

THE Filthy Lucre

Turn Me Over!

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Calaveras Defeated!



Klepp's Corner

Johann Klepp: Professor of Philosophy

I am outraged. How could the irresponsible pestilence known as Northern's student body elect a LIVE polar bear as the school's mascot? Where is the humanity? Don't any of these simpletons know that the polar bear is close to being an endangered species?

And what of the expense? Not only the capturing and transporting the bear from its Arctic habitat, but then caring for it when it's here. For e.g.: Where will it stay in the summer? Will the school have a \$50,000+ ice bill at Albertson's or IGA or whatever it will be called by then?

My proposal is to shoot one of Montana's numerous grizzlies or brown bears with a Taser, dye it white and keep it year round in a cage in the gym. These bears are much more numerous than the polar bear, and are able to adapt better to the changing climates of Northern. Dying the bear white is the key. We want it to look like the rest of the school.

Analysis of the Vote

Lupé Tragedia: Editor

It is true, the Calaveras lost the election for a new mascot here at Northern. And although there are already several universities in America with a Polar Bear mascot, we are mildly comforted that we came in a close second, well ahead of the Huskey and Gopher. We do have one pressing concern, however.

As our more literate readers are aware, the Liberal Media in this country have been propagating an unfortunate lie regarding the status of the *Ursus Maritimus*, Polar Bear. They claim that, due to a change in climate [If global warming is such a threat, then why was I so cold yesterday? -ed.], the arctic sea is warming, destroying the floating sheets of sea ice that polar bears depend on to hunt seals.

So called "experts" predict that two thirds of the polar bear population will have disappeared by 2050, and that the entire species will be threatened with extinction.

Northern has always been a forward-thinking university, and if the Student Senate decides to go forward with the Polar Bear Mascot idea, they're going to have to think about the future; will our grandchildren end up going to an institution which has the future-equivalent of the Dodo for a mascot? Will Northern's motto be "Dead as a Polar Bear"?

In any event; we haven't seen the official numbers from the mascot elections, but we've heard through the grape vine that the Calaveras lost by a scant 25 or so votes. We figure this entitles the Filthy Lucre to one small, humble request: if Northern's mascot must indeed be a pair of Polar Bears, can they at least wear armor, as described in Phillip Pulman's *Golden Compass*?

Although there are numerous other schools who happen to have Polar Bears as mascots, we are not aware of any that have Armored Bears, and this could make all the difference in making our mascot... *bear-able*.

We deeply apologize for that pun.

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Mark Your Calendars, It's Time For The 18th Annual Filthy Lucre eXellenze Awards

Lupé Tragedia: Editor

It's our pleasure to invite every student, faculty member, and administrator to The Filthy Lucre Student eXellenze Awards, to be held Tuesday, May 6 at Noon in the Student Union Building Ballroom. The nominees are being contacted today, so if you suspect you're one of them, you should check your email.

Wear your Sunday best, and be prepared for an extravaganza of a ceremony! There will be awards presented to the eXellenze winners, and there may be other prizes handed out to attendees as well.

We expect to have a fantastic turn out, and hope to see *you*, our most intelligent, sophisticated and attractive reader, there. Remember, Tuesday at Noon, in the SUB!

One Final Update for Campus Security

Lupé Tragedia: Editor

Last week, a group of concerned hippies gathered for Imagine Northern, a conference to discuss the future of our illustrious university, it's current strengths and weaknesses, and potential avenues of positive change. Gag me with a spoon.

Still, it was an enlightening event in many ways; Intirrim Chancellor Groseth was in attendance, and seemed generally interested in the concerns of students, staff, and faculty. Frankly, such behavior is unacceptable; our previous Chancellor would have never allowed a bunch of do-gooders to gather in such a large number, and certainly wouldn't have attended something like this himself. Shape up or ship out, Groseth!

Still, one part of the event was of particular interest to our readers; the discussion of campus security and after-hours facilities access. We've been covering this issue all semester, and have gotten mixed reports; some students have found themselves forcibly ejected from a lab by janitors, even when given explicit permission to be there by a faculty member. Other students have reported successfully pulling all-nighters in Cowan Hall and elsewhere, without the slightest bit of resistance.

According to a staff member in attendance at the Imagine conference, no campus policy exists requiring janitorial staff to eject students on the grounds after hours. We can only assume that reports from

students being kicked out of buildings is the result of individual staff acting without official orders.

In cases like these, the Filthy Lucre suggests that victimised students stand their ground. An over-zealous janitor can ask you to leave, and you can refuse to comply. If they repeatedly tell you to leave, call their bluff and tell them to call a building administrator. Yes, such a confrontation can be scary, but you must fight for your hard-earned (and hard-paid) right to use the University's facilities.

A proposal was made at the Imagine conference, to install JavaLocks on appropriate computer and electronics labs, and allow professors to distribute keys to students at their discretion. These electronic lock systems can keep track of who is entering a room and when, reducing the risk of theft or vandalism of expensive equipment. In conjunction with a more explicit administrative policy regarding student access to buildings, this proposal could potentially solve this problem once and for all. According to one member of the IT staff, installing these locks would be relatively inexpensive, and the system for keeping track of keys and passwords is already in place.

We hope that this proposal is followed up on, because we're getting sick of reporting on this problem. Until security and access policies are renovated, the power is in your hands, dear reader. When someone without the authority tells you to leave, just say no.

Goodbye For Now!

Antimony Obfuscation: Gossipmonger

The Filthy Lucre had a good run this year, and we couldn't have done it without the loyal support and unending hatred of our staff. It saddens us to announce that Rico Tenzen, the Filthy Lucre's cartoonist, bodyguard, and morale officer, will be leaving us at the end of this semester. He's off to greener pastures, and will most likely be incarcerated within six months; we wish him the best.

Lupé Tragedia, our fearless leader, will also be stepping down from his position as editor, but will remain on the staff in an advisory position. Although day-to-day operations of our illustrious publication will be turned over to others, Lupé may still publish investigative pieces as his busy schedule permits.

And who will take over the job of editor, you ask? We don't know yet. A group of prospective writers are interested in keeping the Filthy Lucre running at full capacity, and a collective management style may be in order.

And if you, dear reader, are interested in getting involved next semester as a staff writer, illustrator, designer, or any other position, please send a letter of interest to our mailbox at northernlucre@gmail.com.

The Filthy Lucre has always been student operated, and with your help and support, we'll be around for another eighteen years. Until September, the frequency is courage!



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