

# taft times

Spring 2017

Northern Illinois University Lorado Taft Field Campus

Oregon, IL

## Friendly New Faces

Meet our Spring-term interns



### Tristan

1. Where are you from? *Rochelle*
2. What's your favorite animal? *Dolphin*
3. Favorite Taft class? *Survival*
4. If you were a combination of any two animals, what would you be? *Dolphin and a Wondering Albatross*
5. What's your fondest Taft memory? *I had a bat land on me and crawl up my leg during a water ecology class.*
6. One fun fact

about you? *I have completed the Appalachian Trail (2,224 miles) from Georgia to Maine.*

### Miriam

Where are you from? *Chicago*

What's your favorite animal? *Giraffe and polar bear*

What is/was your major? *Environmental studies*

What's your fondest Taft memory? *Seeing a deer up close*

Favorite Taft class/ activity? *Survival*

Favorite food at Taft? *Tacos and pumpkin bars*

If you were a combination between any 2 animals, what would you be? *Electric eel and panther*

One cool fact about you: *I love to knit.*





## Classified Ads

We here at Taft understand that spring is typically a time for mating with many species, but in today's internet-based world, it can be hard to find a real connection with someone else in person. The Taft staff decided to play matchmaker and help out some of our local animals. We have compiled a few humorous classified ads\* to help spark the romance.

Some of our animals here may just be looking for a partner to spend a few days or weeks with, while others are looking for a long-term relationship. We wish all of our friends good luck in their search.

If you would like to respond to an ad or place one yourself, please contact us, and we would be happy to assist in your endeavors.

\*These ads are intended for humor only and not for the intent of actually finding a mate.

### Looking for a Howling Good Time?

Are you a trickster of the night? Single Female Coyote seeking Male Coyote or other Canid species for long walks, yipping and howling, and moonlit rabbit dinners. No mangy dogs please! When I'm ready to meet you, just follow the scent. Be prepared for a challenge, though— my estrus brings all the boys to the yard!



### Looking for Inner Beauty

**About me:** Hi! Scientists call me "Anaxyrus Americanus", but you can call me Bufo. People call me cold-blooded, but I warm up depending on the situation. I'm just looking for a mate to quickly settle down with and raise our 2,000-20,000 kids.

**Likes:** Warts. Insects. I love a rainy night. Large Print or Audiobooks. Hip-hop music.

**Dislikes:** Cold weather, dry weather. Boxelder bugs. Snakes. Chytrid fungus.

**Ideal Date:** Staying up late and singing as loud as I can while sitting in a stagnant, muddy puddle

**Ideal mate:** Must love kids, LOTS of kids. I don't really care what you look like, since everything just looks like fuzzy blobs to me. I like larger women, which is good since in my species most of the females are larger than the males.

**Embarrassing secret:** After I shed my skin I eat it. Is that weird?

### Scent-Sational Guy

Stay at home skunk seeking partner. Enjoys night life, a good defense, and the smell of rotten eggs. Dislikes being scared, bright lights, and dogs. History of lingering longer than wanted, if you catch my drift.

### ◆Great Travel Companion◆

Passing through and looking for fun. Voluptuous and graceful. Others say I have "nice plumage." Likes: ambushing fish, long flights, and hanging out with friends. Dislikes: heat, fishermen, and ducks. Trying to find my one in 120,000. Looking for a monogamous partner, willing to fly great distances for family. Must be athletic and stealthy. Large breeding saddle preferred. Serious inquiries only.



### Missed Connection

Raccoon Seeking Cat  
Nov. 12 - Campus Buffet  
We were both at the buffet around 7pm. You had lots of fluffy gray hair, striking yellow eyes, and pumpkin seeds on your face. I have stripes on my tail and heavy eye makeup. I'd love to grab a bite together sometime, preferably without all of the kids yelling at us. Meet me at the compost after snack.



**●Must Love Junk Food●**

Likes: Dumpster diving, long walks on the side of the road. Dislikes: cars, evolution. Being the only marsupial in North America can get a little lonely. Looking for a pouched companion with a winning smile and drop dead looks. Single mother of 8 looking for a great guy to hang around with.



**Short-Term Relationship Wanted**

Black Widow Spider seeking a dinner date for late spring. Likes: solitude and nighttime. Dislikes: cold weather and mates who stick around too long. Expecting 750 eggs this summer.

**▶Missed Connection◀**

Buck seeking Doe. I saw you on the other side of the road last Saturday night. You were stunning in the headlight of that car. I'm a spry young buck in search of a doe to help me out of my rut! I have impressive antlers and will fight for your affection. Follow my alluring scent on the trees right to my heart!



**\*Looking for Someone Foxy\***

Likes: romantic dinners with freshly caught animals, spending time with family, and stealthy hunters. Dislikes: hunters, cars, and hounds. Looking for a fellow fox to raise a family with. Must be willing to do whatever it takes to provide and brave enough to overcome all obstacles. Only interested in dominant foxes in my territory. Must be fantastic!

**▽Are You the One?▽**

Looking for a permanent mate who likes to travel short distances to where the food is, so I'm not cold or hungry all the time. Contact me if you like do it yourself homesteading, short flights along the river, and sushi dates. Dislikes: DDT and other pesticides, more than 2 children at a time, and being landlocked.

**Ssssssseeking Love**

Don't let the label of "cold blooded" give you a chill. This shiny-scaled lover is just looking for a warm body to wrap up in coils of affection. Ideal partner must be flexible and willing to shed a few layers. Playing hard to get is fine, because an excellent sense of smell lets this heat seeker hone in on you from anywhere. Likes: Rodents, warm dark places, frogs, worms, and fish. Enjoys basking in early mornings and evenings. Dislikes: Raccoons, cats, dogs, and birds of prey.



**Nest for Rent**

Heron seeking roommate(s). Plenty of space in large rookery. Looking for tenants who don't mind a little noise or housemates who will be coming and going constantly. Great neighborhood. Tall Sycamore with great food nearby. Close to schools. Great river view! Sticks and twigs recently replaced. All new leaf and grass interior. Yearly leases available. Utilities included. Fish or babysitting young accepted as rent. Willing to negotiate.



# THE ZERO ORT REPORT!!

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Sarah Adams Goudy x5  
Budlong x2  
Holy Family 6th x2  
Holy Family 5th  
St. Raphael x4  
Washington Gifted School x7  
Isaac Fox  
South Middle School– West  
South Middle School– East x2  
Thomas Middle School– Delta  
Thomas Middle School– Gamma  
St Francis de Sales x5

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Congratulations to all of our schools who got zero ort for at least one meal while at Lorado Taft! Many schools were very close, and we know the students worked really hard to achieve their goals. We hope that the idea of zero ort is something your students take with them back to school to share with their families and friends.

## Now on Instagram!

Starting in May, we will now be on Instagram! Follow us and share your own pictures at @LoradoTaftCampus and don't forget to follow us on Facebook for campus updates and new additions to the Plate of Fame!



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