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## Campus gossip: Sonsma spotted

PROFFESOR SEEN AT TOUPÉE STORE

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XOXO GOSSIP GIRL

In a plot twist that's got the college campus buzzing louder than a faulty hair dryer, Dr. Mcott Sonsma, the sociology professor who's as smooth on top as his lectures are slick, has been caught red-handed – or should we say, red-headed – slipping into a toupee store! Looks like our bald buddy might be considering a cosmetic reboot!

The eyewitnesses were stunned as they watched Sonsma sneak into Hair Haven, a shop known for its wigs and whispers. "I nearly dropped my coffee when I saw him!" exclaimed one student, still in shock. "I mean, who knew he was thinking of trying out a new look?"

One can not help but wonder: what prompted Sonsma's sudden interest in toupees? Is it merely a passing fancy, a spur-of-the-moment decision driven by curiosity? Or perhaps there is a deeper motivation lurking beneath the surface – a desire for change, a quest for identity or even a longing for connection. Could it be that Sonsma's visit to Hair Haven is not just about covering up his baldness, but about uncovering something deeper within himself?

Amidst the speculation surrounding

Sonsma's unexpected visit to Hair Haven, some whispers suggest a more personal motivation behind his choice. Known among close acquaintances for his passion for biking, could it be that Sonsma yearns to feel the wind in his hair once again? Perhaps, hidden beneath his scholarly exterior, lies a desire for the simple pleasures of life – the rush of freedom as he pedals down winding paths, the sensation of his hair tousled by the breeze. Could it be that his visit to the toupee store is less about concealing his baldness and more about recapturing a sense of youthful vitality? As the campus community ponders this possibility, one can not help but wonder if Sonsma's journey to Hair Haven is a quest not just for a new look, but for a rediscovery of self.

As whispers of wig-wearing wander through the halls and theories sprout faster than a Chia Pet on steroids, it seems everyone's got an opinion on Sonsma's mane mission. "Let's not get our hairs in a tangle over Dr. Sonsma's visit to Hair Haven," Dr. Hhris Causmann remarked with a shrug. "After all, who are we to dictate the follicular choices of others? If Dr. Sonsma wishes to explore the world of toupees, then so be it. It's his head, his choice."

"In a society where individuality is celebrated, we must remember to extend that same courtesy to Dr. Sonsma," Causmann continued, with a sense of understanding. "Whether he's



embracing a new look, conducting an experiment or simply indulging in a bit of whimsy, it's important to respect his autonomy. After all, isn't the essence of sociology about understanding and accepting the diversity of human experience?"

But how will this hair-raising development affect our beloved campus community? Will Sonsma's newfound fascination with follicular fakery send shockwaves through the student body? One thing is for sure – the cafeteria chatter has never been hairier.

But amidst the speculation and rumor-spreading, one voice rises above the rest – that of Sonsma's students. "If

he really does start wearing a toupee, it would change the way we see him," confides one student, choosing to remain anonymous. "He's always been so confident about his baldness, using it to teach us about self-acceptance and societal norms. If he suddenly hides it, it would feel like he's betraying everything he's ever taught us."

With speculation reaching heights higher than a mohawk, one thing's clear: Sonsma's journey from bald to bountiful is the talk of the town – or should we say, the talk of the toupee? Whether he's aiming for a hair-raising transformation or simply testing the waters of wig-dom, one thing's certain: this campus chatter is far from over!

And as the conversation heats up, one can't help but wonder – will Sonsma emerge from Hair Haven with a newfound mane-tality or will he stick to his bald-and-proud persona like Velcro to a toupee?

In the midst of this uncertain time for Northwestern's campus, Causmann's words serve as a gentle reminder to let Sonsma chart his own course, free from the constraints of societal judgment. "Let's not be so quick to judge," he concluded with a nod. "In the grand tapestry of life, a toupee here or there is but a single thread. It's the person beneath the hair – or lack thereof – that truly matters."



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## Doctors hate him! How BV retains his youth

### ONE WEIRD TRICK

#### HOSE ROOGERS SPILLER OF BEANS

Everyone is constantly fighting against the ever-present concept of time and the aging that accompanies it. As college students, we should be already active in the fight against our body's decline. We must combat the deepening creases on our foreheads and darkening bags beneath our two eyes. We must resist the aches and pains creeping into our lower backs, so achey and painful they cause us to produce an embarrassing grunt/moan/wheeze when lifting ourselves out of a low-sitting futon. Time is out to get us, and growing older is inevitable, but one man seems to have cracked the code on how to look 10 years younger.

You see him walking across campus, his face wrinkle-free. So smooth it reflects the sun, shining as brightly as one of his several vibrantly-colored coats. His gait is quick and fluid, never hindered by charley horse nor crick in neck.

In an exclusive interview, Dr. Bonder Vrugge, BV, agreed to reveal his best kept tip for retaining his youthful glow and

vitality.

He explained that as a young, jaunty college student, he too feared growing wrinkled and atrophied. But, as he progressed through his schooling, he found the answer had been in front of him all along.

BV has been studying the Bible for a long time, attending prestigious schools and earning many accolades. However, he confides that discovering this secret is his proudest achievement.

He explained that most Christians believe they should try to be more like Jesus. BV, however, says that between loving their neighbors and obeying the father, there is one crucial element they forget to incorporate: Jesus's diet and wellness routine.

BV broke down exactly what goes into the Jesus Diet. The first item to add to your grocery list is bread. BV routinely eats five loaves of daily bread. When asked his favorite type he said that barley is fine, unleavened is better, but consecrated is best.

But BV cannot halt the aging process on bread alone. Some protein is necessary to keep you spry and sprightly. BV notes that the best source is fish, two to be exact. These aren't just any old fish, however. BV has these fish imported from the Sea of

Galilee.

"You can really taste the difference when they're caught from the left side versus the right side of the boat," BV said. "Fish from the right side tastes miraculous."

His favorite way to prepare the fish is pan-frying them, strictly with anointing oil. He found that the best drink to pair with copious amounts of bread and fish is wine, although grape juice is an adequate substitute if you are not of-age or are

Pentecostal.

Multiple loaves of bread and wine for every meal can have a bit of a bloating effect, so exercising is also a must. Jesus had quite the physical fitness routine. First up is cardio. "Jesus walked, like, all the time," explained BV. Being a biblical scholar, BV estimates that Jesus walked about 20 miles a day. To replicate this, he walks the full length of Puddle Jumper trail 10 times each day.

Cardio isn't enough, though.

Jesus worked on his physical strength as well. If you ever decide to get lunch with BV, be aware of the possibility that your table will end up sideways. It won't be out of anger or disdain for the caf's lack of regular tilapia, rather the fact that he is following Jesus's strength training routine of flipping tables in public places, and the caf has the widest selection.

Diet and exercise do wonders for keeping the temple in tip top shape, but there's always

some extra polishing that can make it gleam. To achieve a transfigured complexion, BV begins his day by emptying a full bottle of spikenard perfume over himself and proceeds to rub it in using his human hair scrub brush. All this moisturizing and exfoliating makes his face shine like the sun.

Following these simple steps, BV claims that you too can look and feel so good, it will be like the second coming has already happened.



## Kllen does WHAT?!? The secret life of campus toddler

### ELLEN TELLS ALL

#### BAYLEE KANDSTRA CHITCHAT CHATTER

Hello fabulous Bacon readers! It is academic victim season, a time to stress about finals, passing \*that\* class and deciding what day your mom, dad or significant other and come to campus so you can cram all your stuff in \*their\* car.

To relieve you from this stress, at least for a few minutes while you read this, I had the amazing opportunity to interview a campus resident who lives a seemingly stressless life. However, this individual keeps herself just as busy – if not more – than the college students.

You know her, you love her, you have seen her toddling in the cafeteria and in the Hub. Ladies and gentlemen, today my special guest is the one, the only: Kllen Eatsma!

Q: What is it like to be a toddler living on a college campus?

A: Well, I am the shortest person on campus, so I'm not often taken seriously. Because of my toddler charm, I always make people smile. You think I do not see you smiling as I toddle, but I enjoy bringing even a smidge

of happiness to stressed college students' lives.

Q: Going a little deeper, what is it like to be a toddler living in a men's dorm?

A: As I mentioned, I'm the shortest on campus, but there must be something in North Suite's water that helps the boys – sorry, men – become tall and lanky.

Q: Ozzy or Oakley?

A: Oakley and Ozzy are so fun! When I'm around Oakley, I'll purposely lay on the floor so Oakley will lick my face. It tickles! Ozzy is a fluffy boy. I'll purposely stand behind Ozzy's wagging tail, so it hits me in beats. These dogs are my elders, but they treat me like any other human on campus, or maybe even better, because we are close in height. For now.

Q: Do you view Ozzy and/or Oakley as competition for the Cutest on Campus?

A: Ozzy and Oakley may be the fluffiest on campus, but I'm the cutest. Like I mentioned, my toddler charm has its perks.

Q: What are your opinions about becoming a big sister?

A: I'm told that I'll have to share. I do not know if I'll like that or not. I have my toys, and hopefully the new baby will get their own.

Q: What is your favorite

cafeteria meal?

A: Cereal. Every chance I get, I run over to the cereal section in the cafeteria. However, I'm unfortunately short, so Mom has to put the cereal in a bowl for me. I often create a cocktail of cereal, pointing to the plethora of cereals that I want and Mom puts it in a bowl for me. For my fruit intake, I enjoy bananas and the jam from Uncrustables.

Q: What is your favorite Hub meal?

A: The Hub has a special meal just for me. It is a mix of gummy worms, lettuce and raspberry vinaigrette.

Q: What is something you can never live without?

A: My basketball hoop and my ball.

Q: What is your favorite place to be?

A: The Beacon lab. Occasionally, my dad brings me down to the Beacon lab where I get left over pizza, and I get to wear my favorite hat, a green witch's hat with matching green feathers on the rim.

Q: What is your favorite book?

A: It is a tie between "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish" and "the Kite



Runner." I love Dr. Seuss's majestic rhymes. And even though "The Kite Runner" is extremely different from Dr. Seuss, it has a deep meaning that I appreciate.

Q: Have you ever taken any classes at Northwestern? If so, what classes?

A: I have taken FYS, Cultural Anthropology, Organic Chemistry, Spanish and Christian Story One. I am still undecided on my major, but I have YEARS to

know what I want to do with my life.

Q: What are your hidden talents?

A: I am a secret gymnast and a published author. I'm in the running for making the Olympic team, competing in the 2028 Olympics in Los Angeles. I have a long way to go, but I have nearly perfected my routine. I could easily get the gold now, but I do not meet the age requirements to compete.

Q: Are you required to go to chapel?

A: Yes, but because I don't like sitting still, I crawl around in the chapel tunnels and listen from there.

Thank you, Ellen, for your wonderful insights! Hopefully all of campus will now understand the perks and problems that come with being a toddler on campus.



## Top places to get engaged on campus?!!

NUMBER 4 WILL SUPRISE YOU!!

**THABITHA TATCHER**  
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With spring, comes rings. That's right raiders. Not only must you watch out for angry squirrels and the occasional man on a skateboard as you trudge through the final week of classes, but you must also be always cautious to avoid getting in the way of a sophomore boy's proposal. To help you prepare for the onslaught of pre-summer engagements, this list of top seven engagement locations has been compiled in hopes of centralizing, and hopefully minimizing the awkward social dilemma that unintentionally witnessing a proposal poses. We must stay vigilant. And for all readers who have recently begun a romantic relationship, keep some of our location suggestions in mind. It is never too early to make a lifetime commitment.

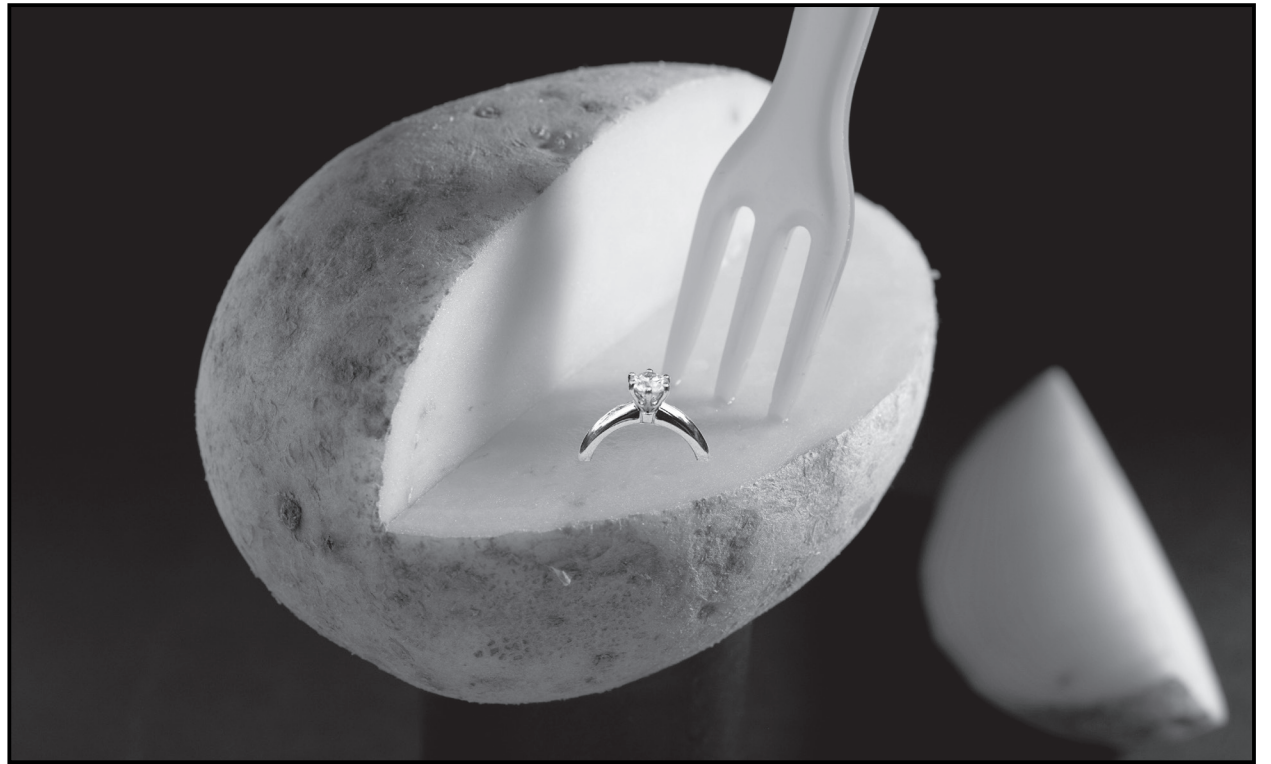
7: the outdoor classroom, commonly known as the yoga plaza. The unusually placed collection of concrete slabs and sporadic tufts of grass is perfect for the outdoorsy couple looking for a rustic, yet frequently mowed proposal location. Since the

yoga plaza is conveniently placed right in the middle of campus, there is no need to carefully curant a cute yet not cringy engagement post to let friends know the happy news. Just skip all the hassle by yelling it across the green and within seconds, all of campus will be informed.

6: Racquetball courts. Maybe the open-air concept isn't your style. Maybe you want a bit more privacy as you pour your heart out to your betrothed. If this is the case, the racquetball court may be the place for you. This location offers a perfect viewing area for a photographer secretly hidden behind the ellipticals, while also allowing for a bit of privacy, since no one else will hear your heartfelt words over the sound of sweating students "getting those gains."

5: Esports room. If a public proposal isn't your style, no need to stress, we have the perfect location for you, the Esports room. If you want to propose somewhere no one will ever find you, this is the spot. Unfortunately, the smell might not be much better than the courts in the RSC.

4: Dr. Mcott Sonsma's office. For those ready to test the durability of their eternal promises before they even begin, look no further than



Sonsma's office. Though Sonsma may offer several in-sufferable puns, be warned, there is worse to come. Spend too long there, and Sonsma may convince you to push the big day off until you are at least 70. Since the average marriage last eight-year and life expectancy is 77, death really will do you part.

3: Hannah Heemstra conference room in the caf. Picture this. It's a Tuesday evening and you and your lover wait anxiously in line

to receive a steaming loaded baked potato from a smiling Chef Stacey. You walk hand-in-hand to a date table, but mysteriously end up in the conference room, a candle lit table set out before you. As you sit down to begin devouring your dinner, the third bite of potato is not what it seems. You reach into your mouth and pull out a ring, still covered in bright orange cheesy sauce. The perfect evening.

2: the BTS suite. If wedding planning seems daunting, we have a solution. Rather than elope, just hop on down to the BTS suite on first floor of VHP, pop the question, and within the hour you could be officially married. No wedding, no hassle. Just you, your special someone, and Lason Jief. If there are no BTS professors available, a promising alternative is your Christian Story 2 class.

Before we get to our top locations, some honorable mentions. Christy

Cross, the prayer room, and the cadaver lab.

1: the Hub stage. There truly is no better way to celebrate eternal love than with a half-pound of cheese curds, a Raider burger and a cold Mountain Dew. Need I say more.?

We hope this list will be of service to you in the coming days. Stay prepared, stay watchful and stay single until 70.

## Colenbrander Ghost on chaos streak!!

BUILDINGS ALL OVER CAMPUS AFFECTED

**SHEYENNE CCHMIT**  
SPREADER OF GOSSIP

Since Fern Smith Hall will become the 'new' men's dorm and will be renamed Smith Hall, Colenbrander Hall will be torn down.

This irked the ghost of the man for whom the hall is named after, Dr. Henry Colenbrander, and he has stirred up quite the fuss on campus.

So far, his chaos has spread to each of the buildings on campus.

The first buildings affected were Hospers Hall, the theater and art buildings and the Rowenhorst Student Center.

Supernatural happenings thean spread to other buildings.

In Hospers, he has affected the doors and made them randomly slam shut, with random socks appearing by resident's dorm rooms.

He has also started to turn the lights in Hospers on and off at random, which concerns residents.

At the theater and art buildings, he has done the same, and it can be said

that there are occasional unexplainable shadows in hallways at night.

At the Rowenhorst Student Center, he turned on the scoreboard and lights in the Bultman Center Gym.

In Fern Smith and the cafeteria, he has affected the faucets so there is a constant drip that nothing can fix.

At the Learning Commons, he has made all of the doors squeak while being opened.

Gofia Sarner said, "I was on a walk by the football field and heard whistling. When I looked to see who did that, and there was not one person on the field, it was strange. I have also heard the same while in the Bultman. I also saw at both places, that the scoreboards were on with scores from years ago."

Many are also attributing the lights on the green, particularly between the Learning Commons and Ramaker that flicker on and off at random points to his ghost, as well as the creaks that happen at night in the older buildings.

Some other things are happening on campus that many are attributing to ghosts as well.

Some students have reported seeing his ghost

in the Zwemer Tower late at night.

While the majority of this chaos happens at night, some have reported their televisions turning on at random, and others have had their speakers playing music from the 1900s.

The science building has somehow not been affected by the ghost, and neither have the apartments.

In Stegenga Hall, however, he has created more flooding and occasionally turned off the lights in the basement while students are downstairs.

North Suites also had flooding, except it was water from the sewer and ended up in the basement. Thankfully the Beacon lab was not affected.

"I was walking by the new dorm building at night and heard screaming from the building. My friends thought it was wind blowing through the building and the plastic, but I don't think they were right," said Messica JcCubbin.

Colenbrander itself has managed to escape its chaos and many are wondering why.

This pushed the campus to see what it could do to alleviate the chaos, which lead them to turning the



dorm into a hangout spot for students with study rooms and spaces for murals.

The plan for the 2024 - 2025 school year is to move the men of Coly to Fern Smith, and the women of Fern to the new Christy Suites.

Students are now reporting that the ghost seems appeased with the

dorm building continuing to stand, but others are concerned that it may become an issue the next time the board decides to tear down a building.

The majority of lights on campus are being affected and are turning on and off at random points of the night.

If you see one, the mantainance staff is wanting

you to alert them so they can attempt to fix them or put in ghost-proof lights.

Other ghosts are remaining silent for the time being, until the next building gets taken down.

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# 10 THINGS BIG CAF IS HIDING

NUMBER 7 WILL SHOCK YOU

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1. A staple of caf culture is the Hoppers table. A large section of the main seating area of the caf is taken up by the men of Hoppers. Because of this, it may come as a shock to learn that the Hoppers table isn't real. Big Caf uses prerecorded holograms to simulate that corner of the room. Algorithms select a group of Hoppers residents for every meal, as well as the random chance for Coe Jallahen to make an appearance. Other aspects of the table are also algorithmically driven, with events like Cereal Night being almost impossible to predict.

2. Big Caf and the Hub offer internships for espionage majors. Though most Raiders tend to stand out, these students spend their time here learning how to blend in. Disguised as employees, they infiltrate the Taco Johns and Hardees to ensure that students looking for a bite to eat end up with food poisoning, the wrong order or something worse. By keeping the student body distrustful of the two restaurants, the Hub and Big Caf have a near duopoly in food service.

3. Students often wonder how Big Caf rakes in their exorbitant profits. The answer is simple: meal swipes aren't real. Scanning your ID doesn't just take away a meal swipe, it takes money directly from your bank account. Students often end up destitute and homeless because the caf has ruined them.

4. Last night, and the night before, and the night before that, when the caf should be closed, Fern residents have reported seeing the kitchen lights turn on seemingly by themselves. Further investigation was made, and nothing was found. Students have formed stories in order to explain the phenomenon. Any rumor you hear is a baseless conspiracy theory. There are no tunnels leading to the caf. There are no ghosts in Fern. The food is safe. Stop thinking and consume.

5. Though they see eye to eye when it comes to outside competition, Big Caf and the Hub are far from allies. When the Hub introduced Wing Night, the caf's number of customers on Sunday night fell by nearly 70%. To level the playing field, Big Caf sent some of their espionage interns to hijack the trucks that bring shipments of frozen wings to the Hub. This has led to wing night's inconsistency, bringing the caf's Sunday night



numbers back to nearly pre-Wing Night levels.

6. Some caf cups are so old that they date back to the early Mesozoic. The use of glass and translatable writing on the bottom make these cups possible evidence of a prehistoric human civilization, the great reset theory, or aliens. Museums and researchers from around the world have offered immense sums of money in exchange for the cups, but Big Caf has consistently turned them down for unknown reasons.

7. The caf offers gluten-free options if asked.

8. Stacy's line is often the longest wait for food in the caf, and it's for good reason. Stacy consistently makes the best food the cafe has to offer. When asked why, students cited the freshness of the food, as well as the cooking skill of Stacy himself. In reality, the food served in Stacy's line was made in a lab. Northwestern scientists figured out a way to have ostriches lay eggs that hatch fully cooked meals. By feeding the birds the

ingredients alongside a special chemical compound, the food from Stacy's line is born! When told about this process while eating Stacy's food, 97% of students simply shrugged and kept eating.

9. NW is proud of our athletic programs, but sometimes the caf can get a little too involved. When one of our teams is approaching a pivotal game in their season, the caf likes to infuse performance enhancing drugs into the food of select athletes. When a member of your team suddenly became the best by far, even showing up the star players, you can thank the caf.

10. As many of you know, NW was founded in 1882. As our founders built Zwemer Hall, they experienced an otherworldly premonition. They were assaulted with images of blueprints. Our founders got to work right away, and constructed the building that we now call "the caf".

## NO ONE HAS BEEN ABLE TO SOLVE THIS!!



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