

# THE Filthy Lucre



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## THE GIEBSTER WEIGHS IN ALSO, UPDATES IN CENSORSHIP

*Lupé Tragedia: Editor*

Word of our current debacle has reached the wizened ear of Former Faculty Member Doug Giebel himself; he has sent a very fine letter to our mailbox regarding both his own experiences, and our own. We quote it here in its entirety.

*To the Editor:*

*Although I am not a subscriber to the Filthy Lucre, a rumor has reached me that the publication's content may have piqued the ire of campus authorities causing someone to suppress a recent issue by seizing and destroying a significant number of copies.*

*For those new to MSU-Northern's campus, a brief note of historical interest. A few years ago (time flies!), as a former MSU-Northern professor, handbills that I posted on your school's public bulletin boards were torn down by a powerful administrator. (I assume the same administrator was not responsible for censoring those Filthy Lucre issues.) In any event, the administrator's action resulted in major federal court litigation leading to a unanimous landmark ruling by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals stating that the destruction of lawfully-posted handbills was a clear and egregious violation of the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.*

*Given the court ruling's nationwide publicity and its now being cited in other free speech related cases, it seems doubtful to me that someone in authority at MSU-Northern would engage in press censorship by confiscating and destroying any publication. What reasons were given for the supposed destruction? Is MSU-Northern no longer the beacon of academic discourse and freedom on the Hi Line?*

*Because even grade school children know it is wrong to destroy posters and newspapers, this writer finds it hard to believe that any adult employed in higher education would not be as aware of the evil and unlawfulness of censorship as an elementary school student.*

*However, if in fact censorship of Filthy Lucre has occurred, perhaps it is time for the campus to hold a conference on the importance of protecting the constitutional rights of all citizens, whether the offenses arise in schools or are "high crimes and misdemeanors" perpetrated by those in the highest reaches of our federal government.*

*Sincerely yours,  
Doug Giebel*

Our readers may have noticed our recent experiment in distribution. Sufficiently bribed with free Filthy Lucre t-shirts, our paperboys bravely circulated issue 2.2 by hand, enduring both the elements and the ever-present danger of stalkers plaguing this campus. They handed out over two-hundred copies, but faced no shortage of opposition in their duties.

Two operatives were warned not to engage in such blatant displays of free speech near the Student Union Building. Another felt an unnerving but invisible presence while standing below the darkened windows of Cowan Hall.

Copies were also posted on public bulletin boards around campus for the edification of the general populace. Two were torn down; one in the SUB, and one directly outside the Vice Chancellor of Finance's office. More on this development in next week's issue!

## LETTERS TO THE LUCRE

*Antimony Obfuscation: Mailperson*

*I am sure that I will probably get slammed in your publication, but oh well.*

*Normally I enjoy reading The Filthy Lucre, but it has gotten to be like many other publications, in that there is a lack or misrepresentation of fact.*

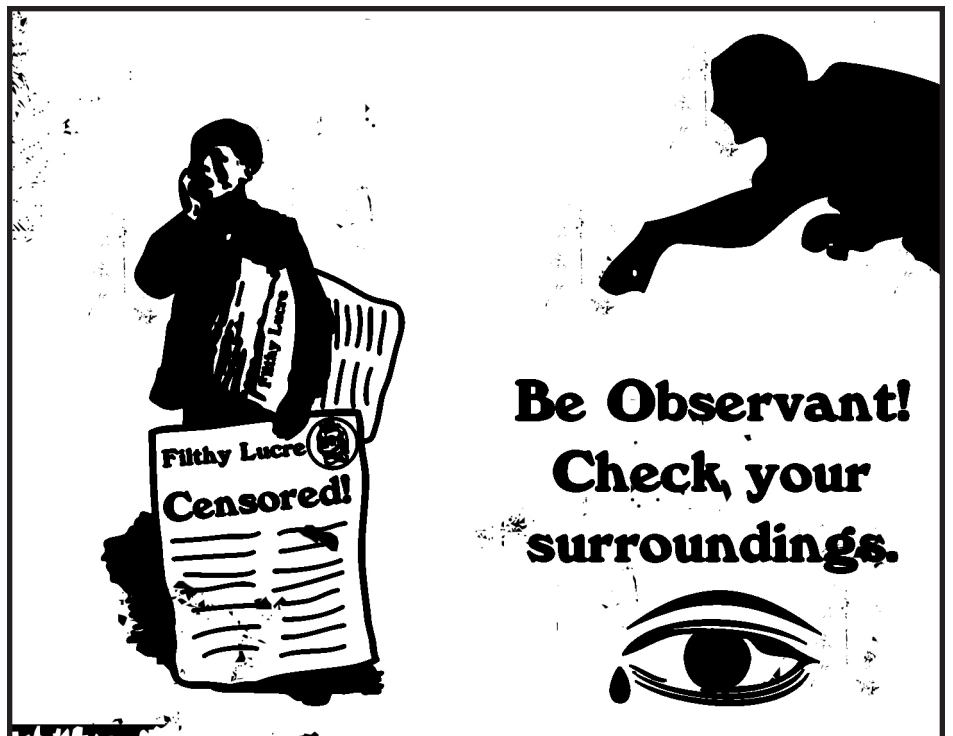
*In your "Corrections" box you have an inaccurate statement. The statement "The original facility is currently home to the infant care program." The two programs merged into one facility in 2005, thus the infant center was also closed last month.*

*It amazes me that you have such a detailed time line for the fiasco back in 1996, but do not know (or seem to want to know) what is currently going on the campus NOW!*

*-Bill Lanier  
Assistant Dean of Students  
MSU-Northern*

We are embarrassed to admit that, yes, one mistake was corrected by making another. We sincerely apologize for this compounded error, and will strive to be more accurate about the true extent of service closures in the future. In the meantime, we thank Mr. Lanier for kindly correcting us, and always welcome our readers to hold us accountable to the facts, however untrue they may be.

See you next week, as we continue the struggle against tyranny!



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