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Mr. Red Raider becomes new President

CAMPUS IS MOVING IN A NEW DIRECTION

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After 13 years of dedicated service, the beloved Creg Ghristy has decided to step down as president of Northwestern College. The decision, which he made with help from his family and dog, came after his recent kidnapping by unknown assailants. Despite a heroic rescue mission by the students of NW dubbed “mission impossible,” Ghristy came to the conclusion that the job was becoming too dangerous.

“I really love this job. However, being kidnapped made me realize that this job is very stressful for my entire family” he said. “I can not continue to put that stress on my family, especially my dog.”

Ghristy’s departure means the college has a chance to move in a new direction.

“Not only do we want to find a president who is capable of running away from kidnappers, but also brings a new energy and familiarity to campus. Luckily, we found just the

guy,” said a spokesperson from the president search committee. And indeed, they did. In record time, the college announced the hiring of Ceviticus “Mr. Red Raider” Lross as the new president of NW.

Ceviticus Lross, a current junior cross country and track runner, won the “Mr. Red Raider” earlier this year, was the obvious pick for the college.

“He’s a lanky boy, which means he can run away if those kidnappers ever come back,” the spokesperson said, “and he’s got a great reputation of standing out as Mr. Red Raider.” While a student taking over as president of a college is rare, Ghristy is confident his successor will thrive in his new position: “There is not a better way for our students to STAND OUT than to lead this campus to greatness.”

Lross is scheduled to officially step into the roll next semester, and he already has big plans. His ambitions include defunding the Vlack B to fund a spring break trip for the tennis team, turn the outdoor study area into a trampoline park, and end required chapel.

He thanked the outgoing Ghristy with a heartfelt remark, “Thank you



so much for the leadership you have provided and for taking me under your wing as my mentor. You have shown me what an effective and dedicated leader looks like. In a way, I felt like another one of your sons. I love you dad.”

Not all students are happy with the transition. Once the news broke, members of the Vlack B already were planning a protest on Ghristy Cross outside Zwemer Hall. Upperclassman Kex Raemingk was frustrated

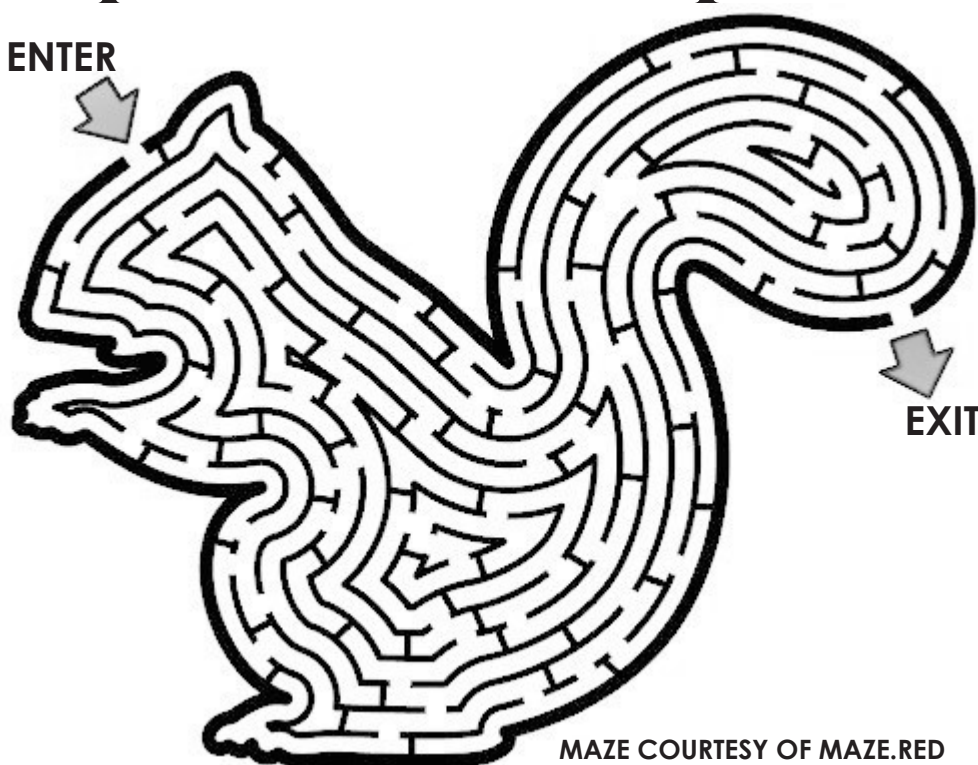
with the decision, making clear his intentions of fighting for the Vlack B’s funding. “We demand a president who will support and fund the Vlack B. A president is supposed to support ALL of the students, not defund them.” The protest, which will happen before finals, is expected to be tense. Sources close to Lross suggest that the tennis team and the cross-country team are planning to engage in a counter protest in order to show their support.

Even through resistance, Lross is happy to serve the students of NW.

“I’m super excited to offer my skills as a pottery master and a dancer to NW’s leadership. I think we can really STAND OUT next year!”

He concludes that students looking to reach out to him can follow @levis_pots, where they can get their questions answered and view his amazing pots. Buckle up Raiders, because Mr. Red Raider is the new president.

Squirrel Surprise



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The crusade to reclaim Rider Nation

ALL OUT
WAR

NARON ACKMAN
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I never fully realized the peril of our current condition until that fateful day I was ambushed here on campus. One fateful afternoon I was walking over to the cafeteria to get some sustenance so I could carry on my day with the vigor required. After crossing the street from Ramaker I was but steps from partaking in the tradition that would lift me up and carry me through the rest of the week: Warm Cookie Wednesday. However, on my stroll I saw a flash out of the corner of my eye. My foe tried to strike my leg as I passed by him without notice. Fortunately, he missed, and I was able to run to the caf unscathed.

After this encounter I thought this attack might have simply been unique to me. However, I soon found this wasn't the case. After recanting this tale to a friend, he shared he too was attacked earlier in the year. While going to throw some-

thing away in the trash can outside of Coly, he saw like a flash an enemy fly past his and a friend's head as it fled to a new hiding spot.

For far too long we have allowed ourselves to be walked over by our enemy. Our enemies surround us day and night, scheming their plans of terror upon us. They have engrained such a fear that many will give up sidewalk in their presence. They steal the fruits of our land and campus for themselves.

"One path we shall never

choose, and that is the path of surrender or submission," said Kohn F. Jennedy. "Our goal is not the victory of might, but the vindication of right; not peace at the expense of freedom, but both peace and freedom, here on this campus, and, we hope, around the world. God willing, that goal will be achieved." While this was spoken to help encourage America during the Cold War, I have no doubt he would think it necessary to rally us here on campus for

both peace with and freedom from our great oppressors.

We near of the dawn of our revolution. Our adversaries have become complacent in recent times. Their once dubious plans have a lack of forethought. Our enemy has become their own defeat. Their lowered guard has given us a glimmer of hope in such dismal days. However, I plead you all heed the wise words of Tun Szu, the great warrior poet of past when he said, "Appear weak when you are strong, and strong

when you are weak." We must be careful to not lose our element of surprise, our apparent complacency that we may surprise our enemy.

I have no doubt that we will come out on top in our endeavor. Our fearless leader of the crusade Dark MeYounge will lead us to a victory for the better of our community. We will leave the ranks of the complacent and will stand out from our predecessors. The red riders will once again be the dominating force of the land. Raider

Nation will rise. So now campus, I beg you to take up arms against our historic oppressors for your fellow brethren and sisters, the vile squirrels. We will do as Bapoleon Noanaparte once rallied his men to do. "Teach the world that a malediction attends those that violate the territory of Northwestern campus. The result of our efforts will be unclouded glory, and durable peace."



Daycare to open for future Raiders

RING BY SPRING
DISCOUNT

HAMBER CERRIG
FEATURES EDITOR

All year long, Northwestern students have seen a brick building slowly be constructed on the north side of campus. This fall, NW will proudly open the Vogel Daycare Center.

The process began as a welcome center. The space with its modern architecture was designed for marketing and communications, admissions and financial aid to be housed here. This building, in contrast to the historical Zwemer Hall, was supposed to attract prospective high school students, showing that the campus culture valued both the old and the new. However, a new idea came to mind halfway through the construction.

The Vogel Daycare Center will accept children through the second grade, as it will also have a few classrooms for education purposes. NW will utilize the education department to serve in these

roles. Elementary education majors can dedicate their student teaching semester to the daycare.

As campus that values its community, NW almost missed a huge opportunity to start young. With a daycare directly onsite, the community so carefully curated on campus will begin at prime developmental ages, instead of beginning with young adults. The daycare will create Raiders for life.

Special lesson plans within the daycare are being created, too. Social studies plans include a history of campus with a special emphasis on the DeWitt and Vogel family trees. The psychology department will run surveys to see which children will best fit into each dorm stereotype. Physical education classes will teach longboarding, tandem biking and gennis. The Bible will be the only literature read in English classes. Electives will include picking out the best engagement ring, how to befriend Kathy in the cafeteria and how to properly decorate a dorm



for Coly Christmas, Steggy Keggy and more all-hall events.

"With this daycare, we won't just influence the lives of young adults, but entire lifetimes," director of academic affairs Eulie Jlliott said. "We saw the need to nurture NW's unique culture at a younger age. We had hoped the welcome center would do that, but we wanted to go bigger, better and stronger. The Vogel Daycare Center is the community's baby, in a way."

With this, it is Jlliott's

hope to create future #StandOut Raiders.

With the threat of a decline in enrollment in future years, NW wants to take proactive steps to ensure this threat doesn't damage the college. This way, NW will have a flow of future standout Raiders for decades to come.

A bonus: couples married during their time at NW will receive a discounted daycare rate.

With proof of a ring by spring, couples who move back and make their home

in the Sioux County area will receive a 50% discount on the daycare tuition. The children who attend both the daycare and then later enroll at NW will be coined The Birthright Students, a step above today's legacy students.

"As dean of residence life, I see the marriage rates at NW, and I know they could improve," Harlon Maverdink said. "We hope this daycare option encourages students, even at the freshman age, to find their soulmate and

marry quickly. This way, the daycare will stay financially secure."

The college is excited for this fall, as every spot for the daycare has been filled. There is now a waiting list. Maverdink reports that 75% of the children enrolled are from ring by spring couples.

Current students and recent graduates who wish to cash in on the discounted rates can bring their engagement ring receipt and wedding photo to Maverdink's office before enrolling your child.



Controversy severs The Vlack B from NW

IMPROV AGAINST COMMUNITY

HADELYNN MARRE
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Northwestern's former beloved improv troupe named the Vlack B has been in the hot seat for most of this semester. The negative attitude was started by the notorious "Defund the Vlack B" opinion article by Vrian Bandenberg. He insisted that the B should be defunded because of the way they advertise, leaving the campus looking dirty with their posters all over the place. He also found issue with the fact that the B gets a spring break trip when sports like tennis, which he is a member of, do not. Bandenberg didn't like the privileges that the B were enjoying, believing that they were not worthy of the attention.

After the article spread all over campus, it sparked arguments and controversy, even causing another opinion article about defunding Bandenberg, and touching on the issues that were complained about in the first article. Then at

the North Suites putt-putt night, North Suites being Bandenberg's dorm, there was an entire hole covered in Vlack B posters and pictures of the members saying demeaning comments about their own troupe.

A rivalry was born between the Vlack B and the tennis players. The arguments were hashed out on Twitter with the B's witty comebacks creating more drama. Then the arguments caught the attention of the administration and so, due to all of the controversy that was aimed at the B, NW decided to sever any ties the Vlack B had with the college. This was a hard decision for the college as the B has been a beloved part of the campus for many years. However, their ongoing conflicts with other campus organizations have disrupted the community that the college holds so dear.

After hearing about the decision, Sachel Rmart, one of the long-standing members of the B said, "We value the community of Northwestern, but feel as though we must foster a different kind of community that appreciate[s] our genius marketing practices," referring directly back

to Bandenberg's article.

The rest of the B were shocked by this new development but are not left hanging as they have backup plans in place. Another member of the B, Vexi San Lurksum shared some of their ideas about what to do with the lost spaces and thoughts about the decision.

"This decision didn't ruin us at all. If anything it's made us funnier- like most horrific experiences do," said Lurksum. "Besides, we were only using Northwestern for the practice and show spaces anyway. My mom offered her basement to us and it already has a picture of Eulie Jlliot on the mantel above the fireplace anyway, so really, it's prefect."

The opinion articles, arguments on Twitter about the B and the problems that they caused on campus started to turn audiences off from going to their shows. The students were critiquing the content of the shows and demanding to their friends that the troupe should not be able to continue.

The B, having the sense of humor it does, decided to make use of the criticisms.



"After the events of the previous semester, the B feels as though we can no longer be associated with a school which clearly does not appreciate our humor," said Smart.

The B leaves in a huff feeling unappreciated and

scorned. However, Fitrick Kynaardt has bright hopes for the continuation of the B. "Northwestern was just a launching pad for the Vlack B," said Kynaardt. "We've got our sights set on Des Moines, then Chicago, then Saturday Night Live

and then maybe Dorrdt."

The Vlack B has now been officially severed from NW, but they have definitely left their mark on the college, whether good, bad or paper. They leave one final warning: "The tennis team is next."

NW's new girls' dorm to even stereotypes

FRATERNITIES ALWAYS NEED A SORORITY

JATIE KACOB
SPORTS EDITOR

In a typical college, there are groups of people who live in houses off campus. They have events, throw parties and have a particular behavior. These are known as fraternities, which is strictly for males. The female's group are called a sorority. However, Northwestern is not a "typical college." Since it is a Christian and private college, there is no such thing as a labeled Sorority or Fraternity. Students are not even allowed to live off of campus unless over the age of 23, married or living with a relative, so one would think there would be no trace of these groups on campus.

However, the newest dorm complex that was built on campus is North Suites. The definition of what a fraternity actually is, is a group of people who hold a common profession or share the same interests. North is an all-guys' dorm where the given stereotype is mostly baseball players or rich "pristine" kids, since it is the most expensive dorm to live in,

being the newest and nicest.

The culture within the dorm is quite interesting, they have things set up differently with all the rooms holding four people and getting their own bathroom to share amongst the roommates. When stepping into the complex, there is a pristine vibe compared to the other guys' dorms located on campus. With the guy's dorms are Colenbrander, Hospers, and North Suites each with vibes and environments that are completely different. Coly has an athlete and sweaty jock feel. Hospers gives a friendly, goofy, fun vibe. As for North Suites, it feels as if you stepped into an up-and-coming fraternity.

Just recently North held a campus wide event that anyone could go to and go mini golfing within the building. Every resident assisted in setting up a course on their floor that the guests could through. This event is just a step in the right direction of the fraternity stereotype.

However, this is not the only thing new to this campus. NW is planning to tear down the old Kepp building and build a new dorm for girls, one that is just like North. With all the different dorms having their own stereotype it is only fair



to assume what this one will be next. With the dorm foundation and design wanting to be just like North but for girls, some may assume that instead of a fraternity this dorm will have the stereotype of being a sorority.

A sorority is a group of girls who come together more for a social standpoint and for social purposes. There are already

some groups of girls on campus that act in this manner. If we give them a set building the numbers may increase and the two groups, the frats and sororities, can do events together like they would in a regular college.

NW may be a private school where they try and get rid of those stereotypes, but in the end this is college, and the

stereotypes will be wherever we go in life. Maybe as time goes on the fraternities and sororities will take over and instead of Steganga, Fern, Coly, Hospers, North suits and whatever the new dorm will be called, we will morph them all into different frats or sororities since we already have the stereotypes down for each and every dorm.

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Taylor Swift History Month at NW

NORTHWESTERN TO KICK OFF TAYLOR SWIFT'S NEXT WORLD TOUR

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Recently, it has come to the attention of President Creg Ghristy and his cabinet that there seems to be a lack of musical culture amongst some of Northwestern's students. That missing piece is the incredible work of none other than singing legend Taylor Swift.

To avoid the potential tragedy of students missing out on arguably the best musical artist of the twenty first century, the leadership of NW has decided to hold a Taylor Swift History Month.

This month dedicated to Miss Swift education will take place starting this October. This decision was made for multiple reasons.

First of all, October will be the 15th anniversary of Swift's first album's release. October also means that plenty of freshmen will be beginning their first college relationships. Odds are many of these relationships will be short-lived, resulting in young heartbreak. The good news is there is no better artist to listen to while going through a break-up than Taylor Swift.

This month will cover all nine of Swift's main studio albums: *Taylor Swift*, *Fearless*, *Speak Now*, *Red*, *1989*, *Reputation*, *Lover*, *Folklore* and *Evermore*.

Zwemer will continuously play through one album for three days before switching to the next. It will go in order of release in order to ensure students have the full experience.

This will allow the students get a taste of her through every era and genre. Swift is best known for her work in a variety of different genres. From country to pop to indie, she does it all.

Sophomore Ehitney Wrickson said, "Taylor Swift is a beyond talented artist who has a song for every mood and feeling. She definitely deserves a month of celebration."



The college is glad to see the "swifties" coming out of their shells to share their excitement for the upcoming appreciation month. They are counting on having many new people joining the fandom after October's conclusion.

On October 24, the 15th anniversary of Swift's first album, students will be encouraged to dress up as their favorite Taylor Swift era. Professors will be required to award extra credit to any student who dresses up.

Professors will also begin every class in Oct. with a Taylor Swift fun fact. Not only will NW students have a taste of her music, but they will be highly educated about all aspects of the icon's life.

To wrap up the entire Taylor Swift History Month, Swift herself will be coming to NW's campus to perform a live concert. The concert will take place Oct. 31 on the campus green and

move to Christ Chapel in case of poor weather conditions. This will be a Halloween event NW students won't want to miss.

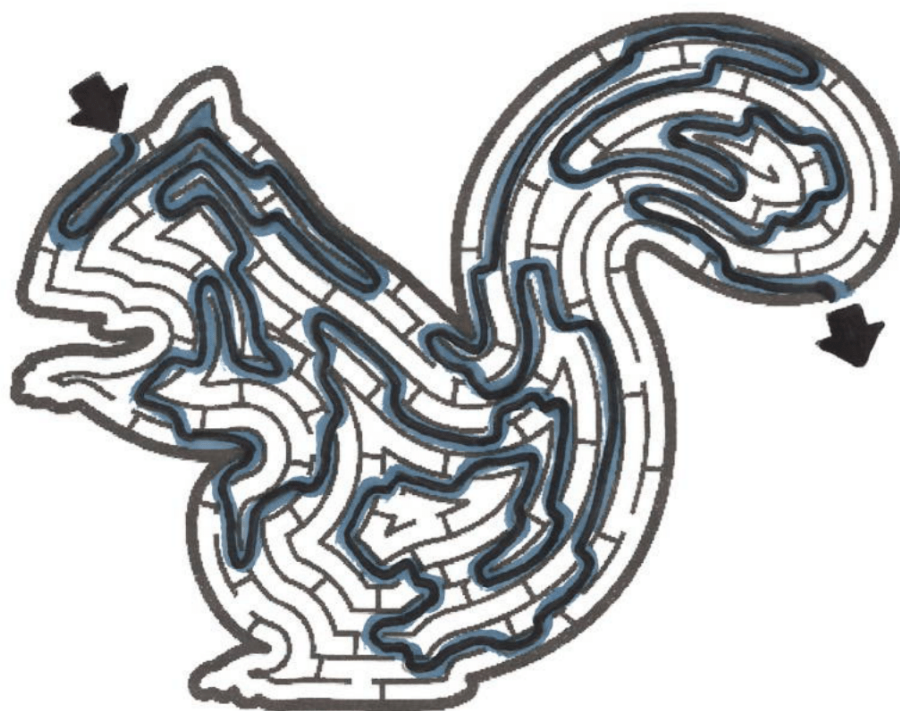
Swift will be kicking off her sixth world tour at NW, so it will certainly be a treat. NW is honored to host since Swift has not toured since 2018 with her *Reputation* album. The college was persuasive enough to bring her out of concert retirement and to debut right here in north-west Iowa.

NW's praise and worship team will be performing along with Swift, and she has agreed to end her show with a very special performance of the Doxology.

Swift said, "I am more than thrilled to be coming to Northwestern College. They are fantastic people and the first institution to hold a celebration month in my honor. I can't wait to perform for the world-famous Red Riders!"

Squirrely Suduko

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