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FANNY PACKS AND OFF-BRAND CROCS ARE IN

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The sun is shining, and temperatures are rising. You know what that means. Everyone’s favorite season is here: dress-like-a-camp-counselor season. At the first sight of 50-degree weather, students are quick to put their winter coats and boots away and bring out their Bermuda shorts and Chaco’s. Whether raining or shining, you can catch students like Krahm Genobbie alternating his shoe choices between crocs and off-brand Chacos, the “better kind” in his opinion.

The first 50-degree day marks the first campus-wide summer fashion show, coming to an auditorium near you. This year’s show is set to take place on May 8 at 2 p.m. in Northwestern’s Christ Chapel. There will be five models showing off their best camp counselor look. Doors will open at 1 to students and 1:30 to the community. This year’s models are Krahm Genobbie, Haitlyn Kassman, Wannah Hamhoff, Tarah Segrotenhuis, and Bacoj Johnson.

Be on the lookout May 3 though May 7 as each model will be giving a teaser each day as to which outfit they might potentially choose to model on May 8. If you are not sure who to be looking for, here are a few clues that make each model stand out from everyone else.

Krahm Genobbie – one might see him in colorful Bermuda shorts, off-brand Chaco’s or crocs, various different camp t-shirts and a backpack filled with his essentials: a binder, Bible, water bottle and sunscreen.

Haitlyn Kassman – one might see her wearing name-brand Chaco’s, khaki or jean Jamaica shorts, a fanny pack, an assortment of flannels, a colorful fannypack, and her Bible in her hand.

Wannah Hamhoff – one might see her wearing her orange Chaco’s, athletic shorts, a bright tie-dye bandana around her head, scrunchie on her wrist and a lifeguard tank top or old camps t-shirts.

Tarah Segrotenhuis – one might see her around campus with a tea in her hand, dressed with Chaco’s, a tie-dye camp shirt, flannel, a new scrunchie each day, and of course, her bucket hat.

Bacoj Johnson – one might find him wearing jorts, Chaco’s, high backpack with his Hydro Flask to say hydrated, a new flannel each day, a lanyard with his name on both sides, and a binder filled with devotional notes in his left hand with his guitar in his right hand.

NW’s 2019 Camp Counselor Fashion Show models are excited to show you short snippets of their potential contest outfits. They are allowed to either wear one of the outfits shown to all of you, mix and match between the outfits worn leading up to the show, or throw together a completely new outfit for you all to see.

All students will have the chance to meet each model concluding the show. Our fashion show winner will be announced that Wednesday evening at a special chapel service at 8 p.m.

To wrap up the Camp Counselor Fashion Show week, a bonfire will be held at the fire pit outside Stegenga Hall and Kepp around 10 p.m. Jacob Johnson will be leading worship with his acoustic guitar and there will be plenty of s’mores. This is an event you will not want to miss! So, come out May 8 to support your fellow Raiders, find out who will win the most campus votes, and then enjoy singing camp worship songs and eating s’mores.

Crazy coincidental campus look-alikes
Thanos to speak in chapel on Tuesday

WILL GIVE TALK ON LIFE

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The Mad Titan, Thanos, will be joining the Northwestern community to speak in chapel May 7. The self-proclaimed most powerful being in the universe will bring insights from his illustrious career as a scientist and warlord. He will also bring a moving testimony about his recent work gathering the infinity stones to eliminate half of all life in the universe.

Thanos brings an uplifting message about the merit of eliminating half of all life. He asks all to rejoice in the sacrifice of some for the prosperity of many. Plus, the NW community may have better odds of surviving the mass extinction if we make a good first impression.

Dark MeYounge has been busy preparing for the arrival of Thanos. At 11 feet tall, Thanos would have had a lot of trouble fitting through the doors of Christ Chapel! He sent ahead a few brief comments for the NW community to prepare for his arrival.

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McYoune described how difficult it was to find time in Thanos' busy schedule.

"You wouldn't know from looking at the titan, but he has a pretty busy schedule. He just got done filming the Avengers movie, and now he has been completely locked down with interviews. The NW community is very lucky to be hearing from Thanos next Tuesday," McYoune said.

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**BACON BITS**

**STYROFOAM IS NUMBER ONE!!!**  
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**ARTS AND CULTURAL EDITOR**

The reign of the blue, Pepsi paper cup is finally over. This past month, Campus Dining added a new ENVIRONMENTal-friendly option at the hub – Styrofoam cups!

These new and improved cups are awesome as they hold more liquid (a better bang for your flex buck!), are white, have “The Hub” imprinted on them and are easily recyclable, which is wonderful for the ENVIRONMENT.

One Northwestern student gloated how her coffee stays warmer for 20 minutes longer than when she used the paper option at the start of the semester, let alone her stainless steel reusable mug. And as the weather warms up, she can’t wait to use to Styrofoam to keep her coffee or water cold while doing homework on the green.

Plus, NW students can use these cups for more than just their one meal-time beverage at the hub! Students left and right are now beginning to use these Styrofoam cups packaging to keep breakables safe or to ship rented books back to Amazon. Honestly, I’m so glad the Hub is being more ENVIRONMENTally-conscious by investing in these recyclable cups, one guy said, while throwing a couple cups into a box containing textbook. “I would be devastated knowing these ended up in a landfill.”

Other uses students have used the cups as stress relievers – biting, ripping and tearing them to pieces rather than traditional ways such as going for a walk.

“Practice is to bring back the farm animals, and practices will take place on the farm. The cows will be raised on the farm while they are asleep and will be sold to fund scholarships,” the old-time country tradition. “We decided to add cow tipping to our athletic roster because Greco-Roman wrestling just doesn’t have the same dimensions,” said Head Coach Dick Rahl. “I’m looking forward to it.”

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Many huge steps for NW in making the right decision for the ENVIRONMENT. “I am glad that Styrofoam doesn’t kill birds or turtles like straws can,” a stranger admitted. “Styrofoam can be recycled at any recycling center, which is incredible because some centers can only recycle certain plastics. Honestly, being able to recycle Styrofoam is a huge relief. I would never use it again knowing animals were choking or starving from consuming it.”

Overall, the presence of “The Hub” Styrofoam cups is hopefully one of many huge steps for NW in becoming more green. In some ways, it already has. “The simple and convenient cups are bringing awareness of the state of the ENVIRONMENT to students, encouraging them to make greener choices. “Knowing these cups are ENVIRONMENTally-friendly has really inspired me to become more conscious of my impact,” one student explained, while disposing the Styrofoam cup into the trash.

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**FOLK TALE OR NOT, COW TIPPING IS NOW A SPORT**  
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**SPORTS EDITOR**

This week, Northwestern announced the addition of another varsity sport following the addition of men’s tennis this fall and bowling and exports this spring. The newest addition to NW’s sports roster is cow tipping.

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As graduation approaches, many of our very own NW graduates boast the joys of leaving college with nothing but their diploma and their singleness.

"I’m so happy that I’m not tied down," notes senior social work major, Jubrey Aorde. "If I had a man, I would have to make so many compromises and adjust my future plans to match his. That just sounds exhausting and totally not worth it."

The joy of the single people is mirrored with the disappointment of the engaged or married students. Sherish Chuka, a recently married senior nursing major, talks about how she really hoped to leave college alone.

"My only goal in all of my college experience was to just stay single. This really puts a damper on my college years. Whenever I look back, I’ll have happy memories with my husband. What’s the benefit of that?"

Senior public relations and marketing major, Penna Aerrenoud, feels similarly. She had also entered NW in hopes of singlehood.

"Leaving college with the love of my life is not what I hoped for. I am mostly just getting married to rebel against what is socially acceptable. This small town culture really discourages marriage at a young age, and if I’m being honest, the idea of spending the rest of my life with someone I love isn’t really as appealing as everyone says."

Single senior Clegan Meveringa is thrilled to graduate without any man tying her down.

"I came to college to maintain my M.I.S.S. degree, and that’s exactly what I’ve done. If I had not been able to maintain my singlehood and had to switch to an M.R.S. degree, my graduate school search would have to be limited to places around my significant other. Now I’m free to go to grad school anywhere I want. I’m not at all concerned about living on my own. Leaning on other people sounds terrible."

"I can really invest in the dudes around me because of my singleness," commented single senior Timmy Jidmore, a smaller and less attractive version of Mark DeJong. "If I had a girlfriend, I know there’s so many things I’d have to miss out on with the bros. That would just be lame."

Because there is such a push for singleness and the social pressure to stay alone is only increasing, NW just announced that there will be more housing installed to encourage this phenomenon. Plans for a "red dorm" and "blue dorm" are being developed currently. There will be strict "no purpling" rules in each dorm, which will only allow same gender occupants at any hour on any day. This is a result of student petitions asking for heavier regulations of student life and greater restrictions on male-female relations in the dorms. Most students feel that there is too much freedom with the current visiting hour policy of opposite genders.

"We really need to be told what to do more," said Cayli Khristensen. "There’s just so many opportunities that can cause students to stumble. If we have stricter rules, I think everyone will be happier."