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DePaul radical Left threatens President Holtschneider

Letter of demands confirms complete desperation

by Michael O'Shea

The radical Left movement at DePaul University has once again reared its ugly head into the limelight of administrative discourse. A recent letter addressed to Father Holtschneider by The Campus Climate Coalition, in response to "increasing campus climate tensions," submits a list of incongruous demands to reform DePaul into a more "dignified" and "inclusive" campus. Apparently, the 'climate coalition' forecasts gloomy, dark days for Father Holtschneider if he does not attend to their list of demands. They have threatened legal action using the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and the National Lawyers Guild (NLG) if the president does not respond in their favor.

As they begin the letter, they claim to be speaking from a "non-partisan" perspective, yet every individual that signed the letter is a member or executive member of at least one of the far-left activist groups on campus. Organizations such as DePaul Students against the War, SPECTRUM, Feminists in Action, and the Activist Student Union all consistently support liberal activism throughout the DePaul community. The implication that this Campus Coalition group is portraying these demands in a moderate fashion proves their overall naivety in dealing with reality. No sane moderate at DePaul would ever support half of these ludicrous stipulations.

So what is really in this letter? Their first demand is "Higher accountability and public apology for a lack of public response to high alert issues and demands." They claim that the affirmative action bake sale, the graffiti incident, and the sexual

offense over winter break were all examples of the University showing a lack of accountability. Yet, if we examine the different events and the University's actions, we see *over-accountability* and *over-sensitivity* to these events/incidents. First, the bake sale was shut down by the University because the "sign was inappropriate." The DCA was investigated for violating the unconstitutional "anti-discriminatory harassment" policy immediately after the bake sale. Although they were found not guilty, they were still censured on a technicality, which was merely a cop-out to satisfy angry 'concerned students' that were 'offended.'

Second, the University not only showed accountability for the 'hate crime' but they also blew the incident way out of proportion. On the day of the incident, they held a candlelight vigil in the SAC, and afterward President Holtschneider flew back from New York and held an emergency town hall forum discussing the details and current state of affairs in the investigation. Why did the University even need to tell its students about the 'hate incident' in the first place? It seems to me that they gave exactly what this/these individual(s) wanted: an acknowledgment of their deeds on four network news channels and an entire DePaul community hurt. Could DePaul not



have merely erased the graffiti, held an investigation, and not hurt the community by *not* disclosing what some idiot(s) had written on University property?

Third, the sexual offense that happened in the Sanctuary town home ended in justice and accountability on DePaul's administrative part. The police apprehended the individual who committed the sexual offense and DePaul took action by restricting access to the Sanctuary patios and informing the students a rape had occurred using flyers on University buildings. Further, DePaul cannot *guarantee* students will never get raped on campus, it's simply unrealistic.

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The Senselessness of "Taking Back the Night"

by Joseph Blewitt

The recent feminist rally called "Take Back the Night," held on April 18th, intended to "increase the awareness of all forms of gender-based violence, including sexual and domestic violence, which are often expressions of sexism, racism, classism, and homophobia." At its essence, the event seems to be a protest against rape. Since it is the *Statesman's* expectation that neither men nor women are pro-domestic violence or rape, the participants are preaching to the choir, their purpose confused and unclear. As the rally by nature tends to point a finger at the male as the predator, it further assumes the stereotype of the misogynistic male who seeks to subjugate powerless female victims.

By failing to provide a solution to the problem, women continue to be denied of the agency necessary to change their situations, and rape victims remain helpless. Although the rally may serve as a reminder to students that rape is indeed societal problem, it does little to prevent future rapes. Although the activists may have sought to avoid controversy by protesting something everyone agrees is wrong, the *Statesman* would prefer/suggest a more proactive approach. If participants' hoped to "take back the night," they have fallen short of their goal by merely taking back the early dusk.

The rally is equivalent to a protest against murder, which would summon the question 'who is unconvinced that murder is wrong?' Likewise, the "Take Back the Night" rally leaves onlookers wondering what the is point of rallying against something no one supports. Everyone should oppose the lowest denominators in society who rape and abuse their spouses, girlfriends, boyfriends, and one-

night stands. Why not instead advocate seminars on what to do in a threatening situation, or teach self-defense classes in the Student Center's atrium, or collect signatures for petitions arguing for extended public safety routes or an increased number of blue poles around campus? These are solutions that work to stop rapes from occurring, and they go beyond the simplicity of merely marching in unison shouting "ANTI-RACE, ANTI GAY...YOU CANT TAKE OUR VOICE AWAY!"

On that note, the only way rape victims' voices are not heard is when they themselves do not report the crime, in order to avoid making an already traumatic event even more painful by having to endure a trial. In fact, only one in ten attacks are reported. Another more effective approach to the rally would be to encourage victims not to remain silent. What better way to fight back against rape than putting rapists behind bars? By supporting victims to prosecute offenders, vicious criminals are prevented from going unpunished. This solution is proactive, since many rapists will only continue to rape more if they go unreported. If a rapist knows that 90% of the time he will get away with a rape because the victim refuses to report it, then more rape will occur.

The "Take Back the Night" rally gives a sense of legitimacy to the members of these organizations, and it solidifies their belief that males are in fact, the devil. As pointless and senseless as they are, these groups will continue to rally and attempt to recapture the night at all costs, even if it means marching in the early dusk.



"ANTI-MALE, ANTI-STRAIGHT...THESE ARE PEOPLE THAT WE HATE!"

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Bush's energy plan on the right track

by Norm Phillips

Over the past few years, Americans have become increasingly concerned with the growing price of gasoline. Every summer, news agencies report that the price of gasoline has reached a record high. This issue became a bigger concern when Hurricane Katrina hit, because many of the off shore oil rigs located in the Gulf of Mexico were damaged or destroyed. This issue angered the populace, forcing politicians to interrogate oil corporation executives as to why the price was so high.

The summer of 2006 is quickly approaching, and again the news of higher oil prices has become a central topic. Prices are now around \$3 a gallon nationwide and Americans are complaining again. So why are gasoline prices so high? One of the primary reasons is because there is simply not enough supply to equal the demand. India and China, countries with economies that are expanding at an exponential rate, require more and more of this source of energy in order to continue their expansion. We must also keep in mind that the economy of the United States continues to develop more each day. According to the U.S. Department of the Interior, the U.S. imports 58% of the oil it consumes from foreign nations. Also, the U.S. imports almost 60 million gallons of refined gas a day. The majority of these imports come from nations including Saudi Arabia and Venezuela, headed by regimes that do not always see eye to eye with the United States. If nothing changes, many energy analysts predict the U.S. will import 70% of the oil the country uses in 2025.

This should be a tremendous concern for American citizens. Not only do citizens have to pay more at the pump to a small group of despotic leaders who become rich off these oil profits, but the security of the nation is put at risk as well. This country and other nations are economically tied down to these despots, and the U.S. is unable to exercise a strong hand in foreign policy. The United States and the European Union, whose member states are also very dependent on energy, have been slow to act against Iran's ambitions for nuclear weapons. If any of these major, oil-producing nations discontinue exporting this much-needed commodity, oil prices have the potential to skyrocket.

America needs to discontinue its dependence on foreign oil as soon as possible. To do so requires a multifaceted approach. While President Bush's proposal is not perfect, it is on the right track. It includes providing further tax cuts for the use of vehicles that are more energy efficient. This includes hybrids (automobiles that use both electricity and gasoline as power) and the decrease in the amount of localized gasoline blends. The most significant endeavor the President is proposing includes simplifying the process for oil companies to construct new refineries. Due to environmental lobbyists, our nation has been unable to construct a new oil refinery in thirty years. Nations including Cuba and China have been able to access oil off North America's coasts; however, American companies have not had such a luxury due to these environmental lobbyists. President Bush, as part of his energy policy, plans to repeal many of these restrictions.

One of President Bush's most controversial proposals has been asking Congress to allow oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) in Alaska. The conservative estimate from these reserves promises ten billion barrels of oil. There is a way for the U.S. government and American businesses to drill for oil that does not disturb the environment.

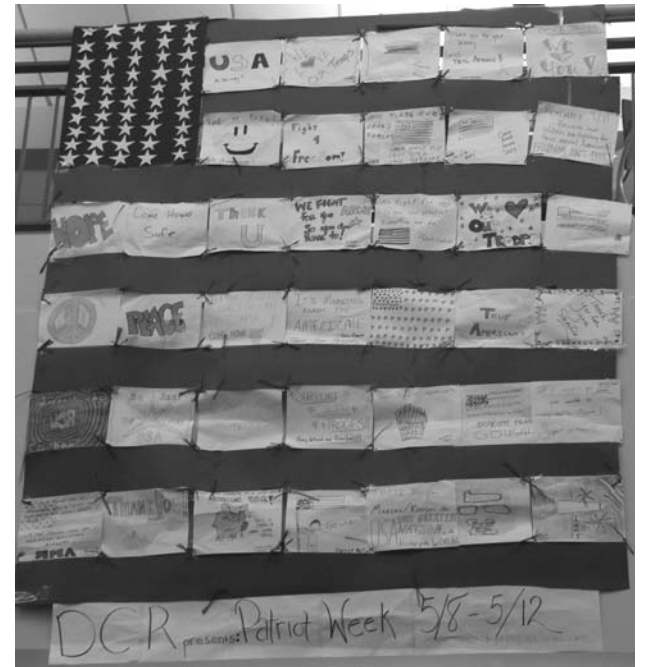
Oil is not a renewable resource, which means that eventually the supply will deplete. The most exciting proposal from the President is the increased funding for research into alternative fuels. E-85 ethanol is made from 85% ethanol and 15% gasoline. The ethanol in E-85 can be produced from a variety of crops including sugarcane from Hawaii and corn from Illinois. E-85 is renewable, can be produced domestically, is plentiful, and is environmentally friendly. Hydrogen fuel cells, while not as developed as E-85, are also environmentally friendly, can be made within the United States, and can be potentially plentiful.

If the United States wants to continue to be a prosperous and secure nation, the country needs to embrace President Bush's energy plan. The plan definitely needs to be tweaked; however, it is a step in the right direction. It may be much later than what everyone would have desired, but sometimes it takes a catastrophe for politicians to act.

Patriot Week a big success

On May 8th the DePaul Conservative Alliance began Patriot Week, a week dedicated to the support and appreciation for our Armed Forces overseas. The first event involved students creating drawings of praise for our troops. The collection of drawings were then put together and juxtaposed next to an American flag. The DCA received over 50 pictures as almost all of the students that passed the table showed their firm support for the soldiers fighting in harms way. Nevertheless, it was a huge success and the American flag with the student pictures were draped in the Student Center atrium for about a week.

Later in the week, the DCA also held a table asking students to write letters to the troops overseas. The DCA once again received much support from the student body as they sent over 20 letters to troops overseas. They also handed out yellow ribbons for students to wear in memory of the fallen soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan. All in all it was a successful week, and the DCA would like to thank all who supported our cause. Most importantly, the DCA cannot thank our soldiers more than enough for fighting for our freedoms.



The flag DePaul students made to honor the troops fighting for our freedoms around the world

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Thanks, and See You Next Year!

The editors of the *Lincoln Park Statesman* would like to thank all of its readers, both the supporters and critics, for being a part of the genuine dialogue and commitment to free speech that we represent. We felt this commitment was, and still is, sorely lacking in the University community but we hope through the *success* of this paper to restore that commitment. Born from an hour-long conversation at Starbucks one summer afternoon, the *Statesman* has far exceeded the expectations of all involved. We've improved on every issue this school year, increased our visibility, and extended our readership. We've maintained a commitment to high standards and journalistic integrity. Most importantly, we will be back next year!

What's on the horizon? More pages? A wider distribution? *Color*? The possibilities are endless! We'll be back in full force this September.

Sincerely,
Michael O'Shea
Joseph Blewitt

The Economics of Morality

by Tom McWalters

A great many conservatives have long believed that the key to making this country a more moral state is through legislation, the most obvious and prevalent example being abortion. Many conservatives believe abortion to be an immoral act, tantamount to murder. Under this belief the logical course of action is to legislate against these immoral acts. While denying a sinful person the ability to sin you do not necessarily make them a righteous person, but you are still fulfilling your ethical obligation to create a more moral society.

Without calling into question the moral nature of actions such as abortion, would it not be possible to use free market capitalism, as opposed to legislation, in order to create an ultimately more moral society?

If abortion were to be kept legal but a greater effort to educate people on the moral implications of their actions were made, the demand for 'immoral' activities [abortion] would go down. If in fact, a 'pro-life' stance is the only reasonable path someone who studied the issue could take, it would not be unreasonably difficult to convince a majority of 'pro-choice' believers to change their view point. Note that it is obviously ridiculous to assume everyone would change their opinion, but for the sake of argumentation, say it could be done to greater than sixty percent of people who previously agreed with abortion.

It is also important to understand, particularly for the issue of abortion, that not all people who are 'pro-choice' are necessarily 'in the market for' an abortion. They simply support those 'pro-choice' comrades of theirs who believe the option should be available. Therefore, of the percentage of people who support the right to abortion, even smaller percentages are actually undergoing the procedure.

As we all know, the cost of taking the necessary courses to become a doctor at a medical school is quite astronomical. And it is conceivable

that if the demand for a certain procedure [abortion] went down, the instances of that procedure being taught at universities would also decrease. After all, who wants to pay a lot of money to learn something that you cannot make any money practicing? For example, what medical schools still teach leeching? As fewer and fewer people are taught how to perform abortions, the access to such a procedure would decline.

Therein lies the problem for some conservatives, *eventually* killing abortion. After all, why just let something die out when it can be legislated away immediately? It's not as if we are waiting for abortion to become blasé and people to grow weary of committing it. The most important difference between abortion and murder, however, is motive. There is nothing great achieved via abortion (aside from cases where the mother's life is in jeopardy) aside from a slight improvement in lifestyle. People can gain all sorts of attractive things through murder: cars, boats, watches, precious blood, etc. Through educational programs leading to heightened moral awareness 'pro-life' activists will achieve their end game given time.

One is reminded of prohibition legislation which attempted to make people more moral by legislating away their access to alcohol. This of course did not lessen society's moral woes but make them worse, and make the alcohol industry even popular. Better education is the only thing which will cause people to conduct themselves better with respect to alcohol.

And should we not consider that perhaps the society which has little immorality through free choice, is perhaps more pious than the society which achieves absolute morality through rule of law. In this way 'pro-life' conservatives would cause society to become more spiritual in everyday practices. This of course draws obvious parallels to the René Guénon French traditionalist school of thought. If people actively participate in spiritual

practices, or in this case consciously don't participate in 'non-spiritual activities,' society as a whole will grow more moral.

Part of the crux of this argument is to what degree one believes that the free market integrates into all facets of life and the morality of this integration. Some people would define it as cold and callous (to say the least), to apply economic theories, normally reserved for corporations, to an issue as personal as abortion. Of course economists of the Austrian school such as Wilhelm Röpke would say that a capitalist perspective is the most morally appropriate approach to any situation.

The abortion argument, as with any moral argument, is one that is very important to a number of people. Failing to recognize that legitimacies exist on both sides of this issue fails to understand the issue itself. This matter must not be addressed from an emotional perspective, rather a highly rational perspective. In this way, both sides may find a situation which satisfies them.

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SGA ends boycott of Coke products

On April 23rd, DePaul's Student Government Association voted to end the boycott against Coca-Cola products that was put in place just three months prior. In January of this year, the body voted 8-4 with five abstentions to endorse a boycott on all Coca-Cola products. This was based largely on the fact that the Atlanta-based company had not submitted to a third party investigation of its business practices in Columbia. The body was forced to reconsider the endorsement after Coke submitted to an investigation by the United Nations earlier this year.

The new measure, clocking in at a much more solid 10-1-3 vote reflects not only the fact that Coke voluntarily submitted to UN inspections, but also conceded that the boycott "failed to attract widespread consensus on campus." The *Statesman* would like to take this opportunity to praise the body for its maintenance of integrity.



These bears, in cooperation with SGA, remind you to enjoy Coca-Cola

DEMANDS, continued

Their second demand states "*Significant increase in recruitment, hiring, and tenure of faculty of marginalized groups.*" This is just a clever way of promoting a similar discriminatory policy called affirmative action. By promoting people on the basis of color, the merit and qualifications of the individual are overlooked and often placed on the back burner. This demand promotes the discrimination of qualified individuals and hinders the idea of self-improvement.

Another one of their demands is an "*Anonymous reporting system for hate crimes, discrimination, and sexual violence/intimate partner violence.*" This is yet another troubling condition issued by the coalition. The anonymous reporting could be abused by individuals who falsely accuse other individuals thus having a negative impact on the accused's life. If there is an incident that occurs on campus both parties should be revealed so the accused can face his accuser if he/she is being falsely accused.

One of the most ridiculous demands in the letter is that of "*gender neutral bathrooms*" in all of the main buildings at DePaul. Basically, they argue that the transgendered individuals (translation: extremely confused individuals) at DePaul need these bathrooms because these sex-segregated bathrooms promote "anxiety in the transgender/gender ambiguous community." Anxiety? They want these bathrooms because people cannot decide whether they are a male or a female? Here's a suggestion, maybe DePaul can build electronic scanners outside each of the restrooms and if someone is confused on which to use, they can drop their pants to the scanner and an arrow will point them in the appropriate direction. Confusion and anxiety gone! Gender neutral bath-

rooms will also promote and place women in an environment where they can be subjected to increased sexual harassment. This is antithetical to many of the actual authors of this letters ideology.

They also demand an "*Establishment of hiring a full-time Sexual Assault and Dating/Intimate Partner Violence Coordinator position.*" Trying saying that position ten times fast. This seems utterly pointless to do seeing as though DePaul already has a Director of the Sexual Harassment Policy Office, Ms. Barbara Schaffer. It pushes more of our tuition money towards another redundant full-time position, where our money could clearly be used for other beneficial aspects around the DePaul community. There are numerous things DePaul could do withholding a 60,000 dollar salary for a position that is not needed.

The conditions listed above are only five of the nine total demands the Campus Climate Coalition has threatened Father Holtschneider with. While admittedly some of their demands are actually good ideas, like a more visible Public Safety Office and more access to where and how much SAF-B allocates its funds to student organizations, the manner in which it is presented and the other demands associated with them destroy their entire case for actual change. Hopefully, Father Holtschneider does not submit to the coercive method and intimidation that these various groups have put forth. This letter should not be given any thought at the administrative levels and we stand in support with Father Holtschneider denying the majority of these outrageous demands.

Gun-control protects the criminals not the people

by Dave Chomiak

The Left often touts gun control as a way to lower crime. In theory, this idea makes perfect sense; if there are fewer guns, there should be less gun related violence, and by this logic, we can conclude that there should be less people injured or killed in society. However, the statistical evidence tells a different story altogether, not to mention the fact that this theory is not plausible for a better world.

The "Uniform Militia Act of 1792" was the first gun control law. It stated that every able-bodied white male citizen between the ages of 18 and 45 was to enroll in the state militia and equip himself with a gun. This act designated "white male citizens" as the persons to bear arms. This is significant because it denied the black slaves the right to bear arms. It was obvious why people did not want slaves to own guns. The slaves would be able to overthrow their oppressors and they would gain power. This point illustrates the fact that government instituted gun control to deny basic rights, oppress citizens, and prevent self-defense.

Today, the proponents of gun control laws want to do the same. The only difference is that they want to deny these basic constitutional rights to every American citizen, not just blacks. The real goal of proponents of gun control laws is to control people. These proponents are under the illusion that gun control is somehow going to make the United States a safer place. This is in fact wrong.

If they did their research, they would realize

the only thing they are doing is making the United States a more dangerous place to live. According to the FBI, the United State's violent crime rate has decreased by 36 percent since 2002. The violent crime rate is also at a thirty year low. The number of firearms that citizens own has increased by 60 million since 1991. Using these statistics one could conclude that an increase in gun ownership decreases violent crime. The relationship of gun ownership and violent crime is due in part to the fact that felons actually think about what could happen if their victim is armed. A study by the United States Department of Justice found that 40 percent of felons have decided not to commit one or more crimes due to the fear of what would happen if their victims were armed.

In April of 1982, Chicago passed a law prohibiting the possession of handguns not registered with The Chicago Police Department before that date. Homicides in Chicago increased from 254 in 1982 to 551 in 1993. That is a 43 percent increase. Evanston, Illinois, which is north of Chicago, banned handguns in 1982. Evanston's robbery rate rose 8 percent by 1983. Nationwide, in this same period, suburban areas had a 20 percent decline and in robberies, where the United States as a whole had a 16 percent decline.

The banning of guns is only good in theory. It might work in a perfect world, yet we do not live in a perfect world. Thus, this theory will not work. The statistics prove that with the gun ban the felons that commit the homicides and other violent crimes with guns will not turn their guns in. They will keep using



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them and acquiring new ones. The conscientious law-abiding Americans who could use the guns to protect themselves will obey the law, turn their guns in, and stop buying new guns. Therefore, the only people who will have guns will be the felons. It is like the old saying, if you outlaw guns the only people who will possess the guns will be outlaws. These outlaws will continue to commit violent crimes and the good people will not be able to defend themselves. This is not what our country should subject its citizens to; citizens have a constitutional right to own a firearm and protect themselves from dangerous criminals.

Illegal immigrants have no rights, comprehend?

by Michael O'Shea

The other day, while watching the fair and balanced Fox News channel, an immigrant (presumably illegal) was giving an interview to a reporter in Los Angeles. The man vehemently insisted that illegal immigrants should have all the same rights as American citizens for two reasons. First, as he rattled off his apparent minimal knowledge of American history, he argued that when the Pilgrims came to America, the Native Americans never asked for legal documentation. Second, he said that illegal immigrants should have all the rights of American citizens because after all, they just come here to work. The media and left-wing politicians today do not seem to understand that 'illegal' should be in front of 'immigrant rights' as they attempt to equalize law-abiders and criminals.

Now, sane-minded American citizens quickly realize the idiocy behind these two justifications. The first fails to recognize that there was in fact no institutionalized government or system of laws within North America when the Puritans came to this land. The Puritans furthermore did not reap health care and education benefits from the 'tax-paying' Native Americans. The second fails to acknowledge the sovereign right of a nation-state to deny citizenship to an illegal alien. It also usurps the Constitution, gives way to enhanced terrorist activity, and not to mention costs billions of taxpayers dollars. According to the Center for Immigration Studies, illegal immigrants cost our government \$10.4 billion every year. Hardworking American citizens are funding illegals' education and health care because they are criminals who choose not to come here legally and know that they will not have to pay taxes by doing so.

So again, what is all this talk about illegal immigrant rights? Is the term not contradictory in and of itself? If I commit an illegal act in society, many of my rights will be stripped of me because I have broken the 'social contract' with the state.



These people are apparently against a government with a system of laws

But wait a second; these illegal immigrants are not even part of our state to begin with. They are entitled to *nothing* in this country. Besides the fundamental human rights all individuals should be entitled to, which is essentially 'life' and freedom from slavery, illegal immigrants are entitled to absolutely nothing according to the supreme law of the land, or the Constitution. The 14th Amendment dictates what is granted and guaranteed to the citizens of this great country, *not* to people who knowingly break a federal law by coming to America illegally.

The protests calling for 'immigrants rights' and 'amnesty' are not only absurd, but they are also a great way for the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to arrest many of the illegal aliens in this country, although ICE has yet to avail itself of this prime opportunity. When the government knows large numbers of illegal immigrants will be allocated into one rally in a major city, it is the federal government's job to go out to the rally and ask these protestors for their legal documents. Besides, the illegal immigrants have absolutely no right to be protesting any American piece of legislation to begin with as they are clearly not American citizens.

So what is the conclusion again of illegal immigrant's rights in America? Aside from human dignity and respect of human rights, they should have nothing. Not a job, not education, not health care, and certainly not false documents. Businesses that hire illegal aliens should have sanctions and a heavy fine placed upon them. The illegal immigrants should be thoroughly grateful that the US government is even *considering* passing a guest worker program to allow them to get on a path towards citizenship and legal employment in America. But make no mistake about it, we are talking about people who broke US federal law; they deserve nothing from America.

Sound off on this issue by writing a letter to the Statesman expressing your thoughts on the current illegal immigration debate.

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The Case for Wiretapping A Conservative Feminist?

by Nicholas G. Hahn III

Now that the yellow journalists are at it again, more confidential information about the activities of the NSA have been plastered on headlines of national and local newspapers. Much of the debate has centered on the fact that the NSA has been using surveillance technology to monitor calls from suspected Al Qaeda terrorists. This current surveillance and activity of the National Security Agency is undoubtedly legal.

Since September 11th, the President has waged a War on Terror that has protected this country from any future atrocities; the warrant-less wiretapping activities are just another tool to conduct this War on Terror. On September 18th, Congress passed Joint Resolution 23, the Authorization for Use of Military Force (AUMF). It states that the President is authorized to use all appropriate force against those who committed and supported the September 11th attacks in order to prevent any future attacks. Using this as the foundation for determining the legality of the NSA's activities, we can examine the activities through the Constitution, particularly the Fourth Amendment and the President's inherent powers, the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA), and Case Law.

In *United States v. Curtiss-Wright Export Corp.* the Court explained, "the President is the sole organ of the nation in its external relations and its sole representative with foreign nations." This confirms the President's inherent power to protect the nation from foreign invaders. Furthermore, the Court confirmed the President's inherent power to protect national security information in the case of *Department of the Navy v. Egan*. Now, as it pertains to the Fourth Amendment, the warrant requirement does not apply in these "special needs" circumstances, as solidified by the Court in *Katz v. United States*. The President has the obligation to protect national security.

Furthermore, the way in which the NSA intercepts communications falls within the "reasonableness" requirement of the exemption from a warrant. The Attorney General explained that in order to intercept a communication, there must be "a reasonable basis to conclude that one party to the communication is a member of al Qaeda, affiliated with al Qaeda, or a member of an organization affiliated with al Qaeda."

FISA has been a tool for the liberals to attack the President on the NSA's activities, however if the liberal mentality was literate, they would understand that FISA itself does not support their argument. FISA says that it prevents government from "engaging in electronic surveillance under color of law except as authorized by statute [emphasis added]." The Court recognized the AUMF and confirmed it as a statute of approval from Congress in *Hamdi v. United States*. Not to mention that "the FISA Court of Review itself recognized just three years ago that the President retains constitutional authority to conduct foreign surveillance apart from the FISA framework." Why doesn't the President just obtain a warrant anyway, even though he doesn't legally have to? The President has a compelling interest in protecting the nation's citizens' lives. Technology, furthermore, moves at a much faster rate; one second cannot be wasted nor can we risk having national security information exposed in the courtroom. The Court has said, in *Haig v. Agee*, "it is obvious and unarguable that no government interest is more compelling than the security of the Nation." I am not a pessimist and I don't believe that this country is moving towards an Orwellian state. I do not hold the liberal mentality of paranoia; the government is not out to get you.



A key weapon on the War on Terror is spying on our suspected enemies through use of wiretapping

by Sara Lynn Dix

The possibility of conservatism and feminism coexisting in a single person would, at first glance, seem as nonexistent as balance on Fox News. The media has historically pitted the two groups against each other with such force that most Americans would be baffled at the suggestion that conservative feminists really can, and do, exist.

The Office of Mission and Values at DePaul University recently invited Christel Manning, Associate Professor of Religious Studies at Sacred Heart University in Connecticut, to speak on campus as part of their 'Authors at Lunch' series. Mrs. Manning's talk entitled, "Beyond the Culture War: Women, Gender, and Feminism in Conservative Religious Communities" focused on religious, conservative women from the Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish faiths, and argued that feminist values are very much embraced in their lives. While the women Manning interviewed for her book were either married or expecting to soon be married, the general message can be applied to women across the board whether they be single, conservative, apathetic, or liberal.



Christel Manning

In her book, *God Gave us the Right: Conservative Catholic, Evangelical protestant, and Orthodox Jewish Women Grapple with Feminism, and Religion and Sexuality*, Manning makes a very important distinction-feminist values are not defined by the feminist movement. Just as many members of the feminist movement would sheer away from associating themselves with the religious right, so, too, would many members of the religious right shudder at the suggestion of being labeled members of the feminist movement.

Both groups of feminists hold many of the same basic values, such as respect, equality in the workforce and equal opportunity. But the distinctions between the two groups open up a new third circle of women who are anything but anti-feminist but still embrace traditional norms. There are of course, several ways of dealing with such a combination. One woman Manning interviewed for her book drew strict barriers between her work life and her home life in which traditional values still rule.

Whatever the response, religious, conservative women are not all alike. Different religious doctrines have undoubtedly affected their personal application of feminism in their lives. Overall, many are highly selective of which values they embrace and are careful not to overstep their church in matters such as keeping the priesthood strictly male.

This process of selection, however, is not uncommon among many American women across the country despite religious backgrounds. Women who would ordinarily consider themselves feminists on everything except abortion are seen to be going against the general movement. Also, women who would otherwise be apathetic but are firmly pro-choice, are suddenly part of the feminist movement. This raises the question, who is more of a feminist? The question may sound childish, but is there a pre-requisite for being a 'good feminist'? From student interviews around campus it is becoming increasingly apparent that many women are hesitant to call themselves feminists for fear of being seen as a stereotypical feminist activist; but, feminist does not translate to bra burner, radical, hippy, liberal, man hater, or any of the other countless titles so recklessly associated with the word.

So, perhaps the laughs in a room after someone introduces themselves as a conservative feminist are not just because conservatives apparently cannot be feminists, but, also, that feminists apparently cannot be conservative. There is also a greater reason to advocate the existence of conservative feminists. That is to say that everyone, is, or should be, a feminist. The basic values that feminism supports are respect, dignity, and opportunity; they are such basic and yet vital necessities for every member of American society that no one should really be "anti-feminist". It is clear that countless women have been able to adapt these values to fit them within their work life, family life, and religion which can be understood through the distinction Manning so strongly emphasized: feminist values v. feminist movement.

Now, to all of those women already out there sporting the "conservative feminist" title or newcomers thinking they'll give it a try, good luck and rock on!

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Review of former General Anthony Zinni's speech in Chicago

by Derrick Wlodarz

During his recent speech at the Union League Club, General Anthony Zinni opined on issues of global military politics, terrorism, and the situation in the Middle East. Although the event, held on April 28, was closed to the public, the Statesman gained access. A formal luncheon was followed by a brief keynote speech detailing General Zinni's credentials and collection of medals. In his testimony before Congress in 2000, he warned that Iraq was the single greatest threat to stability in the Gulf region and that Afghanistan followed closely behind. He has reversed his stance since 2004 however, stating that the Saddam-era "books were cooked."

Although his speech focused mainly on the concerns of today and tomorrow, Zinni first offered a historical context by chronicling some of the United States' greatest feats – victory in World War II, the demise of the USSR by the fall of the Berlin Wall, and the Persian Gulf War. His tone shifted, however, when he reminded the audience that "We have existed for centuries thinking that we were protected[, and] we currently have societies that live in states of instability." Zinni argued that the U.S. justly executed its policy of isolationism under the Truman administration, but has since been less successful in confronting the problems that currently riddle the international system—problems like terrorism, religious extremism, poverty, and rogue nuclear ambitions. "[The U.S. is] not treating the disease, [it is] treating

the symptoms," Zinni explained, suggesting that instead of addressing international "diseases" with mere temporary solutions, the U.S. should stamp out their breeding grounds.

Zinni placed Iraq under a spotlight when he attended to our new ally's future, discussing the conditions necessary for victory to prevail in the embattled state. While the Bush administration is highly optimistic about the situation in Iraq, the former general concedes that "equating an election with democracy is over-simplistic." Zinni admitted that he considers the initial workings of Operation Iraqi Freedom a military wonder, he also asserted that "[his] biggest worry was the reconstruction of a traumatized society." In terms of Iraq's future, Zinni did not hesitate to state that the country's stability and direction is now in the hands of the Iraqi people, not the Coalition. He claimed that while Iraq has a good 5-7 years of mild instability ahead, it will ultimately be able to work the situation out. The former general even took a stab at the Saddam trial, saying that "we've forgotten how to do Nuremberg," referring to the succinct and brutal sentencing of former Nazi officers after the Second World War.

During Q&A, Zinni took the chance to explain his views on what Iraq should do with its feared militias. Zinni didn't hide the fact that "Arabs love guns" and trying to push aside these localized forces would be a huge mistake for the country. His response was that instead of making the militias go underground, Iraq should



General Zinni thought Operation Iraqi Freedom to be a military wonder

institutionalize them and give them incentives to fight for a proper cause. Sectarian tensions will only continue, Zinni said, as long as militias are forced to operate without meaning or fail to include all of Iraq's varied ethnicities.

Iran was another tingling issue brought up. While he acknowledged that Iran was the biggest threat in the world in today, Zinni offered an alternative viewpoint as to *why* they are such a concern for the free world. "Iran would most likely not use weapons of their own against enemies.... What's more dangerous is the fact that Iran having WMDs would force others in the region to have their own weapons." Such a scenario, which Zinni says is entirely possible, would over-reach the bounds of any Security Council actions, even though the Council is "the worst enemy to Iran today." "Iran doesn't want to be isolated from the international community..." Zinni said of our Middle Eastern enemy.

Finishing off the wonderful dialogue, Zinni addressed the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in light of the recent Hamas victory in elections. The former general was very frank when he told everyone that the vote "was not pro-Hamas but merely anti-Fatah." Zinni concluded that we could have done much more to empower President Abbas after the death of Arafat, and now stand in a situation where the focus needs to be on marginalizing Hamas and forcing them out of power through starvation. Jokingly, Zinni quipped that "Hamas is like the dog that caught the car and now has to figure out what to do with it."

After the speech and Q&A, the former general signed copies of his new book *The Battle for Peace* and took a few photos with club members. Attendance was estimated at 120 people.

President Holtschneider wins "spinelessness" award

by Joseph Blewitt

Hot on the heels of the Campus Outrage Award DePaul University won last month, our own President Holtschneider has won the dubious Sheldon Award this month not because of things he did, but rather because of things he *didn't* do. The Sheldon Award is given annually by John Leo, columnist and contributing editor for *US News and World Report*, "to the university president who does the most to look the other way when free speech is under assault on campus." The prize is described as "a statuette that looks something like the Oscar, except that the Oscar shows a man with no face looking straight ahead, whereas the Sheldon shows a man with no spine looking the other way." It was named after a former University of Pennsylvania president who was a "modern legend" in looking the other way.

Leo writes that usually this award goes to presidents who look the other way when conservative campus papers, like the *Statesman*, are routinely stolen from campus grounds. He says that sort of theft has become far too common; the bar must be raised to recognize the far greater injustices that occur on today's campuses.

Statesman ally, FIRE (Foundation for Individual Rights in Education), has put pressure on most of this year's Sheldon contenders, with many collapsing under the heat. Fr. Holtschneider has not been so swayed however, despite attracting the constant criticism of the Philadelphia-based, non-partisan organization. Our "heavyweight Sheldon contender" has presided over the following *three*



Seriously, how sexy are those pearly whites?

award-winning controversies:

- A veteran, part-time teacher with a good record, Thomas Klocek, was suspended without a hearing after a verbal run-in with pro-Palestinian students at a school fair. He refused an order to apologize, and balked at the university's plan to put a monitor in his classes. Then he sued.
- The College Republicans were found guilty of violating a campus prohibition against "propaganda"

after handing out fliers criticizing an upcoming lecture by radical professor Ward Churchill.

• Sponsors of a mock bake sale satirizing affirmative action were hauled on the carpet. They were found not guilty of harassment, but then censured because the university said their application for table space was faulty. Holtschneider denounced the sale as "an affront to DePaul's values of respect and dignity."

The above offenses against free speech are offenses that many in the DePaul community are already very aware of, but they may not be aware that what goes on here attracts the attention of people far beyond our modest community. After "achieving" the Polly Award *and* the Sheldon Award in the same year, DePaul administrators will hopefully realize that the multiple disservices and injustices they do to their own students is *not* standard procedure for universities. It is a *far* cry from any acceptable way of dealing with faculty and students. The internal and external pressure on the University has been strong this year, but I fear it will need to continue before any change is seen.

Do you approve of the job President Holtschneider is doing at DePaul?

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The Statesman Solution to Illegal Immigration:

The *Statesman's* proposal is to mandate the 4 Border States, New Mexico, Arizona, Texas, and California to place the National Guard on the border, to help support the border patrol currently in place, which is already under funded and undermanned. A 33-page congressional report written by investigators for the Congressional Immigration Reform Caucus has recently come out which concluded that the deployment of 36,000 National Guardsmen quote "could dramatically reduce if not virtually eliminate illegal immigration." Obviously this will not stop all illegal immigration, but according to this report it will reduce the flow of immigrants from the current river to a mere trickle.

Once we have established a stronger border, only then can we formulate a policy for the illegals currently residing in America. The *Statesman* believes that a guest worker program, although *not* ideal, is the most practical solution to the problem. We do not have the money or manpower to deport all 12 million or so illegals in the country. It is simply impossible. Therefore our proposal of a guest worker program includes the following:

1) An illegal immigrant who has been here longer than five years can gain citizenship if they pay a fine of one-thousand dollars, back taxes, and complete a 'naturalization program.' This program will allow all these illegal residents to report to the ICE, and begin a special naturalization course which will take two years to complete. It will include English, and a basic American civics/history course.

2) An illegal immigrant who has been here between two to five years must apply for a three year guest worker document and immediately begin the 'naturalization program' course. Note that it is up to the illegal immigrant to provide documentation that they have been here for x number of years by using utility bills or pay stubs from employers.

(The illegal immigrants should have a deadline of one year to become enrolled in the naturalization program, after which time, they will be unable to enroll, and will be considered a felon if caught here illegally. No exceptions, no excuses, no extensions, no compromising, no special circumstances, if they are here illegally they will be deported.)

3) An illegal immigrant who has been here less than two years must leave the country and apply for a visa before he can return. Any illegal found not to have reported to the ICE for the two to five year plan, or post-five year plan will be assumed as someone who has not been here more than two years and they will be deported.

The *Statesman* believes that the key to a legal temporary guest worker program in being successful is ensuring that employers only hire employees with legal status. We must penalize the employers of illegal workers. This starts by enforcing laws that we already have, demanding that employers verify citizenship of anyone they hire. It should be made financially unattractive to business to risk hiring illegal workers anymore in this country. Social services are for American citizens, not illegal aliens who have broken the law. In anything other than life or death emergency services, illegal aliens should be denied service, and even in the case of emergency, it should be reported to the ICE and deportation arranged as soon as the medical crisis is over. We are not here to take care of Mexico's poor; we have plenty of our own to worry about.



You have the right to remain silent...wait, you're illegal, you have no rights

The Statesman's Guide To: Getting Hired in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences:

The *Statesman* finally got their hands on it! Now for your viewing pleasure, here is the application to become a professor at LA&S.

Which ethnicity do you *identify* with?

- Indigenous South American
- Any Oppressed Minority
- Imperialist Caucasian

Name: _____

What is your sexual preference?

- Bisexual
- Gay/Lesbian
- Transgender/In transition
- Questioning

How long has it been since you've ingested a controlled substance?

- One Month
- Six Months
- One Year
- Currently baked (NOTE: If stoned now, there are cookies in the lounge)

What is your thought of religion in general?

(NOTE: Check all that apply)

- It is the opiate of the masses
- It is destroying this country
- It is the main source of oppression over the last 2000 years
- It has no place in any classroom

Please list experiences which have led to your disdain for The Man: _____

Please list references from previous jobs:

(NOTE: We can no longer accept Susan Sarandon, Karl Marx or Mother Nature as references)

Are you legally authorized to work in this country?

- Yes
- No (NOTE: Don't worry about it)

Do you support the troops overseas?

- No (NOTE: Answering this question is mandatory)

I, _____, hereby denounce capitalism and imperialistic American foreign policy, while embracing socialism and the egalitarian philosophy because all humans should strive for equality. Furthermore, I acknowledge the existence of the white, male, heterosexual, Christian privilege in all aspects of life and will endeavor tirelessly against it.

The Illegal Immigrant Party, May 1, 2006

The March for Amnesty



As usual, the protestors confuse law-abiding immigrants with law-breaking illegal immigrants



Uhh, in English please



What: Revolutionary Workers Party (triple kegger)
When: June 5th 10:00 PM
Where: Cultural Center
Wear: Your commie outfits and bring your hammer and sickle



Great argument...millions hop the border fences and risk their lives to become enslaved?



Are families exempt from the law?



Who's the Pilgrim, Illegal Alien?