Dordt be afraid to try something Sioux

new study abroad option offers out-of-this-world experience

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In accordance with its mission to engage students in courageous and faithful learning and living that empowers them to pursue God’s redeeming work in the world, Northwestern has added a brand new study abroad opportunity that is sure to challenge students on a whole new level. This opportunity is much closer to home than its Oman and Romania counterparts, but it offers an equally exotic and culturally diverse experience.

"We are beyond excited to announce we are teaming up with Dordt College to give our students a chance to experience Sioux Center culture for a semester," said Vice President of Academic Affairs Hank Musands. "It may be only ten minutes away, but the experience will be ten light years away from what they're used to at NW."

Much like the Oman study abroad experience, participants in the Dordt semester will be challenged to understand and appreciate the foreign aspects of a vastly different belief system. Dean of Christian Formation Darc McYounge expressed his high hopes for this transformational study abroad experience.

"We are really hoping to bridge the gap between the Reformed Church in America and the Christian Reformed Church, as historically there has been a lot of tension there," McYounge said. "Not only will they come back to NW with an appreciation for what life looks like for a member of the CRC, but also an appreciation for a college like NW that cares enough about its students’ faith lives to make chapel mandatory."

Students accepted into the Dordt semester can look forward to waking up to the ripe smell of cow manure, trekking from one end of campus to another when it would take five minutes at NW and marvelling in the rush of Canadian accents all around.

Overjoyed by this incredible opportunity, McYounge encouraged students to remember: "God can do far more abundantly than we can ever ask, think or imagine—even at Dordt."

"I'm all out."

"I'M ALL OUT OF LOVE, I'M SO LOST WITHOUT YOU. I KNOW YOU WERE RIGHT BELIEVING FOR SO LONG." (THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE ARTICLE. IT JUST FIT THE HEADLINE.)

SHELBY MAZNIO
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Northwestern is preparing to host its first ABOUTDay this fall. Inspired by the ALLDay, where students were encouraged to donate to NW, this event will give a voice to the majority of students silently crying, "I can't be all in. I'm all out of money."

Hosted by the very real and legitimate campus club Broke Students 4 Life, this event is sure to be a hit. Everyone is invited to participate in activities like searching for quarters for laundry money in couch cushions, a ramen noodle eating contest, and a phone-a-thon. Students will have the chance to call NW and ask for loan forgiveness, free textbooks, and straight up cash for dinners out when the cat food is inedible.

"We're so excited for this event," an anonymous student coordinator said. "NW always asks us to give money to the school, even if it's just $5, but hey, that $5 is a latte. Why should I give up my weekly latte? My latte is what keeps me sane during the week when the homework is piling up and I just want to watch Netflix."

To promote the event, a video is being made to show the real life of students and why ABOUTDay is so important. The video will highlight students searching the recycling bins for cans to turn in for change, scouring the clearance sections of stores and the classic "pull-out-empty-pockets-of-pants-to-show-they're-empty because all-the-money-has-been-given-to-NW-or-used-to-buy-coffee" shot.

If the video and activities aren't reason enough to attend, students should hold onto their hats for this announcement: President Craig Grisy has personally promised to donate $500 worth of Town Square gift cards as prizes for the different activities.

"ABOUTDay is gonna be great," the anonymous student coordinator said, "because we students have the chance to say, 'No, Northwesterns, I'm not AIN. I'm all outta money, and I'm gonna use my last $5 to buy my latte.' We're really giving a voice to the people here, and I hope NW listens."

LOGO DESIGNED BY DAUGHN VONAHRE
This completely original and unique logo has been more specifically for the event and will be printed on shirts, because who doesn't love a free shirt?"
FEELIN' STITIOUS
NW considers canceling finals

EXPECTED SNOW RAISES STUDENT SPIRITS

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After contemplating the nature of northwest Iowa winters, Northwestern College President Craig Grisy has announced that should it snow in May, he will cancel this year's final exams.

"I like to go by the rule of thumb that, once you see the first robin of the spring, there will be three more snowstorms," Grisy said. "I didn't see a robin until just before last week's storm, so I think it's safe to say there will be at least two more snowstorms this school year."

Grisy's decision has created a great deal of excitement among NW students. Some students are even going so far as to plan a trip to the North Pole to convince Santa Claus to fly his sleigh full of glittering snow over campus.

"I am grateful that Grisy has agreed to cancel finals because my friends and I are in desperate need of a break," sophomore Czech studies major Wemily Ikner said.

"When it comes to the weather, I've learned to expect the unexpected."

- Wemily Ikner

"For this reason, I feel that I owe it to my college community to travel to the North Pole and advocate for the worst May blizzard imaginable—even if it only affects NW's campus."

Professors are equally excited by the prospect of having fewer exams to grade.

"I know I said I didn't like the snow last week, but I must admit that I am not opposed to a finals-free spring," said communications professor Puliana Jennings. "Maybe I will finally have time to channel my inner Joanna Gaines and renovate the offices in Kepp Hall."

Grisy tried to explain that he will only cancel final exams if it snows at least 26 inches, but Ikner remains optimistic.

"This is northwest Iowa after all," Ikner said. "When it comes to the weather, I've learned to expect the unexpected."


PHOTO BY: STEVE CARE

President Craig Grisy addressed the student body Thursday after reading about an impending May snowstorm in his gold-bound copy of the Farmer's Almanac.

Dorm building will add special activities such as a hot tub to the newly vacated third floor wing

STUDENTS ARE EXCITED FOR ADDITIONS

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One of the biggest announcements of all time in the world of Fern Smith Hall has just been released: the school has decided to close down the third north wing.

The question is, what will be done with the unoccupied space? Is it doomed to stay empty and be haunted by the 3N ghost, or will it be used for something new? Fern resident director Lindsay Lubbell hasn't revealed to the public yet what her plans are for the space. However, she did come to the Beacon staff in confidence and said what she is going to do—so what else to do but write a story about it?

Fern will be doing three major things to the wing. The first is that the wall between rooms 312 and 314 will be knocked down to combine them and create one big room in which a full-sized hot tub will go.

"I realize how stressful the lives of the students in Fern can be, so I thought a hot tub would be a great study break for them to get," Lubbell said.

Shredded cheese and lettuce and Doritos chips galore!

- Lindsay Lubbell

Lubbell explained that she is excited about the new addition because it will make the girls think hard and use their brains in order to solve it.

"I am very excited for this addition because it will make the girls and I think hard and use the brains in order to solve it," Lubbell said. "Plus, I hope it will scare them!"

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Make sure to check out all of the new changes as soon as the summer ends.
BACON BITS

TV tears campus community to shreds

"THE OFFICE" IS THE ENEMY OF DEMOCRACY

ABBEY SLATTERY
A & C EDITOR

Northwestern’s campus is just one small pocket of the world that has been caught up in a craze for the television show "The Office." It has had the power to create friendships, but also the power to tear them apart.

The divisions caused by this controversial show have been driving a wedge into the community at NW, and the administration has had enough. They can take down our dorms; they can cut down our trees, but they will have to pry our community from our cold, dead hands.

In response to several recent opinions articles, social media beefs and physical altercations, Dean of Student Life Ellie Jelliss has instituted a ban on all streaming of the hit TV show.

Jr. Creagan Holt has been one of the strongest voices on campus against "The Office." Earlier this semester, Holt penned a passionate opinion article on why people should branch out of their TV viewing comfort zone. She has also been known for her tweets vehemently trashing the show.

"I think "The Office" is an example of everything that's wrong with society," Holt said. "The show itself is unoriginal, the jokes fall flat, and yet people are obsessed with it. I just don't understand the appeal of watching it over and over again."

Not all students fall into the same camp as Holt, however. Jr. Muni Bermeier wrote a response to Holt, coming to the defense of the show. Bermeier claims that "The Office" is the single greatest show of our generation, nay, of any generation.

"People love to watch "The Office," myself included, and I think it's important to stay in your viewing comfort zone," Bermeier said. "It doesn't really matter to me what the critics think or say about a show. If most people like it and it's popular, then I'll probably like it too. It's called discerning taste."

Holt and Bermeier have been the ring leaders for the conflict around the show, and other students have been getting just as riled up. Those who criticize the show claim that Jim was actually an awful person, Ryan was the real hero and Michael should’ve left the show after season one.

There will be several campus conversations held about the decision to ban the show. A panel discussion will be next Monday in chapel and an Spage will take place the following Thursday. All for chapel credits, of course, or else no one would actually go.

PHOTO BY: CHERISH HENRY

Michael Scott is wearing a tie in this photo. Look at it. It’s tie.!!!!!!! Wow! I have got lots of room left here. How are you guys doing? Having a good day? I’m doing well. Bye.

Progressive Reformation Iowa appalled by science

BECAUSE SCIENCE IS NEITHER COURAGEOUS NOR FAITHFUL

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OPINIONS EDITOR

The notoriously critical website known as Progressive Reformation Iowa was appalled to discover that Northwestern is well underway in their construction of a new science building.

"We cannot believe a Reformed Christian institution of higher education would allow such tomfoolery to be taught on the same campus where Christian education based in Reformed theology happens," said an anonymous source which we only know because reformationiowa2018@gmail.com because the people behind the website do not see the irony of calling others to accountability and transparency when they have no transparency themselves.

They also inquired, "We just believe in the Bible and the words of Scripture clearly show that science and natural law actually don't even exist, so why even have a building that is founded on lies?"

The concern of Progressive Reformation Iowa holds some validity. There is some concern about the foundation of the building and how it partially stands on the ground where the old Casey's General Store used to be, and as sketchy as that gas station was, there are definitely going to be some ghosts from there haunting the new science facilities.

On top of this, little do the members of Progressive Reformation Iowa know of the secret underground facilities under Christ Chapel where a secret school of Arminian Theology holds classes to literally and figuratively undermine the Reformed traditions that have completely and utterly been held by every faculty, staff and student who have ever set foot on NW’s campus.

Wohn Jerseley, the school’s founder said, "Yeah, we just found a key to the basement of the chapel and use the tunnels to get into the library, cafeteria and other buildings on campus. We have a lot of students who are interested in what we have to say, but I'm pretty sure the NW professors also go over what we are talking about, so I'm not sure why students come down here."

Hopefully, the website never catches wind of this, otherwise they might write a poorly written article in response to this one and give everyone my contact information which is benjamin.patzlaff@nciowa.edu so I can get berated by random uninformed people. My fingers are crossed.

PHOTO BY: BREED CRATION

Breed Creation, acting as a representative for Progressive Reformation Iowa, states how he feels about the new science building.
P&W does not conform to the patterns of this world (Romans 12:2)

WORSHIP MEETS MOSH-PIT
BRIAN FOLLETT
SPORTS EDITOR

There was a recent announcement made on campus concerning the beloved Sunday Praise and Worship or P and Dub. Starting next school year the songs during this P&W time will be entirely metal songs.

P&W worship leader Eilah Eahl has noted that there has been something off with worship this entire school year, but he could not put his finger on the problem. Throughout the year, he experimented with new songs and styles, yet none seemed to click. Last February, the worship team did the Chip Chop (Christian Hip Hop) P&W service, but sadly it did not solve the problem for Eahl. Eahl wisely sought help from Kosh lupers to solve this massive predicament. Lupers and trash sat down and for hours had a tough dialogue about what kind of music this campus needs. They stumbled upon the perfect solution as they heard local legend Pen Battstaff doing some trashy vocals or "screams" in the Learning Commons. They knew that this was a nudge from the Holy Spirit and began planning.

For starters, the new service will be named "Heavy Worship." There are many new rules that are being implemented in the near future. For example only electric guitars will be allowed on stage during Sunday night worship. Every song must include screaming vocals, but clean singing choruses will be allowed. A quota of six head banging breakdowns must be met each service. Lastly, to keep it classy, the band will be limited to only four solos per service.

With the changes, Eahl mentioned that the students are also going to be required to make some changes. Head banging for Jesus will be a necessity as the band pumps out heavy riffs. Mosh pits may form and are encouraged, but are not required. Stage diving/crowd surfing is also heavily encouraged by Eahl.

"Crowd surfing is one of the best ways to show communal worship," Eahl says. "It is a beautiful sign of community as we are guiding our fellow brothers and sisters through the air as we lift up our screams."

The worship team firmly believes that heavy Worship will catch on and be the next big movement across the country. It will all be traced back to NW who first implemented this form of communal worship

"The future is bright at NW. This switch has the potential to attract new students by the THOUSANDS."

Harlon Maverdink

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"I couldn’t be more excited with the direction we’re taking," said Dean of Residence Life Harlon Maverdink. "Bringing Taco Johns on board is one of those iconic events that students will be talking about for years to come."

For Maverdink, the switch was an easy one. "I eat at Taco Johns every day—breakfast, lunch and dinner," Maverdink said, "so when Hark Musbads approached me about the idea, I was ALLN."

Notable about the switch is Taco Johns’ convenient location. "They’re already located on campus," Maverdink said, "and they’re right across the street from the new science center. Who wouldn’t want potato oles after lab?"

Because Taco Johns already has a building location, NW has decided to switch the location of the cafe to Taco John’s building. This will save money and free up the current cafe for the soon to be homeless men of Colemanbrander.

Although Taco Johns will be serving NW, community members will still be able to order food at Taco Johns as they do now.

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NW switches to local favorite eatery