

Denmark Dominates in Polar Bear Jumping, Wins Gold

BY BRIAN EARL

KRASNAYA POLYANA, RUSSIA — Danish polar bear jumper Oscar Karstensen could polar-bearly contain his excitement after completing his final run in the men's polar bear jumping final.

Ingegerd, Karstensen's bear, nearly lost its footing as it landed on slippery ice in the last jump of the round. The excited fans audibly gasped, then cheered as Ingegerd managed to remain upright and finish the competition, carrying the Dane to the gold.

"I was so worried Ingegerd was going to tip," Karstensen said. "I could hear her claws scratching, sliding, and eventually digging in to the ice to get her enough purchase to keep

going. We lost a little speed then, but we still managed to clear the next jump."



Teammate Konrad Hjort joined Karsten on the podium, walking away with the bronze. Hjort's medal came as a surprise, as he has only been polar

bear jumping for two years.

"It's a great day for Denmark," Karstensen said. "To

have Kon on the platform with me, it's truly a blessing."

Karstensen's victory was a mild upset over Ukrainian bear jumper Yuriy Chownyk,

thought by many bear jump analysts to be the favorite after a breathtaking performance in the 2012 International Urs-estrian Union Polar Bear Jump Championships. Chownyk was heavily penalized yesterday when his bear left the track to devour a baby seal someone had brought into the stands.

"Yes, I'm very disappointed," Chownyk said. "It just proves the old adage true: 'If the polar bear is for hunting, it shan't be for jumping.'"

Karstensen is thrilled to be counted among gold medal-winning Winter Olympians like Andreas Ostler, Lorenz Nieberl, and Vladimir Melanin. "I'm ready to join their ranks, to be just as well-known as they are today."

Freshman Starting to Think He Might Call Home This Year

BY TYLER DASWICK

EVANSTON — Five months into the academic year, McCormick freshman Phillip Goldsmith is beginning to consider the idea that he might want to call his family back in upstate New York.

"I don't know, it just kind of seems like something I should do," said Goldsmith. "It didn't even cross my mind in fall quarter, but now that I really think about it, I might want to check in with my folks."

Goldsmith himself has failed to answer no less than

forty-three calls from his family since classes began in October, citing instances such as "a shit-ton of work," "a pretty intense game of *Starcraft*," and "finding a website that Photoshops Jennifer Lawrence's face onto porn-stars."

Paul and Angie Goldsmith, parents of the disconnected and distracted young adult, insist that their son is simply a victim of Northwestern University's rigorous curriculum. "Little Philly has always worked so hard," said Mrs. Goldsmith. "We're sure he's just busier

than he's ever been. He simply doesn't have the time to worry about little ol' Mom and Pop."

"All the same, we do wish we could let him know that his dog died," she added.

Additionally, Goldsmith's lack of correspondence with his family has left him in the dark on his younger sister's acceptance into the University of Pennsylvania, as well as his grandparents' desire to visit him on campus.

"Who? Grandma Jean?" asked the college student who wrote his admissions essay on

how much he valued his traditional home-style upbringing. "Like I want to hear about the latest fucking bingo game down at the nursing home—gimme a goddamn break."

Sources indicate that Goldsmith is currently holding his phone in his hands, weighing the prospect of a healthy conscience against the insufferable high-pitched tone of his mother's joyful exclamations.

As of press time, the decision had been made. "Ah, fuck it, I'll do it. I need some cash anyway," said Goldsmith.

Rowling Pens Final Volume, *Harry Potter and the Custody Feud*

BY JORDAN VILLANUEVA

LONDON — In light of recent revelations that Ron and Hermione should not have ended up together, author J.K. Rowling has released an eighth book in the celebrated Harry Potter series. This final installment chronicles the messy divorce and subsequent quest of the title character to



make the center of his love life what it ought to be: Hermione Granger. The stunning beauty of the brilliant Gryffindor proves too much for Harry to resist, and Ginny finds herself alone.

Harry Potter and the Custody Feud begins approximately six years after the epilogue of the seventh book. Harry has sunken into a Firewhisky addiction, attempting to drown his sorrows in shot after shot of the beverage and damaging his liver faster than an Acid Pop burns through a tongue. Ron and Hermione are still married, though unhappily, and swarms of vicious attack canaries are not uncommon in the Weasley household. Ginny recently moved out

and took the kids, leaving Harry on his own. The majority of the book takes place in the courtroom, where Harry eventually loses his kids, his wife, all his money, and the flat in which the troubled family had been living.

The book closes when Harry reveals he has been using a Time Turner for years to revisit that steamy night in the forest following Ron's Disapparation in the seventh book. Hermione, smitten by Harry's devotion, rides off on Harry's broom.

"Look, it's just better this way," explained Rowling. "Harry's one of the greatest wizards that ever lived. Ron has always been a bit of a curmudgeon. I'm not sure why I

thought anyone would choose Ron over Harry. And Hermione? Why, she's just bloody gorgeous. She could cast a spell over any man in the wizarding world. It was really only a matter of time until the thick-headed Weasley wasn't good enough for her."

Rowling's books always impact society, and this is increasingly evident after this latest release. Women all over the world see themselves in Hermione's struggle and are leaving their deadbeat husbands for more "magical" men. In turn, sales of round, wiry glasses for men have skyrocketed, as have medical emergencies related to wounds resulting from "trying to get a lightning bolt."

Ask The Flipside: Percy the Gay Stoner Muses on Romance

BY ALLISON ORTEGA

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@northwestern-flipside.com, or maybe send us a carrier pigeon.

Dear Percy,

I have a date this weekend! What can we do in Evanston? -IllinoisIsn't ForLovers

Dear IllinoisIsn't,

I agree that Evanston isn't the most romantic spot. It's not like you have the beautiful Rocky Mountains as a background, or a wide array of

edibles from your local neighborhood dispensary to share, but we have to work with what we've got, right? Try and start things off right with a small romantic gift. Nothing says "you're the best I can do" like a macramé hemp bracelet.

I'm assuming you found your date on straight people Grindr (editor's note: "straight people grindr" is a dating app more commonly known as Tindr) so make sure you go somewhere with dim lighting, just so you won't be disappointed and kill the mood. I hear Farmhouse Evanston is so dark they can't actually check IDs. Once you're on the date, PLEASE don't talk about midterms. I know you're, like, the most stressed person to ever attend

Northwestern, but I can assure you your date does not want to hear about that one trick question in Math 224.

Dear Percy,

How can I still look cute, trendy, and shapely in winter apparel? -PuffyCoat Blues

Dear PuffyCoat,

Managing to stay fashionable in the winter is a constant struggle. Much like finding a hottie at the club, it takes a keen eye, persistence, and being generally attractive in the first place.

What's my winter secret? Layers. Layers on layers on layers. Wear as many clothes as physically possible. You stay

warm, plus you give off that chic hobo vibe that is unbelievably in right now.

Just remember to keep it fresh by switching up your look now and again. It's super tempting to wear the same flannel button down and patagonia vest every day (trust me, I know), but you'll always get extra points for keeping things interesting. Showering is also important.

Percy proudly hails from the Mile High City, and is an out and proud member of the gay community. He enjoys hand-woven bracelets, pleather skinny jeans, and a good brunch. He can be found advocating for marriage equality and the legalization of recreational marijuana.

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