

# The Northwestern Flipside

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## Barack Obama Friends Hugo Chavez on Facebook

By Sam Gutelle

WASHINGTON – After exchanging a handshake and what were described as “warm words” with Hugo Chavez, Barack Obama friended the Venezuelan president on Facebook yesterday. Obama described the move as “a step forward in American foreign policy.” Chavez was quick to accept the friend request, saying he was happy to finally get the respect he deserved from the American government. “All that Bush guy ever did was send me pokes. For crying out loud George, do you have any idea how

annoying those things are?”

This new Facebook friendship has had many perks for citizens of both the U.S. and Venezuela. Obama invited Chavez to three groups: “World Peace”, “UN Leaders Around the Globe” and “If 5000 people join this group, I will run naked through the Federal Capitol in Caracas.” He was pleased to see that Chavez accepted all of the invitations, but was unhappy that Chavez rejected his invitation to an event entitled “Rager at the White House.” “A complete Facebook friendship won’t happen all at once,” noted Obama, “but each day

that we remain Facebook friends is a good day for US foreign policy.”

Perhaps the most heartwarming moment of the friendship came when Chavez posted his list of the “Top 5 Funniest Looking World Leaders”. His list included several prominent figures including Angela Merkel, Hu Jintao, and Barack Obama. Obama published a comment, “Rofl, nice list. Ur sooooo right about Merkel. I think ur on my list tho lol.”

Not everyone has had a positive reaction to the Facebook friendship. Almost immediately after Chavez accepted the request, he



got a notification from Fidel Castro that the former Cuban dictator had changed their relationship status to “It’s Complicated”.

### Breaking News: U Chicago Students Attend Party



### Turns Out NU Tour Guide Just Making Shit Up



## Endowment “Shrinks” in “Cold” Economy

Don’t Get it? Think “I was in the pool!”

By Scott Grindy

EVANSTON – Frigid economic conditions have shrunk the size of Northwestern’s endowment, according to new reports from President Bienen’s office. University spokesman Steven Westerstein released a statement yesterday downplaying the so-called “shrinkage” effect on NU’s performance.

“We here at Northwestern University have always felt that it’s not about the size of the endowment, but how you use it that really matters. Besides, it’s not like our endowment is that small. At least we’re still bigger than Wash U.”

Northwestern student reactions were very mixed about the news of the endowment’s shriveling. “Oh, that concerns me a lot. The main reason I decided to go here was the size of the endowment,” said Weinberg junior Melissa Bergson. “I don’t know if my experience will be quite the same anymore.”

“I think a lot of universities are concerned too much

with endowment size,” said SESP freshman Julie Howitzers. “They don’t realize that students don’t really care that much. NU has a lot of other great benefits besides its endowment. It just has a strong personality, which is important to me.”

In his final months at Northwestern, President Bienen wants to extend the life of Northwestern pride far beyond his tenure. “The goal is to keep it going in the long run. We’ve been around since 1851, so there will always be some bumps in the road. We just need to stay focused to extend our prosperity.”

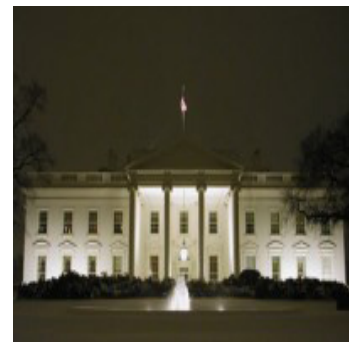
The dwindling size of NU’s endowment presents a problem to school administrators. “Once the stock market warms back up,” explains Westerstein, “we’ll be back to normal size. Hopefully, with our endowment re-erected, performance will return to normal.”

There were thirteen penis jokes in this article! Can you find them all?

### Aretha Franklin Demands T-W-I-N-K-I-E



### White House to Be Painted Half Black



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# Out of Pity, Chicago Cubs Allowed to Use Steroids

MLB Ultimatum: Either They Finally Win, or They're Out

By Nick Zessis

CHICAGO – Without a World Series title in 101 years, enough is enough. Cubs fans have forever been tantalized as America's losers, but that may soon change. In a last hurrah approach to win it all, the Chicago Cubs have worked out a deal with Major League Baseball that would allow them to use steroids in the upcoming 2009 season. If they are unable to finish on top, even with the use of steroids, they, and their farm system, will be terminated from professional baseball.

The Cubs and MLB agreed to these terms late Sunday evening. "We found it to be a fair trade," says Cubs GM Jim Hendry. "We've gone too long without winning a championship. If we can't win the World Series with steroids, we'll never do it, so really being kicked out of baseball doesn't sound that bad, it will just end the misery... kind of like suicide."

The commissioner was reluctant to sign off on the deal at first, but then remembered how steroids used to be good for baseball. "Steroids have done a lot for the game; I mean there were more homeruns, which was kickass," explained Bud Selig in a press conference. "But then people found out about

it and now they don't like it. Also, I guess I'd like to see the Cubs win, but not even a deal with the Devil will make that happen."

This has created uproar amongst many of the players who have been ostracized for using steroids. There are some, however, with a dissenting view. "It's kind of like when you're winning big in basketball," notes Yankee's shortstop



Derek Jeter, "and you stop taking three's and put in your bench players. There's no real reason to shove it in their faces, which is something the Cubs have been on the wrong side of for too many years. This deal should, you know, level the playing field."

This also adds some incentive for the players: either they win, or they're out of work. The steroids should help, but they're still the Cubs, so put your "It's Gonna Happen" sign down and find a new team to root for in 2010.

# Ask *The Flipside*

Dear *Northwestern Flipside*,

*Swine flu is definitely a zombie virus. How can I survive the zombie apocalypse?*

Sincerely,

James Walshington

Well James, we here at The Northwestern Flipside have put many hours into the study of zombies and can say with great certainty that this so called "swine flu" is really a government ploy to cover up the reality that the dead are being reanimated as zombies. In the course of our studies, we have also devised a comprehensive survival procedure for such an event. First, it is important that that you properly protect yourself against the undead. We suggest a shotgun and perhaps a machete. Flamethrowers work nicely as well. Next, you will need a place to ride out the initial infection. Malls have been sci-

entifically proved to be the best strongholds against zombies. We suggest that you camp out on the roof of the Old Orchard Mall and wait for the zombies to starve to death, as our intensive research has shown is inevitable. Once the danger has passed, you may proceed to repopulate the world as you see fit.

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## REBUS PUZZLES

Can you guess the common word or phrase portrayed below?

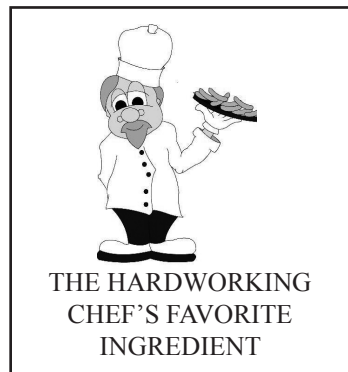


last weeks answers: ADORABLE, MACINTOSH, CORN ON THE COB, RODEO

Note: All names and stories are fictional, unless public figures are being satirized. Remember, these are all jokes.

## JUMBLE

Unscramble these four ordinary jumbles, and use the letters in circles to answer the final question.



SARBS  
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GOSBU  
□ □ ○ □ ○

LOVEIT  
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LAST WEEKS ANSWERS: MEDIC OFFER ROTATE MARROW when the band wanted to secreteive they went OFF THE RECORD