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Students battle difficult social science majors

Nischtclub Dwight
ASST. MINISTER OF PROPOSANDA

An intriguing trend has developed amongst the student body at Despondent University. There appears to be stereotypes developing around certain fields of study that depict them as being either excessively strenuous, or on the other hand being essentially “blow-off majors.” These trends are most clearly seen in the polarization between the university’s highly regarded communication major and the lightweight science department.

Even the introductory classes in the communications department are specifically designed to cull out the less dedicated students. These classes are carefully engineered to weed, on average, 60 percent of their participants to student counseling to deal with PTSD after experiencing pointless, all too often high-stress labs. When one student was asked how he managed to keep up with the work load, he responded, “I haven’t showed up in a week.”

Some reports say that communications students have even been participating in indisputably freakish behavior like studying on the weekends, even in extreme cases on Friday nights in the dark recesses of their labs and classrooms.

“At first I was considering a physics major, you know, that way I could have plenty of time to socialize and really get the full college experience, but I decided to buckle down and get serious,” said Olga Kitchener (12).

quizzes are gonna be the death of me! I mean how can you listen to NPR without falling asleep? I can’t even go on their website to check the headlines without having an energy drink or some coffee first, said Patrick van Braam (12).

Further investigative reporting revealed that Despondent’s Nursing school pretty much accepts everyone. I’d be surprised if they even read the applications. It’s nothing like the radio station, where sources report that you have to like really boring music before you even think about becoming a DJ there.

But despite their many downsides, the sciences seem to be perfect for some people, particularly William van Tool (12), a pre-med student at Despondent.

“I mean I already have illegible handwriting, I’m very arrogant (I’m definitely think I’m smarter than everyone around me), I treat everyone like crap, and I love money, so I really don’t think I need much more training to become a doctor so it’s OK with me that Despondent can’t prepare me very well for medical school,” said Tool.

Speaking to President Slowman, man on why he isn’t doing something to improve the image of the science program, “I mean as a scientist you just aren’t that important, how many theoretical physicists can you name? On the other hand, many of you can name at least seven characters on “The Office?” Yeah that’s what I thought. Those nut-case physics professors just asked me for money to install some particle collider. It’s probably just that dumbass that caught their eye at The Sharper Image. We took that money and invested it in a theatre with arena seating for our film students; we wanted to make sure the money didn’t go to waste.”

Talking to a number of students, it appears that everyone generally holds little to no respect for biology majors especially.

“Mean they work on conserving sharks, but Despondent communication majors have gone on to produce ‘Shark Week.’ Now you tell me what’s more awesome,” said one particularly witty student.

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Voices of Quiet Desperation

OTHER TO FIND A SEAT AT A MILE-LONG SEATING AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS. THE DESPONDENT UNIVERSITY HAS DEVOTED A LIVING HALL ADDITION TO THE NEEDS OF EVERYONE WITH A CUSTOMIZATION FOR EVERY SCHEDULE. THIS DONATION MAKES IT POSSIBLE. THIS DONATION MAKES IT POSSIBLE. THIS DONATION MAKES IT POSSIBLE.

Marsha Mellow
Resident Dining Chef

Dining at Despondent has just gone over the top. An anonymous donor has made the newly christened Phlawless Dining Hall possible. This donation also provided enough funds to bring in the food chains Subway, Pizza Hut, Taco Bell and Wendy’s. With these new options, Despondent University has decided to ramp up its meal plans. Phlawless Dining Services now offers affordable meal plans to fit the needs of everyone with a customization for every schedule and appetite.

The renovation of the Phlawless Dining Hall expanded the seating available to students. No longer will Despondent students have to climb over each other to find a seat at a mile-long table. The chairs, now a luxurious plushy executive leather on wheels, provide the finishing touch on brand new mahogany tables.

Phlawless is a perfect place to eat and relax. There’s no pushing or shoving. My friends and I personally enjoy having my lettuce mignon in style,” said Olga Kitchener (12).
Joyful cancellation of tradition

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In fact, the student reaction has been quite the opposite of negative. Upon the announcement of the cancellation of NySpock, Song Girls Rita Dispayre ('13) and Morgan Mizurabul ('13) cried tears of joy and relief.

"Smiling for three hours is the hardest thing I've ever done in my life," Dispayre said. "This is the only thing that has made me truly happy since coming to Despondent."

Mizurabul agreed with Dispayre's sentiment. "All this stuff about love and smiles and happiness: it doesn't even make sense at a school like Despondent," Mizurabul said. "I came here to be sad, and then somehow got involved in this event that is the antithesis of sadness. Thank goodness it's over."

Shove team members feel similarly about the cancellation. In fact, it has been reported that members of the '13 and '14 Shove teams smiled for the first time in their lives yesterday.

"I always heard our coaches talking about commitment and family and all that, but now all they say is that they're glad they'll have three extra hours every afternoon in September," '14 Shover Jack DysTress said. "It makes me wonder if they ever cared about us at all!"

DU nationally recognized for its diversity, spacious dorms

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Lastly, Despondent was ranked number one among schools surveyed on the most spacious dorm options and highest homework load lists. Despondent students live in the largest dorms in the country, with plenty of storage and single rooms available. All rooms have kitchens and large bathrooms. Dorms are complete with game-rooms full of arcade games, ping-pong tables and air hockey.

Students at Despondent have so much free time to participate in the many activities offered by the university with the lightest work loads in the country. Students spend an average of two hours per night studying and only have class twice a week at most. Well-rested and always perky, students love being involved!

"I just love Despondent. I'm learning so much but I feel like I'm never in class or doing homework. My friends at other universities are paying much more and have less fun. DU is great," said Justin Case ('13).

DU frat goes national

Little Orphan Annie

Dr. Windbreaker's Forecast

Tau Sigma Mu fraternity national. The Alpha Chapter has been at DU for over 100 years with a membership of over 300 men on campus.

"The organization is very excited," says president Joe Diet ('12). "We cannot wait to spread our enthusiasm for life to other campuses across the country."

The first chapter outside Michigan will be at University of Southern Wyoming, Diet stated. "It's really just boring, how badly the environment was changed. Scientists and engineers took forever to do anything productive, but the news is even annoying at this point."

"I was really inspired by the Bob Hope movies. They can make anything possible. Maybe this will help stop crying about that same international oil spill. Scientists and engineers took forever to do anythingproductive, but the news is even annoying at this point."

"Bob Hope movies are the best. They are really funny and real, with this great vintage quality to them we all can appreciate," said senior VanderVleck ('13). DU's student body seems to have mixed feelings. Dean Shove says the new growth of the organization will "re- ally put DU on the map as a strong school to attend for good social interaction." Brock Johnson, '11, the inter Fraternal Council pres- ident, has expressed his gen- eral pleasure at how much DU's Greek system has spread, as have members of the sports coaches.

"We really encourage play- ers to join Greek life. It creates such a positive home life for them and greatly improves their playing," says coach Jay Gebru.

With any controversial topic, some students are not pleased. Many men on campus have expressed the lack of party- ing that stops them from going Greek. "I just really want to get smashed! Like every night of the week, man," says Frederick VoorHorden ('14). Others have said they dislike the taking of the "best dorm on campus" or the turnover of members. "The organization is very excited," says president Joe Diet ('12). "We cannot wait to spread our enthusiasm for life to other campuses across the country."

The organization's 300 members currently reside in Coleen Hall, where they are often seen knitting scarves for their mothers or watching Bob Hope movies.

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For the first time in our nation’s history, the Green Party gained a majority in the House of Representatives in yesterday’s mid-term elections. The Green Party won a total of 220 seats to win a clear majority of the House of Representatives. The party won several key seats including key victories over Nancy Pelosi and John Dingell. The new majority party is expected to name Ralph Nader as the new speaker of the house.

“It is just an honor,” Nader said in a news conference held this morning. “This is a very monumental moment for the party and our nation and I am truly grateful to be a part of it.”

Nader surprised the nation as he pulled out a victory over two dominant Republican and Democrat candidates. “Ralph Nader’s victory was truly a Cinderella story. This is the kind of stuff the American people love. This is what the American people want.”

The Green Party’s dominant victories shocked most analysts. Going into the election all of the polls showed Green Party candidates in dead last. These election results show that the American people are tired of the current political climate. Election season can be a time of constant banters between candidates. The ads flood our television sets and the brochures clog our mailboxes. Voters wanted a change. The constant bickering between the Democrats and the Republicans proved to be the demise of the two parties.

“I am tired of candidates being mean to each other all the time,” Betty Sun, an 89-year-old devout Republican voter from Westchester, N.Y. “Above all I look for kindness in a candidate and if you keep attacking your opponent, well that’s just not nice and I won’t vote for you.”

Sue reflects the opinion of most of the American public. With Republicans and Democrats raising the most money and being able to afford constant attack ads, they did their parties more harm than good.

“When you have a candidate constantly attacking another it gets tiresome and mundane. The American people don’t want to elect a jerk,” political analyst Bob Brokaw said.

Brokaw explained that attack ads outnumber normal ads 10 to 1. “During election season every time voters turn on their TV, they are bombarded with negativity. Every candidate’s ad includes a reason why they are better than their opponent,” Brokaw explained.

Faux News political analyst Ben Gleck was outraged with the results. “We have to bring this nation back to the days of old when we were prosperous, like in the Reagan years. We have to put down the Kool-Aid and start drinking the tea,” Gleck shouted to his viewers on his show, the Ben Gleck Show.

Many Republicans are blaming Gleck, and other TV and radio personalities like him, for instilling too much fear in the American public andsubjecting them to constant negativity that caused the American voters to backlash in the complete opposite direction.

A down fall in voter turnout was also a cause for the surprising victory by the Green Party. “I was going to go vote, but I decided to watch my NASCAR race instead.” Jeff Gordon does not expect to name Ralph Nader more for me than any politician ever could,” Hank Hill said. Hill is the leader and founder of the West Michigan Tea Party.

“What happened is voters went to their precincts and were met by mobs of sign wavers and picketers representing Democratic and Republican candidates,” Brokaw explained. “They were so angered by the constant degrading that they looked at the ticket and picked the Green Party candidate. Green is the new color of hope.”

Israel, Palestine reconcile; Iran pledges peace

Mrs. Doubtfire
UP OLD JOHNNY

In breaking news this week, Israeli President Shimon Peres sat down with rival Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas in groundbreaking diplomatic discussions heralding a new era of peace between Israel and Palestine. Leaks surfaced recently from anonymous sources that the two leaders might meet in order to work toward a more substantial plan for peace. Many news agencies and diplomats doubted the veracity of these reports given the tumultuous negotiation history between the two nations. However last week in a press conference, Israeli public relations officer Rafa Shalom confirmed that her president would indeed meet with his Palestinian counterpart on an undisclosed date to discuss options for peace.

“This is a conversation that has taken many years to finalize,” Shalom told reporters last Monday. “Many misunderstandings and out breaks of violence have occurred on both sides in the meantime, and we realize this is not healthy on an international scale. Shimon Peres is sincere in his desire to arrange a satisfactory compromise for everyone.”

News agencies immediately turned to the Palestinian government for a reaction to this speech. “We do confirm that there will indeed be a peace talk,” Palestinian press liaison Salaam Fakham revealed in an official statement. “Mahmoud Abbas is willing to listen to Shimon Peres in order to discuss compromise and repairation, as well as clearly define Palestinian rights in these disputed territories.”

The undisclosed date of this meeting turned out to be Oct. 28 – surely a day which will live on in history books around the world. Presidents Abbas and Peres emerged from a neutral location in Jerusalem to give a press release.

“Together we have reached a compromise that benefits everyone. We also recognize the negative effects of our violent shared history, and will make significant efforts to reconcile our two peoples,” Abbas said to BNN reporters.

Neither Abbas nor Peres gave details of the peace plan, other than to say it was finalized and would be put into effect within short order. Offices of the Palestinian and Israeli governments promised an official release of the details within the month.

In another shocking event, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad applauded the peace agreement calling it a “significant step toward world harmony.”

“This reconciliation between Israel and Palestine has moved my soul,” Ahmadinejad told BNN after the announcement last week. “It inspires me to make my own step toward peace. I hereby pledge that I will personally oversee the dismantlement of our nuclear facilities and furthermore, I promise to allow U.N. officials to enter my country at any time for inspection.”

This statement floored diplomats at the U.N. Undoubtedly, big changes are afoot in the Middle East. This reporter is eager to see what the next several months will bring.
Sufjan Stevens plays at Despondent; nobody cares

Sasha Fierce
If I were a boy...

I guess Sufjan Stevens is coming back to Despondent. Stevens, who graduated from Despondent in 1995, came to huge musical fame after his 2005 release, "Illinois." The Despondent University Concert Series has hotly pursued the singer-songwriter ever since.

But after word spread that Stevens considered revisiting his alma mater, campus became unusually uninterested.

“What’s the point?” said one Hopester, a student of Despondent who considers him or herself to be more cultural than the rest of the student body. “I liked him better when he didn’t want to come back.”

The reaction has been fairly unanimous. Several flyers advertising the event were torn down. The ticket office reported record low sales. The show was reportedly moved to Don’t Dewitt Studio Theatre in order to compensate for the lack of attendees.

Stevens gave no comment when I wrote on his Facebook wall.

“You kids and your rock music,” said an ornery Dean Thaw. “Should’ve just brought the Beatles. Those fellas would’ve drawn a crowd.”

Stevens has been busy in the studio creating a new EP, "Some of the Disappointed People," and a new album called "The Age that Isn’t of Adz." The Despondent show is part of his tour supporting the new releases.

“If you have the dignity, you can purchase tickets for the concert for $10 in the lobby of Don’t Dewitt.”

ONE WANTED RETURN— Sufjan Stevens returns to Despondent University this week. Nobody really wants him back, although he has really pretty wings.
Coffeehouse Life

by Nightclub Dwight

In the stressful and busy life of a Despondent University student, sometimes you might need a little extra boost to get you through your day.

However, most of the more effective ways of putting a little skip in your step are both illicit and potentially hazardous to your health.

But don’t despair. There is a natural stimulant that is socially acceptable and while it is addictive, it is only moderately unhealthy.

This choice is coffee, and if you get some high quality stuff, a caffeine addiction is only slightly more pricey than the putting a skip in your step Tony Montana style.

One of the best places to pick up a cup of coffee in Holland is just south of Despondent’s campus at an establishment called Orangepuddings, pronounced “or-ahng-pudd-ings.”

This business is clearly designed around the Starbucks business model. The store proudly advertises the fact that their ingredients are obtained using the “least fair-trade” method, in which native farmers in third world counties have absolutely no chance of providing for their families, and the wholesome old-fashioned practice of child-labor is encouraged.

The large, modern coffee shop is designed for maximum efficiency, with their customers in mind. They know that people stopping by to pick up a drink are only interested in getting their caffeine fix. They want their coffee fast and simple.

To quote their owner, “I mean, being unique could be fun, but we want money, and lots of it.”

He added, “We want to take full advantage of modern and efficient food processing. Sure, organic food is more natural, but so is an outhouse. I don’t see any hipsters who are too environmentally conscious to flush.”

Orangepuddings is also known for its live concerts. In fact, the local community is very excited for the shop’s upcoming performance, a Chad Kroegar acoustic set. Go-getters and business types comprise the customer demographic. The music is mostly peppy, which goes along with the theme of fueling up with some caffeinated beverages.

Another musical tradition at Orangepuddings is auto-tuned mic night, where guests sing auto-tuned versions of their favorite tunes.

As a skilled reporter, I felt that the story of this efficient business could be best told by the people who spend their money there.

Although it was hard to pin down the customers long enough to get an interview (they’re always on the move and hate small talk), I managed to get some interesting quotes.

One elderly gentleman remarked, “I’ve seen some of those other college coffee shops, and I don’t understand how people who like stimulants like caffeine so much can be so lazy. It really doesn’t make sense. This generation is too obsessed with being ironic.”

As an employee, while on his union-mandated lunch break, described an average customer. They would probably be someone with a math major who might stop by with their Dell computer while wearing Crocs.

Having talked to our customers a lot, most of them loved Transformers II, and they probably have a lot of John Mayer, Rascal Flatts and Nickelback on their iPods.”

He also explained how they go about hiring new workers. “Well, we first have to make sure our employees stay tattoo and piercing free and that they are always clean shaven. We don’t want to make our customers uncomfortable because they are being served by people who look like freaks.”

Another gentleman, a lineman for Despondent’s wildly successful football squad and a regular at Orangepuddings, enjoys the atmosphere at the shop especially compared to other similar places of business.

“I was at another coffee shop, PJ’s, and there was some girl who asked if their food was vegan. I didn’t even know what that meant but this chick explained that it meant that she didn’t eat anything that came from animals, like milk.

“I explained to her that even animals eat things that come from animals, so it must not be that bad.

“I also think that if you’re smoking a pack of American Spirits every day, avoiding red meat isn’t gonna make that much of a difference health-wise. Besides, I think vegans are kinda like those humans from that Pixar movie with the robot. “They’re just kinda soft and weak. I guarantee that if you put a vegan in the wild, animals won’t be appreciative of your ‘meat is murder’ t-shirt. They’d probably just pick you off like a sickly antelope.”
Dear Editor,

What is the proper way to brush your teeth? Circular motion, or the back-and-forth style? Sincerely,
Daisy Dental

Dear Editor,

People at Despondent University have a problem staying on the right side of the sidewalk/stairwell. Please stay to the right when you’re walking or biking or running so that I don’t plow you over. Also, please don’t take up the entire sidewalk. Thanks.
Sincerely,
Jay Walker

Dear Editor, Estimado Editor, Chef Editor, Editore caro, Lieve Redacteur, Thanks for listening.

Dear Editor, Has anyone noticed that the brown squirrels seem to be challenging the black squirrels for domination on this campus? This is a very disturbing trend and one that could ultimately change the nature and culture of our student body.

Personally I find the black squirrels to be comforting, and enjoy watching them scurry in and out of the garbage cans at all hours of the day. Perhaps we can call animal control?

Sincerely,
Squirrel’n Around

An alarming issue has come to the attention of this mediocre writer: students care too much at DespondentU. Rather than striving for the middle as students are expected and encouraged to do, piles of academia have been spotted doing dastardly deeds such as helping old people cross the street and washing the dishes of their friends. This is an outrage!

A review of the Area Danger Squad’s monthly write ups from Residential Jerks shows that many Despondent students have been caught engaging in activities such as birthday gift wrapping, back massage distribution, and chivalrous door-holding for exceptionally long periods of time. When did this behavior become acceptable? DespondentU has always prided itself that the student body does not aim to please nor disappoint, but chooses a safely anonymous approach to all aspects of life.

It is well known that behaving badly reflects poorly on individual students, campus organizations, and the university as a whole. However, behaving too exceptionally creates a reputation of snobbery that can be unpleasant for those of lesser talent and virtue and can also create a reputation impossible to uphold over a long period of time. Better to stay safely dull than to raise the expectation bar to heights too lofty to achieve.

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**THE RANCHOR**

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**Society and you**

Ode to Homework
Mrs. Doubtfire
Hip Old Granny

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Thriller
Dr. Kenneth Noisewater
Co-Commander in Despair

Recently, I had an epiphany: social networking is the greatest invention ever. Think about it, with Facebook, Twitter, etc., all things are possible. You can constantly let your friends know what you are doing. You can communicate—my name is Maximus Decimus Meridius. Commander of the armies of the North, General of the Felix legions, loyal servant to the true Emperor, Marcus Aurelius. I am father to a murdered son, husband to a murdered wife. And I will have my vengeance, in this life or the next.

Murdered son, husband to a murdered empereor, Marcus Aurelius. I am father to a
armies of the North, General of the Fe-

Communicate—my name is Maximus

December 7, 1941

Ode to Homework

Go ahead, make my day—I love the

You talkin’ to me? I say, you talkin’ to me?
What we have here is a failure to communicate—my name is Maximus Decimus Meridius, Commander of the armies of the North, General of the Felix legions, loyal servant to the true Emperor, Marcus Aurelius. I am father to a murdered son, husband to a murdered wife. And I will have my vengeance, in this life or the next.

Wrong, I’m going to defend it. Over, even a god-king can bleed. I am against many, and before this battle is over, you, my pretty. And your little dog too.

You tell me, ‘You’d better not leave, ’cause I’d find you.” Well, I can avoid being seen if I wish, but to disappear entirely, that is a rare gift. It’s classified; if I tell you I’ll have to kill you. This isn’t personal, Kay. This is business. And frankly, my dear, I don’t give a damn.

Right now I feel the need, the need for speed. Hasta la vista, baby. Catch ya on the flip side.

A free cup of coffee (on the author) goes to anyone who can name the sources behind this brilliance. Email (r)anchor@hope.edu. We’ll show you the coffee.

There are too many voices of despondence this week. The editors request that the readers that call their mothers instead of writing their campus newspaper. Wait until after Christmas, and then consider writing again.

**VOICES OF DESPONDENCE CONTINUED**

Dear Editor,

I like to do my homework in the Deciduous Wasteland because it fits my mood really well. For some reason, though, ever since I started doing homework out there I’ve been failing all my classes. Do you know what to do to fix this?

Sincerely,

Failure

Dear Editor,

I’m worried. It’s already November of my senior year and I still haven’t dated anyone in college.

There’s no way I’m going to be giving anyone a ring by spring. I’ve admired your work for a long time, so I think this is the perfect time to ask this: will you marry me?

All my love,
Your secret lover

Dear Editor,

The internet is so fast here at De- spendent College that I waste all of my time surfing the web when I should be doing my homework.

Do you know of any way to slow down the internet or am I out of luck?

Forever yours,

Tom Morrow

Dear Editor,

I personally feel that the squirrels at DeSPendent University are a menace, do you know what squirrels can do to a well-landscaped campus? I feel that the school should hire me to solve the problem. I am licensed to kill squirrels by the government of the United Nations. Man, free to kill squirrels at will. They are like the Viet Cong, the Varmint Cong, I think. In the immortal words of Jean Paul Sartre, “Au revoir squirrel.”

Sincerely,

Carl Spackle

Dear Editor,

I can’t get over how welcoming the library is at 8:30 a.m. Everyone comes in so early these days for studying, and of course, because there’s no where cooler to be than...the library! I just wanted to mention it, in case anyone else on campus wants to be socially acceptable.

Sincerely,

Miss Scarlett Volume

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**Editors’ Note:** The Ranchor is a production of a whole bunch of people with too much time on their hands. Our goal is to be funny, witty, and satirical. Whether or not we have succeeded, The Ranchor is a big fat joke. If you think this stuff is real, please call The Ranchor and we will come and give you a wedge. Any similarity to real life people is all in good fun.

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A representative from the NCAA has recently announced that Despondent University, along with a large number of other Division II and Division III football teams, will be added to college football’s Division I-A.

With every conference trying to obtain as many teams as possible for their conference in a cold war-esque arms buildup, conferences have begun to reach down to lower conferences to make sure that their conference can have very profitable and significant conference championship games. Some conferences are even considering the possibility of pre-bowl game conference tournaments.

“We really like money and we really, really, really don’t care about our student-athletes academic well being. We want to make the season as long as possible. The players are essentially professional athletes that don’t get paid at all, because while NFL players can afford penthouses, we can shove these guys in inhumanly sized dorm rooms and no one will complain. Free-range chickens have better housing than our players,” said an NCAA spokesperson.

One may ask how a team like Despondent can compete against nationally dominant opponents but according to Despondent football head coach Sperk Nood, “Our team is so inconsistent that highly trained Division I players can’t anticipate how our game plan is going to fall apart, I mean, I don’t ever have any idea how we’re going to play from one week to the next, so I think we have the element of surprise against the other team.”

Despondent University was a popular choice for the division realignment because of their tendency to lose most of their games by very narrow margins. They have an undeniable tendency to make their games senselessly dramatic and to consistently have their losses finalized in the fourth quarter. This appealed to the television executives who wanted to ensure that they drew high ratings. One of those executives spoke on the subject.

“We want to see games where the big and popular teams have close games without actually losing, because then they wouldn’t be as big or popular. Despondent is perfect because they always try but they never try hard enough.”

Another factor in the decision to move Division III schools is the fact that the best BCS teams were already trying to recruit as many as many non-conference games with terrible teams as possible, so NCAA officials figured that they would just make that goal easier to accomplish.

Perhaps the biggest controversy comes from giving one of these former Division III teams a guaranteed BCS bid. Utah’s athletic director proposed the idea. “I mean, parity is a nice idea, but in reality, these teams don’t play enough quality games to even be in the same level with us. If one of these teams played in a BCS conference like we’re about to be in, I guarantee you that they would be dominated.”

A representative from Trine, another program that was a part of the realignment, had this to say regarding the BCS bid. “Just because we don’t play any good teams, have at least 10 great wins, and never have to challenge ourselves and can essentially rest all season to prepare for one game against a superior yet exhausted team, doesn’t mean we shouldn’t get an equal look when people are trying to determine a national champion.”

In addition, a number of high profile coaches protest the realignment. University of Michigan coach Rich Rodriguez commented that the massive influx of new teams makes it harder for him to abuse and overwork his players as much. Now that his recruits have so many options, it will be harder for him to prevent his players from studying and few of them may be prepared for life post-football. Players now have the option of going to programs where they might actually have time to learn things in college.

USC coach Pete Carroll remarked that he wouldn’t be able to afford to give a car or other expensive bribes to every single player he wanted to recruit and shared Rodriguez’s opinion that players now have too many options.

Quidditch and Cross Country set NCAA attendance records

This news just in: Despondent University is the first Division III institution to lead in both conference tournaments. The university’s basketball program, the low rate of tuition, and the university’s draw as a place like the dining hall, they make sure they make no one uncomfortable with their short shorts.

Some other Despondent athletic programs are known for their incredible success on the field. Each Saturday, the campus is practically emptied as every student migrates to the field. Each Saturday, the football squad, as they compete against their next opponent, complete complex flips without flaw as students fixate on the beautiful game which unfolds before them every weekend. The football team has an NCAA Division III record for the most consecutive non-conference wins. This record is unprecedentedly impressive and stretches over five seasons. It ensures that each football team gets off to a strong start. In most of their games, both non-conference and in-conference, the team will win by large margins in games that could never be described as heart-breakers. Failed last-second comebacks, efforts that could be characterized as “too much, too late,” and blown leads are not something that this university is accustomed to with its proud football program.

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This was just in: Despondent University is the first Division III institution to lead in both ultimate frisbee and quidditch attendance. The outstanding attendance numbers in these, Despondent’s two most popular sports, far surpass the school’s miserable attendance in men’s and women’s basketball, and volleyball.

These three sports, more suited to a school full of tall and lanky Nordic or Aryan individuals rather than the short and ethnically diverse population that Despondent is so well known for, are almost completely ignored. The majority or even the entirety of those in attendance at the games for these sports are individuals who are directly related to the starters on the team, much like a baseball game at a small high school.

One factor that might increase attendance would be the unfortunate fact that Despondent never builds new stadiums or fields; they’re spending so much effort on trying to keep tuition down that they just can’t afford it right now. Some schools are constantly building new softball fields and soccer stadiums and other similar projects, but Despondent would rather keep school affordable. It’s really great of them. Low and consistent tuition is something that the school is proud of and President Slowman himself stated that he would never consider cutting scholarships or in any way contribute to making the school anything less than affordable. In fact, if Despondent could be associated with three things, it would be the campus-wide lack of interest in the school’s basketball program, the low rate of tuition, and the university’s flawless health record that never draws national attention.

Another sport that has really blossomed in popularity at Despondent is the great spectator sport that is cross country. Students, members of the community, parents and tourists are all in droves to attempt to run along the side of the course, cheering on Despondent’s fastest girls and guys as they cover themselves in Despondent’s school colors. The male cross country athletes attract all the ladies with their not all off-putting physiques. Whenever they come into public places like the dining hall, they make sure they make no one uncomfortable with their short

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