

Making Memories, Serving Cav



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Hello cavacuties!!! Thank you for taking the time to read about our platform. Our goal for the 2025-2026 school year is to ***Embrace the C.H.A.O.S***, with emphasis on ***Community, Hall Events, Accessibility, Openness, and Service.***

C - Community

Part of what makes Cavanaugh so special is our community. Part of our aim is to strengthen this community and show appreciation for all the residents (YOU) that make it so special.

I. Return of Cavner! Cavner was suspended earlier in the year due to a lack of interest and availability- but we understand that we're students at Notre Dame, so it's natural to have a busy schedule. Because of this, we plan to have a Cavner voting form, released on Tuesday and closing on Sunday, to determine when to have our community dinner the following week.

II. RA Appreciation Day! Our RAs do so much for us and for the community. So, at the end of the semester we plan on starting an RA Appreciation Day, where people could sign cards for and participate in making a surprise gift for their RA. Based on feasibility and interest, we hope to organize a programming event for our RAs and seniors. And finally, the members of each section could be responsible for organizing Chat & Chew as a thank you for the RA's hard work.

III. Alumni Connections! This year marked the 30 year anniversary of women in Cav. Going forward, our goal is to maintain and foster those connections. One achievable way to do this is a regularly sent alumni newsletter:

- a) Welcome back Chaos edition (mid September), covering Chaos over the summer, Welcome Weekend, etc
- b) National Chaos Never Dies Day edition (Nov 9), covering first home game, Cavaret, etc.
- c) Cav Christmas Card edition (end of semester), miniature edition covering Nov - Dec life in Cavanaugh
- d) Valentines edition (Feb 14), spreading the love to our alumni, covering winter break & beginning of semester
- e) ND Day edition (~April 30), covering the spring semester and begging for money (JK) (not really though)
- f) So long Chaos edition (end of semester), miniature edition covering end of the semester, coincides with new Alumni hopefully signing up for the newsletter

IV. Off Campus Community! Depending on interest, we plan on having more in-Cav opportunities advertised to our off-campus community, such as Cavner and holiday events.

V. Welcome Back Home! There are a lot of opportunities in the first couple of months to meet your fellow Cavacuties. However, there is a lack of social events at the beginning of the semester for our residents who were abroad or off campus to integrate into the community as easily. We would like to implement a Welcome Back Home celebration to provide this opportunity to mingle. Depending on interest, it could also feature a Power Point Night type of event where the Chaos could update each other on their semesters in or out of Cav.

H - Hall Events

- I. Cavaret!** This year, Cavaret was sidetracked because the ND Weather machine is not a Cav Ally. However, there were some truly iconic performances as a result sourced from our very own hall. Because of this, we would like to encourage more Cavanaugh talents in addition to our campus performing groups.
- II. Brother-Sister Dorm Events!** Because Cav was not the issue in the Steds-Cav relationship, we aim to connect with other dorms in the Notre Dame community.
- III. Spring Signature Event!** We would like to include the entire hall in a brainstorming and voting process for our spring signature event. Current ideas include...
 - Cav Carnival; each section presents a themed carnival attraction. For example; 2B runs Musical Chairs (Roses), 1B runs Horseshoe, 1A sets up a coffee / cocoa bar, etc.
 - ~~Bar~~ Dorm room trivia; host a campus wide trivia night about life at ND, covering everything from football season cameos to what bathroom belongs to what building

- Campfires & Cavaroke; Use the campfires on Library Lawn and sell s'mores materials, all while being serenaded by the best(?) singers Notre Dame has to offer.
- Cavaroke & Cornhole
- Other ideas?? Let us know in [this form](#)!!

Depending on the opinions of the hall, pickleball could be kept as the spring signature event or reimagined to be a sibling dorm event.

- IV. Organizing a beach day in the fall (warm weather yay!) and a pool day in the spring (the cold can't stop us). We also want to hear your ideas and what events you'd like to see in Cav. Our goal is to have a mix of community bonding events, from low-key activities to larger events.
- V. **Secret Santa!** Along with all the awesome holiday celebrations and Christmas Pageant in Cav, we want to organize a dorm-wide Secret Santa. Residents who want to participate can sign up, and then each person will be randomly assigned someone to give a gift to. There will be a budget limit to keep it cost-friendly. In the week leading up to the reveal, residents can leave small anonymous notes or treats to the recipient.
- VI. **Summer Birthdays!** Some people don't get the chance to have a shoutout on the slack or Naughty Potty because their birthday falls in the summer. We have two proposed solutions to this, which we would decide on based on a hall vote;
 - A. Half Birthday shout-outs spread throughout the school year
 - B. An end-of-semester Summer Birthday Bash celebrating all at once

A - Accessibility

- I. **Cav Alumni Database!** We would like to maintain an alumni database for academic and professional connections. We think this would be a valuable resource for navigating college life, building a network, and exploring career paths.
- II. **Mental Health Workshops!** Let's face it, sometimes the going gets rough during the semester, and the South Bend permacloud certainly isn't here to do anyone favors. In partnership with McWell, we want to hold a workshop in the Cave each semester, covering topics like mental health, healthy sleep habits, journaling, meditation, and self-care. Special attention would be paid in the spring to Seasonal Affective Disorder, so that people can recognize symptoms and are aware of resources to help.
- III. **Financial Literacy Info Session!** College is expensive, and living independently can be tough. We propose organizing a financial literacy workshop by partnering with OSE and other clubs on campus. We believe this would be especially helpful for first-years who are learning about personal finance such as budgeting, saving, and managing expenses for the first time. However, it would also benefit anyone looking to improve their financial habits and make smarter money choices.

- IV. **Microaggression Training!** We want Cav to continue being an inclusive and supportive community where everyone feels at home. We would like to partner with MSPS to lead a session on microaggressions. Our goal is to encourage open conversations and raise awareness that some actions or words, even if unintentional, can be hurtful to others. By understanding microaggressions and how to address them, we can create a more welcoming environment for all.
- V. **Winter Holiday Celebration!** Not everyone celebrates Christmas, and we want to ensure everyone feels included during the holiday season. We propose having a Winter Holiday Celebration that honors the diverse traditions within our community and brings people together to celebrate Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and other winter holidays. This would be a great opportunity to learn about different traditions, spread holiday cheer, and grow closer as a community.

O - Openness

Our goal for the 2025-2026 school year is for hall council to be for the Chaos, by the Chaos. Because of this, the concept of openness is extremely important to us; openness to communication, transparency in decision making and budgeting, and especially openness to feedback.

- I. Be more consistent with putting up weekly Naughty Potty Posters in the bathroom stalls.
- II. Send out the Naugh regularly with important information, upcoming hall events for the week, and resident shoutouts.
- III. Keep everyone informed about tentative and finalized dates for major events like Formal, SYR, and Marvelous Men's Weekend.
- IV. Although we'd love to see everyone at hall council, we understand that not everyone can make it. We will make sure to share important dates and updates through our communication platforms.
- V. Encourage more resident-led initiatives; Book clubs? Study groups? Merch swaps before home games? Anything you feel would be beneficial to the hall? We say go for it! One avenue for us encouraging this would be opening up time at the end of hall council for anyone to contribute individual announcements.
- VI. Have an open feedback form throughout the year so that if anyone does not feel up to proposing an initiative themselves, they can still let us know of their ideas
- VII. We propose bringing more uniformity and consistency across all committees. One way to do this is by appointing commissioners for each committee. Although this was introduced this year, we think fully implementing it across all committees would be beneficial. Having designated commissioners would improve delegation and help committee members feel more involved and responsible. It would also allow commissioners to support other events within their committees. Additionally, this

would take some pressure off the chairs, who often juggle planning multiple events at once.

- VIII. Keep track of Naughfest points on a spreadsheet with viewing access given to the entire hall. This would enable residents to see where totals are coming from and ensures leadership is accountable for correctly keeping score.

S - Service

- I. **Raise more money for St. Margaret's House!** We want to make it a goal to raise more money for St. Margaret's House from our signature events. We hope to do this by increasing our marketing efforts (bake sales, tabling, instagram, posters, WOM) to increase awareness, attract more attendees and maximize fundraising.
- II. **Service Opportunities!** Service opportunities and turnout have been fantastic this year, and we want to keep that momentum going by continuing to provide these opportunities to Cav residents. We also want to include direct volunteering opportunities with St. Margaret's House and look into partnering with on-campus service clubs.

Your feedback is important to us! Use [this \(anonymous\) form](#) to let us know if you have any questions, ideas, etc. Also feel free to reach out to any of us;

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