

# The Northwestern Flipside

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## Pledge Mom Tells Her Pledge Daughter She Was Pledge Adopted

BY BEN CASTLEMAN

EVANSTON—Delta Delta Delta Delta Sophomore Allison Gordon did not have a Pledge Reveal night as joyous as the rest of her sorority sisters. In fact, she had been dreading the evening all week. She decided, out of respect and love, that her Pledge Daughter, freshman Rachel Solomon, was finally ready to learn that she was Pledge Adopted.

"I never thought I was going to Pledge Adopt a baby, but the circumstances called for it. Her real Pledge Mother just couldn't handle the responsibility of having a Pledge Daughter right now, especially since she was doing her Journalism Residency this quarter," said Allison.

"I wanted to be a Pledge Mom just like any normal Pledge Family

would have, but it was double the stress for me. I had to worry both about her finding out that I was her Pledge Mom and about her finding out that she was Pledge Adopted. I didn't want her to find out from anyone but me."

The week went by more or less according to plan, but Rachel sensed something was a little off. An Instagram gallery titled "I love my Pledge Mom!!!! <3" revealed how many more presents she got than other girls in her pledge class.

Rachel described her suspicious feelings. "At first I was just like, 'OMG I love my Pledge Mom!' But then as the week went on I was all like, 'Is it kinda weird that I get so many more presents than the other girls?' But in the end I just assumed that I literally had the best Pledge

Mom EVER!"

When Allison broke the news to her adopted Pledge Daughter, the two had a long, tense, and confusing conversation, causing Rachel to burst into tears.

After a few minutes alone Rachel came back out and apologized to Allison. She told her she still loved her just as much as if she was her real Pledge Mom. Allison assured Rachel that she understood and was just happy to have such a great (adopted) Pledge Daughter.

"After the other girls in my pledge class found out I was adopted they acted kind of strange towards me, but that didn't affect my love for either of my Pledge Mothers. I'm just glad I didn't get left out of Pledge Mom week entirely, like that bitch Pledge Orphan Stephanie."



Smash Mouth Shocked to Find Someone Actually Follows Their Facebook Page



Budget-Conscious Sequestrian Club Forced to Put Down Their Horses

## NU to Promote Diversity on CAESAR, Change System's Name to "SACAGAWEA"

BY ALLISON ORTEGA

EVANSTON—After calculating the exorbitant amount of time each Northwestern student spends on CAESAR attempting to register for classes every quarter, administrators at Northwestern thought the online portal would be the perfect place to continue their push for campus diversity. Northwestern officials have not yet provided any specific plans about how they will make CAESAR more diverse, so *The Flipside* has constructed a list of suggestions on how to proceed.

1. Rename CAESAR "SACAGAWEA" – Trust us, there are already more than enough things at Northwestern named after dead white guys with question-

able character content. Renaming the "Computer Assisted Electronic Student Access Route" to "Students Accessing Computers Assisted Greatly And With Everyone Alive" sends a message of diversity and is appropriately confusing.

2. Diversification of login methods – Instead of asking students for only their netID, login should vary randomly between student ID number, email address, and asking the street of the user's first house and pet's name, a.k.a. stripper name. Then, just prior to actually registering, SACAGAWEA will ensure students are really ready by asking them to log in again, in case they wanted to change their identity mid-stream.

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## Some New Building to Be Built on Campus, Cost Gazillions

BY ADAM PECENA

EVANSTON—Northwestern University administration announced today that construction on some long-awaited expensive building of questionable utility is to finally start next month.

Spokesperson of the Department of New Structures, Allyson Spencer, told *The Flipside*, "This is a great moment for all 25 people that will actually be using this building, and for the 100+ members of the future cleaning and main-

tenance staff. Thanks to donations from a random wealthy alumnus, we have the opportunity to provide state-of-the-art facilities for the new building, as well as a big panoramic win-

Every day we grow nervous from the very thought of losing the soothing noises of pneumatic drills and the mud on our sidewalks."

- Alyson Spencer, Spokesperson of the Department of New Structures

dow looking over the lake with a view of the Chicago skyline."

When asked to elaborate on the reasons for building the clean-cut, unnecessarily elaborate

work of a sick architectural

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# THE STATE OF NORTHWESTERN

Following Barack Obama's State of the Union address last month, various Northwestern student groups issued reports about the state of their own organizations. *The Flipside* is pleased to present the transcripts of these speeches.

## The State of the Associated Student Government Senate

BY BRIAN LEE

Esteemed senators, desperate wannabes.

Three years ago, I attended a senate meeting. I don't remember what the meeting was about, and I doubt anyone still remembers it.

All I remember is that a lengthy argument broke out over whether a non-senator in attendance in place of an absent senator could vote in a procedural vote based on *Robert's Rules of Order*. Then, two hours into debate, the senators realized a key subcommittee member was absent and decided it was only fair to table the topic,

hence wasting everyone's time.

I remember thinking, just what on earth is wrong with these people?

Today, I can tell that much has improved since. For one thing, the composition of the senate changes often enough to suit the tastes of the reigning president. The subtle changes are duly noted by the remaining three students who read *The Daily Northwestern* cover to cover on a daily basis.

No more are the days when everyone thought it was acceptable to waste time on procedural matters. Indeed, the senate now occupies itself with matters much less idiotic; the likes of

whether it should congratulate a dead president's birthday through what is essentially the equivalent of writing "happy birthday" on someone's Facebook wall. I must say that I do feel bad for President Reagan for that tremendous snub from a group mostly made of flaming liberals. I bet he never saw that coming.

Unfortunately, I, like four in ten Northwestern students, don't get to vote for senators: the eight senators supposedly representing off-campus students are appointed by a committee.

You know what other government appoints members

of its legislature? Most of them have "People's," "Democratic," "Islamic," or "Kingdom" in their official titles.

What's that? Am I a senator? No. It doesn't matter. I'm still allowed to participate in debates. Oh just stop. You can take that point of order and stick it up your...

*The Flipside would like to remind our readers that the Associated Student Government is an important organization within Northwestern that strives to improve the lives of students. Most importantly, they partially fund The Flipside, just as long as our printed issues are not confused as fliers.*

## The State of *The Daily Northwestern*

BY BRIAN EARL

Editors, Reporters, Photographers, Designers. I stand before you this evening to deliver The State of *The Daily*. Now, I must confess that I'm not on staff, but I did write one story freshman year, so I feel both honored and qualified to deliver this address.

To be honest, I haven't picked up a copy of *The Daily* since I was a sophomore, and I haven't read an issue cover to cover since I was a freshman. But I do read articles online! Occasionally.

Which brings me to my first point. Readership for *The Daily* is dismal. Despite printing as many issues as you always do and placing them in the same old and decrepit distribution bins, fewer and fewer students are reading *The Daily*. This is a travesty; *The Daily* is a living shadow of its former glory.

This brings me to my second point. Looking around this newsroom, I see nothing but living shadows. You are all zombies. *The*

*Daily* has sucked your life away. You spend all your time reporting, editing, photographing, and whatnot. Yes, editors, I know that last sentence used an Oxford comma, I can see the anger flash in your eyes. So sue me. The point is, you have no friends apart from other staffers. You skip class to finish that story. You only go to *Daily* parties.

And yet no one reads it.

Friends, the state of *The Daily* is abysmal. While your 300-word-limit for articles prevents me from detailing any solutions, I can say that urgent changes are necessary. If *The Daily* is to survive this decade, you must institute politics that increase readership—

Actually, wait, never mind.

It's hopeless. *The Daily* is going to become a bubble of dedicated Medill students, where the only people who read *The Daily* write for *The Daily*.

At least mentioning the hours of work you give to *The Daily* on your résumé will help you get an internship, right?

## The State of the Tour Guides

BY SAM BLOCK

Fellow guides, the state of the TGs is awesome! There is not a single thing wrong with anything on this campus or within this group of 120ish tightly knit undergrads and graduates who haven't yet found a real job! Let me tell you why. This podium in front of me was built in 1851 by our founder, the same guy who built The Rock, with his bare hands! That's definitely a true fact!

Here are some more facts. Hand waving to people we don't know in an attempt to

look more popular in front of high schoolers is down 23 percent! Misleading anecdotes that suggest all of NU's food taste likes Frontera is up 40 percent!!

We just got tour guide quarter zips and t-shirts! Now, in case other students haven't noticed us while walking backwards (backwards!) around campus, we now have another way to differentiate ourselves and let everyone know we were selected to the most prestigious group on campus! Let me conclude the state of the tour guides with the way we always like to close: why Northwestern? Well, today I guess the more apt question is, why give a speech about the state of the tour guides?

Well, I believe it is our right to be listened to in rapt attention at all times by people who vastly overestimate how much impact we have on their lives! Go Cats!



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... don't miss it!



# Top Sororities Fear Proposed Regulations in Cute Guitar-Playing Boy Market

BY ERIC VANCHIERI

EVANSTON—Northwestern's top-tier sororities have made it clear that they strongly oppose the Panhellenic Association's proposal for the setting of a price ceiling in the cute guitar-playing boy market next year.

The cute guitar-playing boys, referred to as GPBs, faced a huge

spike in demand during Big/Little Week, during which sororities anonymously shower their new "Littles" with gifts, food, movie parties, and the chance to be serenaded by a GPB in front of other Littles.

Sarah Smith, an Economics major and member of the Panhellenic Association Executive Board, explained, "We are

proposing that a price ceiling be placed below GPB market price, because the sharp increase in demand for GPBs raises the price of said hotties so much that lower-tier sororities do not have the opportunity to purchase this eye candy for their babies."

Allison Williams of Tri-Alpha supports the measure. "Being from one of the lower-tier sororities, we simply cannot afford hot guys at prices that cater to the top-tier bimbos. I had to sit and feign a smile last year as a boy without Ryan Gosling's abs botched my favorite Justin Bieber song. I won't even be able to afford that type of boy for my Little if prices are not controlled."

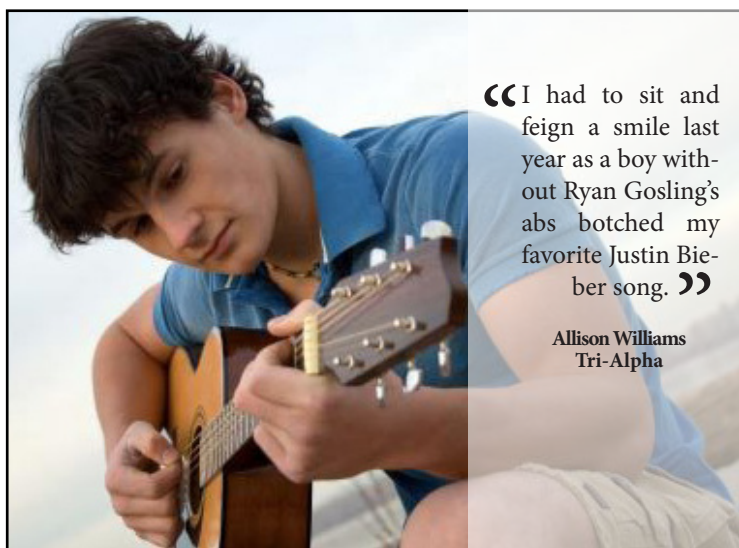
Top-tier sororities, however, have argued against the price ceiling, citing the failures of price controls on equally important goods, like oil. "This price ceiling will first and foremost lead to a shortage

of GPBs, for the mandatory low price of boys will lead to more girls who want to employ GPBs than GPBs who are willing to perform at the given price!" exclaimed Maggie Kelter of top-tier Lambda Omicron Lambda.

Further, asserted Kelter, because competition cannot drive the price of lap dances set to the *Pitch Perfect* soundtrack to market equilibrium, there is also a signaling issue in which givers of said lap-dances have no way of knowing which pledge mom values his services the most.

Finally, top sorority sisters fear that shortages will lead to extensive waiting times when pledge moms try to book One Direction themed stripteases and other GPBs.

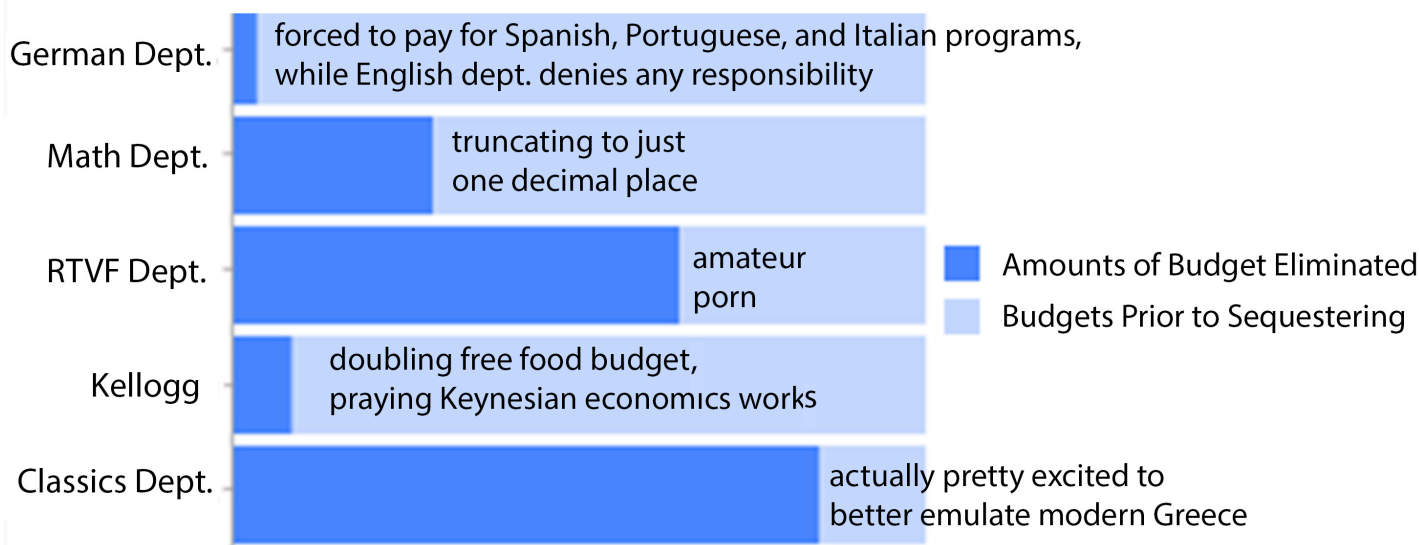
"The time spent in line will take away from time intended for other crucial sisterhood activities like watching *Glee*," said Kelter.



“I had to sit and feign a smile last year as a boy without Ryan Gosling's abs botched my favorite Justin Bieber song.”

Allison Williams  
Tri-Alpha

## How are NU Departments Managing Their Sequestered Budgets?



# Editorial: *The Flipside* Would Like to Apologize

For the first time in its storied existence, *The Onion* has issued an apology for its content. Many were outraged when “America’s Finest News Source” targeted 9-year-old Best Actress nominee Quvenzhané Wallis with a tasteless expletive, forcing Onion, Inc. CEO Steve Hannah to post a contrite note of regret on his site’s front page.

After thorough discussion amongst *The Flipside’s* executive board and preferred astrologists, we have come to the decision that it is in our best interests for *The Flipside* to reach out to all of those whom we’ve unfairly singled out over the last five years and grovel at their feet. In no particular order, we would like to apologize to:

**Stefan Demos:** With Northwestern Football having finally reclaimed their tarnished legacy with a bowl game win, we’re willing to move on, put the past behind us, and forgive you for breaking our hearts in the 2010 Outback Bowl. Also, NU underclassmen no longer know who you are, and we need to keep up with the times.

**Area Man:** Your fine name has been tarnished by the harshest libel imaginable in the pages of our fine publication. You’ve been accused of everything from borderline illiteracy to fiscal irresponsibility to dressing like a slut on Halloween, yet you have endured our barbs with the greatest dignity imaginable. We’re sure you’ll understand when we label

you an incest-loving Fascist next week.

**Chet Haze:** We apologize for making you the new Demos. We’re just jealous; honest. From even a cursory glance of your Twitter account, we have come to the conclusion that you must be a world-class satirist, the likes of which have not been seen since Swift, Twain, and Vonnegut. We humbly tip our hats to you.

**The Unknown Engineer:** We have endured nearly an entire year of unrelenting guilt for dedicating an entire issue to mocking you, but have no plans to stop any time in the future. As a half-assed measure of contrition, *The Flipside* will establish an eternal flame in the basement of Tech, honoring the Unknown Engi-

neer and the sacrifices that he has made for the good of the school. We may not know your name, and we may not know your face, because you never leave Slivka, but we can still honor your legacy.

**Writers of *The Fighting Methodist*:** *The Fighting Methodist* is one of Northwestern’s oldest and most revered publications, and we apologize for not paying you the somber respect that you deserve. We promise to be more deferential in the future, and pay our due diligence. In our defense, we originally thought that you were a comedy organization.

Signed,  
Andrew Schneider  
*Public Relations  
and Bereavement*

## SACAGAWEA, from page 1

3. More shopping options – Students should be given the option to put their classes in their shopping cart, in a shopping basket, or just carrying them around in their hand because they only really need a few things.

4. Updated color scheme – If there is any color you see enough of around campus, it’s white... and purple. By changing the SACAGAWEA color scheme to something more unique, Northwestern students will be assured that their university values all HTML color codes.

5. More realistic class status options – The status of class enrollment should better reflect the diverse reality of registration, with labels like “Open, like you’d ever take this class,” “Open, but with your registration time you’ll never get the last seat,” “Waitlist, don’t hold your breath,” and “Closed, so very closed.”

6. Offering classes at times other than 11AM Tuesday and Thursday – But really, this is an actual suggestion.

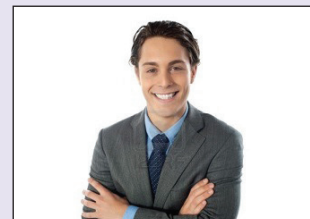


## CONSTRUCTION, from page 1

mind, Spencer added, “The new addition to our Evanston campus will house faculty and classrooms for some department that already has a building, but these people just love moving all their stuff around. Further, without this building, construction on campus would die. Every day we grow nervous from the very thought of losing the soothing noises of pneumatic drills and the mud on our sidewalks. This building will bring Northwestern one step closer to the great campus experience we have managed to keep up for so long.”

University President Morton Schapiro commented, “It’s always amazing to be able to deliver one of my fun speeches at the opening ceremony, saying how the particular structure will be critical to the future NU campus experience and how it’s a long needed and valuable addition, even though I usually don’t know which lake-facing barely-justifiable beauty I’m standing in front of at the given moment.”

Construction is scheduled to finish in 2017, so that an entire graduating class will wake up early to the pounding and drills, be forced to take round-about detours, and leave campus before the building finally opens.



Freshman Wears Suit to DM: “It’s Always Better to Be Overdressed Than Underdressed”



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Hugo Chavez Extends Wake an Extra Four Years

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