

Morty Shuts Down All Frats after Not Receiving a Single Bid

BY NYLE ARORA

Greek life at Northwestern was dealt an unprecedented blow Friday morning when President Morton Schapiro signed an executive order immediately disbanding all fraternity chapters on campus - in retaliation to not receiving a single bid during a devastating Rush Week.

Sources from the president's office have said that Morty was really looking forward to rushing. "Fall was a big transition period for Morty," said Diana Trevor, assistant to the president. "With over 2000 freshmen and transfers, Morty was excited to make some friends, but for whatever reason, he struggled to form a good social circle. I think he was hoping that at least one frat would let him be 'one of the guys.'"

Eyewitnesses at the Tappa Tappa Keg house last Thurs-

day night reported seeing Morty storm off after the final bids were given out and his name wasn't called. He wasn't heard from again until this past Tuesday, when the IFC received a note under their door informing them that frats were to be shut down and their houses demolished immediately.

"We just barely got out of there before Morty's wrecking crew came in and tore down the whole quad," said

Harold Beard, president of TTK, from the wreckage.

Morty was upbeat. "Now Northwestern won't have to worry about those mean old frat guys. They won't hurt me anymore," his voice trailing off.

"I'm feeling better after that whole debacle now," he continued. "I'm rushing the sororities now. I feel like sisterhood suited me better than that whole frat thing anyway."



North and South Campus to March Under Same Flag at Dance Marathon 2018

BY CAROLINA ALVAREZ

North and South Campus reached an agreement late last week where their dancers will march together at the 2018 Dance Marathon opening ceremonies. According to representatives from South Campus, the two regions will be entering the tent under a unified flag this winter.

Frank Clark, a sophomore econ major and the North

Campus's representative to NUDM, stated he hopes that the team will be able to do all of the functions required, including raising the funds.

"The North's impeccable marketing tactics combined with the South's strong social skills are sure to result in a successful fundraiser. We really want those double block changes. And foot rubs!"

North and South have also

agreed that their dancers will train together for the traditional sunrise jog around the tent, practicing at the centrally-located Blomquist.

The Campus Unification Flag features a purple silhouette of Northwestern's Evanston campus, and has only been used a handful of times in the past. The last time the two campuses marched under the flag was the opening lap of the 2007 Relay for Life.

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South Campus, which traditionally hosts Dance Marathon, said it hopes this partnership will ease tensions between the cold, isolated North and the somehow slightly less cold South.

Skeptics of the union believe that North Campus is working on improved relations with the South in an effort to ease Sodexo-led sanctions on edible food at Sargent.

Racist Grandpa You Had One Conversation With Over Break Still Sending You Fox News Articles

BY WILL BELCHER

Upon returning home from winter break, Weinberg freshman Mark Brady opened his laptop to an email from his grandfather. Attached to the email was a link to a Fox News article about how Millennials are the world's least skilled workers. The elder Brady included nothing else in the email.

"At first I was confused, thinking it was a spam email," Brady said. "But then I saw it was from my grandpa, and I knew I had made a mistake when I mentioned my gender studies class to my family over the holidays."

Brady concluded that his grandpa had sent him the article for the sole purpose of mak-

ing him feel bad about being nineteen. "I don't know what his endgame is here, but it sure didn't make me miss the riveting dinner table conversation over break."

Brady further stated that he was looking forward to the new articles he would inevitably receive later, likely including poorly-sourced statistics about minorities and Trump's fantastic foreign policy agenda.

"I can't wait to see him again over spring break," Brady said. "I'm keeping a running tally of the number of times my grandparents mention the Clinton Foundation in casual conversation. I'm excited to reopen my research, especially after a full quarter of getting links to 'It's Okay to Be White' op-eds in my inbox."

New Gender Studies Class Introduced: Dating in McCormick

BY CHARLIE HANSELL

In a recent push to make the gender studies curriculum more career-relevant, the Gender and Sexuality Studies Program has introduced a new course, Dating 101: For McCormick Students. Taught by renowned gender theorist Eileen Dover, the course aims to take 25 single engineers from forever alone to top slampiece.

Explaining the curriculum, Professor Dover had this to say: "The class begins with the abstract: what a relationship is and why someone would want one. Later on we get into the nitty gritty details, like how to hold hands and the science of maintaining eye contact."

McCormick student Stella Virgin noted general enthusiasm from the McCormick student body for Dating 101. "A lot of my friends need this class. Me? I'm just taking it for

the distro. I have a boyfriend at Loyola. It's not like you'd know him though."

Despite student praise, the course has its critics. "We anticipated controversy," said department chair Neil Down. "There will always be the naysayers, claiming 'It's impossible' and 'Why even bother? These are engineers, after all.'" Such criticism left Down undeterred. "If Rob Kardashian can land Blac Chyna, who's to say whole-brain engineers can't figure this shit out?"

Caught by the Mark II lounge later in the evening, Down expanded upon the reasoning behind Dating 101's creation. "I'm doing a public service here! McCormick students are hopeless when it comes to the opposite sex. Gender studies students are hopeless when it comes to money. It's a match made in heaven!"

Dual-Degree Student Sacrifices Personality For 6th Credit

BY RUCHIR KHAZANCHI

In a breathtaking satanic blood ritual, dual-degree student Richard Kazarki, Bienen-WCAS '25, sacrificed his personality in order to successfully register for his 6th and final credit, Economics 201. Kazarki, who reports described as having pale, bluish-purple skin from failing to eat for weeks on end, slipped a dead rabbit head into his advisor's purse in the elevator on her way to her office in the Ryan Center for the Musical Arts to seal the deal.

Kazarki intends on finishing his two degrees in four years, and is well aware of the challenging road he has ahead

of him. "My advisor was very supportive! She only asked for my willingness to sacrifice my personality for the cause of fulfilling the requirements of the dual-degree program, a pretty small price to pay if you ask me," Kazarki stuttered as his voice went deadpan, "I was never really that attached to my personality to begin with."

"Honestly I'm only in this program to expedite the process of my death, get two sheets of paper from Morty, and go into the real world with no real achievable path for my life goals. Sacrificing my personality to the devil was almost, like, a given for me," Kazarki stated lifelessly, blood now pouring

out of his ears and mouth, eyes staring blankly into the abyss of his mind.

Prior to the immolation of his somewhat destructive and already dull personality, Kazarki enjoyed simple things, like frequent masturbation, quiet nights facetimeing his pet hamster, Hammy, and unsuccessfully ignoring peer pressure to drink on week nights.

Kazarki initially was not intending to take more than the



standard 4.5 credits, as his advisors didn't see enough "&" in his blood tests. He assured Flipside that the sacrifice to Satan would be the final step in getting the adequate amount of "&" for his DNA.

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Area Freshman Deeply Relates to Lost, Chubby Squirrel Frantically Seeking Hibernation Spot

BY STEF LUTHIN

“Me too, buddy,” muttered Northwestern freshman Jillian Peterson upon noticing and deeply relating to a nearby fat, distraught squirrel. With the onslaught of freezing temperatures lately the panic-stricken rodent was ferociously searching for a place to sleep during these harsh winter months.

“I’ve gained the freshman 15. I can’t find the new buildings for my winter quarter classes. All I truly want to do is nap. For all intents and purposes, that squirrel right there is me.” Reported Peterson, locking eyes with the squirrel, who was attempting – but failing – to climb up a tree.

“Such heights feel unreachable, don’t they, little guy?” She said, staring vacantly at the dead branches above both her and the squirrel “You just gotta keep climbing. You’ll reach the top. I know we’ll reach the top.”

A friend of Peterson’s, Jonathan Benson, ’21, has also

been reportedly “vibing” with such squirrels; though he mentions it is nowhere near the emotional feelings Peterson has been experiencing. “Yeah, sometimes I’ll see a squirrel just kind of standing there in the snow, shivering, and I’ll give him a nod. Jill, though, I think she’s started having full-blown conversations with them. There’s definitely a connection there.”

As she thoughtfully watched the distressed creature hop in and out of several sad-looking bushes, Peterson sighed and smiled.

“Hopefully we’ll come out of this quarter stronger, huh? And more well rested.” The squirrel then scampered off into the distance, to which Peterson replied, “Are you late for class too? Hey, where’s Lutkin?” She asked, retrieving a package of almonds from her coat pocket and began anxiously speed-walking away.

Fraternities Institute Honor System Where Pledges Haze Themselves

BY ARI MOSTOW

In an effort to increase their appeal, Northwestern’s least popular fraternity, Quad Delta, has implemented a new honor system in which new pledges are responsible for hazing themselves.

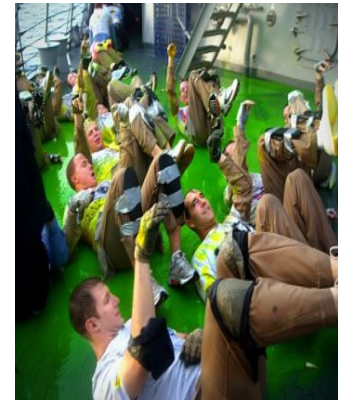
The job of locking new pledges in a dark cellar and coercing them into drinking copious amounts of drug-laced beverages, once reserved for insecure upperclassmen, has now fallen upon the freshman themselves.

“We trust that you guys are responsible enough to spank yourselves with a paddle, so we’re not gonna check for bruises,” said fraternity president Jason Clover to the new recruits. “And the cattle prod in the basement is optional but recommended.”

The pledges have reportedly embraced this new honor system, taking it upon themselves to bond solely through miserable experiences.

When asked for his opinion on the new hazing policy,

President Morton Schapiro was strongly supportive. “I like the honor system,” he said. “Whenever we hire a new dean, we make them haze themselves—especially that new dean who came here from Yale. We go extra hard



on those Ivy League know-it-alls.”

Inspired by the success of the honor system, the campus police have instituted a new policy where students shut down their own parties if they serve alcohol and call in their own noise complaints.

Morty to Pat Fitzgerald: Please Stop Throwing My Shoes Over Telephone Wires

BY NATHAN MOSTOW

At a private meeting yesterday, university president Morty Schapiro reportedly begged football coach Pat Fitzgerald to stop stealing his shoes, tying them together, and throwing them over telephone wires. In addition, sources in Schapiro’s office claim that the university president asked Fitzgerald to stop giving him wet willies, Indian burns, titty twisters, and swirlies. These attempts have allegedly failed.



As of today, Fitzgerald has no plans to respect Schapiro’s wishes. “I just signed a ten-year contract extension, so that dweeb better get used to this. We have a zero-tolerance policy for dorks on campus,” he told a Big Ten Network anchor, who laughed and high-fived him.

Schapiro was not available for a comment during press time, as Fitzgerald and athletic director Jim Phillips had stuffed him into a SPAC locker earlier this morning.

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Student Group Receives Eerie Text Messages from Ghost of Former Club President

BY JORDAN VILLANUEVA

Late last night, several members of a local student group reported receiving a series of haunting text messages from the ghost of a former president they believed to be gone.

Sally Rowe, SoC '20, received the first messages sometime before 6pm. "My phone lit up. It was a text from Gordon," she recounted. Rowe said she was "shook": "He's...he's been gone for months..."

Emma Cook, WCAS '19, had a similar experience later in the evening. "He questioned me about my life," she said, visibly upset. "He seemed content with wherever his spirit is now, so I don't know why he's tormenting us." Cook said the spirit grew agitated when she

didn't immediately respond.

There have been stories in the past of students being haunted by former leaders no longer with us. Students have generally described the hauntings as friendly, though contact with the unknown leaves them all with anxiety and dread.

"He questioned me about club events that happened weeks ago," organization president Lewis Danowitz, BSM '19, said. "How did he even know what I've been doing? I'm so worried he thinks I'm not doing a good enough job."

"I think he misses us," Rowe mentioned. "I just hope someday he can move on."

Club treasurer Alan Mejia, WCAS '19, was heard shouting, "Why doesn't he want to talk to ME?"

Sorority Freshman Looking Forward to Ditching Fall Quarter Friends

BY MAX KLIMAN

On Wednesday, January 17th, Janie Bramson, SOC '21, accepted a bid from the Delta Alpha Theta sorority. Having found her "new sisters" and "best friends forever," she is looking forward to ditching all of her fall quarter friends.

Bramson had reportedly never considered rushing, but decided to sign up when she was informed that everyone else was doing it. According to her, "I really wasn't interested because [Greek life]'s built on a history of racism and misogyny. But also like everyone signed up. Obviously racism and misogyny suck, but you know what doesn't suck? Crush parties."

Bramson reportedly had her doubts as her Northwestern peers judged her for her looks, style, and ability to smile

through uncomfortable small talk, but pushed through to the end of Rush. Upon receiving a bid from Quad Delt, Bramson exclaimed, "Yes! I knew it! Goodbye fall friends, hello new sisters!" Bramson has reportedly ghosted everybody she was friends with fall quarter.

When reached for comment, roommate Abby Higgins seemed confused. "Janie and I were almost inseparable in the fall," said Higgins. "It came out of nowhere when she turned to me, said 'Bye bitch,' and walked out. I haven't seen her since. Where does she even sleep?"

Bramson says she's never been more social. Since rushing, Bramson has gained dozens of new Facebook friends and seven invites on LinkedIn. In her latest picture, she can be seen wrapped around one of her new sisters, holding a Naty Light in a sweaty basement.

Main Library to Offer \$6 Pitchers on Thursdays

BY SAM FREEDMAN

Several sources reported today that starting winter quarter, University Library will offer \$6 pitchers of Miller Lite, Coors Lite, and Budweiser every Thursday from 10pm until 3am. This news comes upon the imminent closure of Tommy Nevin's Pub, and it appears that the library is attempting to fill the vacuum of fun, affordable places for college students of legal drinking age.

"Well, we always look for ways to offer students the best studying experience, and we hope this new initiative will allow students to get some work done with friends in a casual setting," said Head Librarian Donna Peters. Indeed, the ini-

tial response from students has been very warm, if a bit confused. Senior Michael Stratton, SoC '18, said that he "would definitely check it out after winter break just for kicks," but he was unclear why anybody would want 64 ounces of beer while studying. Stratton did, however, approvingly acknowledge that this deal would provide the cheapest beer in Evanston.

While Peters is quite optimistic that this new program will be successful, she did note one major concern about the new proposal: after the numerous cases of petty theft at Nevin's, students will initially not be able to use any books or computers while drinking in order to deter theft.

Tinder Date Makes It to Second-Round Interview

BY NANCY LE

After what he described as a "stellar" first date, Weinberg senior Kevin Pines confirmed on Facebook last Friday that he had been invited back to a second-round interview with Tinder date Maya Wright. Sued up and carrying a resume, Pines told reporters that he was "excited to have made it this far, and really want[s] to start fresh and not make the same mistakes" from last time.

Maya Wright, WCAS '20, cited his Nicholas-Sparks-esque charm and impressive dedication to making her feel wanted as definite positives, but found that Pines was "a bit emotionally unavailable, wishy-washy, and

non-committal." Despite some red flags—Wright claims that Pines did not even catch the fish he proudly displayed on his primary Tinder photo—she advanced him to the next round.

The follow-up didn't go nearly as well for Pines, and he wasn't called back for the final round. Wright admitted that, at the outset, she thought his Tinder bio—"send meme"—meant they were truly compatible, but Wright said she knew they were never meant to be when he was found swiping right mid-interview.

Although the resume got Pines that far, it turns out that it requires much more than words and good references to prove character.

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