

Local Girl Wears Balaclava, Looks Surprisingly Spectacular

BY JORDAN VILLANUEVA

EVANSTON — Faced with the mind-numbing cold of the week of last week, Medill junior Rachel Carnahan was forced to make a difficult decision. Her options were limited: wear that stupid freaking balaclava her mother had purchased for her, or perish in the harsh Evanston cold.

Carnahan eventually opted for the balaclava, though still fearing the social backlash that would follow. A well-informed fashionista with her

own fashion Tumblr, she was aware of the stigma surrounding the garment. However, for once in her damn life, she decided her safety was more important than fashion.

To the shock of all of Evanston, Carnahan was stunning in the balaclava. The lack of a defined neck accented her curves and the complete absence of a face gave way to the alluring mystique of her forehead. Men and women alike dropped books and walked into traffic in a trance-like state induced by seeing the beauty

in a balaclava.

“Rachel Carnahan... How do I begin to explain Rachel Carnahan?” mused McCormick sophomore Emma Hadley. “She’s flawless. I hear her balaclava is insured for \$10,000. And she does winter coat commercials in Japan. One time she met Apollo Anton Ohno on a ski slope. He told her she was pretty.”

Within two days of the first sighting of Carnahan wearing the formerly absurd headwear, girls all over campus were sporting their very own

balaclavas. The newly popular winter accessory has been described as “the best fusion of form and function since Crocs ©.”



2014 Winter Olympic Preview: IOC Debuts New “Extreme” Sports in Sochi

BY RACHEL BEAL

SOCHI, RUSSIA — Every four years, the world watches with bated breath as the world’s best athletes perform awe-inspiring feats of skill, strength, and endurance. They shatter world records and achieve the impossible; a testament to the power of the human spirit.

Then there’s the Winter Olympics. We watch for the figure skating or because we really liked *Cool Runnings*.

While citizens of every nation busy themselves with preparations for their quadrennial Biathlon Parties (you’re all invited to *The Flipside’s*, but it’s a potluck so bring snacks), the International Olympic Com-

mittee has spent the last 4 years brainstorming new events to allow for a little more *excitement* in this year’s Games in Sochi.

The IOC and their Russian hosts hope that introducing fire, warfare, and ballistic ele-

ments to the more mundane events will increase viewership and reinforce the ideals of athleticism, teamwork, and heterosexuality that the games were founded on millennia ago.

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NASA Reveals You Are More Likely to Catch Space Shuttle Than Frostbite Express



Concussed Football Player Shows up to Press Conference Six Days Late

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Daily Northwestern Uncovers Shocking Daily Northwestern Hazing Scandal

BY JORDAN VILLANUEVA

EVANSTON — In an all-revealing exposé, *The Daily Northwestern* has revealed the largest hazing scandal in the history of Northwestern University. This scandal, an unprecedented disgrace to a well-respected organization, threatens the reputation of the very backbone of the Evanston campus—the culprit is *The Daily Northwestern*.

“Look, we just got bored, okay?” defended Managing Editor Evan Michaels. “Rush happened, what, a week ago? We still don’t have any good frat stories. It’s a *Daily* rule that we have to publish something negative about Greek life every twelve days, so we had no choice.”

Michaels assigned Medill sophomore Rachel Yu to cover the first hazing scandal she could find. As a first year *Daily* reporter, her ongoing struggle with abusive initiation rituals were at the forefront of her mind. Michaels assigned this article to Yu while paddling a line of freshmen, so she didn’t have to look far for evidence.

This report, a three page insert in yesterday’s issue of *The Daily*, chronicles the life of a first-year reporter. From paddles to keg-stands, boxing to nudity, and interviews with Mayor Tisdahl to covering Northwestern Football, it seems the directors of *The Daily* stopped at nothing to torture their newbies. Yu’s article also alleges that all reporters were required to join Twitter and follow all *Daily*-run accounts.

The brothers of Tappa Tappa Keg were disappointed they have now gone 17 days without an article criticizing them.

“It’s just sad, you know?” lamented Weinberg Junior Isaac Lestrade. “We all love *The Daily*. It’s just such a big part of our day-to-day lives and it kills us to see them fall.”

Campus officials are now reviewing *The Daily*’s daily publishing rights and are considering replacing it with another campus publication. Rumored front-runners include *The Northwestern Flipside*, *Stitch*, and those fliers from Freenters.



Edzo's Open for Dinner; 'You're Welcome,' Says God

BY TYLER DASWICK

THE HEAVENS — Thinking it was about time He better “make a big splash,” God, the One who molded the mountains and forged the rivers in our universe, officially announced last week that beloved Evanston eatery, Edzo’s Burger Shop, would now be open for dinner.

“Well, I’ve been riding a bit of a hot streak lately, what with weed going up for sale and all that,” said the Alpha and Omega, relaxing on His heavenly throne and taking a mighty sip

from His 64 oz. Big Gulp.

“And I was sitting around bitch!” — God

with [archangels] Gabe and Mikey when I thought, ‘Shit, you know how I can capitalize on this momentum? Extend the hours of the best burger shop in Evanston. That’s how.’ Thus, my latest miracle was born.”

“Ask and ye shall receive, bitch,” added the King of Kings, putting His feet up on His heavenly footstool.

Chef Eddie “Edzo” Lakin, explaining why he decided to extend the hours at

his legendary burger joint, claimed it did feel like divine intervention. “I can’t really explain the process of what happened,” he said. “It was like some kind of a spirit or something was moving within me . . . I can’t say I’ve felt anything like it since I made my first burger. Strange.”

“Yeah. Right here. Totes me in all that,” said God, throwing a salute to the chef that He made in His image, just like the rest of man.

“Can’t say that I surprised myself with this one,” continued the

Heavenly Father. “I’ve just been on fire these past few weeks, and so



at this point I really expected to pull something totally kickass out of my hat. Like a big slam dunk after the initial alley-oop, dig?”

“You could say it was pretty Jordan-esque of me,” the Omnipresent One added.

Follow-up reports indicate that God plans to continue His run of positive moves, with rumors swirling that He might “take care of that pesky Tebow guy pretty soon.”

Blackboard vs. Canvas

NU professors and administrators are testing out Canvas as an alternative to Blackboard. Here’s everything you need to know about the two course management systems.

	 Blackboard	 canvas
Back when it launched...	Harry Potter was first published	Arab Spring started
The best selling album of that year was...	Spice by Spice Girls	21 by Adele
Optimized for...	Internet Explorer for Windows MT	Oil paint
Just as internet-compatible as...	A Polaroid camera	A wireless router
Server maintenance	Only on nights before due dates	Most likely only on nights before due dates
Will people complain about it?	Yes	Yes

Northwestern Math Department Introduces New Number between Seven and Eight

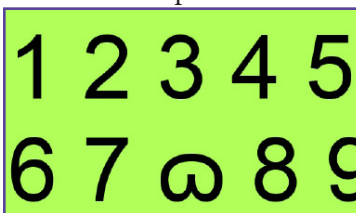
BY BRIAN CAPELLA

EVANSTON — The Northwestern University Math Department announced Tuesday the introduction of a new number into the current number system.

Dr. Jared Wunsch, Math Department Chair, described the new number. "This number, called 'dag,' will lie somewhere between seven and eight. We don't really know yet." While dag has not yet been acknowledged by the American Mathematical Society, Northwestern students will need to account for dag on all calculations in Northwestern math classes.

Wunsch explained his department's decision: "Due to the increasing number of applicants and the decreasing

acceptance rate that Northwestern has been experiencing over the past few years, students entering Northwestern are steadily more and more proficient in math. This is unacceptable."



Dr. Martina Bode, Director of Calculus, commented, "I like red pen. I really like red pen. I'm very happy with the addition of this new number. Students will answer many more questions incorrectly. I will be able to use much more red pen."

Charlie Chang, McCormick freshman, was in-

trigued by the news. "I like a challenge. The SATs were so easy, especially after I started middle school. I'm very excited about the addition of dag."

However, Bobby Grumith, Weinberg sophomore, was furious. "This is so typical. I spent so much time and effort learning just the first ten numbers. And then I got to high school. Learning dag will be stupid. And calculus. Math sucks."

After the announcement, Wunsch was heard discussing more plans to confound students. "Dag is just the beginning. We're planning on exploring many options to curtail high math achievement, including harsher grading and administering only oral exams. In Latin."

A Message from the NU Emergency Management System Regarding Extreme Cold

BY RACHEL BEAL

Flipside reporters received this early draft of an email from the Northwestern University Emergency Management System regarding whether classes would be held January 27 and 28 due to dangerously cold weather.

Dear Northwestern Community,

Although Chicago Public Schools are officially closed Monday due to the extreme cold, Northwestern will remain open. You're Wildcats. You were made for this.

Students are advised that subzero temperatures can be extremely dangerous during prolonged periods of outdoor activity. For this reason, please make sure to cover your entire head while

waiting for your first and second frostbite shuttles, which will be full, before miserably shuffling to Lunt Hall for your math quiz. Incidentally, the Math Department says that the wind-chill factor forecasted for Monday and Tuesday is roughly equal to $-(\text{dag}^2)$, so ultimately, this should be educational.

Students afflicted with a trek from the Technological Institute to University Hall can rent cross country skis from Norris Outdoors, provided staff can unfreeze the padlock on the closet where they're stored. Depending on visibility and delays at O'Hare, Sherpa guides from Tibet may also be provided for visitors and Freshman engineers who have to find

Locy Hall for the first time.

We also encourage students to build igloos on Deering Meadow as temporary warming stations. While the administration is not able to help with this endeavor, shovels and ice picks will be distributed at the Registrar's office at 633 Clark Street.

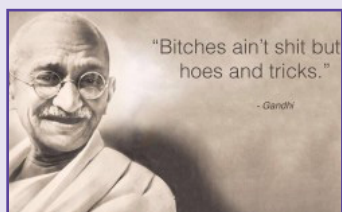
Aside from putting on some chapstick and an extra pair of socks and manning up for that walk to Kresge, President Schapiro offers several other tips for staying warm: "Go ahead, take a swig from that flask I know you have in your jacket in Humanities 260. The cold won't seem that bad, and you all DEFINITELY still have class."



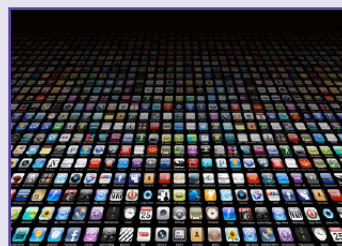
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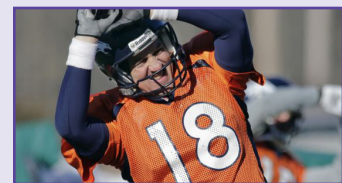
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Founding Fathers Would Have Discouraged Attributing Opinions to Dead People



CS Major Develops App to Better Stalk the Only Two Girls in Class



Peyton Manning Named Super Bowl MVP, Crucial to Seahawks Victory

"Extreme" Sports in Sochi

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Russian President Vladimir Putin vows that Socrates himself would have come up with **Battle Curling** had ice or the machinery required to polish granite to a frictionless surface been available in Ancient Greece. The Scottish are expected to dominate the event, which incorporates a fourth defensive player (the "torchers") into each traditional team of a skip and two sweepers. Torchers are granted flame-throwers for distracting/incinerating the other team as they shuffle their stone toward the house. President Putin has graciously permitted athletes to wear flame-retardant clothing, but notes that only pussies will do so.



A new ski jump archery event, officially titled *Sprungschießen*, will require athletes to shoot a moving target with a bow and arrow while executing an aerial jump with at least two full backflips and a 360° clockwise rotation. Archers will be scored on both the difficulty and execution of their jump as well as whether they shoot themselves or spectators. Danish athletes are

expected to excel in the archery element, but the Irish promise to make a strong showing. Bow hunting may be prohibited in their country, but they're used to performing difficult tasks while appreciably dizzy and disoriented.



The Russians and Bulgarians are early favorites for the Gold and Silver in **Hypothermia Polo**, where swimmers will play traditional polo in arctic waters, though the committee is still deciding whether and how to incorporate live, semi-hostile walrus into the match.

Slalom Shooting should be an easy win for the Slovenians, but most analysts are calling **Figure Dueling** a total free for all. Rumors are circulating that President Putin purposefully misinterpreted the event name; the President is said to have equipped the entire Russian team from D2: The Mighty Ducks with magic wands in place of épées and had them trained to use the Avada Kedavra charm on anyone wearing sequins or feathers.



Ask the Flipside: Getting Your Roommate to Do the Dishes

In "Ask the Flipside," you, our readers get the chance to ask the most wizened personalities on The Flipside staff for advice about school, relationships, and life. To submit a question, email contact@northwesternflipside.com, or maybe snapchat us or something.

Dear Angry Feminist Roommate,

How do I tell my roommate to do the dishes?

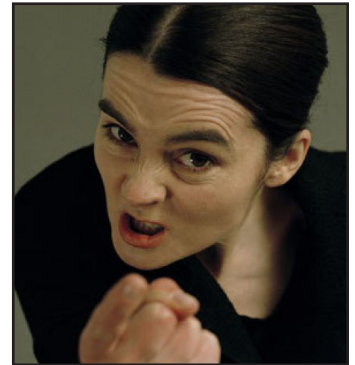
-Isthatpizza Fromthisquarter

Dear Isthatpizza,

WAIT. You HAVE dishes? What century do you live in? Do you KNOW how much child labor is involved in the production of corralle ware? Don't even get me STARTED on the non-fair-trade sourcing of the starting materials for china production.

When I'm not eating my Icelandic skyr from a biodegradable cup, I find that oaken bowls offer a rich, woody flavor to my kale chips and quinoa salads, so I'm just going to ASSUME that's what you meant. To clean your bowls, you should rinse with warm water and then gently scrub with your Norwegian pumice stone. To dry, heat the bowls in an oven at around 100°C. (I bought my oaken bowls at a farmer's market just outside San Francisco, and should you need more, they ARE available through ilovetofuandmenaregigs.com.) I'd suggest starting a bowl-heating schedule with your roommates to avoid unnecessary baking cycles.

If you ARE enough of an environment, child, and fair-trade hating masochist to own actual dishes, I guess you should just tell her to do them or something. Maybe tell her you'll start eating her kale, or her Whole Foods "power kamut blend." I HATE when my roommates eat my Whole Foods "power kamut blend."



Dear Angry Feminist Roommate,

How do I tell my boyfriend I'm looking for more excitement in our relationship?

-Can'tget Crazyinlove

Dear Can'tget,

What kind of HORRIFIC, CONVENTIONAL, and HETERO-NORMATIVE relationship are you in, that you DON'T spend 15-20 minutes each morning and evening discussing your emotions and grievances over cinnamon chai? Like, do you have any hobbies BESIDES reinforcing gender roles? I mean no wonder you're BORED.

Living within and perpetuating the archetypes established by centuries of male oppression doesn't sound like a particularly enriching endeavor. UGH, why don't you just add some nutmeg to the pie you're probably baking and then tell your boyfriend you're trying to "spice things up." Maybe afterwards you can watch some nauseating, privilege-manifesting romantic comedy with Reese Witherspoon INSTEAD of Jennifer Aniston. UGH, I can't. I'm done. I'm need to go alkalinize my body with a beet juice cleanse to realign my chakras.

The Angry Feminist Roommate is social justice blogger and kale enthusiast. She's thrilled to be an undergraduate TA for "Gender Studies 205: Why it's so Hard to Be a Woman."

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