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Coke protest goes flat

Affirmative Action bake sale wins DCA \$500!
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by Joseph Blewitt

You could tell by the long faces of the administrators gathered in the lobby of the LPC student center that the Activist Student Union's March 2nd protest against DePaul's contract with Coca-Cola did not go exactly as planned. Expecting to see a large number of their young comrades educating students on the virtues of corporate responsibility, they instead witnessed no more than six of the anti-everything usual suspects outnumbered by the DePaul Conservative Alliance, armed with flyers and free Coke products, gathering petition signatures to keep the soft drink on campus.

While the DCA recorded nearly 200 signatures in a little over two hours, the ASU, which has been collecting signatures for almost three years, claims to have only 500-many of which are presumably no longer students at DePaul.

The ASU then traveled downtown to present its "demands" to Fr. Holtschneider. Surprisingly, Holtschneider actually met with the group, thanking them for their work and raising the possibility of a "third party vendor" as a solution to the controversy. In this arrangement, a third party vendor would be free to provide any beverages they choose.

"We are one step closer to having Hamas Cola on campus," squealed Khaled Mashal on the ASU message board, apparently excited by the opportunity for a third party vendor to offer the ASU-endorsed Coke alternative. Their alternative, Mecca Cola, is a Muslim-owned brand that contributes 10% of its profit to the Palestinian cause. Mecca's Chairman, Taufik Mathlouthi, urges customers to buy Mecca to "protest against the Zionist crime financed by America."

DePaul University's brand name, already



All in favor of Mecca Cola please raise your hands

sporting two black eyes on the issue of anti-Semitism, may need to make room for a third. Just last year, Professor Thomas Klocek was fired after engaging in a debate with pro-Palestinian and Muslim students over Middle Eastern issues. Klocek's crime: He took Israel's side. This on top of the University's refusal to dismiss or even condemn Professor Norman Finkelstein, the notorious anti-Semite who declared that the US deserved 9/11, called for solidarity with Hezbollah terrorists and labeled writer Elie Wiesel the "resident clown of the Holocaust circus."

Even though Coke has met President Holtschneider's request for an independent investigation by participating in a UN-sponsored inquiry, it hardly seems necessary. The Attorney

General of Colombia as well as a Colombian court of law found no evidence to support the accusations made by SINALTRAINAL, one of twelve unions representing employees of independently owned and operated Coke bottlers in Colombia. None of the eleven other unions have made any charges. In fact, SINALTRAINALBEC asserts that there is "not a single indication" that Coke bottlers were involved in the deaths of nine union members over a fourteen-year period from 1989 to 2002. These alleged crimes are taking place in a nation where 35,000 Colombians have been killed in a 40-year and counting civil war between paramilitaries, drug cartels, and Marxist guerillas.

Colombian Vice President Francisco Santos, a former journalist who was himself kidnapped by paramilitaries and held for nine months in 1990 explained "This is not a labor union fight, it's a political fight. [SINALTRAINAL] took a myth and built a campaign out of it. They found a model that works and they've been very successful at it." The "model" Vice President Santos is referring to is widely known in the US as a "shakedown," and Coca-Cola has proved to be an easy mark. Several years ago, Coke settled a racial discrimination lawsuit brought by the late Johnnie Cochran for nearly \$200 million in the face of an Operation PUSH boycott led by Jesse Jackson, no stranger to DePaul. At a 33% fee plus expenses, it turned out to be a pretty nice payday for Cochran and Jackson.

In light of this, SINALTRAINAL retained the services of labor strategist Ray Rogers who, in his own words, has "an unparalleled record of turning local labor strategies into highly visible

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The ROTC can continue to use college campuses for recruiting thanks to the Supreme Court

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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 public 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

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America: A great nation that deserves the truth

by Norm Phillips

It is rather disgraceful to hear some students and many professors ramble on about how America is an oppressive, despotic, malicious nation. What they don't seem to realize is that through their protests and classroom indoctrination, they're taking for granted the civil liberties bestowed upon them by our founding fathers of this great country. They constantly complain about what the United States has done to its own citizens and what it has done to countries and peoples around the world. While it is important for people to understand the negative aspects of our country's history, including slavery and internment camps, it is equally important to acknowledge America's feats that have helped people here and around the world. Americans should be extremely grateful for where they live, especially when compared to other nations around the world.

In the 20th century, when countries were progressing into more freer societies, Nazi Germany was antithetical to this movement. This government eventually committed genocide of the worst form. After the election of 1933 in Germany, the Nazi Party was able to secure the legislative and executive posts that allowed them to quickly turn the government into a dictatorship. Anyone who challenged the government was arrested. Even worse, a tremendous propaganda machine was established to control both the media and education, all other political parties were banned, and citizen's civil liberties were stomped on. Taking advantage of this power, the Nazi government conquered many nations and committed genocide upon millions of people. Fortunately, the war came to a close when America intervened and put an end to



James Madison authored the Bill of Rights, which guarantees the great freedoms Americans enjoy to this day

the Nazi regime. Imagine that pacifists, war actually brought upon a positive outcome; the destruction of Nazism.

Many people today do not realize the strife and struggle for citizens' civil liberties in communist countries such as North Korea. The age of totalitarianism and oppression did not end with World War II; it very much exists to this day. With the conclusion of the Second World War, the Korean peninsula was divided into two military zones. The southern zone,

controlled by the United States, eventually became the successful, prosperous and democratic South Korea. However, the northern zone occupied by the Soviet Union, was much less fortunate. Much like Nazi Germany, the country was made into an oppressive dictatorship. The economy of North Korea, almost exclusively placed in control by the government and under economic seclusion, has propagated a tremendously high level of poverty and malnutrition. With the government having tight control over the media, including newspapers, radio, and television, most North Koreans are unable to realize how horrible their living conditions truly are.

Similarly, Iran also restricts freedom of expression. Newspapers are primarily privately owned and vary with differing ideologies and viewpoints; however, the Iranian government tightly monitors these publications to ensure that no anti-religious or anti-'national interest' messages are published. The government reserves the right to even shut down such papers, and it has done so since the late-1990s with those that advocated reform. An Islamic fundamentalist government has been in place since the Islamic Revolution of 1979, and has subsequently taken away many civil liberties. Islamic law is now central to the Iranian government which allows for the persecution of citizens who do not adhere to the Koran. The supreme leader of Iran, the *faqih*, reserves the right to overthrow any decision made by government on the basis that it may not follow the established provisions of Islam. Hopefully one day the Iranians can also realize the turmoil they live in and will rise up to the oppressive government they live under.

In the United States, the U.S. Constitution guarantees freedom of speech and freedom of the press to allow American citizens to critique many of the policies and decisions our government has made. The First Amendment also guarantees freedom of religion which enables citizens to practice their own faith (or lack thereof) and allow government decisions to be independent of any certain dogmatic religious doctrine. This country has a diverse, decentralized economy that is increasingly embracing international markets, leading to further economic prosperity. Also, Madison so brilliantly created checks and balances between the three different branches of government to ensure that too much power does not fall into the hands of one branch. Other core values of the U.S. include the rule of law and right to a fair and speedy trial, which give the citizens empowerment.

With these precepts of liberty and prosperity, people from around the world have been inspired to carry out revolutions similar to our American Revolution. The most famous example is France, where late 18th century intellectuals who observed our revolution decided to plan their own with many of the same American values like freedom and equality.

In Ukraine, the more recent 'Orange' revolution allowed for new President, Viktor Yushenko, who is interested in advancing liberties and a decentralized market. Hopefully, the communist rule that has plagued his country for so long will come to an end under his rule. In China however, university students back in 1989 were squelched with their pro-liberty, pro-democracy protest by the authoritarian Chinese government. Hundreds were killed, thousands were injured, and many arrested for their participation in this protest.

When analyzing the United States and comparing it with other nations, one can see that Americans are extremely lucky to live in the country that they do. With notions of liberty and rule of law, this country has replaced fear with hope for not only Americans, but also for people around the world who are inspired by American values. These professors and students that do nothing but demean and assail the United States should acknowledge how much their country has granted them and appreciate the freedom we stimulate around the globe.

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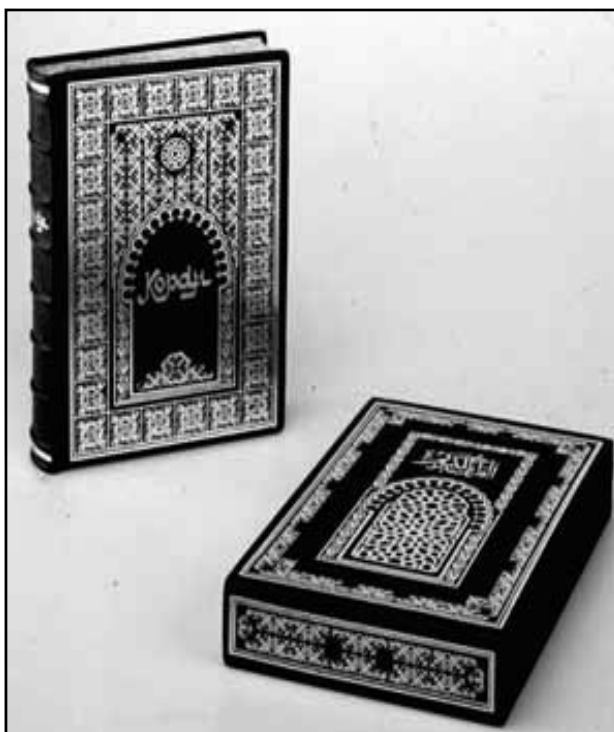
The little democracy that couldn't

by Michael O'Shea

For the past three years of my life, I have given the Bush Administration my unwavering support in conducting its war in Iraq, which essentially was waged for national security purposes. Yet, a revelation today leads me not only to become disenfranchised with the current situation, but also lead me to face a sad fact of reality in which I believe I was wrong for supporting democracy in the Middle East. Hear me loud and clear liberals, this is not a confession of Bush's misguided foreign policy, but more of a cultural awareness which I believe many of my conservative colleagues should take note of in today's political climate of Iraq.

What has American foreign policy been advocating for the last three years since its tenure in Iraq? It has been promoting a stable, democratic state, which holds true the freedoms and human rights of all people; a republican form of government that espouses ideals and principles of the civilized world. Unfortunately, this is not the reality of the situation. Iraq recently adopted and ratified a national constitution which has all the proper tenets of a theocracy. The dissolution of Saddam has created an Islamic state, something which the US should not endorse.

Wikipedia defines a theocracy as "a form of government in which a religion or faith plays the dominant role. Properly speaking, it refers to a form of government in which the organs of the religious sphere replace or dominate the organs of the political sphere." Article II of the Iraqi Constitution says the following: "First: Islam is the official religion of the state and it is a fundamental source of legislation. No law that contradicts the established provisions of Islam may be established." This evidence clearly suggests that Iraq is now an official theocracy.



The Koran will now dictate the Iraqi Supreme Court decisions: the components of a theocratic government

How can a country pride itself on democratic ideals and religious tolerance when its Constitution proclaims that the legislature will use the Koran to dictate laws, and the Federal Supreme Court is allowed to adjudicate cases under Islamic law? Freedom of religious practices and an established state religion can never be juxtaposed within a constitution. Those two components are fundamentally a paradox. Is the Supreme Court in Iraq going to mandate that a Christian woman living in Kirkuk must cover her face in public because it's a law under the state's official religion of Islam? Religious freedom and theocracy do not coincide, period.

The cultural variation within this region is so drastically different that a republican form of government, one which the U.S. prides itself on, is virtually unattainable. Unfortunately for Bush, his idealistic vision and commendable, altruistic foreign policy objectives will ultimately fail. This is not to say that the initial justifications of the war were unwarranted; this is only an observation and analysis of the results of intervention in Iraq. Is the world better off without Saddam? Of course it is. But why do we hear President Bush use rhetoric such as "democracy" when in all reality, Iraq is now the direct antithesis of such a form of government?

What is the future of Iraq? The benign precepts of Islam have been soaked into the Constitution, thus creating a natural rift between those of Islamic faith and those who are not of Islamic faith. If this schism is not sorted out in the courts, or in the will of the legislature, then I fear the ultimate price for Iraq: a 21st century civil war between the Kurds and the Shiites. This hostility can only grow deeper unless this constitution is amended in some form or another.

Although Iraq's theocracy may seem to be an evolutionary concept of a hybrid form of democracy, at its elemental core, it is not. A democracy was never, not once, achievable with the religious distinctions in the region; at least a democracy which adhered to Western principles. America now unfortunately may have created exactly what it wished to eliminate; a growing desire for legislating Islam in a state which was once secular. Although it may seem premature to cast judgement on the finality of Iraq, the foundation laid will be instrumental in determining the outcome. This unfortunate foundation is using the bricks of a theocracy.

Conservative Online Website

The conservative movement at DePaul has finally been resuscitated. An online website brought to you by the DCA, College Republicans, Right to Life Group, and the Lincoln Park Statesman has been keeping tabs of the conservative movement at DePaul. With the latest updates from these organizations, students can follow and join the refreshed conservative traction on campus. The Lincoln Park Statesman also has past issues on archive on this website. The website is www.depaulca.org.

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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 abysmal 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.

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statewide and national campaigns while generating widespread organizational and financial support for his clients." This organization comes from student groups like the ASU (all six of them) and the money from American unions gambling worker dues on a share of the potential settlement.

It was Rogers who created killercoke.org in order to "package and disseminate information that will place union adversaries on the defensive and sway public opinion in favor of the union." Not everyone is falling for Rogers' propaganda though. Ron Oswald, the General Secretary of the International Union of Food Workers, said "We have no evidence of complicity by Coke in the killing of workers. Sweeping, unsubstantiated allegations and assertions of the type found in the boycott appeal do nothing to help the cause of unions that organize and represent workers around the world."

The irony in this case is that by supporting the "cause" of alleged crimes against union workers in Colombia, DePaul will be placing Chicago union jobs in jeopardy. The school does not purchase Coke products from Coca-Cola. They do so from an independently owned and operated local bottler which provides hundreds of good paying jobs to Chicagoans, not to mention the fact that a large share of DePaul's athletic budget comes from the beverage contract. The local bottler's employees and the DePaul student athletes will be the true victims of any anti-Coke action.

Rather than following the lead of New York University (which at least demonstrated good sense by firing Professor Finkelstein) in banning Coke, perhaps we should look to another New York school, St. John's University. Guided by the same Vincentian values as DePaul, St. John's announced they have no plans to ban Coca-Cola products from campus - or to replace them with " Hamas Cola" for that matter.



Thanks to the ASU, these Coke promoters are now out of a job



Try telling this lieutenant he can't recruit at DePaul

Flat tax provides a fresh perspective on a complicated, old tax code

by Tom McWalters

Mark Twain once said, “The only difference between a tax man and a taxidermist is that the taxidermist leaves the skin.” Twain’s words remain very true to this day. The current income tax code consists of 893 forms comprised of about eight billion pieces of paper. Such an expansive system is unfortunately necessary due to the complicated and complex nature of the current income tax code. It taxes different forms of income in different ways and taxes most income several different times. April 15th is National Tax Day, and most Americans are fed up with the current primordial, complicated system currently in place. This concern has garnered support for a new and improved system called the ‘flat tax.’

The flat tax is a system in which all forms of income and all demographics of taxpayers will be treated equally. Income would also be taxed a single time rather than multiple times.

Under current income tax codes, different amounts of income are taxed to different degrees. This is to say that the percentage of income which a person with a comparatively low-income is required to give to the government is less than the percentage given by a person with a comparatively larger income. Under a flat tax code both of the aforementioned individuals would pay the same percentage of their total net income.

Some critics point out that people with a great deal of money should pay more. Liberals say that because high-income earners have worked hard to become more fortunate, that they should fund social services to ‘unfortunate’ individuals who made poor, inadequate decisions earlier on in life. Critics also

claim that people with lesser incomes need a greater amount of money in order to survive. This argument has two pivotal shortcomings.

Firstly, it fails to realize that a person of lesser means will still pay a lesser amount of money than a person of great means. With a flat tax we see that a person making \$30,000 a year will only pay [calculated at a flat tax rate of 17%] \$5,100 annually, whereas a person making \$300,000 a year will pay \$51,000 annually. Therefore, a greater portion of funding for all social services will still come from the upper class.

Secondly, because the flat tax is less cumbersome and does not tax capital formation, it adds incentive for investment, which will stimulate the economy and increase GDP. In the long run, that means more jobs and higher-income for the lower class, which is much more beneficial and more appropriate than any social service can give them.

The flat tax will also help to decrease the size of the IRS and thereby cut government spending. Under a simplified tax code less auditors and accountants would be required to review taxpayers’ financial statements.

Under this flat tax proposal, individuals would be allotted a certain limit of un-taxable income, which would be determined by a small list of mitigating circumstances such as family size and disability. The largest limit being \$33,000 for a family of four [presumably with additional funds for additional children], which is considerably more generous than current family dispensations. Above this limit everyone would have seventeen percent of their additional income taxed. Taxes on interest, dividends, rent, royalties, and business profits would



A flat tax would reduce the current 893 form process to two simple forms

be collected on the corporate level as opposed to the individual level.

This initiative would also eliminate the controversial capital gains and death tax as the proposal states that these are second tier taxes on income on which taxes have already been paid. The one major shortcoming of this bill is that it leaves social security and payroll taxes to be fixed at a later date.

The flat tax is the most fiscally responsible way to repair the current dismal and dysfunctional tax code. It will provide a proportional and righteous stake in the country for the totality of American citizens.

Gitmo detainee defense lawyer Bill Goodman gets intellectually stifled at ‘Confronting Empire’ series lecture

by Nicholas G. Hahn III

On February 17th of this year, the legal director of the Center for Constitutional Rights, Bill Goodman spoke on the legality of detainment as apart of the ‘Confronting Empire’ series. The Center for Constitutional Rights is a group, much like the ACLU, in which most of their clientele are terrorists, atheists, homosexuals, and members of the pro-choice movement. Goodman began his speech with a metaphorical castration of the Bush administration and continued with a disjointed rant on why our soldiers display more criminal characteristics than most of the detainees at Guantanamo Bay.

It was the same unfounded an uninformed argument of the far left that Bush’s power has grown to that of a dictator and most everything he does is unconstitutional. Unfortunately for Goodman, there was at least one person that had done their research on the President’s power, the legality of detainment, and the legality of the United States’ methods of interrogation.

I presented to Goodman S.J. Resolution 23. This resolution was passed following the September 11th attacks and it has become the ground on which the President has rightfully stood in defending the War on Terror. The language of the Resolution is clear that Congress gives unequivocal power to the President, “the President is authorized to use all necessary and appropriate force against those nations, organizations, or persons he determines planned, authorized, committed, or aided the terrorist attacks that occurred

on September 11, 2001, or harbored such organizations or persons, in order to prevent any future acts of international terrorism against the United States by such nations, organizations or persons.” When I read that to Goodman, he looked at me as to infer he didn’t believe that affected anything. I then asked him if he knew what S.J. Resolution 23 was and he replied, “No, but what does that matter?”

Goodman, a purported lawyer, obviously cannot stand on any solid argumentative ground if he cannot recognize even half the issue. Goodman then proceeded to ask me hypothetical questions, “Does the President have the right to torture?” I first of all denied any unlawful torture was happening in the first place and then replied that the President had unequivocal power according to the Resolution. He also asked me if he was an enemy combatant, and I replied, “I don’t know, I’m not the President.” Goodman knows how to manipulate the outskirts of an issue, but fails when forced to argue the substance. He then said, “Alright you’ve had enough time, sit down...you see, that young man is what scares me about America.” What’s truly frightening is that Goodman is still recognized by the BAR.

Goodman spoke of detainment as inherently illegal and that the method of interrogation that the United States was doing in Guantanamo was also illegal. Goodman’s argument is that the United States is unlawfully torturing detainees in Guantanamo according to the Geneva Convention; that is categorically wrong. Firstly, the United States practices a form of coercive interrogation that uses often bizarre

methods, but none of these methods are in violation of the torture statute. Playing loud music, adjusting the air conditions, and blinding the detainee are all methods used by the United States. None of these cause severe emotional or physical damage to the detainee. Secondly, if in fact the United States was practicing unlawful torture on terrorist detainees, the terrorists aren’t protected by the treaty anyway. According to article four, subsection two of the treaty, there are certain requirements for an “organized resistance movement” to be protected:

- (a) That of being commanded by a person responsible for his subordinates;
- (b) That of having a fixed distinctive sign recognizable at a distance;
- (c) That of carrying arms openly;
- (d) That of conducting their operations in accordance with the laws and customs of war.

Terrorists, as a militia not affiliated with the State’s militia, do not comply with any of the above requirements to be protected. It is very clear that Goodman’s terrorist clientele have no legal standing whatsoever. When the issue is looked at specifically, Goodman’s argument collapses under its own weight. It did not seem to affect Goodman, however, that he did not know what an important Congressional resolution was.

It did not seem to alter Goodman’s paradigm when the Geneva Convention does not protect his argument. None of the mitigating points seem bother Goodman; but after all, he was preaching to the choir at DePaul University.

Letters To The Editor

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Bake Sale Incites Positive Debate

To the staff & writers:

Without voicing my opinion on where I stand on the issue, interesting article on the Affirmative Action bake sale. I think discussion and debate from both sides of the political spectrum should be encouraged on issues like these. Have you thought about asking Greg MacVarish to hold a debate with you on the issue, and DePaul's stance on Affirmative Action and or freedom of speech? What are your thoughts on the mass email sent out by the school regarding the incident?

Jeremy Johnson

Statesman's Response:

There are meetings going on with several DePaul administrators and the DCA about a future forum on free speech and affirmative action. The mass email sent out by Father Holtschneider was an unfortunate disgrace to free speech at DePaul. Even after we were found not guilty of the ridiculous harassment policy, he still interjected his own opinion and claimed that the bake sale "harmed the DePaul community."

The letter also said he was troubled by the DCA protesting in front of the Cultural Center; yet logically this makes perfect sense. What better place to protest other than a place which actively endorses the policy of affirmative action? It would be the equivalent of protesting a Supreme Court decision on the steps of the Supreme Court.

Lincoln Park Statesman Staff

Featured Letter:

Dear Editor,

I am very excited about your paper! As an alumnus and a frequent reader, I find it refreshing that there is finally a conservative news outlet that doesn't pretend to be fair and balanced! I also wanted to say good job to Michael O'Shea for painting the Islamic world with the broad brush, the level of ignorance, arrogance, and bigotry in your article is amazing! I can't wait for the next issue to find out which religious group you fine folks at the Lincoln Park Statesman are going to hate on next!

Your white male catholic compatriot,
Ben Meyer

Statesman's Response:

Hello Ben!

Wow! It is of great worth and excitement that we write our response to a man of unprecedented levels of enthusiasm towards this paper, and we're also glad that you will be frequently reading our grandiose publication! Your exclamation points are so contagious!

I'm glad someone out there finally recognizes the Statesman's arrogance! To think after all these issues and no one speaks of our overbearing pride evidenced by a superior manner toward inferiors!

Cheers!

The Lincoln Park Statesman Staff!

Iraq War Vet/ University of Illinois Support

Great issue. I was somewhat upset that you didn't include a picture of Saddam Hussein in his underwear for your World Circus Review 2005 article. The success of your bake sale to spark discussion about affirmative action has once again demonstrated that Leftists have no sense of irony. They advocate affirmative action in college admissions, but call you racist when you discount cookies for minorities in the spirit of affirmative action.

I would be interested in finding out how DePaul's Catholic principles were eroded by Leftists. I keep hearing how it's a Catholic University, yet in the same breath someone says that it's abandoned Catholic principles, sort of like what the Republican party has done with Conservative principles.

I read that someone is spraying swastikas around campus, and Denise Mattson thinks either you guys did it or empowered someone to do so. I have a more plausible hypothesis: the Leftist goons did it in an attempt to frame you guys as racist. It's probably the usual suspects.

"Mattson said the campus has been politically charged since late January when a new campus organization, the DePaul Conservative Alliance, conducted an "affirmative action bake sale" at which blacks were charged less than whites. "That certainly created some dialogue about affirmative action policies and practices about minorities on campus," Mattson said. "

Once again, good job. Keep fighting the good fight.

Sincerely,
Marcin Kulis
University of Illinois
Iraq '03,
101st Airborne (Infantry)

Statesman's Response:

It's nice to see an American patriot like yourself appreciating the Statesman. On behalf of the Statesman I would like to thank you and the rest of the American patriots fighting terrorism abroad to keep Americans safe here at home. Because of people like you Marcin, American citizens can continue to enjoy the freedoms this country was founded upon.

Michael O'Shea, Editor

Free Speech Supporter

I read your newspaper and its viewpoint was quite contrary to anything else I had read or heard while at DePaul, in the classroom or otherwise.

Although not all of your philosophies align with my developing ones, it is still admirable to read an opposition to the DePaul mainstream and hear a voice for free speech still kept alive on campus. Well done.

Casey

Collegiate Network's 9th Annual Campus Outrage Awards

Wilmington, DE—April 3, 2006—Outrageous politicization and double standards continue to abound in higher education, and the Collegiate Network (CN) has once again chronicled the worst of those abuses in its 9th Annual Campus Outrage Awards. These awards highlight the worst excesses of "politically correct" students, faculty, and administrators in higher education. Popularly known as the "Pollys," these awards for the worst campus outrages are given each year to universities to remind the public that political correctness, curricular decay, and violations of academic freedom and free speech remain an unfortunate reality throughout much of higher education.

The 2006 "Polly" winners are:

1st A former Taliban official with a 4th grade education is enrolled at **Yale University**. "I'm the luckiest person in the world," gushed Sayed Rahmatullah Hashemi, the former Deputy Foreign Secretary of the Taliban. Yale pursued Hashemi's admission in the name of that sacred cow, diversity, which now appears to extend not only to people of various sexes, creeds, races, ethnicities, sexual preferences and practices, but also to enemy combatants who make war upon the United States. (This from the same university that bars ROTC from its main campus.) Yale's drive for ever-increasing diversity has clearly hit a new low.

2nd **DePaul University** has essentially declared war on free speech on campus. First, the university suspended—without a hearing—Thomas Klocek, a veteran adjunct professor, for daring to debate students handing out pro-Palestinian literature on campus.

Next, the administration branded as "propaganda" a College Republican protest of a Ward Churchill speech on campus. The attempted protest of the event used a poster quoting Churchill's radical remarks: "Why did it take a bunch of Arabs to do what you all shoulda done a long time ago?". The Office of Student Life deemed the posters "propaganda" and filed a formal warning when the College Republicans hung the posters in protest of the arcane and unclear rule on propaganda. The school then went one step further and changed the website advertising the event to say that only clubs "which are supported by Cultural Center's Allocation Fund [can attend]," of which the College Republicans are not. While the club had successfully registered to attend the event, they were barred from attending.

Finally, on January 17, the DePaul Conservative Alliance (DCA) held an "affirmative action bake sale" at a table in the student center. According to the campus newspaper, who was not affiliated with the event, "After 45 minutes of peaceful protest, a group of students approached the table and began a heated conversation with those opposed to affirmative action." One hour into the event, DePaul's dean of students ordered the DCA to shut down the protest. The university claims the location was inappropriate: the university spokeswoman stated to the student newspaper, "The main hallway in the Student Center is not the proper area for the debate ... we need to make sure that there is an environment for that speech that is safe for everyone." However, PETA was allowed to have a table in that precise location one week later. The DCA club member who organized the event was charged with harassment. Fortunately, he was acquitted. Apparently, free speech is allowed at DePaul only as long as it accords with the political views of the university administration.

3rd (TIE) Awarded duly to both **Stanford University** and **Holy Cross College**, as administrators are trying to silence the independent voices of their conservative alternative newspapers. Both the *Stanford Review* and Holy Cross' *Fenwick Review* got in trouble with leftist administrators for criticizing politically-correct campus groups. Officials at both schools have harassed the staffs of these publications and have resurrected long-dormant rules about distributing materials on campus in an effort to suppress the dissemination of the papers.

4th Officials of the **University of California System**, representing 10 campuses with 200,000 students in the state, are refusing to award credit to high school students in Christian schools who take courses using certain textbooks, primarily those published by A Beka Book and other conservative Christian presses. The California State University system, which is twice as large as UC, also follows UC admission guidelines. In effect, this small group of elites seeks to discriminate in the admissions process of nearly all California schools, proscribing a certain type of education it deems dangerous to the state.

Quick Takes:

News at the speed of conservatism

DePaul awarded 2nd place in the Collegiate Network's 9th annual Campus Outrage

It is now official. DePaul University has finally won an award in which universities across the nation annually compete for. Unfortunately, it's not an academic award or an athletic award; it's an award which highlights the worst excesses of "politically correct" students, faculty, and administrators in higher education. After three despicable acts squashing free speech on campus, DePaul has finally made national news. The Collegiate Network has granted 2nd place to DePaul for its 2006 Polly Awards. DePaul was second only to Yale, a university that enrolled a former Taliban official who had a 4th grade education. The DCA, which has been at the tip of all the controversy, is now receiving a monetary award for their courageous actions.

Debate between College Republicans and College Democrats

The DePaul College Republicans and the DePaul College Democrats will be debating several issues on Wednesday April 19th in SAC from 6:30 -8:00. The actual room number is TBA. The issues being discussed are Wiretapping, Health Care, Illegal Immigration, and the recent party line vote of CAFTA being passed through Congress. All DePaul students are encouraged to come out and see your fellow DePaul colleagues engage in intellectual discourse. At the end of the debate, the audience will get to ask questions to the members on both sides of the panels. Be

DePaul Student Life gives peace a chance

Every now and then the Statesman believes it should highlight the positive things DePaul has done for the conservative groups on campus. After months of the administration's Arafat-like impediment of solidarity with conservatives, the peace process seems to be going smoothly under one office, DePaul Student Life. The director of Student Life, Suzanne Kilgannon, accommodated more than enough funds for Warrior to come speak at DePaul, and even assisted them in providing funds for his transportation as well. She also took it upon herself to hire an outside security force for the actual event.

Late last quarter, Suzanne reached out to the president of the DCA and College Republicans, Joseph Blewitt, in order to help conservative students on campus feel more welcomed at DePaul. Hopefully Holtschneider takes note of Ms. Kilgannon's exemplary actions and this continued peace process can be initiated from all levels of DePaul's notorious administration.

Russia gave US military intel to Iraq

The Russian government collected intelligence from sources within the US Central Command as America prepared for its invasion of Iraq according to Iraqi documents cited in a Pentagon report just released. The Russians gave this intelligence to Saddam Hussein, including troop movements and strategies. The report cites that the documents were passed on to Saddam during the early stages of war, a significant time for the US ground assault on Baghdad. Although the Russians deny these charges, there should be a full investigation into this matter, as it could have jeopardized American troops at the time. If these allegations are true, it comes at no surprise to the Statesman's staff as Russia has been leading the charge with France to appease its financial interests in Baghdad.

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!

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).



"Im da smartest most cwever most physicwee fit, but nobody else seems to rearize it"

Coming next month, The Statesman's Guide To:
Tenure in the Political Science Department

The DePaul Conservative Alliance Counter Coke Protest

Thursday March 30th, 2006

What was it?

For years the ASU has held protests against Coca-Cola on campus, but this time they were put on the defensive by the DCA. The Activist Student Union (ASU) was shocked to see the organization of the DCA's counter-protest as they passed out flyers, had students and faculty sign petitions, and handed away free Coke products for all. The DCA does not want an alternative product at DePaul such as Mecca Cola, an alternative proposed by the ASU. Mecca Cola indirectly funds terrorism in Palestine, as they give thousands of dollars in profits to Hamas, a terrorist organization which is bent on the destruction of the state of Israel. The counter-protest was a huge success as they received roughly 200 signatures in just two hours. Thank you to all who participated and signed the petition. Write to Father Holtzschneider if you feel strongly about this issue and help keep Coke on campus!



Father Egan enjoys the refreshing taste of Coca-Cola Classic



A wise man signs the petition from DCA member Garrett Fritz to keep Coke on campus



DCA member Patrick Conway refuels the counter-protest to keep Coke on campus



A bewildered ASU protestor is stunned after she was presented the truth about Coca-Cola from DCA member Mike O'Shea (right)



The lead protestor against Coke, Matt Muchowski, spews loud, obnoxious, and unfounded propaganda