

THE Filthy Lucre



Canary in a Coal Mine

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The Filthy Lucre apologizes for the delay of this week's issue. We know that our loyal readers feel lost and abandoned when our publication schedule is less than consistent, but we are currently choosing to blame our recent instability on gypsies. You see, the Traveling People have long been a threat to our institution and the nation as a whole, constantly stealing anything that isn't nailed down. Our own Rico Tenzen hails from a region with a large Romá population, and February is the month of their traditional "day of nailing down of movable objects". We got a little carried away in celebrating Rico's cultural heritage, and were dismayed to find that the Lucre office's computer no longer functioned after being the victim of a pneumatic nail-gun. Again, we apologize for the difficulty, and we'll try wood screws next year. -Lupé

~~Northern's Pool All Wet~~ ~~Pool Goes Down the Drain~~ Lucre Drowns In Puns

Shaïd S. O'Grey: Swim Fan

So it has come to my attention that the Northern pool, in all its glory, is officially closed for the duration of the semester due to repairs that just can't seem to be taken care of. I'm not exactly happy with this arrangement, since I am paying to use the pool (along with all the other facilities that never seem to be open at convenient times or at all).

Yes, it was nice of them to set it up so we, the students, can get in to the City Pool for free if we show ID, but I don't really feel like driving across town, just to go swimming when I could just walk across campus. People can't exactly go outside and run in the winter, and treadmills just get boring, so the pool becomes quite the popular choice.

The administration seems to think that nobody uses the pool here, but I disagree. I think the student senate should have fought harder to save the pool, but I'm not sure what else they have pending that needs their attention. I'm so excited that the administration is finding more and more things to cut back on, while still raising my tuition!

It is true, Northern's swimming pool, long closed for "repairs", has officially been eighty-six'ed for the foreseeable future. It's unclear whether the sacred waters of our fine facility will ever again feel the loving caress of a swimmer's body, or if that space will ultimately be permanently converted to some other (and surely more sinister) purpose.

The reason, dear readers, is money. Dinero, cash, dirty greens; specifically, the mythical and oft-repeated mantra of "\$4000 a month to heat the pool."

The epic tragedy that is Northern's swimming pool continues to develop, and we'll keep you posted.

You Can't Stop the Signal

Lupé Tragedia: Disk Jockey In Training

Last semester, KNMC 90.1's "Awesome Dinner Duo" radio show was graced with a visit from myself and the Filthy Lucre's morale officer, Rico Tenzen. In addition to some prime cuts from my own private record collection, we regaled our listening audience with tales of chancellors, professorial rock bands, and outlandish acts of daring-do.

We were just happy have not gotten our radio hosts permanently kicked off of the air, so imagine our surprise when we received nearly universal praise, along with suggestions that the Havre community at large would greatly benefit from having a regularly scheduled Filthy Lucre Radio Show, hosted by Rico and Yours Truly. Friends, that dream has finally come true. Starting February 25, tune into KNMC 90.1 every Monday at noon, for the Filthy Lucre Funtime Radio Hour!

The Filthy Lucre Hour will feature music hand-picked by the Lucre staff, interviews and discussions with stimulating personalities, and a wide variety of... several other things, probably.

Film Fest Finds Friends

Lupé Tragedia: Editor

But honestly, isn't the pool old news? The real story right now is the upcoming Hi-Line Documentary Film Festival, which takes place February 22-23, in Northern's own theatre.

One prime feature of the film fest will be a viewing and discussion of Michael Moore's "Sicko". [Universal health care? What's next, socialized fire brigades, "Single Payer" law enforcement? Welcome to America komrades, that's not how we roll. -ed.]

Now, normally it costs an inordinate amount of money to license a public showing of a recent Hollywood flick, but the fest got a non-profit steal of only \$250. A number of Northern's faculty donated some money to the cause, not because they necessarily approved of the subject matter, but because

they approved of Northern being involved in a substantive community discussion.

All well and good, but everyone was in for a shock when it was revealed that Interim Chancellor Rolf Groseth secretly pledged one hundred dollars of university funds to the film fest's creators to help secure the rights to show Sicko.

Could it be that with this simple gesture, the new administration did more for the cultural development at Northern in five minutes than the previous administration did in seven years? The Filthy Lucre doesn't buy it.

This is clearly some sort of plot to undermine Northern's carefully cultivated apathy toward to the surrounding community. Northern students can come to the film festival for free with a student ID, but you won't if you know what's good for you.

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