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Turkey



The fortress falls

BY KAITLIN FLOERCHINGER

OPINION EDITOR

After months of disgruntled mumbles, dirty looks and angry social media posts, the Building Facilities Committee has decided to tear down the DeWitt Learning Commons and start anew.

"We're still getting some very negative reactions from students on campus," President Craig Gristy said. "We find it to be in the best interest of everyone if we just eliminate the problem and take a fresh approach."

The DeWitt Learning Commons, a \$14 million investment, was completed in August and quickly fell prey to vicious words and dirty looks. Angry tweets, statuses and comment cards quickly overwhelmed the college administrators, and required several private counseling sessions for members in charge of the initial building plans.

"It came to a point where no one could handle the pressure and the anger," Gristy said. "The students are our first priority; we certainly cannot have them beating up on the morale of the faculty. We even had prospective students reject their enrollment letters because of this whole mess."

After several attempts by various campus departments to persuade the student body that the building was perfect and necessary, the students simply stopped using the space and instead used other buildings on campus for their study needs.

"I couldn't handle it in there," said junior Dean Vander Voort. "The noise and the crowds and the modern furniture were too much for me to deal with on a daily basis. I took to the dining hall to try to get some peace and quiet."

Plans to destroy the building began in early November. The construction company in charge of building the Learning Commons was called in to tear it down over Christmas break. However, students will get early opportunities to aid in the "DebuildingDeWitt" campaign. Hammers, rocks and spray paint will be available during finals week.



PHOTO BY EMILEE BERRY

Due to complaints, it has been decided that the DeWitt Learning Commons will be torn down. Thankfully, Miley Cyrus and her construction crew were available to assist in demolition.

"We're trying to turn this into something beneficial," Gristy said. "Obviously we are upset and demoralized, but we want the students to feel they played a tangible role in this change. As a stress-reliever, students will be

able to break windows and spray paint their names on various parts of the building before it gets torn down."

Faculty and staff members are encouraged to avoid the area around the Learning Commons during finals week.

Wedding bells ring for Wespers

BY ABBIE AMIOTTE

COPY EDITOR

Sadness and heartbreak have flooded the halls of both West and Hospers halls at their impending destruction and relocation, respectively. But tears will soon be replaced with the sound of wedding bells in a new effort to save the dorm communities.

According to Northwestern's president, Craig Gristy, the administration heard the cries of its students and came up with a solution.

"We have found a plan that will please everyone," Gristy said. "Hospers gets to stay in its home, and West won't have to live in a condemned building."

In an effort to save both communities, the administration has decided to make Hospers Hall married student housing, now named Wespers, and to encourage West and Hospers residents are to marry one another.

The women of Hospers are thankful that they will no longer have to be relocated to another dorm on campus. They plan to welcome the men of West with open arms.

"I'm just glad I get to stay in Hospers," Hospers resident Cassidy Jenkins said. "I'm excited to get married, too, but really, I just want to stay in my home."

Students are thrilled with the possibility of having to no longer worry about finding their ring by spring.

"Northwestern always talks about giving us a whole education for our whole lives," West resident Maxwell Ringer said. "They are finally adding marriage to that, and it is really helping me focus more on school than all the cute girls on campus."

The Student Activities Counsel announced plans to make the annual "Speed Dating" event open to West and Hospers residents only. For those residents who do not find their perfect match at the event, a lottery will be drawn to find their spouse.

A group wedding, officiated by Chaplain Varlan Han Ort, will be held in the Vogel Community Room in the Learning Commons immediately after the lottery.

Just Culture ¹²

The real Ramaker makeover

BY JOCELYN VAN DYKE
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

With all the construction noises coming from Ramaker, many students are beginning to wonder what's taking place inside the building that once held beloved books and hosted awe-inspiring study sessions. Rumored to be the new home to the departments currently located in the Franken Center, Ramaker is actually being turned into an indoor amusement park for Northwestern's students. But that's not all.

"An amusement park is just part of the first stage of construction," foreman Will Vander Smith said.

"Eventually we're hoping to add a swimming pool in the basement and a hookah bar on the second floor."

Last fall, SGA approached the board of trustees with the proposal to do something more exciting with the old Ramaker building. They agreed that more extracurricular activities should be added to campus for students.

"There aren't a lot of things for college students to do in town," Gristy said. "We thought building an amusement park, swimming pool and hookah bar would provide students with a variety of ways to unwind and relax together after a

long week of studying and classes."

Although construction is scheduled for completion by Fall 2014, there have been a few hiccups along the way.

"As we were tearing down walls one day, some girl came in asking for a sledge hammer and tried climbing on top of our wrecking ball," construction worker Reid Baker said. "That kind of activity is really dangerous in our work space, so she was quickly removed from the construction zone."

Despite a couple minor setbacks, enthusiasm about the entire remodeling project has been extremely high among the student body.



PHOTO BY EMILEE BERRY

The new Learning Commons is the finest facility on Northwestern's campus. It also has a coffee shop, which is something that Ramaker will never have.

"I am so excited for the Ramaker renovations to be done," junior Annie

Clarkson said. "It will be nice to finally have a place where students can hang

out and say 'It's our party, and we can do what we want to.'"

Dorm rules hope to invoke change at NW

BY JORDAN DYKSTRA
FEATURES CO-EDITOR

Last week, a controversial decision was reached by administrators regarding residence life at Northwestern. Starting in the spring semester, open dorm hours will now be limited to Saturday night exclusively. Also, the dorm's hours themselves will go from a 1 a.m. curfew to a 9 p.m. curfew. In addition, doors must be propped open completely when someone of the opposite sex is in the room.

Many on campus strongly support the recent changes.

"I think this is great for the campus community as a whole," senior resident assistant Jack VanSlaag said. There has been a lot of promiscuity on campus lately, and this will surely crack down on rule breakers. Everyone loves rules. These are just more rules that we can strive to follow."

Along with the recent dorm hour changes, other rules have been added to the residence halls. After 9 p.m. each night, the resident assistant must go through a routine bed check to make sure residents are in bed and lights are out they will confiscate any contraband prohibited at NW.

"In this day and age, one can never take too many precautions with safety," said President Craig Gristy. "We are committed to maintain safety as the highest priority at NW."

Students are also required to check in and check out on a sheet of paper posted in the hallways each time they enter and exit a residence hall. Violations of any of the new rules will result in a probation period during which the student is sentenced to lockdown in his or her dorm room at all times outside of class and chapel.

"This is just an exciting time at NW," Gristy said. "We are very overjoyed."

New psychology study reveals startling facts

BY LYRIC MORRIS
ARTS AND CULTURE EDITOR

Ground-breaking new research performed by NW psychology, sociology and social work majors has finally proven that there are many negative effects of on-campus surveys and studies. The study was conducted over a series of several emails, titled, "Please take my psych study," "My grade depends on this," "I'll give you a Tootsie Roll if you please just take five minutes to do this" and "Seriously, I'll sell you my soul and we can be best friends forever if you just answer these 15 questions."

Many students, however, did not take the surveys out of confusion about who was administering them.

"I was just really puzzled about why Darla was conducting so many surveys," junior Sarah Vanbeek said. "I was getting about 15 emails a day from her, and just didn't feel comfortable giving such a



PHOTO BY EMILEE BERRY

The new Learning Commons has many books on psychology and surveys for any student's disposal.

massive amount of information about my personal life to the school."

These feelings of paranoia and befuddlement

were not the only negative effects experienced by students who took these surveys. Students who participate in multiple studies are shown to have much higher body fat content.

"I'm eating an average of seven to 10 baked goods a day," sophomore Jeff Johnson said. "The mailroom actually moved me permanently to one of those big mailboxes for packages so that the psych students could shove more cookies and Rice Krispie treats in there. And who has time to workout when they're taking surveys all day?"

The students who conducted this new research are considering what action should be taken next.

"Be looking for some emails in the next week, including a survey about your emotional reaction to this new research, what you plan to do in light of this new information and whether or not you like my new haircut," Penelope Prudence said. My mom's making Scotcherros."

Features¹³

Just DeWitt

BY DAYNE LOGAN
BEACON ADVISOR

This year's graduating seniors will be the last class ever to graduate from Northwestern College. Although current freshmen, sophomores and juniors are presently enrolled at Northwestern, they'll never graduate from a school that bears that name. Instead, they'll be among the first to earn degrees from DeWitt College.

"We're confident it's the right move," said John Vander Winkel, NW/DeWitt's chief identity officer. "The DeWitt family name is already on several campus buildings. In fact, there are almost as many campus signs with 'DeWitt' on them as there are with 'Northwestern.'"

Vander Winkel said school administrators became worried about brand consistency after a string of visitors came into the newly completed DeWitt Learning Commons to ask for directions to Northwestern College.

"With all the 'DeWitt' stuff on campus, things were getting confusing," Vander Winkel said. "This should clear it up."

The name change will go into effect in August 2014, just in time for the 2014-15 school year. Student responses to the news have been overwhelmingly positive.

"The DeWitts have done so much for this school," Sophomore Jenny De Jong said. "This is the least we can do to repay them for all their generosity."

In fact, De Jong and a large group of her friends don't think the name change is enough. They've started an online petition to have the school's mascot changed from the Red Raiders to the Turkeys in honor of the turkey slaughtering business from which Jack and Mary DeWitt amassed most of their wealth.

"What's not to love about turkeys?" petition signee Michael Simmelink asked. "They're delicious. I can't wait to have some turkey smothered in gravy with some cranberry sauce, some stuffing, my Nana's rolls, some green beans, a sweet potato, some pasta salad and a slice of apple pie. Wait, what were we talking about? It was Thanksgiving, right? I actually signed a petition the other day to bring more turkeys to Northwestern. Or something like that. I stopped listening after they said 'turkey.' Do you have any turkey on you? I could really go for some turkey right now."

A new school logo is still in the works, but the NW Bookstore has already started the process of clearing out old inventory to make room for items that reflect the college's new identity.



PHOTO BY EMILEE BERRY

The DeWitt Learning Commons, pictured above, was the inspiration for the college's transition to its new identity.

"We're having the biggest sale in bookstore history," store manager Glenda Von Bon said. "Select items have been marked as much as 6 percent off. Who says Dutch people are cheap?"

The college's board of trustees is also considering revamping the school's mission statement.

"We really want something that reflects the spirit evoked by the new DeWitt Learning Commons," said board member Cynthia Vander Plaats. "Right now our frontrunner is 'DeWitt College: Where we share a common vision for uncommon learning that begins at the Learning Commons.'"

Members of the NW/DeWitt community are encouraged to submit alternative mission statement ideas to a drop box that is conveniently located in the atrium of the DeWitt Learning Commons.

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Thurs (Thanksgiving Day) (4:15) 6:50 9:40

\$2 Tuesday!
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First Year to prepare for marriage

BY ABBIE AMIOTTE
COPY EDITOR

Northwestern students are marrying one another at alarming rates, both during and after their college terms. Because of

this, NW has announced that its new First Year Seminar class will add a premarital counseling element to the curriculum. Currently, the course is designed to force students

to ask the tough questions about their own identity, their place in the world and who their neighbors are. Beginning next fall, the faculty will also guide the students in discovering the

definition of marriage and how to live as a husband or wife.

"Who knows?" Chaplain Varlan HanOort said. "These students that are taking this class may end up marrying each other. We just want to make sure they are equipped to handle the commitment."

The new course design will include reading "Love and Respect," determining the students' "love languages" and role-playing as husband and wife to learn communication skills.

All of the sections of the course will have an equal number of men

and women to avoid any confusion during this exercise. An anonymous questionnaire will be given to students at the beginning of the course so they can ask the more sensitive questions without embarrassment.

"I wish we already had this," freshman Leslie Van Hogendaas said. "I met my fiancé in my FYS course, and our wedding is this summer. I feel like the freshmen next year will have such an advantage."

Faculty and staff members are excited to share their wealth of marriage knowledge with these future husbands and wives.

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Around Campus

Art Exhibit

Constance VanWeezly will present her senior art exhibit, "Dreams and Nightmares," in the Te Paske Gallery of the Korver Visual Arts Center beginning Friday, Nov. 22. The exhibit features a large sculpture of Ronald McDonald made entirely out of green beans.

Theater

Northwestern Theater will present "The Dictionary," a dramatic reading of the dictionary at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 22; 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 23; 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 28; and 7:30 on Friday, Nov. 29, in the Proscenium Theater of the DeWitt Theater Arts Center.

Thanksgiving

In honor of the Learning Commons' six-month anniversary, Thanksgiving will be held on Thursday, Nov. 28. Students will have five days off to remember and give thanks for the Learning Commons' many admirable features.

Parkour

Northwestern's undefeated Parkour team will take on itself at 6 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 25, on the streets of Orange City.

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Chapel

Monday

♦The Beacon Staff, who you're mad at

Tuesday

♦Miley Cyrus, singer

Wednesday

♦Mitt Romney, NA

Friday

♦Enrique Iglesias, guapo

Chapel requirement raised to twice a day

BY ALYSSA CURRIER
NEWS EDITOR

Next semester, chapel requirements for full-time Northwestern students will be raised to require attendance at chapel twice a day, every day.

The decision comes after weeks of rioting in the streets led by balcony-sitters who claim they are being deprived of their right to afternoon chapel.

"Like the rest of the student body, I came to NW because chapel is required," said senior balcony-sitter Sarah Vamper Stump. "But with the current requirement, students only sing approximately 640 praise songs and listen to 304 chapel speakers during their time here. Who are we, Dordt?"

These figures do not account for Sunday morning church or Sunday night Praise and Worship, but many students do not feel as comfortable worshipping at these services as they do during chapel.

"Everyone is in such a worshipping mood at 10 a.m. on a school day," said sophomore balcony sitter Caleb DeZutenBog. "The lighting and the fact that everyone is so happy to be there creates an atmosphere that just makes you want to lift your hands in praise."

According to administration, students will attend the second chapel of the day in the Vogel Community Room of the Learning Commons.

"When we built the Learning Commons, we wanted it to be a bastion of versatility that could fulfill needs that were not being met by our current facilities," said President Craig Gristy. "When determining where to hold afternoon chapel, the Vogel room just seemed like a no-brainer."

The balcony-sitters have made it their mission to ensure every afternoon chapel is a "mountaintop experience" for every student. To achieve this objective, they have undertaken intense lobbying efforts that include significant contributions to the coffers of Chaplain Varlan HanOort.

"I've been under immense pressure to designate Provost Lasper Jesage and Dean of Faculty Fadrienne Orgette as the sole, alternating speakers of afternoon chapel," HanOort said.

HanOort expressed concern that not appeasing the balcony-sitters could lead to more riots.

"We've been walking on eggshells ever since we denied their attempt to implement Organ Monday, Organ Tuesday, Organ Thursday and Organ Friday," HanOort said. "It's just not feasible to install an organ in the Vogel room until next summer."

As an alternative to organ music, balcony-sitters have recruited the Drama Ministries Ensemble to provide vocals for afternoon chapel. They will be accompanied by NW's ancient Middle Eastern instrument collection.

When it comes to chapel rules, balcony-sitters are encouraging NW to crack down.

"Cellphones, homework, and engagement rings; any potential distractions will be confiscated at the doors," said right side junior Jake Hoekengroot. "We're excited about what God is going to do at afternoon chapel."

Beacon publishes the perfect issue

BY SARAH WEDEL
FEATURES EDITOR

November 25 is a day that will forever live in infamy. On this day the *Beacon* Staff managed to publish a perfect paper for the first time. Students and staff may have noticed some inaccuracies in the paper this semester. The *Beacon* staff have expressed that the *Beacon* is a learning laboratory for aspiring journalists, but for the public, this has not been a sufficient reason for the erroneous information in the paper.

This week the real reason for the mistakes came to light when Editor-in-Chief Jocelyn Van Dyke stepped forward with new information.

"Surprise! We've been printing the mistakes on purpose," Van Dyke said. Van Dyke and the other *Beacon* staff have been worried in recent years that staff and students haven't been reading the paper but rather just skimming it. In an effort to discover whom the real readers of the *Beacon* are, the factual mistakes have been cleverly inserted into headlines, photo captions and article text.

Van Dyke said everyone working at the *Beacon* has been pleasantly surprised to find out how many people do actually read the paper. The many emails and tweets the staff have received addressing the inaccuracies have provided ample evidence.

"In the day and age when people only seem to get their news from Facebook, Twitter and other online sources, we, here at the *Beacon*, are overjoyed to learn there are still loyal newspaper readers," said Dayne Logan, the supervisor of the *Beacon* staff.

Although this issue is perfect, the *Beacon* staff would like to encourage staff and students to keep looking for errors in the future as they continue to determine who is reading the paper.

Forks are found

BY MICHAEL SIMMELINK
SPORTS EDITOR

Who is taking these forks? Where have they been placed? Through interviews on site inside the cafeteria, campus members offered a variety of opinions. Indisputable facts have been hard to come by.

"It has to be the Heemstra guys," freshman Sarah Schany said. "They're the ones who usually make all the trouble."

Her theory has some support. Because it is common knowledge that all of Heemstra's traditions break rules, the men of Heemstra are certainly suspects in the investigation.

However, this is not the only notion around campus.

"I think we can safely assume that desperate girls from Hospers are responsible," senior Brad Stevens said.

When pressed on his theory, Stevens said the women, still upset about leaving the dorm next year, are using the forks in a plot. He explained that the forks are being used as steel beams in the walls of West Hall. The end goal is to get enough forks serve as foundational support, beam stabilizers and bathroom faucet handles so that West will not have to be torn down.

Other sources, such as sophomore Sullivan Choduh, said that the forks are being sold by students to help pay rising tuition costs. Suspected buyers include high-quality dining establishments Blue Mountain, Nederlanders, Tag's, and Double D's.



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The Learning Commons is one building on campus that definitely does not need forks to stabilize its foundation. It may have been expensive to build, but it is invincible and will never be torn down.