Smurfee hopes to change the small campus. As a final stop before he returned to NW, he visited Dordt College’s campus.

“Dordt seems to offer a lot in terms of recreation,” said Smurfee. “I think I saw a swimming pool, an ice skating rink and even a bowling alley? We could definitely add those to NW’s campus as well.”

His plan is to add a separate building with these activities available.

Other plans for building include the new learning commons, three new dorms and apartments, a separate nursing lab and underground tunnels to avoid the highways.

With the increased student population, there will likely be fewer classes, more parking is also going to be offered.

“There is the space issue,” said Smurfee, “but I’m not opposed to having two separate campuses with one outside of town. Isn’t that the way other big-time schools do it?”

With his new plan, Smurfee only has one concern: “I sure hope the new president agrees with all this.”
Lacrosse team scores community-building tradition

BY A. BETHLEHEM CRUISE

THE BOSS OF THE WORLD

In keeping with their efforts to become an officially recognized sports team, the Northwestern lacrosse team continues to annihilate their competition.

On Saturday, April 20, the sticks came out in heated competition against Sioux County rivals, the Dordt Defenders. Unfortunately, the Defenders did not live up to their name, as the Raiders defeated their fiercest rivals, 21-1.

The Defenders were astonished at the unbelievable turnaround the Raiders showed since their last meeting. In fact, Athletic Director Cary Grant was so pleased with the outstanding display of athletic ability that he gave the lacrosse team first preference to use Korver Field during the upcoming fall season.

“At NW, we pride ourselves on being able to beat Dordt in anything and everything,” said Grant. “Since Dordt has yet to establish a football program, I have decided to allow the lacrosse team to use the football field during their fall season as much as needed or desired.”

“Now that I’ve seen them beat Dordt, I can’t wait to see the Defenders lose at NW again and again,” Grant continued.

Senior middle Ned Lobsterbush remarked on this amazing feat. “The whole team is so excited to finally be recognized as an official NW sport,” he exclaimed.

“I’ve been with the team since its foundation and have always coveted the respect official sports teams get,” he continued. “If I had known that all we needed to do to gain that respect was beat Dordt, I would have pushed the team to win years ago.”

With their tremendous victory, the lacrosse team also exerted their winning influence on other athletic teams at NW.

Traditionally in the sport of lacrosse, when a player scores his first career goal, after the game, he must strip down to his lowest layer of clothing and run a lap around the field with his stick between his legs. Grant, seeing this tradition carried out after the victory over Dordt, was intrigued and investigated the obvious community-building experience.

Junior attack Mitch Reekon told the press, “This tradition is a great one in lacrosse—it builds community on the team and allows the guys to really celebrate their accomplishments.”

Since NW thrives on strengthening every possible aspect of community on campus, Grant decided that the lacrosse team had a great idea.

“We decided to implement similar community-building celebrations in every athletic event,” said Grant.

“The baseball and softball teams will celebrate home runs and other broken records with a jog around the bases, dressed only in their undergarments, holding their bat and accompanied by the pitcher,” Grant explained.

The same idea will be upheld for the men’s and women’s soccer teams in celebrating their first career goals.

The golf teams will celebrate hole-in-one shots by playing the following hole in their skivvies.

The track and cross country teams will celebrate career best times by running their next race in their underwear as well.

Wanting to enforce the idea of community through these undergarment clad runs, Grant has sought out the help of Christmas Carol and Pristine Sheerbra to design special NW logo underwear for Red Raider athletes.

Mock-ups of the underwear will be available for purchase in the bookstore. President Blue Smurfee requests that fans keep current weather conditions in mind as they don the supportive apparel for various athletic events.

“I am thrilled with this unique community-building venture,” said Smurfee to an unidentified Beacon reporter.

Rumors have been heard to the effect that Smurfee is only supportive of the idea because of his eminent retirement.

Other community members are shocked by this revealing new tradition.

“I just don’t understand how we can convey a Christian message to the surrounding community when our athletes are running around in their underwear during these public contests,” cried a concerned member of the college staff, who may or may not be the mother of a student athlete.

“It was bad enough when the lacrosse team executed this tradition,” she continued. “But I shrugged it off, due to a severe lack of fans at their contests.”

“But basketball and football games are a totally different story,” she said. “People actually attend those games!”

However, despite some frowns from concerned parents, faculty and staff, Grant and the student athletes remain convinced that this community-building tradition will become another of NW’s greats.

“Running around in your underwear is such a revolutionary concept,” said Reekon. “It’s been a tradition in Colebrander for years; I don’t know why it’s taken so long for the sports teams to pick it up.”

So Red Raider fans can anticipate exciting athletic competitions in the coming year with the official unveiling of this tradition to be celebrated at Homecoming 2007, in coordination with the 125th anniversary celebration.
Calling all forum-formers

BY PEACHES AND KUEHN
TRASH FINDER

Have you ever had an issue about which you wanted to raise awareness? Do you seek an easy way to make information readily available to all of campus? Would you like to provide an atmosphere of curiosity and conversation for those who share an interest in your issue? If so, then you won’t want to miss Tuesday’s panel discussion on how to conduct a forum.

Listen to a variety of views presented in an atmosphere of openness and acceptance. Professor Extraordinary Dip Lose will be a two-fold resource, providing information on the history of forums as well as the proper use of slang in panel discussion.

Lose has been a favorite among students and has partaken in his fair share of panel discussions. He stated, “My boos need to get jiggy with some hellafight lingo. Otherwise the panel loses all chances of being krunk.”

Preacher Man Martin Man Sport will share knowledge gleaned from his participation in numerous forums on a wide range of topics. He will also stress the importance of creating a tolerant and open environment. “I think it’s important for us to have these kinds of discussions,” said Man Sport. “If you can’t discuss current issues at a Christian liberal arts college, where can you? It’s all a part of integrating faith and learning.”

Man Sport further stated, “This is a place of learning. We should have the community of Third West Colenbrander when discussing hot topics and tough issues.”

Master of all things psychological, Dr. Hair Redpen, will offer insight on what makes for a cognitively effective forum. The power point used to illustrate these details will be made available on Synapse for those who can’t seem to write fast enough.

Other topics to be discussed include: what to say during a forum, how to avoid awkward silences, keeping the audience engaged and agree to disagree.

So, if you’ve ever wanted to hold a forum or are looking for ways to be a better participant check out The Forum on Forums to be held at 7 p.m., on April 31, in Christ Chapel. Chapel credit will be offered if religious discussion ensues.

SGA to vote to install passion pits

BY PEACH FUZZ
JACK BUTT

The SGA voted today to vote next week on the possibility of having a vote to establish a committee to investigate the possibility of voting to create a committee to vote to establish a committee to investigate the possibility of reviewing the Public Displays of Affection policy on campus.

“Right now, we have no legislation on this issue. I hate to have anything uncontrolled on a Christian campus,” said an SGA spokesperson. “I think many people on this campus think that the goal of our campus is to make people more Christ-like by enforcing our definition of morality on as many issues as possible, and I don’t think you ever saw Jesus kissing Mary Magdalene in public.”

Some students agree. “Once there was a couple kissing right outside my window. PDA makes me want to puke. That day I did puke. It stunk and ruined my dress,” senior Sally O’Neilly complained.

Harmful side effects of PDA include annoying people, accidentally biting each other’s tongues and making single people feel left out. The SGA has decided that it would like to see harsher punishments against those who engage in PDA. “If they just hold hands, we can take away their electricity for a week. If they kiss without tongue, we’ll give them a contract. If they make out, we’ll slap their hands with a ruler,” explained the SGA president.

A compromise has been proposed that would involve partitioning portions of campus as “passion pits” where couples can go to engage in affection behind curtains. Only three couples will be allowed per three-square foot passion pit, in order to avoid the harmful effects of concentrated hormones. Other proposed policies include having students go off campus and display affection in the front of the homes of local residents instead. “It’s ok,” an SGA representative explained. “We’ll talk to all the local residents first and explain that this is the hit they have to take for the good of a more pure Northwestern campus.”

Many other campuses across America have been installing passion pits as well in order to stem the tide of PDA. In order to keep track of all these places for people to engage in wild affection away from the public eye, they have begun to number them with Greek numerals.
Student Development to introduce new Facebook Tattler position

BY POURA LAKE-O-SUN
BEANPOLE

A new campus employment opportunity will be available next year, but because of its top-secret nature, you’re not likely to hear much about it. It is the position of Facebook Tattler, a job whose responsibilities exist solely of perusing students’ photo albums, printing photos in violation of school policies and relinquishing them to the proper authorities.

Student Development has decided to implement the position after the success of a trial run this year. Through the use of such covert tactics, a record number of contracts were distributed this year, to students who earlier may have scoffed at the reach of authority into their adult lives.

The current tattletale, speaking on condition of anonymity and who for this purpose will be referred to as Peeping Tom, commented on the rigors and rewards of his work.

“It’s a tough job, but somebody’s got to do it,” said Tom. “I know it wouldn’t make me the most popular student on campus if word got out, but I wouldn’t do it if I didn’t believe in the cause.”

Despite his commitment to his work, Tom noted the difficulty of being, in a sense, a double agent. “The hardest thing has probably been trying to keep it from my friends,” he said.

Although the tattler’s work has been largely confined to violations concerning alcohol, the department is considering expanding the position to crack down on other infringements of campus policies.

Residence Life Stud Rich And Handsome commented on the department’s future goals for the position. “There are several provisions in the handbook that are often overlooked,” he said, “and I believe enforcing those would improve the community of Northwestern.”

One suggested area would be that of language. According to the student handbook, “The language that we use says a lot about who we are and where our priorities lie….Profanity, vulgarity and all other inappropriate language will not be tolerated within this community.”

If Student Development chooses to go that route, students could be disciplined for comments using vulgarity that they leave on other students’ walls and photos, with punishment most likely being the receiving of a contract.

Handsone also noted that the inspection of comments could lead to contracts for other violations, for instance if alcohol or sexual activity are mentioned. A wall post like, “Do you even remember calling me last night? You sounded soo drunk!” could be grounds for discipline, according to Handsome. “Because Facebook is a public forum, any comments made there must be treated like ones overheard in the cafeteria or other campus location,” said Handsome.

However, students who have caught wind of the Facebook tattler have protested the invasion. “I think it’s pretty ridiculous,” said one student. “What are they going to do next, start planting spies in the dorms?”

Possible inspiration for this is the upcoming “Free Beer” lecture. Though associated with the Dishonors Program, the lecture will be held off-campus for a variety of reasons. Rumors have also been spreading regarding the requirements that must be met in order to join the program. Students are required to maintain a maximum GPA 2.0 and Casey’s participating in a variety of activities. They also enjoy gaming and plotting how to best move heavy signs from their places on campus to various locations around Orange City.

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Underachieve in a community of lifelong slackers

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Trips to the local bar, spring and fall chicken strip dinners and low demand classes with uncomplicated topics are just a few things in which members of the Northwestern Dishonors Program, can choose to participate. Students of all different majors and minors, particularly the undeclared, belong to this low-key group of the sub-par.

If you haven’t heard of the Dishonors Program, it’s probably because its members haven’t gotten around to advertising. Though proud of their membership, they tend to keep it on the D. L. Interest in the program, however, is on the rise.

Usually accompanies ice cream or cereal. May be found near missing bowl or cup.

May be sticky due to use with ice cream products.

Please return to the cafeteria IMMEDIATELY with your $1 fine. Failure to return said spoon will result in accumulating fines from Residence Life, Maintenance, and Student Staffs.