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THE ZERO-DAY WEEK: LET'S STOP PRETENDINGS

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Recently, emails about the four-days work week has been flying at Northern. I have not seen such meaningless passion since the Lap Da-- I mean Lap Top Initiative of many moons ago.

A plan was afoot to supply every Northern's students with their owns lap-top computer; The campus would be wired. There were videos, empty dialogues, a van trip to Minnesota, excitements everywhere. Soon, administrators realized the prohibitive costs of such an adventure and "Goodbye Initiative," never to be spoken of again.

Now we have the four days work week idea. Those staff who eagerly support the idea seem unawares that in universities where it has been adopted, 20% staff cuts or, at the leasts, 20% cuts in all staff pay have also been adopted.

Faculties! Any university that has adopted to the four-day classes week has invariably gone to using less full-time tenured or tenure track faculty and more underpaid, disinterested part-timers.

All who have participated in the e-mailings. No one with any decision making power cares what you think! The decision has been made. Klepp will tell you: the four-day week is coming definitely. No ifs, ands or buts. Pro or con? No one cares.

So let's get to it. Everyone realizes in their reptile brains that the four-day week is step one to the three-day week, do you see wheres this is going? The zero-day week!

Close all buildings for all time at Northern = massive savings. Students may now obtain degrees by sitting at home watching videos

LUPÉ WEIGHS IN!

Lupé Tragedia: Editor (ret.)

Greetings & Salutations! I, your former editor, wordsmith, and humble servant, may have ridden off into the sunset some time ago, but word has reached me of the proposed four-day school week in the works at Northern.

I think it's a fantastic idea! Still, there are no doubt some Dour Doras in our readership with some objections. They say it won't save Northern any money if all the buildings and offices still open on Fridays (as per the current proposal), or that professors won't have any time between classes to help students or plan curriculum, or that if you think Northern is vacant and boring on weekends *now*...

Bullroar & Bushwa, says I! Saving money is easy. **Step one;** four-day school week. **Step two;** [REDACTED] **Step three;** profit!

And professors are a lazy, sullen lot who would certainly benefit from a more... aggressive class schedule.

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As for permanent three-day weekends leading to a complete death of campus life, here's what you do: no classes on Wednesdays, but don't announce it to the students. When 900 students show up to an empty campus, surely culture and activity will emerge.

Cancel food service for the day, and surely the Free Market will spontaneously generate profit-seeking food vendors on the quad. Ask Prof. Edwards about it.

A vibrant market may ultimately emerge; merchants hawking exotic spices and wild animals, the air filled with the sweet music of buskers playing their bandoliers and samovars, and prophets shouting their mad gospels.

Given enough time, this should evolve into a full fledged civilization; perhaps one day, even a university of higher learning could be founded on these grounds! Let's just hope they don't have a four day school week, that's a terrible idea.

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