

Wonder robots to be first used in the AASD

By Erik Bakken

With the new technology referendum passed recently by the Appleton Area School district, many students may be wondering what new technology will be offered to them.

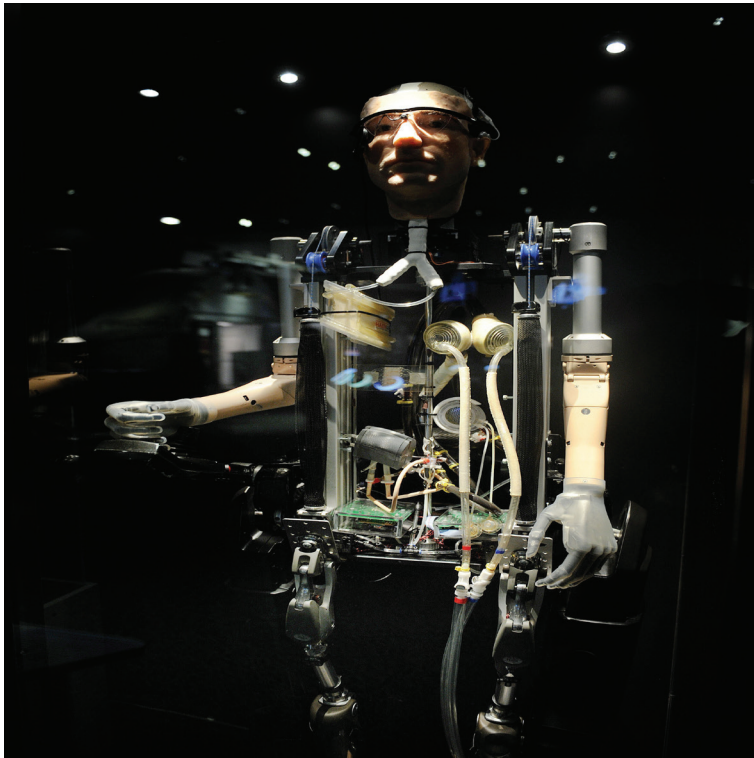
It is known that other school districts have employed the use of iPads and laptops, but the AASD will be receiving something very different that has never been done before.

The AASD will receive HW-303 robots. These interesting technological innovations are the brainchildren of billionaire entrepreneur, Mr. Bill Gates of Microsoft.

“Essentially, these robots will make life easier for your everyday student,” remarked Gates in an interview with CNN a few weeks ago.

These hardworking 22-inch robots have been designed to record lectures, take notes, and even do nightly homework. This is all to relieve stress of the average student. The best thing the robots will bring to North? The AASD is the first place that these robots will be put into action.

On the first day of school next year we can expect to see these high-tech innovations



The HW-303 prototype on display at the Teacher’s Society of America convention. These robots will be seen everywhere in the hallways of the AASD. Olivier Douliery/Acaba Press/MCT

rolling in the hallways.

The decision was made amongst controversy by the Teachers Society of America. The HW-303 project was approved by an extremely slim margin, with the caveat that it would need to be tested in a small school community before it could be put to widespread

use.

“We still don’t know what the impact will be of these machines. They can literally do all of the schoolwork that students would usually be forced to do,” remarked 84 year-old Edith Franklesenz of the Teachers Society of America. In fact, next year it may not be a re-

quirement to come to school at all, as the HW-303 can easily take your place in class.

Many other school districts world-wide are looking at utilizing this new technology by next year, but are waiting to see the results of these brilliant robots being used in the AASD. These multitasking robots may even be approved for usage on standardized tests, such as the ACT and SAT. This will hopefully boost student participation in standardized testing. It will definitely increase the national mean scores.

All eyes will be on the AASD and its use of the wonder robots as they are first put to use in a school setting next year.

“We really think this is ground-breaking technology, and hope it can bring an end to the bothersome monotony of schoolwork,” added the technology’s creator, Mr. Gates.

These genius robots, provided by the AASD’s referendum, may seem like a dream of the far future, but in only five months’ time you may find yourself sitting at home on the first day of school with an amazing Android taking your place at North.

West wondering if it can crash at North

By Sam Allen

Stating that it was “really behind on a few things” and “kind of between places right now,” on April 1 the entire student body of West High School asked if it could crash at North for a while.

“We could really just use a solid, man,” said all of West’s approximately 1,500 students in a phone conversation with North’s Student Services office. “We’ll bring our own stuff, keep the noise down – you could just pretend we’re not even there.”

During the conversation, reported as “pretty awkward” by North’s staff, West laid out a detailed plan for its accommodations. “Look, I mean you have a nice big gymnasium there,” said every West student. “That could take care of at least 600 kids – I mean, if you’re cool with us staying and all.”

The rest could figure something out, no problem,” West continued. “Got any spare practice rooms? And with the play over, you’re not really using the theater anymore, are you? We were just thinking that, you know, helping you out with Renaissance and all...”

After a lengthy explanation of the bind it found itself in and the past favors it did for North, West was relieved when Mr. Huggins finally agreed to the stay, but “Just this once, all right?” Within a few minutes, on the evening of April 1 buses began arriving at North’s Ballard entrance to drop off scores of weary students armed with hot plates, bags of ramen noodles and overnight gear.

As Spring Break was coming to an end, it became clear that West had to go. Pleas to North administration, such as “Just a couple more days” or “Come on, chill out Mr. H” were met with stern glances from Mr. Huggins, who ordered

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Stairways to be replaced with slides next year

By Nora Ptacek

The world is changing, education is changing and Appleton North is keeping up with these changes. Appleton North High School has volunteered to be the first school in the district to install slides from the first floor down to the second floor.

This may seem silly and completely fake, but this is one of the most innovative things to happen in the city of Appleton. Administrators planned on releasing the news of this project in April via the reliable source of news, The Noctiluca.

The idea for the slide project actually came from an ‘innovation in education’ conference hosted at the Radisson downtown.

The Wisconsin Innovative School Network (WISN) Conference brought teachers

from all across Wisconsin and the surrounding area together to hear keynote speaker Ron Clark (of the Ron Clark Academy).

The Ron Clark Academy is currently one of the most innovative schools in the nation. The most noticeable innovation of this school is a giant blue slide that runs from the second to first floor. This slide is for students, staff, and anyone who wants to use it.

It’s innovative, it’s new, and it’s getting students engaged. The slide is a fun and fast way to get to class. It adds character to the school and brightens the days of its users.

That’s exactly what the goal of implementing slides is at North. The slide is planned to be navy blue with gold stripes. The shape is planned to be a



An example of the slide that has inspired the coming North slide. Students can expect to be able to use the slides during the 2015 school year. Photo from USA.gov

massive spiral wrapping and twirling around the main staircase.

Construction on this innovative addition to our school will begin in the summer of

2015. If you’re struggling to get through school without falling asleep, don’t worry because soon you’ll be able to slide through the day like an eel!

Senior humiliates school with worst promposal ever

By Megha Uberoi

Prom, one of the biggest events of senior year, is fast approaching. One of the most important aspects of prom is the effort and creativity you put into your prom proposal. In the past, people have gone full out and enlisted the help of huge groups of people to ask that special someone to prom in as big of way as possible.

“You go big or you go home,” said sophomore Sarah Deltour when asked about the importance of the promposal.

So when senior Brian Hood asked his girlfriend to prom in a totally uncreative, insulting way people were absolutely shocked.

“I mean I guess I thought it was totally obvious we were going together, so I didn’t feel the need to go all out with the promposal,” Hood said.

Hood asked his girlfriend last weekend by texting her the question, “Hey we r going to prom together k?”

Lisa Collins, senior and Brian’s girlfriend, said, “I



A screenshot of the infamous promposal sent to Lisa Collins by her boyfriend Brian Hood. The uncreativity of this text message has embarrassed most of North’s students and staff. Photo by Megha Uberoi

was a tad bit insulted to be honest. I mean he just sent a text message! You can’t Instagram a text message that’d be too embarrassing! He didn’t even bother to call. No flowers, chocolates, or puppies. I was especially disappointed that there were no puppies involved.”

All of Collins’ friends gave her their sympathy. Senior Marlene Wright and Lisa’s best friend expressed their extreme disappointment.

“I was just so shocked he just texted her. Lisa was absolutely devastated her boyfriend could be so lame. It didn’t help that I reminded

her that my boyfriend took me out to the nicest restaurant in town and serenaded me with a professional singing group. Then she just started crying.”

When the general student body at Appleton North heard about Brian’s shortcomings with his promposal, they all were taken aback.

One sophomore, Jerome Fisher, said, “Brian asked Lisa to prom in the worst way. I just can’t look at him the same way, it’s embarrassing to have someone so uncreative at this school. I hope no sophomores are considering asking someone to prom that way.”

Hood was surprised by the intensity of his classmates’ reactions and how upset many of them were.

“Well I’ve definitely learned my lesson here for sure. This was probably one of the biggest mistakes in my life, that I’ve ever made. Well maybe it wasn’t, I still have to wait for responses from the 20 other girls I sent the text to.”

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North’s 1,500 guests to gather their belongings and pack up. West was then seen calling other schools in the Appleton area for a spare couch. “What’s up East,” West began, “Look man, I have kind of a favor to ask. Believe me, we’ve tried everybody else – FVL, Central and all – but just hear me out...”

School eventually resumed, and daily life at North nearly returned to normal. But a peaceful walk in the halls could be interrupted at any moment as stragglers were found and sent packing. Employees of Jack’s Cleaning were seen coaxing West students out from the ceiling tiles. Staff continually held their ears to walls, catching the telltale sounds of movement.

“It may be a few weeks before we find the rest,” said Mr. Huggins. “For them, it’s a one-way ticket to Xavier.”

‘Basic’ stereotype slowly being driven out of Appleton North hallways

By Katherine Hackney

A new policy is being put into place by Appleton North’s administration. Due to the overwhelming amount of females and a few males turning to basic forms of expression, the administration felt the need to put a ban on all yoga pants, UGG brand boots, and any sort of product from Starbucks.

This policy will be put into practice during the next school year. Consequences for those who do not abide by the new code include a temporary deportment to Canada for three months.

A system has been developed that allows for three warnings if a student is seen with any of the items listed above, but after the third offense, it’s off to Canada.

Mexico was also seriously considered as the dropzone for these basic creatures but this was not the final decision since the weather there isn’t suited for this particularly basic attire. Also it is more cost-effective to transport teens off to Canada rather than fly them all the way to Mexico.

An inspiring proposal by Harold Witherspoon swayed the general vote to Canada. He suggested that “the kind of non-basic stereotypes associated with Canada’s teens may



All products from Starbucks will be banned in school following the new restrictions on basicity. This is due to the basicness associated with Starbucks products. Photo from usa.gov

prove to be true and become a positive influence on the student at North.”

Canada had briefly suggested an exchange program of sorts, but Canadian parents are slightly concerned with how their children will be affected if they were to leave the country for months at a time.

While in Canada the North teens will still be expected to go to school and follow the restrictions on clothing. The goals for the program as outlined by administration state that, hopefully by spending

three months’ time in another area surrounded by other sensible teens, Appleton North’s students will hopefully lose their desire to be basic and realize why they were deported.

Mrs. Janice Merriweather, a mother of a student at Appleton North impacted by the basicness of her daughter supports the plan and said, “My daughter spends up to \$1,000 a week at that overpriced coffee shop. She hasn’t finished a sentence in weeks! She says ‘I can’t even’ at least four times a day! She can’t even what?

What does she mean? What can’t she do?”

It seems that the problem is deeply rooted in the minds of these trend followers. A respected psychoanalyst, Dr. Reed, has been undercover in our school since the trend surfaced in early 2013.

She gained the trust of one group of females in particular and after a year of careful infiltration learned that anyone can be a photographer when there are filters and irrelevant quotes you can add to pictures. Her work also exposed the addicting effects of Star-

bucks coffee.

This ban will hopefully help these individuals and slowly bring them back to a world of low maintenance shoes that give you decent support, reasonably priced beverages, and problems that don’t revolve around what fil-

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**-Mrs. Janice
Merriweather,
mother of Appleton
North student**

ter to use for food photos on Instagram.

The future will be dim for these basic students unless they change their ways since there aren’t many respectable jobs that require excessive knowledge on how to spend your parent’s money in the most pointless way possible.

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Sir David Attenborough keeps making nature documentary at North

Shouts of “Fascinating!” and “Indeed!” can be heard throughout North’s halls as naturalist Sir David Attenborough continues work on his newest documentary, “The Natural North.”

The famous Briton is often seen looming over students who would much rather be left alone, with camera crews ready to follow students from class to class during passing time.

“I was just trying to get a drink of water, and there came Attenborough again!” said irate North student Otis Thompson. “Then he said something like, ‘a young

male, seeking refreshment after a long day’s studies, quenches his thirst at the nearest watering hole’ or something stupid like that.”

“I’m not a freaking wildebeest,” he added dejectedly.

While Sir Attenborough undoubtedly means well, the renowned



Sir David Attenborough won’t leave students alone. Photo illustration by Sam Allen.

filmmaker is proving to be a major distraction to North staff and students. Visitors to Mr. Salm’s room are often put-off by a camouflaged tent in the corner, camera lenses protruding from the mossy exterior and shouts of “Ah yes, remarkable!” emanating from within.

One North student shrieked in horror after discovering her locker filled with raw meat, bait for a species of endangered marsupial.

“We don’t know who let him in, and frankly we don’t know how to get him out,” said Mr. Huggins. “When people tell him to leave, he blows it off as ‘a marvelous example of territorial instinct’ or whatever. This needs to end now.”

In addition to their animosity, most North students do not feel interesting enough to be filmed.

“A documentary with me in it would be so boring,” said

one student. “A show about geriatric sloths would be more interesting. At least between the eating and the sleeping, they probably get some action once in a while.”

It is time to tell Sir Attenborough that we are not wild animals. We do not have a natural environment or do interesting things and that is just the way we like it.

So the next time you see him taking notes amidst a throng of freshmen or setting up Trailcams by the main stairwell, bar your teeth, beat your chest and howl at the top of your lungs to clearly indicate your disapproval.

Students beware: monstrosity terrorizing North’s pond-goers

By Erik Bakken

For most North students, the pond near the school is simply a nice natural additive to the school campus: a pleasant watery area for any wildlife that happens to amble on by. But this wet sanctuary has been discovered to be anything but safe.

Just this week, a report released by the National Invasive Species Council (NISC) has discovered a threatening new species to the Fox Cities: the *Tripsylonius Scuiridae*, essentially a giant squirrel and beaver hybrid that has made its home in the pond adjacent to North.

“It was such a surprise when we found the animal, as the last known sighting of the monstrosity was in 1521,” says Dr.



The giant water squirrel reportedly escaped from a truck. Photo illustration by Sam Allen.

Pauline McDowell, a wildlife biologist for the NISC. “It really doesn’t look dangerous, but that’s how it catches its prey.”

Interestingly enough, the giant water squirrel, which is a hybrid of two herbivores, is a dangerous killer that will eat practically anything that moves.

Since its discovery in March of this year the beast has been generally reclusive, but has

often emerged and curled up in a ball to attract crows that may think it’s an injured and easy piece of prey. But once the crows land near, the *Scuiridae* changes up the game by pouncing on and swallowing the observers whole and then retreating to its den beneath the dock.

With such a dangerous and unique creature so close to North, students may be wondering how it got there in the

first place.

Investigations by the FBI have recently found a hybrid animal cartel that has a location 5 miles east of Appleton North. It is widely believed that this dangerous new species either fell out of a truck on the road to a new location, or managed to subdue its driver, promptly deciding that North’s pond would be a suitable home.

The NISC has attempted to quarantine the area in order

to provide safety for students at North, but the mammal has become increasingly threatening, preventing biologists from containing the area. The NISC has set strict guidelines to keep students at North as safe as possible.

“We are simply advising that students and staff stay as far away from the entire North campus as possible as the *Tripsylonius Scuiridae* may be hungry,” McDowell said.

Something must be done about this monstrosity. Most of the teachers have already “relocated” their classes to various vacation locales in Oahu, Hawaii where most lessons will be held until North’s giant squirrel problem can be brought under control in the upcoming months. Students beware.

Governor Walker shocks Wisconsin with State Mascot change

By Nora Ptacek

Late last night Governor Scott Walker signed a mandate that changed the state mascot to the weasel. Wisconsinites expressed dismay upon hearing the news noting that the so-called Badger State would not so easily be displaced.

In addressing the concerns, Walker shared with voters a dream he had while napping at his desk. Here is the text from an interview we conducted:

Q: What prompted the change of the state mascot to the weasel?

A: It was something I read recently.

Q: Can you describe the text you read?

A: Sure. It was a book titled *Weaselism* by David H. Koch it discussed the symbolic interpretation of the weasel.

Q: And what is that interpretation?

A: “I’m glad you asked.” (The Governor proceeds to pull out a slip of paper, then read aloud.)

“The weasel symbolizes omnipotence or power. It is also said to bring great business and material profit. By changing the state mascot I think we can really improve Wisconsin’s economy. Before we go I must also add that I



Get ready to show your weasel pride! Photo illustration by Sam Allen.

really identify with the weasel in a recent test I discovered that it is my spirit animal.”

While some may find Walk-

er’s interpretation of the oddly titled book dubious, it seems that Walker’s spirit animal, the “profit bringing” weasel, is our next state mascot.

“You may soon be wearing shirts reading, ‘I’m a Wisconsin Weasel.’”

For those wondering if it is legal for the Governor to change the mascot with a quick signature, it is indeed possible. Walker had approached Senator Mike Ellis (R-Neenah) who agreed to propose a bill virtually securing the change. The Republi-

cans currently hold the house and senate majority in our state government and it was passed in a closed session late at night.

Does Walker really believe the weasel symbolizes profit and omnipotence? In modern culture the weasel is associated with the characteristic sly or a sneaky person. Perhaps he took compliment in the familiar protest chant “Walker is a weasel not a Badger.”

You may soon be wearing shirts reading, “I’m a Wisconsin Weasel.” If this is not who you are, if you are not proud to be a weasel, take it up with Governor Walker.

Unless, of course, he takes away your rights to negotiate as well.

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Budget cuts eliminate North bathrooms

By Brian Prestley

Facing yet another round of devastating potential budget cuts, the school board unanimously decided that, beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, all restrooms in all AASD facilities will be closed and converted to educational space. Both students and staff are being asked to take care of their personal needs at home. For many reasons, I believe this will be highly effective.

For starters, it will teach children of all ages to control themselves. Too many times, students fail to plan their needs ahead of time, creating classroom disruptions. While teachers may decline a student's request to use the restroom, the request itself is still a disruption, and the student may end up getting his or her way anyway.

By giving students the impression that something is more important than classroom education, their priorities

and potential educational achievement severely harmed. If the restrooms are simply closed, students will know not to even ask in the first place, and there is no chance of softer teachers giving in. If a student

In a recent poll of students carefully selected to achieve the desired results, 76 percent of participants admitted to performing an act of vandalism, and 89 percent admitted to having purchased or sold drugs

ing separate classes within the same classroom.

The numerous restrooms should provide ample room for these teachers.

The greatest aspect of this situation is that the administration will effectively turn a potential deficit into guaranteed new resources. Instead of the usual practice of reacting rashly to an existing cut, the administration has decided to be proactive, making changes that may not even be necessary. However, for the aforementioned reasons, I think this decision is splendid regardless.

Though I am sure I am already in the majority, I would like to reiterate that I think this decision is a breath of fresh air, both figuratively and literally.

In today's world of spineless teaching and disciplinary methods, this desire for students to take responsibility for their actions is nothing short of remarkable, especially since it will save money and provide new educational opportunities.

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Regrettably, budget cuts also removed the funding necessary for this picture. Photo from usa.gov.

has failed to plan ahead, there are literally no options, and he or she will learn the lesson quickly.

Secondly, by decommissioning these spaces as restrooms, there will be fewer unmonitored spaces for the usual antics. Vandalism, illicit dealings, and inappropriate conduct are easier to control in the presence of video surveillance, which is unfortunately not allowed in restrooms.

in the restrooms. By removing access to this type of free-for-all space, I think the administration will make a large dent in these problems.

Finally, by turning the restrooms into new educational space, one of the largest problems affecting our educational system will be resolved, which is a lack of space. There have been several confirmed reports of upwards of five or six teachers simultaneously teach-

Ask Annie

By Sam Allen

Dear Annie: When I left my hotel last night, I took the room's tiny shampoo bottle and bar soap with me. It felt kind of wrong to keep them, but was that an alright thing to do?

-Jane Janeson

Answer:

No. You are a bad person. I ought to call the police on you and graffiti poorly-spelled threats on your house. What you just did is considered deviant behavior, behavior that no honest hotel-goer would ever even think of. Go march yourself back to the hotel, apologize for your thievery, and return your half-used shampoo and hair-en-crustured bar soap. Thank your lucky stars if they don't press charges.

Dear Annie: My music choice isn't obscure enough. What should I do?

-John J. Hipster

Answer:

Make it up.

Let's be honest - people stock their playlists with obscure music just so they can talk about it. Why go through the hassle of actually listening? Simply take the name of an animal, vegetable or mineral, and pair it with an

adjective that makes people go "Wow, I certainly wasn't expecting an adjective like that paired with that particular thing!" Be sure to talk about these 'bands' before anyone asks about them. Examples: Fruit Fly Lucid, Celery Atomic, or Granite Askew.

Dear Annie: I'm under so much stress from school and family that I feel like I'm going to burst. What should I do?

-Jane Janeson

Answer:

Look, lady, I got 99 problems and you don't see me running off complaining to you. Sheesh.

Dear Annie: How do I get guys to notice me?

-Another person named Annie

Answer:

'Now, firs' thing yeh gotta know abou' guys is, they're proud. Easily offended, guys are. Don't never insult one, 'cause it might be the last thing yeh do. Yeh always wait fer the guy ter make the firs' move. It's polite, see? Yeh walk towards him, and yeh bow, an' yeh wait. If he bows back, yeh're allowed to touch him. If he doesn' bow, then get away from him sharpish, 'cause those talons hurt.'

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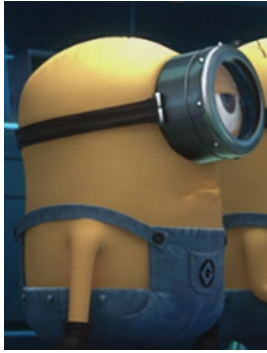


Student Spotlights ‘Rodney’ candy in the makings

By Alexandria Floodstrand and Abigail Davies



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Name: Stuart
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Favorite Activity: Playing video games
Favorite Girl: Lucy Wilde
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Name: Cookie Monster
Grade: Freshman
Favorite Food: COOKIES
Favorite TV Show: Sesame Street
Favorite color: Blue
Favorite Hobby: Eating COOKIES
Favorite Song: “C is for Cookie.” By Cookie Monster
Favorite Album: Favorites from Jim Henson’s Muppets
Favorite Phrase: “OMM-nom-nom-nom...”

By Monica Stoeger

One week ago, the Hershey Company announced its newest specialty candy—the Rodney Jolly Rancher.

The process of creating this one-of-a-kind edition of the Jolly Rancher started two years ago after Hershey’s read the “Psychic Rodney amazes with his candy choosing skills” article in the April 2012 issue of the Noctiluca. Since then, the company has kept its eye on Rodney and his superior accomplishments.

“Over the past two years, I’ve been keeping track of the amount Rodney has spent on purchasing Jolly Ranchers and the total has been over \$250,000. His support has been incredible,” said Joy Farmers, a private investigator hired by the Hershey Company to record Rodney’s purchases when shopping.

The Hershey Company contacted North students about the Rodney Jolly Rancher as well. Through a



Hershey Candy Company’s “Chocolate World” is located in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Unveiling of the candy will take place at Appleton North in June.

secret survey conducted from Facebook’s “Appleton North Student Section 2013-2014” group, the company found that 98 percent of students support the idea.

When the Noctiluca questioned the 2 percent not in favor about the reason for their disapproval, they responded with “no comment.”

However, an anonymous source reports that one major issue is discomfort associated with Rodney’s consistent use of the third person.

“Personally, I’ve been wait-

ing my entire life for an event like this to happen. I’ve been a fan of Rodney for years, and when I received that survey, I made sure to show my complete support. I did such a good job that the Hershey Company has invited me to the unveiling of the candy in June,” said Chipper Shepherd, a senior at North.

Along with the sale of the Rodney Jolly Ranchers, buyers will also have the opportunity to win one of many Rodney fanny packs. Other prizes include extendable hand grabbers and maroon shirts.

“Rodney is excited about this opportunity. It definitely shows his love for Jolly Ranchers,” Rodney said. “While the students get free education, Rodney gets free candy.”

A celebratory event will occur on June 5, 2014, at 6 p.m. in North’s gymnasium. Seniors are especially encouraged to attend, and the Appleton North Wind Symphony has accepted Hershey’s proposal to perform “Of Pomp and Circumstance.”

North’s Nightclub Club turns things up

By Sam Allen

Seeking to “Spice things up” around the otherwise mild-mannered student body, enterprising North teacher Robertla Blaker has converted North’s LMC into a branch of Luna Nightclub.

“There came a point when my job as teacher was interfering too much with my partying,” said Mrs. Blaker, the staff liaison to the new club. “So I just thought, ‘why not combine the two?’”

Only the most popular and well-connected clubbers make it past the red velvet ropes of the Luna Nightclub Center (LNC), and more often than not calls of “Sorry, club’s

full” are given by the bouncer, Ms. Tiffany.

Students routinely skip their 2nd hour classes to beat the queue of 1,600 others lining up to go clubbing during Home-room.

“The ominous red stains and broken glass in front of the LNC can be pretty unnerving,” said one student. “And it’s hard to keep my cool with Ms. Tiffany’s mirrored sunglasses glaring back at me. I haven’t gotten in yet, but when I do I’m gonna tear the roof off.”

After full pat-downs and cavity searches, students are led into the undulating lights of the LNC’s interior.

The books, computers, and artwork that previously adorned the library have been converted to dance areas, strobe lights, or velvet ropes. The island in the center, formerly the location of printers and media specialists, is now a bar filled with students of all types.

Despite critical consensus that the LNC’s raves are “off the hook yo,” the club is not without its detractors.

“According to a newly released Gallup poll, 68 percent of North teachers have left their classes to go clubbing, leaving their students to watch movies, at best,” said North Principal

James Huggins. “I don’t know why people go and turn it up in LNC when they could have just as good a time practicing the North Nine.”

Club liaison Mrs. Blaker took a different perspective. “In my PFM class I teach kids how to be responsible for their own finances. Sooner or later, they’ll need to know how to make it rain like adults.”

The LNC has become known as a haven for truant students and ruffians.

“I’m not going to lie, if you take a right at the main staircase you don’t want to be going alone,” said a weary North student. “One time I left my backpack in the tech center, and two minutes later I found it jacked up on cinder blocks and nuggetted.”

The club’s most vocal opponents claim the LNC is turning out like Luna’s downtown location. Former members of Chess Club and the Noctiluca have dispersed into roving gangs as the LNC drew away membership, and contraband chocolate has reportedly been sold to fund various trips.

When Ms. Blaker was asked about these allegations, she had already joined a massive rave that had just formed. A faint “YOLO!” could be heard in the distance.

Me and My Walrus Boyfriend

By Lauren Sassi



Noctiluca study finds no c



Culture editor Caroline Augustine appears to have fallen asleep while reading her own section. We do not blame her. Photo by the ghost of the Pub Lab

Not even this sent

By Julia Lammers and Kate Bennett, not that it matters

According to a breakthrough new study, only five percent of the Appleton North student body reads the student newspaper, the *Noctiluca*. Of that five percent, one hundred percent are the editors of the paper.

“I think this is great news,” said news editor Megha Uberoi. “Wait, what are we talking about?”

The survey asked students if they read the *Noctiluca* and a few other questions. The majority of the questions could not be answered because the student body was not aware that such a newspaper existed.

“When I got the survey, I was confused,” said culture editor, Caroline Augustine. “I thought to myself ‘We have a school newspaper? That’s funny. I wonder why it exists.’”

“I love the Noctiluca.”-Riley Sullivan

The club that produces the newspaper meets during Thursday homeroom.

“I’ve been coming to these meetings during homeroom, but I wasn’t quite sure what they were for. Honestly, came for the candy, until they took that away thanks to the nutrition policy. It turns out that I am a member of the school newspaper! I was shocked,” said contributor, Kate Bennett.

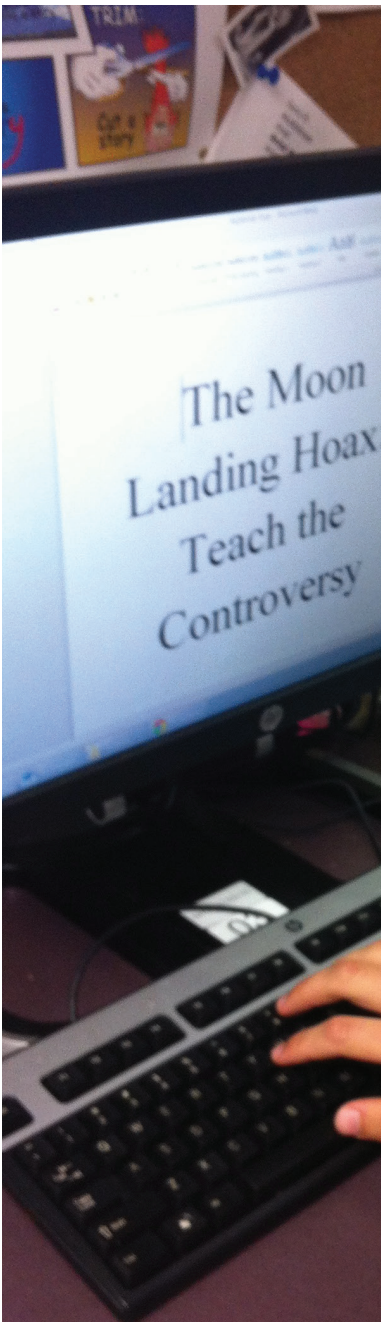
Approximately 89 percent of students surveyed say the *Noctiluca* contains too many too many statistics.

In reality, it contains no statistics at all because the writers and editors make them all up.

“When I need to fill some space and add some information, I just close my eyes, make up a number and put it in there,” said Uberoi. “No one notices. Sometimes it comes out super crazy.”

An additional survey revealed that some students simply dislike the articles themselves.

“I really don’t care for the *Noctiluca* very much, especially the centerspread,” an



Editor-at-large Sam Allen is ahead and publishing something consuming, bought with clu

anonymous freshman said.

In an unrelated freak accident, this student failed to show up for school the next day.

The writers of the articles could really make up whatever they want to, and just put it right in the paper.

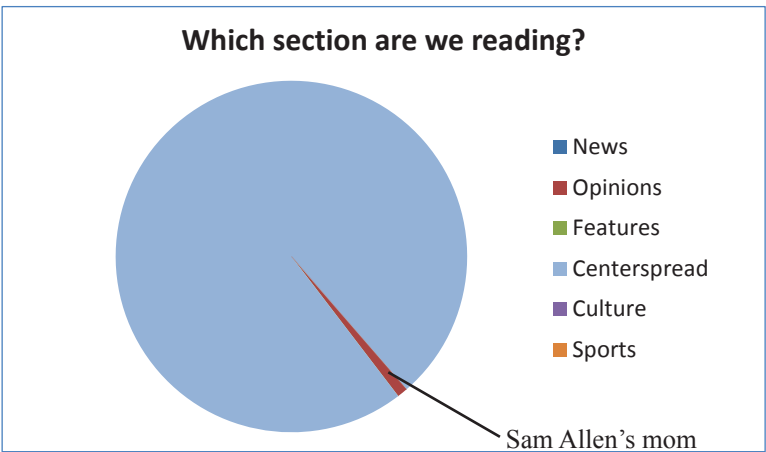
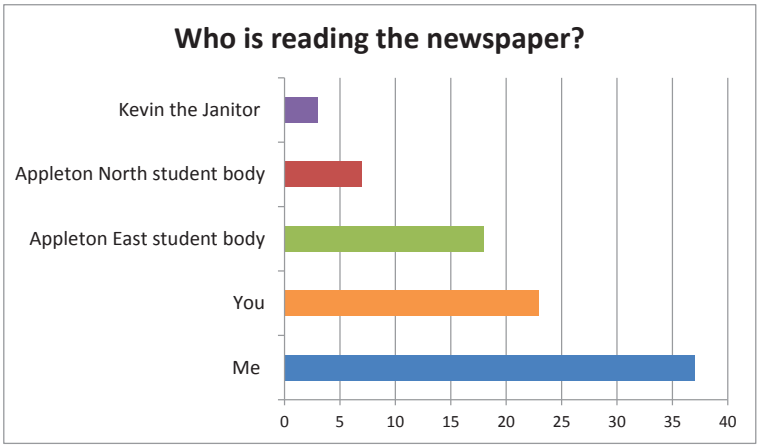
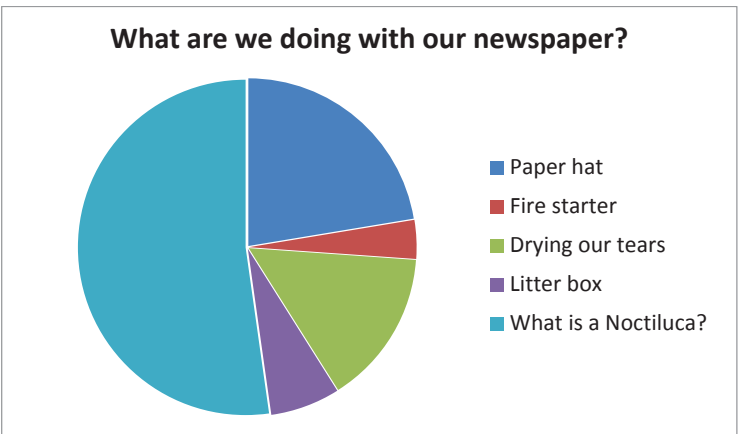
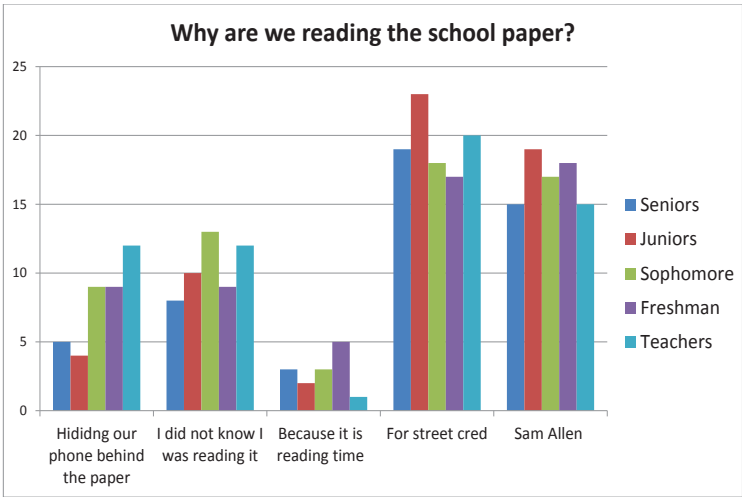
For example, I could put something in first person, which you are not supposed to do, and no one would notice, because you will not even read the title of this.

In fact, I might as well just make up some more facts, just for fun.

Did you know that the meaning of life can be found at the bottom of this paragraph? Who knew?

Stat shot

By Julia Lammers



No one reads the school paper

ence will be read



briefly questions his journalistic integrity before going something completely untrue. Notice the doughnut he is
ub funds. Photo by Julia Lammers.

“I can’t wait for the new issue to come out.” - No One Ever

Another fun fact: if you hop on one leg while eating purple marshmallow Peeps, you will turn into a magical rabbit.

We should probably get back on task pretty soon, but if you find a mistake you may.

There are some parts of the school paper that the populace enjoys.

“I really like the part where I find out about the kind of music people I don’t know like,” said Jack Swegart.

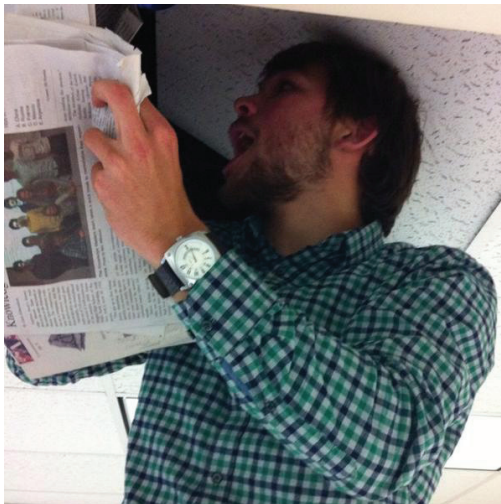
However, more often than

not, the *Noctiluca* is talked about in high regard.

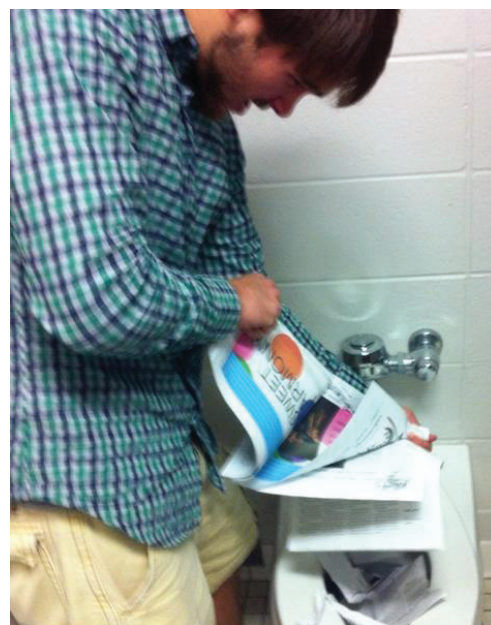
“I can’t wait for the new issue to come out,” said No One Ever.

The school paper aims to inform the Appleton North student body on issues regarding their school. It also attempts to force them to care about topics that they really have no interest in, such as other students and school news.

“Maybe if the students who write for the paper wrote more about things I cared about, like the daily gossip amongst other things, I would read the paper once in a while,” said Stuart Bultman, a junior. “But for now, I’ll stick to making paper hats out of my *Noctiluca*.”



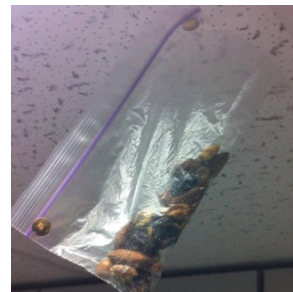
Sports editor Miller Jozwiak stuffs past issues in the ceiling to prevent their explosive material from getting out into the public again. Also, there are secret passageways above the tiles, but you did not read that here. Photo by Julia Lammers.



Sports editor Miller Jozwiak attempts to flush a few newspapers down the toilet. Do not try this at home, it will most likely clog the toilet. Photo by Sam Allen.



This mysterious object is known as the *Noctiluca*. It is produced by the student body and read by no one. Photo illustration by Julia Lammers.



This bag of trail mix hangs on the Pub Lab ceiling. No one knows why, how or when it was thumb-tacked there. Photo by Julia Lammers.



Senior Dan Brumm is the only person to ever read the newspaper. He may have been pretending. Photo by Julia Lammers.



The editors of *Noctiluca* examine stories from every angle. Only the best journalism makes it into the paper, unless it does not. Photo by Julia Lammers.

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Stars align as snow melts

By Julia Lammers

At three a.m., while tending my non-GMO, gluten-free, wheat-free nocturnal radishes, I noticed something peculiar about the way that Venus was moving in the sky. A closer look revealed to me that this was not Venus at all, but Neptune! I fled quickly to my crystal ball to consult the other side. After burning some hair of naked mole rats and eyeballs of eel, the stars revealed to me monumentally great and important things for the future and the past and quite possibly the present. I will share them here with you today:

1. A bright time is coming for most every student at Appleton North. As Pluto, moves into the Third Dimension, it brings warm days and balmy nights. Although the past few months have long afflicted us with icy days and frigid nights, we shall soon be liberated from the grasp of Winter.

2. The girl you like does not want to go to prom with you. I did not need to consult the charts to figure this one out. However, if you lower your



Julia Lammers is the Noctiluca's resident astrologer. Her predictions are sometimes true, but only because these are sure events. Photo by a spirit from her past.

standards yet again, maybe you can catch a garbage-eating carp from the fish in the sea.

3. As the Receptive Signs begin to align themselves with the Equator, many students will begin their quest for the number five. The crystals have shown that study books will be bought and knowledge crammed into heads. However, the Lunar Node reveals that nothing can make up for a year of sleeping and flirting in whatever AP class you chose to take.

4. A gathering of teens will occur the first weekend of May. This requires a date. Unfortunately, I have deciphered that the stars find you extremely repulsive, as does the opposite sex. To force a fellow *Homo sapiens* to go with you, a love potion is required. The stars also advise you stop dressing the way you do. You are not fooling anyone with that "casual" look. It only comes off as lazy.

5. Stay away from purple pens, red jackets and people without personalities. All are dangerous to your health.

6. Beginning next week, Jupiter will move into the Eighth Dimension and you will lose someone very dear to your heart. There is no hope anymore; the stars have spoken. Also, nuclear war is inevitable at this point so you might as well give up now.

7. The Progression of the Polarity of Uranus tells me that you have not read the centerspread of this newspaper. A "freak accident" is in your future if you continue to consider yourself above the journalistic wisdom of Noctiluca.

Poetry Corner



Juice

By Snoop Dogg

With so much drama in the L-B-C
It's kinda hard bein Snoop D-O-double-G
But I, somehow, some way
Keep comin' up with funky sass stuff like every single day
May I, kick a little something for the G's (yeah)
and, make a few ends as (yeah!) I breeze, through
Two in the mornin' and the party's still jumpin'
'cause my momma ain't home
I got girls in the living room reading a book
and, they ain't leavin til six in the mornin' (six in the mornin')
So what you wanna do, darrrrrrnnn
I got a pocket full of pennies and my homeboys do too
But (but what) we don't love them cats, yeah!
So we gonna do some homework
G's up, hands down, while you great people bounce to this

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Take Celebrity Styles into Daily Life

By Rachel Brosman

Down the red carpet, in concert, or in their everyday lives, celebrities inspire us through their personal style. Usually we consider their ensembles to be too expensive or just far too exotic. However, there is no style law that says we can't take their famed fashion into our everyday lives.

In reality, we can pull off whatever styles we want



Justin Bieber's clothing choices are so bold they should be illegal. This is a popular look amongst inmates. Photo from usa.gov



Smokey the Bear follows Pharell's fashion example. He has been spotted with this trendy hat while preventing forest fires. Photo by usa.gov

to (even if we may feel the judgement from our peers). Take a cue from Lorde, Pharell, and your other favorite celebrities to influence your everyday trends for rocking the hallways.

Nail Art or Finger Art?

At her recent Grammy performance, Lorde displayed her nail art with her edgy style amidst her breathtaking vocals.

Instead of the usual black nail polish, she took the dark

look to another level. Appearing to be encrusted in tar, the tip of each finger was covered in black, not just the nail. With no skill needed to achieve this beauty statement, Lorde's look is a unique concept.

This could be copied by dipping each finger directly into nail polish, sticking it into a mascara bottle, or even by busting open some pen ink.

Hats: The Bigger the Better

A giant spark has been set off in the accessories realm

since the takeoff of Pharell's career. The famed hat of Pharell is the perfect piece to add to your wardrobe. Its rich khaki color and curved shape will flatter anyone.

Be careful though, its outrageously massive size may hinder your balance. Cause who wouldn't want to look like the "happy" superstar?

Double Buns or Go Home

Celebrities not only inspire our wardrobe, but our beauty choices. Hairstyles are the cherry on top of your starlet emulated look.

The bun, or topknot, is a simple understated way to get your hair out of your face.

Instead of pulling your locks back into a single bun, follow your favorite twerker, Miley Cyrus, and rock some double buns.

If you're feeling like a 5-year-old with mom-styled hair, you're not doing it right!

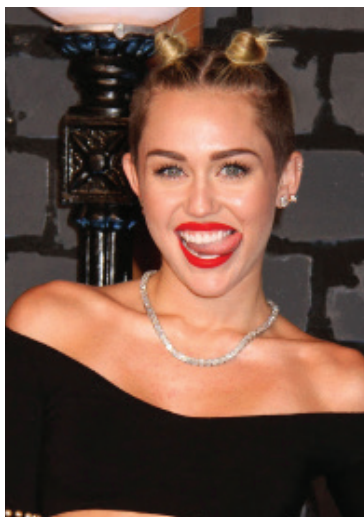
Smack dab on the top of your head, and you'll be constantly sticking out your tongue before you know it.

Follow your favorite celebrity style, and don't worry

about what anyone thinks. The more ridiculous, the better.

You're a fan of the Biebs? Try wearing a jail uniform, since that's where he's at lately (if bright orange is flattering on you).

Soon enough, the hallways of Appleton North are sure to look like the red carpet.



Miley Cyrus shows off her famous double buns at the MTV music awards. These had a vital role in her performance. Photo by Nancy Kaszerman/Zuma Press/MCT

Based God starts new religion

By Ben Williams

"Thank you Based God.": It is a phrase many of you have probably heard. Maybe you have seen it online. You might even have heard it at school. But who is the Based God? Why are we thanking him? What does it even mean to be Based?

Rewind a few years, all the way back to 2006. Brandon McCartney, also known as Lil B, resides in the dark underbelly of Berkeley, California. Despite being only 16, he has already had a stint in prison for armed robbery; he sells cocaine to get by.

He also raps with the Bay Area rap group, The Pack, who are garnering quite a bit of local attention after releasing two mixtapes.

Brandon's big break comes in the form of a surprise hit with The Pack,



Lil 'B shows his charming smile. Those grills are almost as bright as his career. Photo sent from the heavens above

The Vans Song, which will eventually be named as the fifth best song of 2006 by Rolling Stone Magazine.

Seeing his newfound success as an opportunity to change his life, Lil B decides that he should expand his musical career beyond

The Pack, and he goes solo.

This was not a simple feat however, and to achieve success as a solo artist, Lil B has to redefine the idea of Internet marketing.

To find his initial fan base, Lil B creates, and personally runs over 150

Myspace pages, aggressively releasing music and promoting it in every crevice of social media that he can find.

His revolutionary brand of marketing succeeded, and he garnered himself a niche, but still quite large audience.

This is where the Based God comes in. Lil B realized that he was now in a position of influence, and he knew that he had to use this influence to better the world, so he rebranded himself as The Based God.

Being Based, as Lil B describes it, is about spreading love, positivity, and acceptance throughout the world.

On his Facebook, Twitter, and Tumblr pages, he often posts messages that encourage his followers to do everything from pro-

tecting the environment to stopping the inequality between genders that exists in much of the country today.

He routinely reminds his fans that he loves not only them, but that he loves the world, and this unconditional acceptance has made many people look up to him as a role model, sometimes even as a religious figure.

So why do we thank the Based God? We thank the Based God because he represents the good in the world.

We thank him because he thanks us for existing. We thank him because he is there for us when no one else is.

Simply put, we thank him because there is no one more dedicated to the spread of positivity and love than Lil B, the Based God.

Students say so long to the selfie

By Caroline Augustine

Grab your phones and find the perfect filter ladies and gentlemen because the days of selfies will be coming to an end. After much deliberation, Appleton North has decided to officially put a ban to this front facing photo frenzy.

The decision ultimately came into effect following an excessive pressuring from local portrait photographers whose wallet-sized photo businesses have suffered dramatically since the emergence of the selfie.

"This is killin' me," says Joe Smith, owner of Stock-Photos Photography. On average, photographers have seen a 56 percent drop in school photo sales ever since Instagram added the Mayfare filter to their catalog.

"Finally I told myself I would not let the 'duck face' put me out of business, so I took my case straight to the superintendent himself," Smith said.

Professional photographers seem to have become obsolete when it comes to senior portraits. Consider-



Juniors Julia Lammers and Isabel Edmonds take a selfie. Many students will be found filling their phones with pictures of themselves in preparation for the ban going into effect early May.

Photo by Caroline Augustine

ing many students devote hours to perfecting the selfie, it is understandable why that is the case. From finding the right angle to picking the most flattering filter, it is no wonder why teens are taking matters into their own hands.

"It is an art form," says junior Dhaivat Pandya. "Having someone else take photos of me is a risk I'm not willing to take. I studied the craft of selfies more than I studied for the SAT."

Of course all the hours of training will have gone to waste when the rule goes into affect on May 5th.

Monitoring the ban will be no small task, especially with the increase in technology in the upcoming school year due to the referendum.

"I know it won't be easy, but we figured the punishment students would receive if caught taking a picture would keep them in line," says Appleton North Principal Mr. Huggins. "If you are

caught taking a picture of yourself, don't be surprised if your phone is confiscated, all pictures are deleted, and your next birthday is canceled. These are the steps we must take," Huggins said.

The ban doesn't stop simply at the action itself, but also the word. After Merriam-Webster Dictionary crowned the word "selfie" their new word of the year in 2013, local, state, and federal governments alike came to the consensus that the 1st Amendment in the Bill of Rights will alter one's freedom of speech by

outlawing the word "selfie" from one's vocabulary.

Everyone seems to be in support of the new change including former President George W. Bush who even took time out of his painting career to advocate the change.

"Banning the word as well will create no confusion. By wiping all evidence of this horrible addiction teens seem to possess from our memory, we will be able to create a safe and friendly environment for all," said freshman Oscar Brautigam. "I can't afford to see any more of my friends check into rehab because of this," he said.

Not all are very keen on these changes, such as junior Issey Edmonds. "First let me take a selfie," said Issey prior to sharing her thoughts. "Honestly, it's ridiculous. My selfie game is so strong, and I need the world to see that. This is oppression," she said.

Whether you are all for this new regulation or completely against it, students will need to learn to adapt to a life without #selfiesunday.



Dhaivat Pandya takes his final selfie. This is a bittersweet time for all. Photo by Julia Lammers

The truth behind Vampire Weekend

By Elise Painton

Since the quirky indie band's first album, much speculation has been formed around the actual humanistic qualities of the members of Vampire Weekend.

Not much about the actual childhood of any of the band members has been seen by the public and the noticeable absence of human-like qualities has been noticed by fans.

All are pretty pale, really pale enough to be vampires. It isn't just a funny or cute name, no, they actually are not hiding the fact that they are really in fact vampires.

The first time they were asked if they were in fact vampires, the members of the band simply laughed it off and called it all a joke, even though this has now been pushed aside by their current claims. After a show at Lollapalooza Chile, Ezra Koenig, front man, was seen stepping into a coffin to sleep all day.

Venues have noted the ab-



Lead singer Ezra Koenig performs at the Main Square festival in France. Those vampire fangs were being portrayed in broad daylight.

Photo by Lefevre Sylvain/Asa-Pictures/Abaca Press/MCT

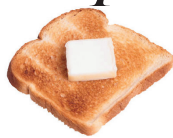
sence of people-food ever eaten before shows. Three of the four members are banned from blood-banks nationwide. Drummer, Chris Tomson, has even asked to have all garlic removed from the premises of music festivals the group has played.

Last week, bassist Chris Baio spoke out about the matter. "It has been brought to our atten-

tion that fans are believing we are actually vampires. It is with our deepest honesty that we tell you, yes, my friends, we are in fact literally vampires."

While this may come as a shock to many, it probably shouldn't. The band apologized for any feelings hurt by their nocturnal ways and wish everyone understands their unhuman cravings for blood.

Recipe of the month:



Toast



By Caroline Augustine

Breakfast is the most important meal of the day, so it is vital that the meal is made to perfection. The art of making toast has been passed down for generations, and has satisfied hominid sapiens since the dawn of time. For that very reason one must learn how to prepare this fine delicacy.

Ingredients:
Bread

Directions:
Place bread in toaster.
Push down on button to secure heating mechanism turns on.
Wait until toast pops up.
Take toast.
Eat toast.

Note:
Serves one. More pieces of toast can be made by placing more bread in toaster.

Not interested in writing for Culture section in the Noctiluca?
Don't contact Caroline Augustine via Facebook.

Football team has a new lineman

By Becca Finger

Next fall as the proud and rude student section of Appleton North once again gathers under Friday night lights a new cheer will be heard from the screaming crowd: "It's Miller time!"

After copious begging and pleading, school dean Rob Salm has finally succeeded in convincing junior Jeff Miller to commit to playing football next year.

"It was getting a bit excessive," Miller said.

"I would get called down during lunch almost every day even though he knew that I mainly wanted to focus on my studies next year. But after he came over to my house I finally decided to join the dogs on d-line next year."

Salm and the rest of the

coaching squad is thrilled, the only problem that has arisen thus far has been finding a jersey in a big enough size to fit Miller.

Fortunately Mr. Salm was able to make arrangements and a jersey has been specially ordered for the new player; he will be wearing number 1,006.

In addition to joining the team Miller has ran into a streak of luck lately. He reportedly "found" the keys to a brand new Chevrolet Corvette in his locker one day, and also has been seen burning cash because he has so many "Benjamins."

When asked whether or not this activity may seem suspicious to the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) Miller said, "What is the WIAA?"

Appleton North football

declined to comment.

The team is also excited to have Miller join them on the field. Junior Darien Ruzzicone said, "I'm happy for him; the kid is a mammoth on the d-line."

Miller will fill in the vacancy that senior Cole Salm is leaving behind and plans to carry on his legacy well. Miller will be playing alongside Ruzzicone and junior Adam Larsen.

"With these huge boys back on d-line I don't see how we will ever be beat next year," Ruzzicone said.

Everyone on the team is excited for this new recruit, and with Miller out there continually making game-winning plays and literally carrying the team on his back a perfect season will definitely be achievable for the football team next year.



Jeff Miller after a Pop Warner game during which he set the record for most touchdowns in a game with 9 as a d-lineman. Photo from <http://abidjan.usembassy.gov/>

Post-Crescent reporter selected for new job at ESPN

By Miller Jozwiak

Local reporter Ricardo Arguello has left the *Post-Crescent* to become a member of the biggest sports network on television: ESPN.

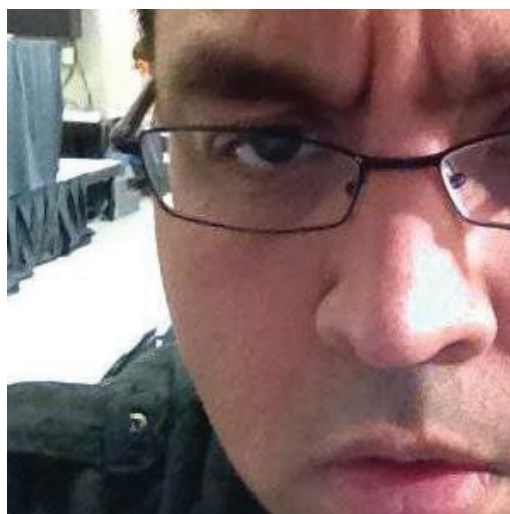
After turning down Columbia, Northwestern and Mizzou, Arguello settled into his Alma-mater the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. He picked Milwaukee for its stellar academics and national champion club water polo team.

Arguello is the lead high school and professional sports reporter for the *Post-Crescent* and is known for

his Wednesday night Internet broadcast "Varsity Roundtable," in which he interviews various varsity athletes from around the area.

In addition to his broadcasting he works to gather all scores of every event. Fans of the Fox Valley Association sports conference will be hard pressed to find an event he does not attend.

Arguello has worked up a reputation locally. He is best known for his monotone voice and indepth reporting. Fans of Arguello are so numerous that he is twitter verified. Many speculate this was a result



Arguello's twitter picture. He can be followed @PCRicardo. Photo provided by Ricardo Arguello

of the creation of his fake twitter page @PCRicardo. Arguello's real twitter

account boasts 1,711 followers.

Arguello was selected for the position at ESPN after Chris Berman and Gus Johnson saw his "Varsity Roundtable" online.

He will specifically be covering high school sports nationally. His writing will cover everything from the

Under Armour All-American High School football game to the McDonald's

All-American High School basketball game.

Arguello's arrival has been much anticipated by everyone at ESPN.

"I am sure he would do well covering pro sports, but his high school sports reporting is so masterful it would be a tragedy to have him cover anything else," Executive Producer Mark Gross said.

When asked to sum up his recent accomplishment, Arguello said, "I am excited to work for ESPN and cover #hssusa. Hopefully one day I'll eventually become a screaming head on ESPN."

Golf tragedy

As the earth enters the second quarter of its 2014 orbit around the sun, this hemisphere is slowly being exposed to the sun's light. This means one thing: spring sports are here.

Each year as everything outside comes alive, so does the golf course. That is, each year with the exception of this one. Due to weather extremes this year, the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association has moved mens' golf indoors this year. Instead of playing regular on 18-hole courses for matches, the team will be playing indoor putt-putt mini golf matches.

"I really feel for the team,"

Disappointment of the Month: WIAA Ruling

said head girls varsity golf coach Mr. Huenink, "They spend all off season preparing to win a title and mother nature says 'No golf for you!'"

Not all is bad news, however. This change in atmosphere has resulted in more students trying out for the team this season.

"I really enjoy the change. It gives me the best chance to shoot 18," said Nebraska native and golf expert Bryant Backman.

Senior captain Luke Gambaro is less optimistic about the change.

"This is the perfect example of the WIAA screwing up sports," said Gambaro,

"Whether it's play-off football game placement, basketball rules, or golf they screw everything up."

Gambaro has been playing golf his entire life and has been on varsity since his freshman year. This is the first and likely last mini-golf season,



Luke Gambaro is undeterred by the weather and will continue playing outdoors. He said this is his protest of the "idiots in Stevens Point they call the WIAA." Photo by Cole Salm

but it makes the seniors' last season a disappointment.

Ben Schaefer is the real Mr. Lightning

By Miller Jozwiak

Ben Schaefer is a stand up citizen, a man of God, a patriot, and a hard worker at Paradise Island. However, above all Schaefer is a supporter of Lightning athletics. He is a Xavier Hawk, but has the heart of a Lightning. Schaefer did not miss one Lightning football game this season, from kick off against Fond du Lac to a questionable goal-line call against Hudson.

"I bleed blue and gold. Have since I was born, and will till the day I die." Schaefer said when asked why he supports the Lightning. This football season his presence in the student section was pivotal to Lightning success. Schaefer's patented "war-cry" rang out through Paul Engen field all season, intimidating opponents and children alike.

His benevolence for North athletes extends far beyond

the grid-iron. He was an avid supporter of cross country, basketball, and water polo.

In 2012 when the men's volleyball team won state not only was Schaefer at every playoff game, he drove to Milwaukee for the tournament. He enjoys all Lightning co-curricular activities but said his favorite was the cheer and performance teams.

"They are so professional and graceful, it's really a thing of beauty," said Schaefer, "I could never wear sweatpants to games, it would have been unprofessional and just embarrassing." Schaefer even made the trip to nationals in Florida to support the team.

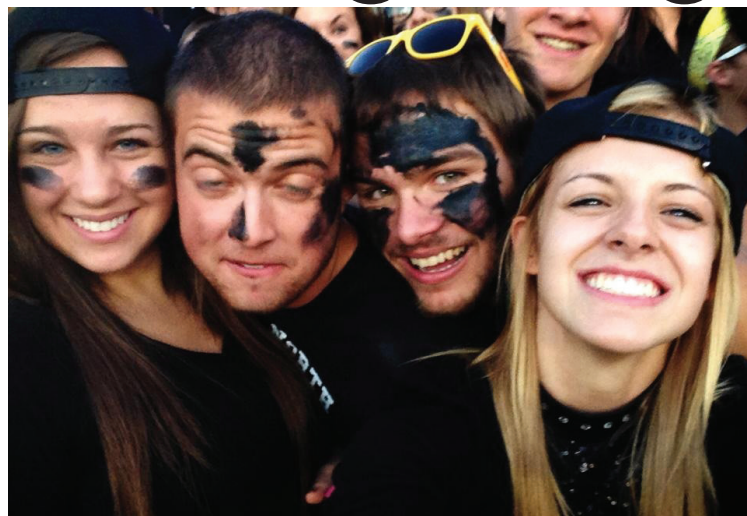
"The team did so well! Except Natalie Mologne fell out of sync late in the performance. But overall a great effort." Schaefer said. With such clear support of North and appreciation for its clubs

and sports, it begs the question, why Xavier?

"I am a Catholic, a man of my faith. I had to go to Xavier. But it makes no difference. My soul and my thoughts are always with the Lightning," he said.

Before becoming an avid fan, Schaefer was a top JV center for the Hawks. When asked to join the varsity squad his sophomore year, he faced the choice of the field or the stands. He picked the stands, but it was no easy decision. Schaefer was being heavily recruited by multiple D3 colleges.

His Wissports page, a common Wisconsin recruiting website, summed up his natural talent. It stated "Has masterful footwork, and is a vocal player. Lacks height, weight, speed and talent." He declined to comment on his football career saying its just too "emotionally jerking."



"This was my favorite game despite the loss," Schaefer said, "I love black outs. They show unity and strength. I put my all into that Kimberly black out." In the picture from left to right is Halle Giaimo, Ben Schaefer, Miller Jozwiak and Kiera Miller. Photo by Kiera Miller

Benjamin George Schaefer is the phantom of Appleton North athletics. He is the twelfth man on the field, the Air Bud of the court, and the angel in the outfield.

Most of you have probably never met, seen or even heard of him. But Ben Schaefer is the mortar this

school was built on, without him the Lightning tradition of winning would be reduced to nothing. As a single tear somberly rolled down his face, he made his last comment to The Noctiluca, "I will do anything for this school -- our school. Forever and always."

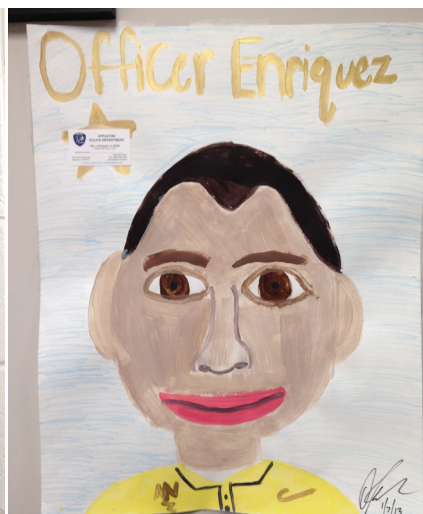
March sports photos in review



Senior baseball star Connor Rolain has de-committed from the University of Illinois Chicago to pursue his "love for poetry and prose." Rolain is a four year varsity starter but says he has recently become "infatuated with the beauty of love poems." Photo by Miller Jozwiak



Student dean and head football coach Rob Salm has made a decision on the new helmets for next season. After contemplating between blue and gold helmets Salm finally decided to go with no helmets, saying "this will put intimidation on our sideline." Photo by Miller Jozwiak



On the left is Jacquan McGraw, in the middle is Officer Nacho Enriquez, and on the right is his taser. Recently in a pick up basketball game Nacho mistakenly tased McGraw. Nacho thought McGraw was streaking across the court in an attempt to disrupt the game, but in actuality was playing in a shirts vs. skins game. Nacho has since made a public apology for the incident. McGraw responded by saying "Homie don't play that. Tased and unphased," then he yelled "I STILL HIT THE THREE." Photos by Miller Jozwiak