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DePaul Stomps Student's Free Speech

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by Joseph Blewitt

It really is a shame that our first front page of the year has to be dominated by the following negativity. But note the key words in that sentence are "has to be." It's very important that the student body, the faculty and the administrators, the alumni and those connected or concerned with the DePaul community be made aware of how this University actively seeks to stamp out any and all opposition to its dubious vision of "diversity."

Many of you may be aware of the University-sponsored appearance of Ward Churchill last month. For those readers who are not aware or who don't know who Churchill is, I will briefly explain. He is an Illinois native with an M.A. in Communication from the University of Illinois-Springfield. After just one year at the University of Colorado-Boulder, he was granted tenure and eventually the chair of the Ethnic Studies department. He has written many essays and books on America, pointing out our evils in many different aspects including, but not limited to, our genocidal acts against American Indians, our



DePaul's Dean Dumbleton (left) allies herself with extremists like Churchill (center) to trample the rights of students and professors like Tom Klocek (bottom)

cultural imperialism, our corporate greed and our murder of Iraqi children.

Anyone who's taken political science, ethnic studies or sociology classes knows that those are standard fare for classroom topics, but where Churchill has really "crossed the line" in the eyes of

many people is his defense of the 9/11 hijackers. His conjecture was that America was just getting what it deserved for propagating centuries of genocide. He also said we can expect more attacks and that we have no right to feel bad about them because it's just "chickens coming home to roost." He is currently being investigated by the University on charges including plagiarism and misrepresenting his ethnicity to get his position as chair. He claims to be part

DePaul's War on America

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by Steven Plaut

Q: How do you know when America has crossed the line into an oppressive, occupational empire?

A: When DePaul University begins studying it.

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at DePaul and its Dean, one Chuck Suchar (a sociologist), have officially announced a "College Theme Series" entitled "Confronting Empire" for the 2005-6 academic year. This is a DePaul faculty initiative involving the participation of various departments and programs throughout the college. The organizers call themselves the "Empire Committee," sounding like something out of Star Wars. Naturally, the evil empire under examination is the United States.

The "Empire Committee" has invited a Who's Who of radical anti-Americanism to campus for the series. The roster includes pro-terror communist Tariq Ali, who thinks that 9/11 was caused by American fundamentalism; Bill Goodman from the so-called "Center for Constitutional Rights," which devotes most of its time to defending the terrorists in Gitmo; and Seungsook Moon from the Department of Sociology at Vassar, who will speak on "Politics of Gender and Sexuality in the Global U.S. Military Empire." The DePaul "Anti-Emprists" are also featuring an evening of "anti-nationalist" poetry and readings, and an evening of "theater" featuring the play "Guantanamo," based upon the writings of Gitmo terrorist detainees.

According to the Dean, DePaul hopes through the "Theme Series" to achieve the following objectives: "to engage in a College wide (and broader) conversation about the current state of and developing trends in the global order, not only



A real empire: Rome...The Roman Emperors would be offended to know that DePaul is comparing America to their vast imperial dominance

for the purpose of advancing a theme of great interest to faculty and students but also to significantly enhance the community of intellect and engagement in the University; to promote a wide range of views and participants in this conversation about empire and opposition in its contemporary and historical dimensions utilizing the increasingly global interests of our faculty and students; to question the nature of the American role and the role of other nations and interests in the emerging order and consider the forms of appropriate action, engagement and scholarship in light of that assessment."

In other words, it is to be a one-sided campaign of on-campus brainwashing designed to turn DePaul students into Manchurian candidates of radical political correctness. According to one dissident DePaul professor with whom we spoke:

"It still amazes me that someone can call a series "Confronting Empire" and believe that it

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has any pretense of objectivity. The special horror of DePaul is that it is so completely unashamed of its substitution of advocacy for education. I have spent a good deal of time in the last ten years trying to convince my colleagues that they needed to remember that we are a school and not a Marxist sect, a pacifist group, the latest identity fad or what have you. But this is what happens when you have people who are mediocre intellectuals who think their "correct" political views more than makes up for their intellectual deficiencies. It's very depressing."

Among those at DePaul building a career on rants against the American "empire" is one Deena Weinstein, Professor of Sociology at DePaul University. Her "specialization" is the sociology of heavy metal rock music. She also is a promoter of Pulp Marxism. She ranted:

"The call to empire has come up only because world capitalism has met with opposition from Islamic revolution on the right and the counter-globalization

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DePaul offended by own policy of affirmative action

University calls affirmative action "inappropriate"

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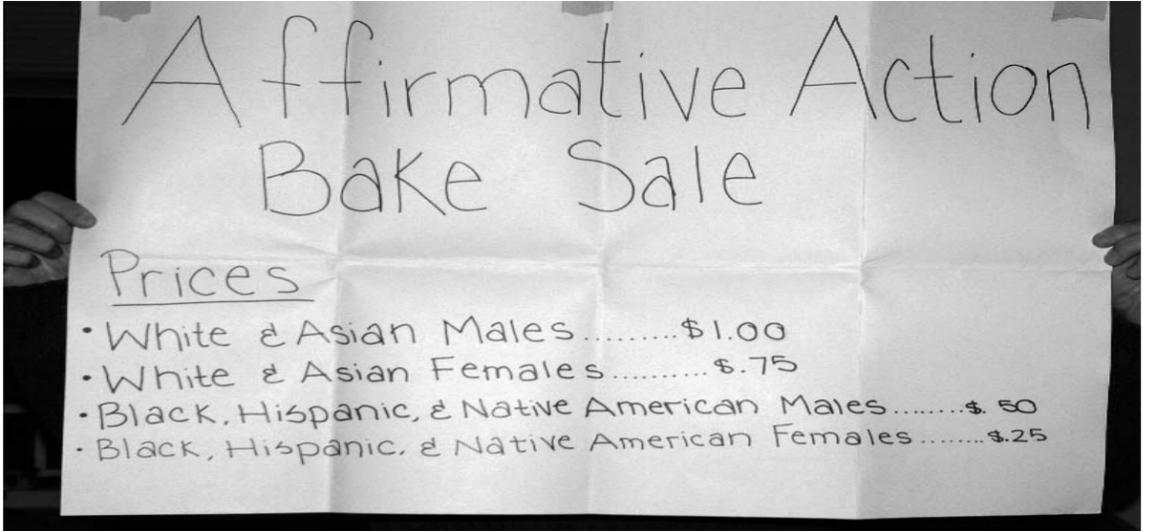
by Michael O'Shea

It seems as though the political correctness police at DePaul University have once again hammered away at free speech and the freedom of thought. The target of authoritarianism was none other than a simple protest against affirmative action through the means of a bake sale.

The basic theory behind the bake sale is to set prices which favor some races over others similar to what affirmative action advocates. Our sale was a satirical attempt to show the ridiculous nature of the policy when implemented in everyday life. Students and administrators, by banning or opposing this bake sale and supporting affirmative action, are paradoxically taking a situational stand as opposed to a principled stand on the inherent bias of this policy.

The protest went on for roughly 1 hour and 30 minutes before DePaul's public safety and Dean of Students Greg MacVarish intervened. We had made only about five to six dollars, as our aim was not to make money, but to foster debate about affirmative action on campus, and let the students know that DePaul engages in this discriminatory practice. Dean MacVarish ended the civil and constitutionally protected protest. He walked up casually to the table and asked that we close up shop. Seeing as I am not in the profession of mind-reading I implored MacVarish as to why we had to leave a peaceful protest in which we were merely engaging in debate with students of all races. He shot back in a pompous and consuming voice, "Because I'm the Dean of Students." That was his initial reason to close up the protest, because he has the authority to do so, even though our actions are constitutionally protected under the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights. I again asked for a more sufficient reason and he responded politely but sternly, "Because your sign is inappropriate." My sign was inappropriate? So, now the Dean of Students can randomly use his authority to shut down peaceful protests with the mere subjectivity of his own reasoning?

To point out the illogical nature of Mr.



DePaul's admissions policy when applied to cookies and brownies

MacVarish, I would like to draw your attention to a stunt pulled by the Students for Justice in Palestine sometime last year. The presentation consisted of littering the floor of the Student Center with fake dead bodies made of paper, complete with bloody bullet holes in their heads and bodies under the title of something like 'Israeli Occupation Kills Palestinians.' You would think MacVarish would convene his moral authority to impede such ridiculous obscene graphics of "inappropriate" behavior, but MacVarish was nowhere to be found and the protest was never shut down.

After the request from MacVarish to leave the table, I got up peacefully and left with zero resistance. I knew that this was merely one battle in the major war that will ensue against DePaul because of their ludicrous restrictions on free speech.

Of course, the Stalin-esque arm of DePaul is not satisfied with merely shutting down the bake sale and censoring free speech. As a matter of fact, three of us at the bake sale are now being investigated on "anti-discriminatory harassment" charges. DePaul administrators are seeking further action against us for violating this policy, which is ripe with ambiguity and stomps the discretionary free speech all students, as US citizens, should have entitlement to. FIRE, the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, an organization that promotes free speech on campus, has written a letter to DePaul on our behalf asking them to drop this petty investigation.

The sad fact of it all is that this is nothing

new, nothing uncommon, nothing out of the ordinary for DePaul, a haven for liberal radicalism, to clamp down on conservative students because they disagree with certain administrators and professors. I think Greg Lukianoff put it best on a recent episode of the Fox News show Hannity and Colmes, when he acknowledged loud and clear that "DePaul is a basket case."

Yet perhaps the DCA has it all wrong. Perhaps DePaul's admissions process will now be ending the discriminatory practice of affirmative action. It took a bake sale for DePaul's Dean of Students to realize the "inappropriateness" of the actual policy, so maybe MacVarish will attempt to shut down affirmative action at the admissions level as well. In the future, the DCA will look forward to examining adjustments made to the University's admissions policy that currently states "The University takes affirmative action to increase ethnic, cultural, and gender diversity; to employ qualified disabled individuals; and to provide equal opportunity to all students and employees."

(Since the publishing of this article, the DCA was found not guilty of the Anti-Discriminatory Harassment charge. However, they were censured on a technicality because the University claimed that the DCA signed up for the bake sale "under false pretenses.")

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WELCOME BACK STUDENTS!

The Statesman would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new and returning DePaul students for the 2006-2007 school year. This issue is intended to be a stark reminder for all returning students and a brief synopsis for all new students, of the blatant disregard the DePaul Administration has for protecting the student's rights of free expression and free speech on campus. Last year DePaul had three national incidents regarding the restriction of free speech from their own students. The university subsequently won a Polly Award, an award which aims to "expose the excesses of college administrators and professors who misuse their authority to silence dissent and impose their own political agendas on unwilling students." All of these articles have been published in one of the five previous issues of the Statesman which was founded just last year. This year we hope that DePaul will ultimately allow students and faculty members to express their own opinion without reprimand. The Statesman will be watching to see if DePaul holds true to their commitment for free speech.

DePaul radical Left threatens Pres. Holschneider

Letter of demands confirms complete desperation

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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 Holschneider 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 Holschneider 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 Holschneider 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.

Their second demand states "Significant in-

crease 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 bathrooms 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 letter's ideology.

They also demand an "Establishment of hiring a full-time Sexual Assault and Dating/Intimate Partner Violence Coordinator position." Trying say-



Cartoon by Grant Crowell

ing 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 Holschneider 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 Holschneider 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 Holschneider denying the majority of these outrageous demands.



A view of American military forces from DePaul's Ivory Tower

EMPIRE, continued

movement on the left. America is at best a would-be empire that is being contested on all sides and could have its pretensions rudely dashed by a deep recession, failures in post-war "nation building," a pandemic and/or new coalitions of rising military powers. American empire is a very problematic work in progress."

Another course "Revolution and Terrorism," taught by Richard P. Farkas at DePaul, features such objective lectures as "Revolution in the 21st Century." The DePaul Religious Studies department is full of PC indoctrination courses in "liberation theology," feminism, and "post-modernism." Political Science offers "Contemporary Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Politics."

Another large collection at the library consists of masses of political propaganda produced by Daniel Berrigan, who was once (with his brother) on the FBI's Ten Most Wanted Fugitives list. (Berrigan was a close comrade of Howard Zinn. J. Edgar Hoover went so far as to publicly call Berrigan a "traitor.")

DePaul was one of the campuses mentioned by name at a conference sponsored by the American Congress for Truth as guilty of classroom indoctrination in hate.

A few months ago, a speaker of honor hosted at DePaul was none other than Ward Churchill, speaking with open endorsement and support from the DePaul administration. Jonathan Cohen, a math professor at DePaul, described the event in an article for "American Thinker." Among other notable moments at that event:

"The talk turned to his (Churchill's) favorite bottom line for evil, Adolph Eichmann. He pointed out that even in Israel they were never able to convict him of personally killing anyone...He was a desk murderer. For Churchill the people who were bond traders in the Twin Towers were not innocent because they participated in the corporate system that is responsible for the vast majority of slaughter in the world. Presumably they were desk killers too..."

DePaul is an excellent illustration of everything that is wrong in American institutions of higher education in general, and in some church-affiliated schools in particular. In pursuing its crusade to instill campus indoctrination and leftist Newthink, DePaul has abandoned any pretense of protecting academic freedom, while at the same time abandoning any pretense of maintaining standards of academic excellence and scholarship.

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Military 8 - DePaul 0

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by Derrick Wlodarz

No one enjoys conceding defeat – especially the almighty DePaul. A recent Supreme Court decision involving our beloved university, along with thirty-five other prominent law schools around the nation, was handed down earlier last month, and the mood surrounding the verdict has been all hush-hush. The case in question is that of *Rumsfeld v. FAIR*, a court battle that arose from the fed up elite who run today's collegiate academia that wanted to snub its nose at the military by doing all they could to block recruiters from the decent access they deserve on campuses nationwide.

The title of my article doesn't refer to a sporting event outcome; instead, it's the overwhelming unanimous vote by the Supreme Court in this landmark case. The conglomerate of schools under the FAIR (Forum for Academic and Institutional Rights) banner didn't even receive the support of a single SCOTUS justice. How sad.

The debate around this issue has centered on the military's policy of only admitting gays/lesbians into the armed forces if they keep their sexual orientations under guise. The policy, known as "Don't Ask Don't Tell" (a Clinton-era holdover), is the very part of FAIR's repugnance to unconditional access for recruiters. FAIR claimed, in its weak defense, that by allowing the military onto campus, they would in effect be supporting the rule that burdens homosexuals interested in serving. FAIR said that this was against the established anti-discriminatory policy they have in place against employers in the private and pub-

lic sector. While FAIR tried its hardest to stand by a butchered understanding of the First Amendment, Chief Justice Roberts offered his expert opinion on what the Constitution truly provides in such a circumstance. Roberts stated, "The Constitution grants Congress the power 'to provide for the common Defense,' '(t)o raise and support Armies,' and '(t)o provide and maintain a Navy.'" In addition, the Court's opinion held that Congress can place conditions on any federal aid, as well as require campus access to recruiters whether or not a school obtained federal funds.

Since when were any of FAIR's members required to actively support the rhetoric of the armed forces? Allowing the military equal access to recruiting events while contradicting its policies has always been legal and wasn't objected to by any of the justices. The Solomon Act, which currently allows for the rejection of federal aid if recruiters are barred from a respective university's campus, has never sought to burden any school sponsoring speech in which it doesn't agree with. The military, however, as an institution of national defense, deserves every right to be able to recruit our nation's finest at whichever schools they wish.

Most sensible Americans probably agree with what the Court had to say in this case, and this is not where the problem lies. The reason such a debate even exists is because the same administrators and academic geniuses who cover the vast landscape of our nation's top schools are the ones who can't seem to leave behind the sixties and the social rejection that was present against our military way back when. With lack of another way to express their dissatisfaction with our armed forces, they proceeded to wage war in the court room. The end result was abys-



Try telling this lieutenant he can't recruit at DePaul

mal and embarrassing, to say the very least. DePaul, along with FAIR's 35 other members, put its tail between its legs and took the shameful walk home.

I should go on record to say that no school since the Solomon Amendment came into effect has denied recruiters the right to enter their campuses. A few have taken it upon themselves to refuse any active advertising of where and when recruiters would be on campus, but such actions are more of a show of anger than a true use of force. Federal funding, which supports many of FAIR's school incomes (including DePaul's I assume) is something too valuable to risk losing.

Therefore, to the dismay of these 36 schools, the recruiters will not vanish as they had hoped. It's pleasing to know that not one of our wonderful justices swallowed what FAIR had to say; for we'd be in real trouble if this were the case.

Ex Corde Ecclesiae anyone?

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by Nicholas G. Hahn III

DePaul University is the largest Catholic University in America. This is a very powerful marketing tool for DePaul, but that is all it is. In the instance where an institution of higher education deems itself Catholic it then assumes a fiduciary duty to promoting Catholicism in the modern world, in other words, *Ex Corde Ecclesiae*. As Pontiff in August of 1990, John Paul II crystallized the mission of a Catholic University. One of the Pontiff's specific requirements demanded of a Catholic University is that, "every Catholic University, as Catholic, must have the following essential characteristic: *fidelity to the Christian message as it comes to us through the Church*."

This is the most derisory characteristic as it relates to DePaul University. For instance, in association with the "Confronting Empire" theme, anti-war columnist Chris Hedges spoke on the casualties of war on in the SAC January 17 of this year. While Hedges' assigned topic wasn't Christianity, he brought to DePaul, in spirit, his anti-Christian demagoguery. In an article published on TheocracyWatch.org Hedges compares the Christian Right to Nazis, "The ideology of the Christian Right is not one of love and compassion, the central theme of Christ's message, but of violence and hatred." I felt it incumbent upon myself to challenge Hedges on his article. Hedges recognized the article and seemed to concede at first, "Well, I'm a Christian, but you have to remember what these radical Christians want. For instance, they want Creationism to be taught in schools...Creationism is magic." Immediately following his answer, virtually the entire crowd applauded this anti-Christian. Mr. Hedges cannot consider himself a Christian and in the same breath undermine the book

of Genesis as merely something whimsical. It's also worth noting that Hedges was in fact sponsored by the Religious Studies Department at DePaul.

As a matter of coincidence, Scott Paeth, from the Department of Religious Studies, introduced Hedges. Mr. Paeth operates an online blog and in a post in April of 2005 he denounces the burden previously established by *Ex Corde Ecclesiae*, "...though DePaul's religious studies department doesn't carry the burden of adhering to *Ex Corde Ecclesiae*, as many Catholic theology departments must." One must seriously question Mr. Paeth's ability to comprehend *Ex Corde Ecclesiae*. If the University as a whole assumes a Catholic name and mission, then no segment of the University is immune from the Catholic mission.

In another more vexing example, DePaul is prepared to launch a "Queer Studies" program, in which a student can apparently attain an academic minor in a lifestyle choice. This is yet another violation of *Ex Corde Ecclesiae*, not to mention the Catholic doctrine. The Catholic Church is not discriminatory towards homosexuals, but it certainly does not condone promoting the lifestyle. In an article by the Chicago Free Press, President Dennis Holtschneider was described as, "emphasiz[ing] that he does not interfere in curriculum decisions." Our less-than-Catholic President has apparently read just as much of the *Ex Corde Ecclesiae* in which Professor Scott Paeth has. Holtschneider's "hands-off" approach is lazy and pathetic. One of the leading anti-Catholic insurgents is an ordained minister of the Church and is at the helm of what used to be a Catholic university.

Outliers on the spectrum of reasoned discourse have no standing or legitimacy in academia because they do not contribute to the search for truth. The "Marketplace of Ideas" does not exist as a leg for the radicals to stand on. Many academics forget the second and most important part of the "academic



The Vatican coat of arms

expansion" argument: presented ideas can't be detrimental to the search for truth. Besides, as DePaul has demonstrated time and again, the "Marketplace of Ideas" is never open to conservative thought, only far leftist thought. At DePaul, at least, the administration and its faculty adulterate the Marketplace of Ideas to excuse their incompetent logic.

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Pres. Holschneider wins "spinelessness" award

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by Joseph Blewitt

Hot on the heels of the Campus Outrage Award DePaul University won last month, our own President Holschneider 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, a 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. Holschneider



Seriously, how sexy are those pearly whites?

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* 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

ing Dr. Grey and banned from entering the Cultural Center. He has put none of this in writing. He has attached no time limit to the ban. He has not said how the ban might be lifted. An attempt at having the dean mediate a reconciliatory meeting between the student and Dr. Grey fell through because Dr. Grey didn't want to speak with the student.

Mr. Doyle had suggested that because Churchill's visit was in the best interests of free speech, the Republicans should attend the workshop with one of their own members on the panel so their voices could be heard. Not only could they not get a person on the panel, they were barred from the workshop entirely. According to the Cultural Center, the only stipulation for attendance was that you were a part of an officially recognized student organization. Having that status, the Republicans signed up to attend the workshop. Fifteen minutes later, they were informed the rules had changed and they were no longer eligible to attend. The workshop attendance was now by invitation only. The Cultural Center quietly made this amendment to their schedule of events. E-mails to the Cultural Center asking how one obtains an invitation were not returned.

All of the actions taken by the University listed above are but bits and pieces of a much larger and ongoing "scheme" that some have suggested may develop into a blatant conspiracy if the University doesn't change its course fast. The administration's systematic silencing of opinion is quickly becoming akin to actions more likely found in the Soviet Union or communist China. The official campus newspaper, *The DePaulia*, is a far cry from the sort of medium we require to inform the public about the true nature of not just DePaul, but conservatism and liberalism as well.

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. Holschneider 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.

FREE SPEECH, continued

Native American, but all of the tribes he applied to denied him membership, and he can't prove blood relations.

The DePaul College Republicans jumped on this at the beginning of the year, as soon as they learned about Churchill's scheduled appearance. They took their case first to Mr. Jim Doyle, Vice President for Student Affairs. He said Churchill's speech at DePaul was in the best interests of free discussion, debate and dialogue. In hopes of finding that rare treasure, fair and open debate, the Republicans embarked on an epic search. To this day, they have encountered only closed-minded administrators and red tape, custom-made by the University specifically for conservatives. What follows are some of the steps the University has taken to make sure that nothing and no one will stifle its visions of peace and equality.

Posters were made to educate the student body on the true nature of Ward Churchill. After sitting on them for two weeks, and giving excuses like "[the event] may or may not be happening," the posters were decried by Student Life as "propaganda" and "rumors." Featured on those posters were direct quotes from Churchill's books, essays and previous college speeches. When the concerned students offered to prove their sources, Student Life declined. Student Life also took issue with a picture on the posters which showed Churchill in fatigues holding an assault rifle. They thought the picture might be doctored, but the picture was, in fact, from the back cover of Churchill's own book. When I asked for a clear and concise written explanation as to why the posters were denied approval, Student Life declined to write one.

A concerned student met with the director of the Cultural Center, Dr. Harvette Grey, to ask a few simple questions like, "Why Ward Churchill, out of all the people better qualified to speak on human rights?," "How much is his honorarium?," and "Where is his funding coming from?" Dr. Grey, outraged that someone should question her authority, stormed out of that meeting, saying "I'm the executive director of the Cultural Center, and I don't have to answer to you!" Shortly after that meeting, the dean of students Greg MacVarish contacted the student telling him that he has been barred from contact-

(Since this article's publication, the debacle detailed here was discussed on Fox News Channel's nationally-broadcast "Hannity and Colmes" program. The author of this article appeared on the program to detail DePaul's blatant disregard for free speech and fairness. In addition, Ward Churchill was found guilty of "serious research misconduct" by a committee of his peers at the University of Colorado-Boulder. The committee agreed unanimously that Churchill was guilty of four counts of falsifying information, two counts of fabricating information, two counts of plagiarizing the works of others, improperly reporting the results of studies, and failing to "comply with established standards regarding author names on publications.")



Former DePaul College Republicans President Joe Blewitt assails the DePaul administration on national TV.

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Been There (Should've) Done That: Making the Most of Freshman Year

by Michael O'Shea

Venturing upon unfamiliar territory during the crossroads of life is most often very difficult for many people. Something about the unknown is intrinsically scary, even when there should often be no worry at all. The transition from high school to college falls within this scenario of uncertainty, and for many students it is an arduous challenge. Your parents, teachers, and guidance counselors all give you, more or less, the same advice on how to "survive" your first year in school without the supervision of your guardians.

As I look back on my freshman year in college at DePaul, I realize that there was no better time in my life than living the life of a freshman in college. However, there are plenty of moments within that year in which I could have used some unconventional college wisdom from the people in the actual trenches, the upperclassmen at DePaul. Hopefully, you will find my reflection and advice attractive and useful for your first-year in college.

As a freshman, when you make the giant leap to college, you quickly begin to notice many things which are vastly different from high school. First, you have to quickly adapt to living on your own, without any parental supervision. The inevitable enticement of going out every night of the week, drinking until you can't stand up, and sleeping in and blowing off classes is ever so appealing. College brings you all the freedom you can imagine and then some. As much as I would love to say that I personally stayed away from this enchanting autonomy, and made great grades and never missed a day of class in my life, I simply cannot. Residing in the dormitory was a particular challenge because of the ubiquitous atmosphere of someone always doing something, no matter what day of the week it was. Yet, in order to keep from failing out your first semester (trimester in our case), you must restrain this freedom and grab personal responsibility by the horns and never let go. Although I did go out frequently, I kept a happy medium between my social life and opening up those books, and making the grades I was comfortable in making. When it comes down to it, the ones who end up flunking out their first year are the ones who do not restrain this freedom. Bottom line: *Show some restraint, and try to set goals before the week on what days you can, financially and academically, afford to go out.*

Many of you will come to school with lots of money, either from working hard over the summer, or, in most cases, still bleeding off your graduation fund. If there was one thing I regret the most my freshman year, it was the amount of money that I spent in the first trimester of school. Having little restrictions on my pocket book, I would spend money without a seemingly care in the world. I never balanced my checkbook, and I thought I was virtually invincible with my finances. To my dismay, I learned the hard way that

if you do not keep track of your money, you will face heavy insufficient funds charges, which are never fun explaining to the parentals. Although many of you may think you can budget your money well, freshman year is a wake-up call for most students. Bottom line: *Set spending limits for your weeks and try not to exceed them, it will only hurt you in the long run.*

Once at DePaul, it is always good to network yourself as much as possible. No matter what your major is, this means getting involved in groups on campus. Whether you are a political junkie (like me), an athlete, a cheerleader, a writer, a musician, a thespian, or someone who just wishes to join a fraternity/sorority, my advice would be to do it all. The more you find yourself opening up to more communities and conversing with more individuals, the more you will gain from your college experience. It took me about two years to figure out that some of my most fulfilling happenings in my college career were within a certain group on campus. Bottom line: *The sooner you get involved with groups on campus, the sooner you will have a fuller college experience.*

Perhaps the biggest difference between college and high school is what is expected of you within the classroom. Obviously, college is a lot more demanding in many ways. The amount of reading assigned for an average college course is about four times that of an average high school course. Although reading all the assigned material for every course and every class within that course is ideal, it will often be very difficult if not impossible. My advice is to learn the system of your classes. Some teachers will assign readings and threaten a pop quiz or randomly call on you in class, while some will just assign reading so you know it for the midterm or final. Understand the difference between your teachers and prioritize your reading habits IF you find yourself behind in your classes. In the end however, all reading must be done in college as the teacher has authority to put any material in the reading on the mid-term or final exam. It is almost impossible to catch up with most classes if you skip a week's worth of reading, so the bottom line is: *Do not fall behind on the reading, and if you do, be aware of the effects in each of your courses, and catch up quickly because sure enough, it may be on the final exam.*

When I was a freshman, I received perhaps the most sincere axiom from a former student at DePaul, and now I realize that, for myself, it was unquestionably true. He said "The problem with college is that you figure it out about the time you're ready to graduate." Yet, I do believe there is a way to avoid the truth in this adage, if you listen and learn from your colleagues above. I will leave you with my final piece of advice about how to handle your first year in school in the midst of ominous days; bottom line: *Enjoy it and have fun, you're never going to be a freshman again.*

The Statesman's Guide To: Traveling Abroad

Thinking of increasing your cultural awareness abroad? Unlike the Cultural Center, the Statesman gives you a guide to "diversity" in oppressive foreign lands! Use this guide for your global survival!

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1. The State of Kuwait has bad news not just for Feminists in Action members (FIA), but for all who believe women deserve the right to vote. A bill granting suffrage to Kuwaiti women was recently thrown out by a vast majority in parliament; on the contrary, women have been voting in the US for almost a century. Maybe the femi-nazis of the modern era should focus their seemingly boundless wrath on countries where women are TRULY oppressed.

2. Hey SPECTRUM members! Better think twice about spending your next spring break in Saudi Arabia. The laws of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia clearly state that homosexual acts are illegal and punishable by death. You should be the FIRST group promoting the neo-conservative agenda of freeing people around the world...right?

3. Catholics, be wary of traveling to China. If you want to practice your religion in the state-sanctioned and monitored churches you must first renounce the authority of the Pope. Chinese authorities have a nasty habit of harassing those whose hold deep Catholic views. Sound familiar DePaul?

4. Taking a swig of booze in Sudan might get you arrested, but, careful hippies, taking a hit of marijuana in Syria or Malaysia could cost you your life.

5. The regime of North Korea has banned the following in the interests of their communist utopia: unsanctioned religious and political activity, unauthorized travel, interaction with foreigners, and making fun of the current or former leadership or their families (*Team America* the movie was banned from the country!). You won't find Paris Hilton there because all cell phones are banned as well (incidentally little white poodles are acceptable).



"I'm da smartest most cwever most physicwee fit, but nobody else seems to rearize it"

Letter to the Editor

Featured Letter:

First of all, this is the first issue I have read of the Statesman. I have heard things about you guys before being a conservative newspaper. Being a libertarian myself, this intrigued me. My girlfriend managed to get me an issue and I started reading on with your articles.

To the immigration issue, I believe you guys are acting very liberal with your cause. Not through the idea of allowing immigrants, but through wanting more government to handle immigration. Your article on how to solve the immigration issue is not very conservative at all. In fact, I see it more as a liberal policy than actually a conservative policy. I say this because it is based on oppression and not on freedom. If you guys truly loved freedom, you would not attack the immigrants "stealing from americans." Instead, the proper solution to the immigration issue is to dismantle the welfare system and benefits the government "provides us." This is because the government is essentially stealing your money through taxation. They take that money to help the poor and other lazy people. That isn't very capitalistic if you ask me.

There is also the issue of your flag honoring the troops. To be honest, when I first saw that, I thought it was created by liberals. To me, it seemed to honor big government and wasteful tax spending. But when I read it was actually the conservatives, I was disappointed. How can you guys support the troops? Freedom cannot be forced. If you truly loved freedom, you would not support the troops and support freedom(as you can see, I am against the war for different reasons than those liberals)

Bush's energy plan idea is also incredibly stupid. If you guys know anything about economics, it's that government incentives are just as harmful to the economy as government restrictions(made by environmentalists, or as I like to call them: pussies). I mean, if you guys are strictly talking about him taking away regulations about building more refineries, then I am all for it. But when it concerns federal funding for ethanol, that's where I find it to be very anti-freedom.

But do not get me wrong. I enjoyed a lot of parts of this newspaper as well. It does have the conservative voice. The voice of freedom exists within that paper. I can see that my views can be a bit extreme and isolate many readers. But I would like to see articles where it could change the liberals into freedom-lovers(I used to be a big liberal). I did like the LA & S application. That was a very funny mockery of the liberals themselves(stupid freedom haters)

But I would love to contribute to this freedom-loving paper in any way I can. I could submit articles if you would like and the letters to the editor as well. I don't know if I could be a full-time staff writer because of other commitments. But this is a newspaper I would continue to read despite the things I disagree with(the immigration issue and some of the staff's love for government)

Nathan Smolin

Statesman's Response:

Hello Nathan,

First, I thank you for taking the time to read our publication. Our immigration solution is neither liberal or conservative, rather, it is a policy best suited for the reality of the situation. Illegal immigration should not be a partisan issue, but a common sense issue, in which everyone agrees that illegal immigrants do not deserve any rights from America and that we need strong immigration reform.

You say that it is a liberal policy because it involves government, but where do you draw the line? Are you advocating absolute freedom with the dissolution of borders, since it is the government that creates and maintains the border? Certainly any true conservative would tell you that government is often necessary, whereas a libertarian would take a different perspective. This is where I believe we disagree. You speak of freedom with the immigration reform, but what about freedom for taxpayers having to fund these illegals health care and education costs? Are the people really free then as well? Of course not.

You ask, how can we support the troops? Well the Statesman supports our men and women who are sacrificing their lives in order to secure ourselves at home. And yes, freedom can be won, take a look at the results of World War II. Our soldiers ended Nazism and fascism. We support the troops because they have nothing to do with wasteful spending or the decision to go to war, they merely fight when told and for that it is a more than worthy service to this nation. Would you honestly tell a soldier fighting Al Qaeda in Afghanistan that you do not support his cause? In order to truly love our freedoms, we must have a strong national security to secure and live out our freedoms, otherwise freedom is obsolete.

With the energy issue, Bush's proposals are a very effective starting position for better energy policy in the future. Obviously I do not believe in, nor does the author, unfettered capitalism, if you will, and corporations DO require MINIMAL regulations. Refineries need to be built and we need to invest in the future through alternative resources because oil is not a renewable resource.

We are always looking for staff members or contributing writers for the paper. We would be more than happy to publish anything you submit as long it keeps in accordance with conservative-libertarian principles which I see that you do truly believe in.

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DePaul, this Coke's for you!

Coca-Cola says 'thank you' for over 20 great years at DePaul

You may have noticed that there are no longer Coca-Cola vending machines on our campus. Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Chicago will no longer be DePaul's exclusive beverage supplier on campus. This month the University awarded its beverage distribution contract to Pepsi, ending its most recent partnership with the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Chicago. DePaul officials said choosing not to renew the contract was based solely on the financial merits of the contract in order to "generate strategic business revenue."

Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Chicago, Chicago's local bottler thanks DePaul for its valued partnership in supplying a variety of beverages to students. The local bottler announced its appreciation by thanking the University's faculty, staff and students for their business over the past several years.

DePaul's Student Government Association (SGA) showed its support for the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Chicago earlier this year by voting to end a three month boycott of Coke products. The exclusion of Coke products stemmed from allegations of human rights violations against union workers for one of its licensed bottlers in the country of Columbia. Coca-Cola agreed to a UN sponsored third-party investigation of its business practice, which is currently underway. DePaul joined educational institutions like the University of Michigan that resumed its contract with Coca-Cola when the beverage maker agreed to the UN investigation.

Noting that none of the allegations were substantiated during two previous legal and judicial investigations, the SGA acknowledged in a resolution, "The Coca-Cola Company has made good on their promise." The SGA added, "Coca-Cola and its local bottler have been productive, positive partners with student groups and the University community."

Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Chicago said it is an independently owned and operated local bottler with no operations or ties to Coca-Cola bottlers in Columbia.

Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Chicago does not believe this is goodbye in terms of working with DePaul University. The Company said it looks forward to doing business in the future with the University and its students, "We are hopeful that we will be considered again in the future as the preferred beverage provider on campus."

The Best of the Back Page

It's a *Statesman* tradition to dedicate the back page to a collection of pictures from a Chicago-area event that took place during that month. These events generally include rallies, marches, speeches, etc. Here we have compiled the best pictures taken by our own photographers that have been printed in previous issues.



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
Anti-Bush Protest, January 2006



The Statesman doesn't believe the Hamburglar is above the law either
Anti-Bush Protest, January 2006



Great argument...millions hop the border fences and risk their lives to become enslaved
Illegal Immigrant Party, May 2006



Who's the Pilgrim, Illegal Alien?
Illegal Immigrant Party, May 2006



Are families exempt from the law?
Illegal Immigrant Party, May 2006



Fr. Egan enjoys the refreshing taste of Coca-Cola Classic
The Great Coke Rallies of March 2006