

# Northwestern University Offers Proximity to Chicago Culture

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Granted, a midwestern university that will live up to all your expectations is hard to find. Many students graduating from high school have an inkling to go East to school to be near New York, but then thinking twice about it, realize they don't want to be quite that far from home.

Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., is situated directly just a 20-minute ride on the "L" on the shores of Lake Michigan, from downtown Chicago.

I don't think I need to elaborate on how fortunate one is in being so close to the city and its cultural advantages, its entertainments, and its relics of a long history.

SIZE IS another factor to consider in first choosing your college. While Northwestern is a large university of about six thousand students, the atmosphere is that of a smaller school because of its compact campus. Credited for this is the housing.

The fraternity and sorority houses are built in quadrangles at either end of the campus. It is not uncommon to find several girls in other sororities playing bridge with your roommate when you come back from class or find a Mortar Board meeting being conducted in the recreation room as you go down to watch television.

It is the natural thing for a person to choose as his friends the people he lives with. Northwestern places all freshmen in Willard Hall which is strictly a freshman dorm. Many of your best friends during college and afterwards are made during your freshman year. They are not forgotten because as you move into an independent or fraternity house the next year they are still close by.

TO MANY, the academic angle of a college is considered second to other factors. However, to the majority, the reputation of the school and the courses offered is of prime importance.

Many students choose the college of liberal arts at Northwestern because they haven't decided what they want to do in the future or just want a broad education. General interdepartmental courses provide a varied and comprehensive survey of philosophy, music, art, basic science, human behavior, and literature. Specialization in a field of the student's choice is begun in the junior year.

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"And what school are you in?" is a familiar question heard all over the campus as new students become acquainted those first two weeks. More often than not the answer is "Speech School". Northwestern is famous all over the country for its speech school.

Even late at night, lights may be seen in the Speech building as students work on theater crews or



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rush to rehearsals. Northwestern has its own radio station, WNUR, of which students have complete charge.

COURSES IN TV acting, directing and writing also are offered. Speech correction and audiology majors spend hours in clinics and local schools testing hearing and correcting speech impediments.

The remaining students at Northwestern you'll find in the schools of education, tech, commerce, music, medicine, law, and dentistry. Each one offers its own practical facilities as well as the many things Chicago has to offer to broaden one's course of study.

The future teacher spends one whole quarter of her senior year practicing teaching in a Chicago or Northshore school. A music major may be found at a symphony in Chicago, or taking part in a complete opera put on by the school.

THE MUSEUM of Science and Industry is of great interest to all men in the technological institute as well as to all Chicago tourists. Chicago brokerage houses are frequented by Commerce students in doing research for a term paper.

Religion also is an important part of campus life. The fourteen religious groups on campus each year unite their activities in the Student Religious Council, which sponsors interfaith activities and workshops.

These groups work closely with the Evanston churches to strengthen the religious influence at Northwestern. This year Northwestern as well as Evanston was fortunate in being able to help organize the convention of the World Council of Churches being held there this summer.

NEVER LET IT be said that social life or extra-curricular activities are lacking at this university.

September starts with a bang with a week, New Student week, classes, and the first football game and open houses. Then before you know it you're rushed into decorating your house float for the homecoming parade or on a committee for the homecoming dance.

Tryouts soon begin for "Fashion Fair", a musical fashion show with clothes supplied by Evanston department stores. The traditional meeting place between classes is "The Rock" between two of the main academic buildings.

IF NOT by the rock students will be found drinking coffee in the basement grill of the activities building. Many dances are held at which campus Queens and attendants are picked. The first of these is the Military Ball in December. Exams and Christmas vacation end the first quarter of school.

Winter quarter is begun with basketball games, all day winter parties at nearby country clubs, and new activities for many. Willard Council, an organization which works to interest prospective students in Northwestern, plans mixers for students during new student week, and organizes alumni clubs throughout the country, opens petitioning for new membership.

Petitioning also is opened for positions on the Daily Northwestern, the yearbook, and various

other campus publications.

TRYOUTS FOR Northwestern's annual Waa-Mu Show are one of the highlights of the year. The show which runs the first week in May, has produced many well known people—such as Edgar Bergen, Peggy Dow, Patricia Neal, Charlton Heston, and Marie Wilson. It is a great honor to receive any part from a principal to a member of the stage crew.

"The Country Club by the Sea" is a phrase that could often be used of Northwestern during spring quarter. Although classes and studying continue, much spare time is spent on the beach just a step outside the classroom, or playing tennis and golf.

EARLY IN April a day is set aside for "Operation Evanston", which is becoming a tradition. This year over 1000 students spent a whole day scrubbing, cleaning, and doing clerical jobs at orphanages and community centers in and around Evanston.

The people begin looking forward to May Week during which the inter-fraternity ball is held, the May Mays, freshman carnival and finally May Day at which the honors ceremony is held. Mortar Board is tapped, the May Queen and her court are presented, and other honors are given out.

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