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Out of the Dark Ages

Once there was a college called DuPage. It stretched across the Great Plains from end to end, or maybe it was just DuPage County.

Regardless, this college was the largest of its kind in the Midwest and its people cried out for an effective way to communicate with one another for mail was too slow and the high voltage generated by cell phone towers caused confusion in carrier pigeons.

Their plight was heard in the high court of the Board of

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Trustees, committees were formed and soon the will of the public became known in the body of CampusCruiser.

CampusCruiser was a place, a kind of digitized town square if you will, where royal proclamations could be read, lords and ladies could render assignments unto serfs and "My Address Book" could be managed.

For those who took the time to explore its deep and cavernous subsections it was, for the most part, helpful and soon it came to be affectionately known as MyCOD.

Some faced perilous encounters with non-user friendly format, but a sharp and well-pointed FAQ often made short work of those problems.

Yes, it was a good and equal place where everyone had a personal e-mail address and access to local weather conditions. Slowly, people made the pilgrimage to the home page and the college was beginning to emerge from the Dark Ages of Information Technology.

But dissent flowed through the kingdom as swiftly as the Black Plague. Effigies lined the streets and there were

All registered students over the age of 17 have received college issued e-mail accounts. These accounts also provide students with access to campus news and notices of upcoming events.

many public executions.

Just as they had when Galileo unveiled the fallacies of geocentrism, the public was protesting this attempt at technological progress because it required thought, effort and patience to understand and master it.

Having already mastered at least one discipline, many aristocrats were not willing to spend time learning and implementing the new skills the program required, something asked of commoners nearly everyday.

Many of the noblemen proclaimed, "I refuse to use it! I don't know how, and I'm certainly not going to learn. Surely there is no value in corresponding with the commonwealth over a secure and assured e-mail system."

In turn, many of the peasants proclaimed, "We don't know how to use it! The instructions were mailed and e-mailed to us, twice, and they appear on the website. Of course we could figure it out if we tried, but, well..."

All of the royal advisors looked at each other and

asked, "Have we made a mistake? Who can we blame?"

Then the town drunk came stumbling down Lambert belting, "Hey, isn't this what you guys all wanted in the first place?!"

Everyone covered their noses for the smell and grumbled that, oh yeah, it was, but they still didn't like it or want to use it.

And yet, some of them came to realize, that there is a need for society and its institutions to progress, however slow and painful it may be.

Of course, its impossible for a society to move forward if certain people with considerable weight insist on dragging their feet.

And perhaps if a college of 35,000 has no need for progress, then it's students have no need for it because progress is the foundation all colleges are built upon.

There will always be people who choose to live in the Dark Ages while everyone else moves on. Let them. In the end, those who refuse to travel by horseless carriage, watch the talking pictures or

have their photo taken by soul-stealing cameras only hurt themselves.

People can't stop the train of progress, they can only decide whether or not to get on board. It's a slow steam engine chugging uphill, but if they miss it they'll have to run hard to catch up.

The people understood this and as time went on they learned to live with CampusCruiser, or not. Imperfect as she was with her sometimes confusing layout and seemingly useless "My Photo Albums" feature it was time to get on board.

In the end, not that many people had to call the Help Desk, and like a bottle of wine, the system got better as it aged.

Besides, the complaints about the system were soon eclipsed by a looming cloud of exhaust fumes during the Great Parking Famine of 2005.

Oh, and everyone, even people who didn't particularly like CampusCruiser, lived happily ever after.

Under semesters.



Laura Andel
Undecided
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LaGrange

"I think that it's good. It makes it easier for girls to have access to it."

Photopoll

What do you think of the movement to make emergency contraception available over-the-counter to women 18 years of age and older?



Arturo Rangel
Massage therapy
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Aurora

"I think it's her own body, and she should decide what's best for her."



Beenisch Hassan
Engineering
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Bloomingtondale

"I don't approve of it being available over the counter. I think it's an easy way out. People are already careless, and this might make them even more careless."

OPINION

Guest Opinions

By Student Body President Samantha Yozze



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SLC President
Samantha Yozze.

Welcome back to the college's first year of semesters.

I hope you all had a wonderful summer.

Student Leadership Council is an organization that represents the student voice and encourages students to speak for themselves.

It is here that I invite you to be a part of our organization and open up new lines of com-

munication.

Express your ideas, questions, and concerns to us and keep us in mind when in need of student opinion.

I anticipate our cooperation and on behalf of the student body thank you for all that you do and welcome to the college's first ever semester.

By Student Trustee David Ellis

What's the deal with parking?

Parking is the number one issue among students, and it has been for a long time.

I am writing this because I

am your student member of the Board of Trustees.

In order to solve the problem, the Board of Trustees finalized

plans in 2003 to build a \$33 million parking garage.

Sounds great right? An additional 1,000 covered and close spaces would be created.

In order to compensate for the loss of parking during the construction phase of the garage, the plan is to create temporary parking where you now see gravel being laid down, just South of the IC building, and also where the

soccer fields are being leveled on College Road.

The total cost of building these temporary lots is budgeted at less than \$4 million. If we turn

these temporary lots into permanent parking and continue with our other parking lot renovations, 1,100 new spaces

could be created, a comparable amount of spaces to the 1,000 new spaces a parking garage would produce.

In other words, we could add more parking for about \$33,000,000 less.

What would we do with all of this saved money? The money was taken from students, so I would fight to give it back to the students through lowered tuition. We could also run



Photo by Ben Chernivsky

Student Trustee David Ellis.

shuttles around campus to shorten your walking distances at a minimal cost.

The point is, this is your money. Do you want to spend \$33 million on a parking garage?

I believe that we can provide safe and adequate parking at a much smaller cost to the current and future students of the college.

The parking issue must be solved creatively and responsibly.

Email me at ellisda@cdnet.cod.edu if you have an opinion or question.

Letter to the editor

Campus bike lockers once a convenience, now just a con

As a bicycle commuter and part-time College of DuPage faculty member, I really appreciate the availability of bike lockers on campus. People like myself who ride everywhere end up with many bicycle accessories such as helmet, headlight, and trunk bag full of rain gear and repair items. It's much easier to secure the fully-equipped bicycle in a locker than it is to lock it in a rack and take all the removable pieces with you.

But recently my bike locker was the scene of an injustice which I feel compelled to share with others in hopes that no one else will suffer the same experience.

On Wednesday evening August 17, I stopped at the college on the way home from work to use the strength complex. The extra pair of tennis shoes I keep in my locker - handy on rainy days when I'd otherwise have to meet my students with wet shoes - and the nalgene water bottle with my toiletries and swim goggles were there on the locker floor where I keep them. So imagine my consternation when on Monday morning, August 22 these items were no longer in my locker.

A minor annoyance in part: I couldn't brush my teeth or wash my hair after using the strength complex before going to work, because

the nalgene water bottle carefully packed with my essential items had been disposed of. But the bottle itself was worth several dollars, and the swimming goggles sell for about twenty dollars.

Then there were the hi-tops, which I'd customized with a patch I bought during my honeymoon in Iceland.

"My [bike] locker had not been broken into. Things had been taken from it, and John had the only key."

JENNY MCBRIDE,
PART-TIME FACULTY MEMBER

I went to the Business Affairs office and spoke with the woman who rented me the bike locker. She told me matter-of-factly that, "John cleaned out the lockers" and gave me his phone number. I called his office and he denied any knowledge of my missing items, repeatedly telling me he'd found nothing in any of the bike lockers.

Back at the Business Affairs office, I was advised to file a report with Public Safety. Officer Silva was very helpful, even took me over to John's office. This is what we learned: John cleans out all the book lockers on campus as well as the bike lockers, keeps no logs of these activities or items removed, and rather than turning confiscated items over to Public Safety, he keeps the property in the print shop and disposes of it later. He told us he

had cleaned the bike lockers Thursday, August 18, the day after I'd last seen my belongings. He also stated that he hadn't issued any notice that the bike lockers would be cleaned out.

Ultimately the Business Affairs office offered to compensate me for the lost items, with the caveat that

they would also cancel my bike locker agreement. (The director of the office would not return my calls, passing it off to his secretary even after I advised her Officer Silva had told me to speak to this man directly.)

My locker had not been broken into. Things had been taken from it, and John had the only other key. I don't

know why he disposed of my belongings. Perhaps he figured he was dealing with some 18 year-old who had left for summer rather than a 43 year-old who commutes by bicycle year-round.

I imagine I'm not the only victim of his dishonesty. As long as he has no protocol or oversight in his role as locker cleaner, he's got quite a deal going.

With its ongoing parking crisis, the college should be encouraging staff and students to bicycle.

Business Affairs has not only refused to apologize to me for this incident, they now want to exclude me from using the bike lockers.

So if you've been considering paying to rent one, you might reconsider whether or not your bike is safe there.

Jenny McBride
Part-time Faculty

"We could add more parking for \$33 million less."

DAVID ELLIS,
STUDENT TRUSTEE

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