

# THE Filthy Lucre



Where's the Shadow Government

When you need it?

Issue 2.5 September 25, 2007

## RAs Now RJs; RESIDENT JANITORS

*Lupé Tragedia: Editor*

Fair students-in-residence, we have some good news for you! This semester, the administration has decided to enact a new policy that will undoubtedly greatly enhance the quality of life at Northern.

This semester, Resident Assistants (or RAs, as they are commonly called) will be required to pick up garbage and shovel any snow surrounding their resident halls. These tasks were previously the purview of the maintenance staff at the Physical Plant, but with this new restructuring of responsibilities, it will now fall on the RAs.

And how, you ask, will the Resident Assistants be compensated for their increased workload? With the personal satisfaction of a job well done. That's right; in a somewhat Machiavellian move by MSU-Northern's Financial Administrator, no extra pay or perks will be given to the RAs for this additional work.

To be fair, last year the Resident Assistants were asked to do these very same tasks, but received extra pay for their trouble. Not so this semester, or, one presumes, any future semester. Being whiney college students, the RAs are on the whole not happy about this new cost-cutting measure by the Administration.

## THERE'S NOTHING LIKE FREE TSHIRTS TO BRING OUT THE BEST IN PEOPLE.

*Lupé Tragedia: Editor*

Last week, after an abortive attempt at a writing contest, we said "screw it" and started unloading our remaining Filthy Lucre T-shirts for free to anyone with a pulse and an elementary grasp of email technology.

Here is a selection of the requests we received, proving scientifically that free is always more popular than "nearly free".

*As an astute reader of the Lucre I would like to humbly beg for a Tshirt. I adore the Lucre and the fact that there is something on campus that does not fear to be irreverent and blatantly honest in its pursuit for truth. Much love for all you do dear Lucre!*

-C.D.

*As I was interested in the contest for a free T-shirt from your controversial as well as*

Naturally, we think the RAs are being unreasonable. Surely they don't expect Northern to foot the bill for shoveling the sidewalks around the student housing facilities? Nobody in the Administration has lived in a dorm for decades, they all have legitimate jobs and houses of their own. Clearly, this is a step towards "encouraging" students to cut the apron strings, find their own place in the world, and stop sucking on the golden teat of higher education.

The University is here to teach you valuable life skills, not coddle you like a high school freshman. Should Northern start handing out weekly allowances, or fold students' laundry for them? RAs claim that laying upkeep responsibility at their feet goes too far; we say it doesn't go too far enough!

If you really want these good-for-nothing kids to grow up, this measure should only be the tip of the iceberg. Why not stop paying the utilities for the dorms, and start dropping off monthly heating and water bills at each room? Stop offering unnecessary perks like meal plans or free internet access.

Soon, students will realize that Northern isn't a place for those of weak constitution; we'll quickly weed out those who are just mooching off of Northern's kindness and not truly committed to their education. Forget enrollment numbers, it should be quality over quantity!

*informative publication, I found I could not find the time to send something in. (That, or I'm simply lazy, I have yet to decide which.) Either way, I'm here to ask if you have any shirts still available in a large if possible.*

-M.D.

*How does a guy get a t-shirt? Let me know if I can help in any way. Keep up the good work.*

-T.A.

*plez send me a tshrt id like a red wun or in msun culirs thanx*

-W.K.

Our readers should be aware that, while supplies are almost out, we do have a couple of size Small shirts remaining, for any particularly svelte or under-age readers who would like to request one via our email address, listed at the bottom of this page.

## THE MILLION DOLLAR SWIMMING HOLE?

*Unanimous Anonymous: Contributor*

Following last week's rains, many students parking in the new lot west of Cowan Hall encountered a lake on their way to class. Sidewalks connecting the lot with Cowan and Hagener Halls were submerged in knee-deep waters!

"Cool," said one student, "They ought to stock this with some trout so we can throw in a line between classes!"

We looked more closely at last year's multi-million dollar construction project rationales: Improving handicap access and correcting water drainage problems. But we could find no mention of a lake!

So we sloshed through the water and mud around to the front door of Cowan, admired all the shiny administrator vehicles parked out front, and then queried the first admin we encountered.

"What lake?" He replied.

So dear readers, has the recent construction project given us the bonus of a new campus lake? Will Northern's leaders take off the blinders and put on the waders? Could the new lake be a potential recruiting tool?

"You bet," said one soggy but helpful faculty member, "The could air-boat students to classes. Nobody does that!"

The Filthy Lucre, always committed to campus progress, will keep you posted!

## LISTENING TO THE IDIOT (ODE TO THE COLLEGE PROFESSOR)

*Name Withheld: Contributor*

Incessant droning,  
like a persistent bug ringing in my ear,  
so much wasted breath,  
burning through precious oxygen on  
useless and inane trivialities.

And while pacifying smiles and reassuring  
nods flows from me,  
an endless river of patience!  
While the intolerant child inside my head  
screams  
SHUT UP!

## Know Your Place.

The opinions expressed here do not represent the views of anyone, including the writers. We are always open for new written pieces, photos, artwork, and financial patronage. Send hate mail, love notes, and creative contributions to [northernlucre@gmail.com](mailto:northernlucre@gmail.com).