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## New classes brought to NW to shrink your mind

STAND OUT BY STAYING PUT

VAKOB JANDERWERFF  
FUTURE FARMER OF AMERICA

Next fall Northwestern College will be rolling out a new series of classes. For quite a few years, NW has been lauded as a liberal arts institution that expands students' worldviews, making them better citizens and more well-rounded individuals. In fact, President Creg Ghristy can be routinely heard muttering, "Our mission is to be a Christian academic community engaging students in courageous and faithful learning and living that empowers them to follow Christ and pursue God's redeeming work in the world."

But per the request of the student body, NW will be listing new classes that do not challenge students' perspectives. When we reached out to him, Academic Vice President Pate Nhinney said, "For far too long, Northwestern has been offering classes that challenge students to grow. Parents were pushing back, so we decided to revert to classes that

don't ask anything of our students."

Professor Mott Sconsma, notorious for having classes that push students to think deeper, says he is "glad" NW is introducing these new courses. "I've spent my whole career trying to get students to think critically from different perspectives... but I've had enough! I look forward to the new courses. I'm tired."

These new classes include: *Christian Story: Taught by your 5th-Grade Sunday School Teacher*, *Sandwich Making*, *Don't Say Gay*, *Trump 101*, *Why the 1950s Were the Greatest Period in History*, *Don't Leave Your Hometown*, *America Has Never Been Wrong* and *Pickleball*.

One of the courses students are most excited about is *America Has Never Been Wrong*. Here, students will take a 16-week course covering why the Trail of Tears was justified and the immense benefits of the War on Drugs, along with coverage of the original Constitution, pointing out how the amendments negatively affected the pure, original form of the document. Nationalism will abound.

In *Christian Story: Taught by*



*your 5th-Grade Sunday School Teacher*, or CST5GSST, students will learn how every aspect of Scripture is exact historical, scientific fact. Gustin Droen, a BTS major, says he looks forward to learning from someone far less smart than Dr. VB. "Learning from VB is draining. It's exciting to go back to the basics, taking every aspect of Scripture at surface level." NW plans on hiring around 77 adjunct professors for this course. Rumor has it that every

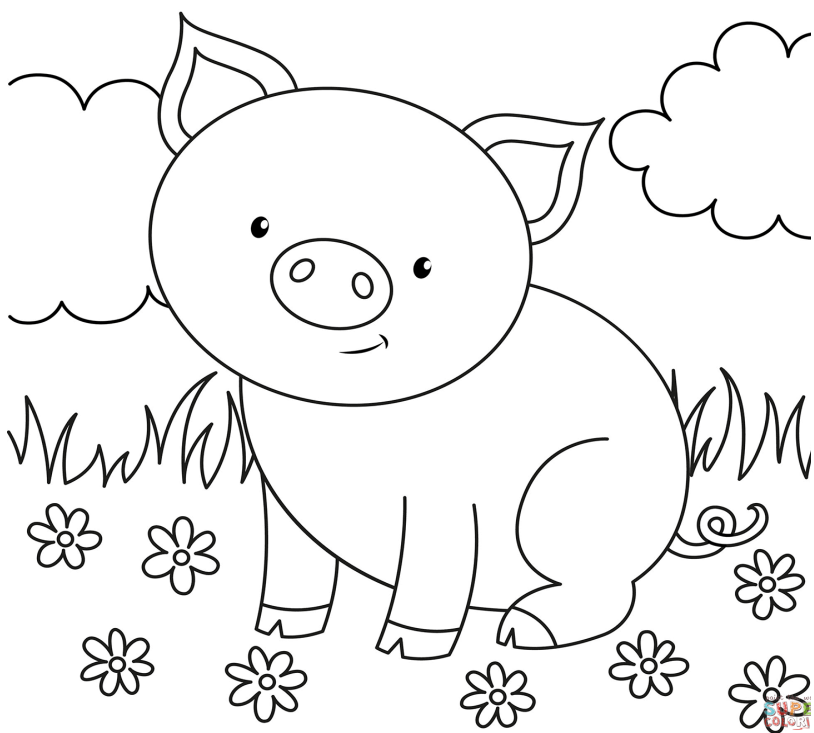
answer on tests will be "Jesus."

Dean of the Social Sciences, Veff JanDerWerff, has never been the biggest Donald Trump fan, but he says he is "excited to take on the challenge" of teaching *Trump 101*. JanDerWerff says, "Listening to the student body, I've had a change of heart. I'm ready to admit that there's never been a greater president than 45." JanDerWerff allegedly plans on coming to class in orange face paint and a yellow wig. Every assignment

will involve a Tweet of some sort.

With the addition of these new classes, NW plans on accepting record enrollment next year - a majority of students hailing from Wyoming, Arkansas, North Dakota, Alabama and Ohio. While there are not enough new classes for a major, taking these courses can earn you an *Un-expanded Worldview* minor. Future plans have already been made to expand the curriculum and offer a new academic major.

## Piggy puzzles



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## Ground Breaking Ground Breaking

### GROUND BREAKING GROUND BREAKING

VOLLIN CERSCHOR  
TOP DOG

After a long wait from all across campus, the new women's dorm has been officially set in spot. Where Kepp Hall once stood, will be the home of the new Christy Suites (PGSuites if you will). The ceremonious groundbreaking event took place at noon on Friday April 21. Plans had been set for quite some time, and many people including the board of trustees, staff, faculty, alumni, community and students were invited to attend.

However, as noon quickly approached, it became very clear that the ceremony would most likely not happen. As the sky lost its usual blue color and a veil of gray fell over it, an uneasy feeling came over all those in attendance. At around 11:15 many of those who were waiting noticed a small tremor that came from the ground. They were at first confused before they brushed off what seemed to be nothing. As noon grew closer and closer, these small tremors became more and more noticeable. By 11:45 a.m. there was a tremor occurring every two

to three minutes according to eyewitnesses.

Because it seemed as if it was nothing serious and no harm had been done to anyone, the ceremony proceeded to take place. Being the punctual man that he is, President Creg Ghristy began the ceremony as soon as the Zwemer bell rang noon. President Christy did a wonderful job at welcoming all in attendance and thanking those who donated to the new dorm.

As the wonderful speech ensued, so did the tremors, whereas they were ignorable at first, it quickly became difficult to work around them. By the time 12:03 p.m. had hit and President Ghristy was still speaking the tremors occurred every minute. Many of those in attendance, including distinguished, extinguished and honorable safety expert Mhad Ciller, began to become worried and tried to convince the stopping of the ceremony. Nevertheless, their cries to cut the event short were to late.

At exactly 12:05 p.m. a shaking like none that most in Northwest Iowa took place, causing all of those in attendance to flee for safety. The earthquake lasted for around 22 seconds and left nearby car alarms blaring and many people shaken by what had occurred. The earthquake was measured

as a seven on the Modified Mercalli Intensity Scale, but thankfully left none with injuries of any kind. One peculiar thing to note is that the quake itself, as well as the tremors before and the aftershocks after the quake were only felt within the area where Kepp once stood.

After a long investigation and finding a pair of gray

shoes on the site, it was found that a group of students had gone to the sight the night before to try and create a hole so that way the ground would have already been broken. Even if they meant it as a joke, they are tragically the reason for the quake. Seismologists who studied the event over the past week believe that

the group somehow struck the ground in just the right way that awoken the tectonic plate that lies underneath Kepp. The group has not been identified yet, but the campus asks that if you have any information, you report it to them right away.

Thankfully, this rare earthquake will not cause any setbacks to the building

of the new dorm, seeing as there was already nothing on the ground that was affected. Indeed, the ground was broken on that faithful Friday, just maybe not in the way that many had planned on.



## Secret squirrel espionage exposed at NW

### NOT SO FRIENDLY SQUIRRELS

BAYLEE KANDSTRA  
ANTI-SQUIRREL ACTIVIST

The cliché of Northwestern having the friendliest squirrels on campus has come to an abrupt end when a student discovered a disturbing secret about the fuzzy-tailed rodents.

As the weather got warmer, at least for a few days, a student studying on the green noticed a squirrel staring at her. Upon further inspection, she saw that the squirrel was spying on her with tiny binoculars, looking at her homework.

"I thought it was a glare from the sun, but I was exhausted from doing homework, so I took a break and followed the squirrel to its nest," she said. "I kept my distance from the squirrel, and I could have sworn I saw the squirrel take off a fur-covered backpack!"

Inside, the student saw tiny espionage gear, small enough for squirrels to carry, and a tiny filing cabinet. The cabinet contained miniscule documents of every student, which included their grades, academic alerts and photos of students studying or

procrastinating.

Violated, the student stormed into the next staff meeting, slamming down the miniscule documents that contained her information in front of the board. Reluctantly, PGC gave in and admitted that most of the school's tuition goes into hiring spy squirrels to ensure that the students remain academic weapons.

"The squirrels only take pictures and report on the student's academic success," PGC claimed when he faced backlash from several students. "Their life inside the dorms remains confidential, so there should be no worries about student safety."

PGC's statement did not satisfy the angered students. PGC turned to the Resident Directors for help on how to diffuse the situation, but the RD's have been in a secret anti-spy-squirrel alliance.

"We knew about the squirrels," said Fern RD Watalie Nheeler. "But we were under a strict contract not to say anything about it. But, several of us decided to do something to steer the squirrels away - we got dogs."

The dogs on campus were strategically placed and provided to campus. Oakley Fern, Ivy Banks and Ozzy



serve the purpose of barking at the spy squirrels and chasing them if necessary.

"The other RDs and I believed that the squirrels were infringing on the students' first amendment rights, so we all got dogs for the sole purpose of keeping the squirrels at line," Nheeler said. "We staggered our dog purchases, to avoid suspicion from PCG."

The exposure of the squirrel espionage has

divided students into pro-squirrel and anti-squirrel activist groups.

"I honestly think it is really cool," said student Syd Stat. "It creates motivation to become an academic weapon."

"The situation is so crazy and weird, but I am not opposed to it," said student Maliegh Ketzger. "I really like squirrels."

The anti-squirrel group wants rid campus of all

squirrels, whether the furry creatures are a part of the spy circulation or not.

"As Watalie Nheeler said, this infringes on our first amendment rights," said one student. "We are not comfortable with squirrels reporting all our academic records."

The secret squirrel espionage issue remains a hot topic on the NW campus. PGC claims that he is attempting to diffuse

the situation, and is willing to lessen the amount of squirrels with spy gear on campus. The squirrels are to remain on campus, but they have been stripped of their spy gear.

"We still have a long way to go to bring peace and healing back to campus," said Nheeler. "Hopefully, by this time next year, we can have natural squirrels on campus and the students can feel safe again."



## NWC Dewitt Cafeteria hires fruit police

ATTEMPT TO APPEAL  
TO THE BUNCHES

HOSE ROOGERS  
THE FREAK FROM THE  
BUG POSTERS

According to the philosophy of the cafeteria, the best way to learn to use a privilege is to have it taken away. Some argue that doing what you want with food that you have already paid for falls under the category of a right. If this is the case, that right has been repealed.

This is nothing new for the caf. After stripping students of made to order sandwiches beneath layers of cling wrap, signs were soon posted that they can only be consumed within the building. The same was true for the fruit available for students to take from the counter. A sign pleaded with students to not take bananas out of the cafeteria.

"We just don't like it when they leave with the fruit," a caf worker said. "If we're not seeing them eat it, then they're probably waiting for it to rot and using it to throw at actors in the theatre productions.

We love the theatre department. What would we do without having to move their tabletent schedules everytime we need to wipe a table down?

The signs were ineffective in the fight to confine fruit consumption within the caf. Students continued to leave the cafeteria with the food they paid for and wanted to eat. Disciplinary action had to be taken. It was decided fruit should only be offered during breakfast because students are too tired to steal between 7 and 9 a.m. As a result, there was no way for students who are not early risers to get their fill of fruit.

Student Thabitha Tatcher was deeply distraught by this. "Sometimes all I want is my little banana on peanut butter toast for lunch. Where am I supposed to get my potassium now? Riddle me that one," Tatcher said.

After a couple weeks of fruitless noon and evening meals, Orange City Area Health System was suddenly overwhelmed by an influx of college students with bleeding gums and skin rashes. Because of the acute



lack of fruit in their diets, nearly 70% of the student population were diagnosed with scurvy. Northwestern's abbreviation was promptly shortened to NW because of the lack of vitamin C.

Once the amount of teeth lost from malnutrition affected the quality of singing for P&W, Student Life demanded the caf make fruit available during lunch and dinner again. The caf workers were not quick to concede, but with some compromising,

the two parties were able to reach an agreement.

The caf has hired official fruit police to stand guard. Armed with moldy bags of bread, these officers monitor and intimidate students seeking fruit. From there, the officers collect data of which fruit is taken, who eats it, how quickly it is consumed and how much is thrown away because it is the caf's top concern to know what students are doing with the food they purchase.

The force has also found ways to seize campus' sneakier fruit thieves. Using the money the caf saves from keeping the gluten free and vegan options to a minimum, they have now installed large walk-through vitamin detectors. Much like airport security, students must walk through these detectors, which, instead of metal, scan for high concentrations of vitamins in certain fruits that caf-goers could be smuggling in their backpacks. If caught,

an officer will write the student a ticket, costing them the hefty price of nine chapel credits, one for each fruit of the Spirit.

As of now, there is no option to appeal these tickets. Students who do not meet the chapel requirements on account of fruit smuggling will be required to spend a day in fruit jail where they are forced to live off bowls of unripe canteloupe.

## Female Pastor Distributed like Manna

BONHOEFFER  
IS EVERYWHERE

PLARA CAHL  
SNOWPLOW FIGHTER

On Easter Sunday, communion bread was not the only thing multiplied. 157 Bristin Krouwers spread across the campus green. The reason for their appearance remains unknown but some hypothesize they were the result of a particularly powerful sermon at church.

At 7:45 a.m., sophomore Llena Eee spotted the reverends collectively yawning. Around half of them filed into Ramaker after finding the original Krouwer in the building.

"I made nametags for all of them," Eee said, smiling.

When asked how her clones arrived, Krouwer declined to comment. Students who have been mentored, befriended, or encouraged by NW's discipleship coordinator have peppered administrators and campus ministry staff with questions.

Do the Krouwers get paid the same? Are they in

charge of one another? Are they all ordained and have Master of Divinity degrees from Western Theological Seminary, a top Reformed seminary? Are men okay?

While confusion abounds, the Bristins are collaborating to make discipleship care more accessible for everyone. One of them assured a distraught male student from North Suites, "you can still shepherd yourself even if you do not have 157 clones. Trust mes."

Other students are enthralled by how many trustworthy and intelligent counselors there now are on campus, one of them likening the situation to the parable of Feeding the Five Thousand. After all, who needs bread when you can have Bristin?

Last Saturday, the miniature army of pastors decided to begin a volleyball tournament with one another. Besides the obvious issue with unbiased refereeing, competing against yourselves poses abnormal challenges.

"We all play the same position," Bristin #58 said.

"Too much sarcasm," Bristin #101 admitted.

"My clones kept



heckling me with that one line from Princess Bride, 'You fell victim to one of the classic blunders... never go against a female pastor when Jesus and the Holy Spirit are on the line!' Bristin #66 said.

Despite their frustrations, a small crowd of staff and students who gathered around the volleyball courts reported feelings of immense joy and reverence. The game was dubbed "Bristinball" and has now risen the ranks of campus sports, including Gennis.

However, there is still an unanswered question. Where do the Bristins

live?

First, they camped out on the green. Two weeks later they moved into local homes where the host moms were host mom'd by the Bristins. Administration briefly considered pushing them to become missionaries.

"But the Bristins have grounded us—literally—so naturally we invited all of them to speak at the breaking ground ceremony for the new women's residence hall," a spokesperson for NW said.

The speech was a NW record at 1,570 minutes (about 1 day) long.

The original Krouwer began advocating for the allowance of dog treats at the 24-hour mini-market for her 158 Bonhoeffers. This request was met with pushback from Harlon Maverdink when the pack of maltese pups invaded his office.

"Not cool," Maverdink said.

After coralling them to the green, the Krouwers concocted a plan for moving into the new hall. Mysteriously, all their multiplied belongings, including many ovens, were found on the puddlejumper trail.

Eee collected the clothes

for her crafternoon event on April 29 at 10 a.m. before realizing they belonged to the Krouwers.

"I'm just glad I didn't turn them into a giant quilt or something," Eee said. The Krouwers reunited with their belongings and settled into their home.

"We get so much stuff done, it's as if there are 157 of us," Reverend Krouwer laughed.

The Krouwers unanimously voted themselves into resident assistant and hall director positions. There have been no conflicts thus far.

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# Commencement crowd confused

## FEMALE STUDENT GRADUATES WITHOUT MRS DEGREE

BRAILEY BOWN  
FO SHO SHAWTY

Despite there being standing room only for drop-in guests, this year's graduation ceremony set the all-time record for attendance. While many of those in attendance were loved ones of Northwestern's class of 2023, a significant portion were there to see a particular individual.

Stories had spread about a female student who was graduating without being in a committed relationship, and many wanted to see it to believe it. Senior attendees made sure to have their glasses handy to see for themselves if there truly was no ring on the left hand of this senior in college. During the handoff of her diploma, all eyes were attentively watching, and there were even a few pairs of binoculars in the crowd.

Since such a significant portion of NW grads are married or engaged by the time of graduation, news of a single senior seemed like a myth or a legend. The rarity also contributed to this female student becoming something akin to a local celebrity.

After the commencement ceremony concluded, a line formed of people waiting to meet such a strangely unique graduate. Extra members of the press were in attendance and joined the lineup as well, waiting for a chance to get a statement from this famed individual.

In an exclusive interview, the graduate shared how she is an anomaly in her own family line. Four generations of women in her family met their spouse at NW. In her extended family, there are twelve couples that began their relationship during their time at NW. A hallway in her grandparent's house is lined with photos of each of the NW couples sitting on the steps of Zwemer Hall.

For the last four years, she has spent all holiday celebrations enduring questions about her relationship status. Various family members have made attempts at setting her up. As her cousins increasingly brought new significant others, fiancés or spouses to family gatherings, they were used as a



resource for establishing a larger pool of potential suitors.

Conversations about who she could be paired up with would happen while she was in the room, but often she was not consulted for her opinion. Any time family consensus was reached for a new eligible bachelor, her grandfather would give the final word.

"Welp," he would say, slapping his knees in the true fashion of a Midwestern patriarch. "If he ain't Dutch, he ain't much."

While she might have some chance at meeting an eligible bachelor after college, the odds of him being Dutch are lower. One of the more adamant members of her family, Aunt Lotte, went as far as suggesting that she become a fifth-year senior to secure her chances at finding a mate.

The family seemed to ask the same question that many curious attendees at the graduation ceremony were wondering: are there any suitable men to be found outside of a Christian college campus?

That is the question this graduate will soon be discovering the answer to. With the following that her story has gained, many

members of the public have volunteered themselves to help her cause.

Filling out Hospers dating applications may have proven unsuccessful for her, but a group of women from a local church created applications to be sent out to all the young men in Siouxland. She had to open up a P.O. box to receive the influx of letters being sent her way.

One community member started a GoFundMe page to raise money for her to travel to Holland and meet a proper Dutch man. So far it has raised \$3,934, and the amount continues to climb.

The former roommate of a community member's cousin works for Paramount Pictures. He has reportedly contacted the writers of "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days" asking them to help him pitch a movie entitled "How to Keep a Guy Away for 4 Years." If it goes anywhere, the movie has the potential to push this single graduate towards fame and fortune. But will it help her find a spouse? Only time will tell.

## Pigs

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