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McCormick Students Celebrate Centennial by Playing Video Games, Practicing Abstinence

By Hans Hanson

EVANSTON – Yesterday was another glorious day for the studious residents of Slivka Science and Engineering Residential College. Birds were chirping. Pencils were scribbling away at organic chemistry problems. Nintendo 64 controllers were being thrown in frustration during rousing matches of Super Smash Brothers. There was not a public display of affection to be found. There was nothing atypical about this kind of day, or any day in the past one hundred years.

McCormick, Northwestern's school of Engineering, has begun celebrating its centennial anniversary. It is a time for us to observe and admire the evolution of the school and engineering itself. For many students, however, change is not something they see when they look back.

"The kids who attended McCormick back in the day," explained McCormick freshman Zach Sneer, "are really no different than today's students. Let's be honest: we're still doing our homework and not having sex; that's a giv-

en. Yeah, they didn't have video games back then, but if they did, engineers totally would have been playing them all the time."

Most of the McCormick students today are honoring their founders by upholding past traditions. "Look, we're not going to change anything here," Slivka President Sam Farrine told *The Flipside*. "We're going to pay tribute to our one hundred years by doing what we've always done best: homework, video games, abstinence. Star Wars could be thrown in there somewhere, obviously. It's a rather

powerful equation if I may say so myself. Almost as powerful as the Schrödinger equation."

The students who refuse to keep these three guidelines, says Farrine, usually "transfer to Weinberg or the School of Communication." You know, something that's not miserable.



Swim in the Lakefill Just This Once, Come On

By The Lakefill Monster

Ok, so let me get this straight. There's a luscious pool of what is clearly imported glacier water from Switzerland in the middle of campus and you're not gonna take a dip because the school says you shouldn't? You're killing me. Get your youthful sense of adventure together and just seize the day! Worst case scenario - you'll get high on life. I never let a bunch of puritans in suits push me around, and you know what it earned me? A sweet-ass trident.

Whenever I see a morsel Medill

ced walking on shore secretly yearning to feel alive, I hate The Man just as much as the next historically non-carnivorous sea creature. The water is so inviting, yet so forbidden. You wouldn't dangle ice cream in front of a toddler, would you? This is the exact same thing, man. The exact same, and it ain't right.



I've even got everything you need. Fins and mask? Check. Snorkel? A-checkaroo. Hey, do ol' Lakefill Monster a favor and be sure to put on the pre-swim lather. It smells curiously like soy sauce, but it's just for tasty safety. Just start with the feet. That's it, they all start with their tender feet. "They" being every student I've ever eaten since 1964.

Oprah Mentors New Interns



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SafeRide Driver Arrested for DUI

By Michael Anders

EVANSTON – Last night around 1:45 AM, SafeRide driver Jimmy Sloan was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol while transporting Northwestern sophomore David Bernstein from a ZBT frat party to his south campus residence. According to Evanston police officer Ralph Williams, Sloan attempted to street race on Sheridan Road with an Intercampus shuttle which was not willing to join him.

Said Sloan, "I give him the look, you know? The bus driver made eye contact with me so I knew it was on." Unfortunately for Sloan, he was the only participant in the race. After nearly colliding with the South campus construction site, Sloan's vehicle was spotted by Officer Williams, who pursued him down Chicago Avenue until Sloan stopped.

"I asked him for license and registration and he shaped his hand like a claw and yelled," said Williams. "That's when I knew something was wrong." When asked by the officer if he had been drinking, Sloan replied

"A guy's gotta party." The officer conducted a field sobriety test during which, according to one witness, Sloan could be heard yelling "Don't tase me, bro! Don't tase me!" The officer did not have a taser on his person during the testing.

The Flipside spoke with Bernstein today about the traumatic incident. "I knew something was wrong when Jimmy told me his favorite game when he was younger was Crazy Taxi on Dreamcast" he told me. "He started looking for ramps to jump to "get some mad bonus points, dude" but instead just went for the street race."

After failing the field sobriety test by falling down multiple times and attempting to hug Officer Williams, Sloan was given a breathalyzer, which reported a blood alcohol content of .16, or twice the legal limit. He awaits a court date.

When asked why he was driving drunk on the job, Sloan explained "I had to pregame it, dude." When informed that pregamming generally occurs before a significant event or party, he replied "SafeRide's a party".

Palin Memoir to Include Color-By-Numbers, Hidden Pictures

By Dan Stevens

JUNEAU, AK – Former Alaska governor and vice-presidential candidate Sarah Palin has finished writing her memoir, *Going Rogue: An American Life*. Originally slated to be a 400-page chronicle of Palin's political and personal life, the memoir underwent a complete overhaul of its content and scope, leading to its completion months ahead of schedule.

"The initial intent of the memoir was to touch upon Palin's personal beliefs, family life, and experiences growing up in Alaska

and in politics," said Maria Tonne, a spokesperson for HarperCollins, "but as the project moved along, we decided to take a closer look at the target audience, which led us to go back and do some extensive editing and re-writing."

Tonne declined to comment on the changes, citing confidentiality agreements. In her typical fashion, however, Palin herself eagerly agreed to discuss the edits.

"We had to keep the readers in mind," Palin said, "so we had to shoot for something, you know, less formal, that would really speak to all the Joe-the-Plumbers of this great country."

According to Palin, the finished product is a 30-page long "workbook" which takes the reader through her experiences and beliefs. HarperCollins tapped esteemed children's book illustrator William Joyce to draw the novel's illustrations. Children's magazine "Highlights" submitted color-by-numbers and "hidden pictures" exercises which explain Palin's political and moral opinions to readers. One particular connect-the-dots page asks the reader to "Uncover the Secret Democrat Agenda:" the completed picture shows President Barack Obama aborting a third-trimester fetus

with a hammer and sickle.

Palin attributes the memoir's rapid ascension to the top of Amazon.com's best-seller list and other sales charts to an extensive campaign promoting the its release.

"I gave speeches about the book at preschools and NASCAR events across the country," Palin said. "The preschool audiences were especially receptive; I really connected with them."

"Overall, I feel that this memoir will really resonate with my supporters," Palin added. "Before, I had trouble writing captivating prose. Crayons help with that."

President Obama Wins Flipside Readership Award

By Amanda Simmons

The nation went into a state of shock last night after President Barack Obama unexpectedly was awarded the internationally-celebrated honor of "Having Read the Most Issues of Northwestern Flipside." Obama admitted he himself was surprised by the win, as he has never before read an issue of the Flipside.

The president said he is deeply humbled by the award, but realizes he still has some reading to do. "To be honest, I do not feel that I deserve to be in the company of so many of the transformative figures who've been honored by this prize," Obama added, perhaps alluding to past winners such as NU Head Coach Pat Fitzgerald and overall badass Theodore Roosevelt.

Gasps of surprise were heard throughout the White House when the news was released. Press Secretary Robert Gibbs said he at first thought the

HRMINF was a joke. "I have also never read an issue of *The Flipside*, but my aides tell me it's all just satire," said Gibbs. "I thought I was just supposed to laugh, and think about the real issues this kind of humor brings to light."

While the White House accepted the award as a pleasant surprise, critics of Obama and even of the award itself had some harsh words for the President.

Fox News' Glenn Beck suggested that Obama only won to meet some *Flipside* "affirmative action quota." Little did he know, the Flipside does its best to satirize the presidency, so the fact that Obama appreciates *The Flipside* was rather surprising.

Another "reporter" from Fox News, Bill O'Reilly called the prize "damaged goods," since Stephen Colbert, a Northwestern alum, had already won it. O'Reilly even suggested that Obama put a "no spin zone" on the HRMINF and decline the award.

Northwestern to Expand Eastward, Build Archipelago

By Matthew Rizman

EVANSTON – Northwestern President Morton Schapiro unveiled plans to supplement the Evanston campus' lake fill with a private archipelago across Lake Michigan at his inauguration on Friday, Oct. 9. The plan will raise awareness about sustainability by using organic material from old-growth rainforests to fill the archipelago's islands, Schapiro said.

Citing the cramped conditions of the Sept. 19 'Rock the Beach' dance party thrown for freshmen during Wildcat Welcome Week, Schapiro noted in his inaugural address that "the time is now" for Northwestern to expand its beachfront acreage.

"It's no secret that with the job market out the window, kids aren't applying to school with hopes of future employment anymore," he said. "The Northwestern student of the future is a student who wants to take full advantage of the temperate campus climate."

According to Schapiro, the use of sustainable materials to build the archipelago islands was "fundamental" to the plan. Environmentalist and author Thomas Friedman, who gave opening remarks at the inauguration, praised Schapiro for balancing plans to improve the "hot, flat, and crowded" beaches with promoting environmental awareness.

"By collecting all this sustainable material and dumping it in

Lake Michigan, Morty is showing that he's aware of the environmental problems plaguing earth," Friedman said. "Awareness is pretty much the same thing as taking action."

Weinberg junior Sam 'Earth-peace' Johnson reflected on Friedman's statements when interviewed after the inauguration.

"I'm aware of a number of troubling events taking place in this country and abroad," Johnson said. "It's comforting to see that our President shares our level of awareness."

Many students who are less aware supported the plan as well. Varsity golf captain Neil Claymore said that the team will attempt to adopt the archipelago as its home course. Senior marijuana user Fred Parker added that the islands will be a great place to "relax, man."

Environmentalists and residents of South America were glad to see that awareness was instrumental to the archipelago project. However, some expressed doubts about the project.

"Where did our rainforest go?" one resident asked.



Anant's Corner

"Things that Annoy Me"

This week, I have been irritated by the freshman outside my door at 2 am. Seriously people, I understand your need to be social, but some of us are taking *real* classes early in the morning. Hence, shut the fuck up. Goddamn it.

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