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Knight's Daybook Used More at Night Than Day

MLC—A study released in Tuesday's issue of *The Knightly News* shows that students use their *Knight's Daybook* more at night than during the day. Many are demanding that Vice-president Schone change the student handbook in light of this darkening news.

The independent study reveals that an MLC Knight, on average, uses his/her *Daybook* during nighttime hours 64 percent of the time. The numbers also show that twilight use is at 8 percent, leaving a mere 28 percent of total use during actual daylight hours. This news illuminates a very dark problem for *The Knight's Daybook*.

The Knight's Daybook (a delicious pun) is as old as MLC itself, dating back to the last millennium. School officials claim that usage

during the initial years was overwhelmingly done during the day. "It wasn't just a cool name back then. It was a very fitting one because most students used it diurnally," explained renowned MLC historian Bruce Manchester, "But with the advent of electricity to New Ulm in 1984 came increased nocturnal usage."

Despite the good intentions of school founders, the recent study does reveal a dreadful misnomer. Students and faculty are calling for major reform before future students feel a shadow of mistrust when it comes to student living. "I admit it, the name is seriously misleading in light of the recent study. No longer is dorm space my top priority; the *Daybook* will soon be changed," said Schone.

Two opposing factions have

formed, with differences in their solutions as clear as night and day. The majority of students are calling for massive changes in the content of the *Daybook*. They are suggesting changes in policy and the addition of daytime television programming schedules.

"If they'd, like, make open dorm hours longer and let us tape stuff to our walls and stuff, I think we'd open *The Daybook*, like, in the light of every morning and thank God for such cool school policy and stuff. That would solve the problem," said Junior Pamela Ross.

A small minority of students has suggested that changing the regulatory content of *The Daybook* is not the solution. They argue that removing the word "Day" from "Daybook" would completely solve the problem.

According to Schone, one thing is certain. "Until we shed light on this difficulty, our sons and daughters will continue to live in the dark night of uncertainty. Get it? Sons? Like the sun in the sky? It's a homophone. I kill me!" said Schone.



You can have her back,
Dave!
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March Madness...Catch it!

NAACP Boycotts Chess

NEW YORK—On Monday the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) announced an economic boycott of the relatively unpopular board game, chess. This was obviously a shocking announcement, and it has been received with scorn by a majority of Americans, including blacks. Despite such criticism, the NAACP is standing firm by its decision.

NAACP President and CEO Kweisi Mfume released this statement to the press: "Due to the obviously racist prejudices of this historically anti-Afro-American game, we the NAACP urge all enlightened and conscientious blacks to refrain from purchasing a chess set, be it the actual board game, a computerized version, or one of those travel versions with the little magnet pieces. Only through our combined efforts as a proud black community

will we be able to check the racial tyranny exerted over us in the leisure activity realm by the overbearing white man," said Mfume.

When asked by one noticeably confused reporter why the NAACP would use its time and resources to attack such an obscure subject as chess, Mfume angrily responded, "Who has never gone first in chess? That's right—the black team. What—do you consider us your ignorant pawns in your little mind game, to be sacrificed for the sake of your almighty White King or Horsie? The black man starts out with a disadvantage, and he's supposed to miraculously make it up without any extra help. Yes, chess is symbolic of a larger problem, and we have to continually increase awareness. We will not give in to the monarchial organism that is America, where the black man does the dirty work while the

white man sits in his almighty castles and diagonal-guy spires."

The NAACP is not totally united on this chess issue, however. Chairman of the Board Julian Bond does not support the boycott, dismissing it as Mfume's personal vendetta against the intellect-challenging game. "Kweisi has played chess for years, and he sucks. He keeps complaining that he loses because of not being able to go first, and so I offer that he be the white team, but you know Kweisi. He's all 'I will never attempt to hide my culture' or some jive. He's just ticked he never wins, even though he practices at home all the time with a bunch of chess guys," said Bond.

In a related story, renowned former chess Grandmaster and bitter recluse Bobby Fischer was recently found in Harlem chained to a chair at an apartment complex owned by Mfume.

Challenge Question Number Five: So, do you like stuff?



AARON HARTWIG:

Of course I like stuff. And you know what I'd like more than anything else? The t-shirt. If Vogel/Janke (whichever remains) only knew how much I want to win that thing, he/she would surely forfeit. Honest. So let me win. Vote him/her off. Just get me the shirt.



JOEL VOGEL:

Whaddya mean stuff?? I mean really!!! Couldn't you have come up with a better question than that?? How am I supposed to be funny with that stuff? Forget you, and forget the horse that you rode in on. Who do you think you are anyway?? The Onion or something??

FINAL SHOWDOWN: BEAUTY VERSUS BRAINS!

Every Vote Counts!!! Remember to vote for the winner and recipient of The Cabbage T-shirt!

Student Going All Out for Lent

“Give it up for Lent!” urges freshman

MLC—Midway through the church's 2001 Lenten season, freshman Joshua Richmond is turning heads all over Martin Luther College and throughout the synod by “going all out for Lent.”

“Yeah, I'm really feeling the Lenten spirit this year,” said Richmond. “Maybe it's because it's my first time away from home. At home Mom is probably putting up the Lenten tree and decorating it with our traditional crown of thorns and INRI sign, listening to ‘Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted,’ while her special Bitter Gall Brownies bake in the oven. I miss home a lot right now, so I decided that at school I'm really going to go all out for Lent.”

On examination of the freshman's room, *The Cabbage* found that he was not exaggerating his Lenten spirit. Purple and black cloths are intermittently hung drearily about the room, a miniature Lenten tree stands in the corner, and banners tacked onto the wooden strips proclaiming

the death of Jesus take the place of Elizabeth Hurley posters.

Richmond's behavior and decorations have been shocking to some people, while amusing to others.

“Well, it is a little creepy. Most people don't usually *celebrate* Lent like he does, but until he tapes a ‘Jesus Died for Me’ banner directly to the wall, or starts using real blood in his crucifixion scene, he's not breaking any rules,” said Tutor Westendorf.

“Yeah, mostly I try to laugh it off,” commented Richmond's roommate Carl Jaeger. “I guess it's pretty cool that he's so into the season; I thought maybe he'd even get me a Lenten gift, but he told me that I'm already getting the forgiveness of sins and eternal life and what more could I want? But I could name a few things.”

Decorations and songs are far from being the epitome of Richmond's Lenten experience. His Lenten festivities culminate on Good Friday, when he plans to produce, direct, and star in his own passion play.

“Forget anything you ever heard about Oberama-gau!” exclaimed Richmond. “This one's going to be better! Obviously I, Joshua, am going to play Jesus, but I am still looking for a couple of people to play the Disciple-Whom-I-Love and other small parts. I was thinking about playing all the parts myself, but it's hard to be on the cross and on the ground at the same time. After eighteen years I still haven't mastered omnipresence.”

Richmond's play will be held in the MLC auditorium following church services on Good Friday. Richmond urges everyone to come, saying, “After all, Jesus is the reason for the season!”

Baseball Team to Use Base Four Number System

“We want to beef up stats this year,” says Buck

MLC—Coach Drew Buck announced to his players on Wednesday that the 2001 Knights baseball team will be using a base four number system in order to improve statistics.

Most baseball teams utilize a base ten number system, but Buck feels that base four is the way to go. “It's much easier on the team. Just look at our 18-8 loss last week. Had we been using base four, we'd have won 18-20.”

Besides team runs, Buck also wants to use the new number system in other stats like hits, homeruns, RBI, and stolen bases. “It just makes sense to use it. Look at last year. Our team had 6 homeruns. In base four that's 12! Instead of 36 stolen bases, we'd have had 210,” explained Buck.

Although the use of base four will improve homeruns and stolen bases, the team will be helped most in team runs (as seen last week) and by the number of total wins. “Last year we went 14-10. Not bad, but apply base four to our number of wins and BOOM! We're 32-10!” said

Buck. Despite this, there are some statistics that will continue under the normal base ten system. These include: losses, errors, earned runs, and hit batsmen.

Professional baseball players and other college managers are praising Buck for his newfound strategy. “I've always said ‘baseball is a game of numbers.’ It looks like Drew (Buck) and the Knights have mastered that notion. Well done, team,” said New Ulm native Terry Steinbach.

St. Scholastica manager John Baggs is also tipping his hat to Coach Buck, “It's really gonna be tough to beat MLC this year, with their new number system and all. Drew's a genius.”

Based on the application of Buck's base four system to last year's stats, the MLC Knights have moved up drastically to #3 in the NAIA preseason rankings. When asked if the Knights Women's volleyball team would also adopt the new number system, Buck responded, “Um, no, they're good already.”

Mr. Trite

Conversation Starter of the Week

“Clever ideas to break the ice and make that great first impression”



“Man, I can't believe that (my/your) (insert sport) team actually (won/lost) that game.”