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Board needs more than voices alone

Faceless audio recordings of Board of Trustees meetings on the college Web site are a second-class way to present a first-class college with multimedia capability that can Webstream video of President Sunil Chand's talks to the staff on In-service days.

Taxpayers, staff and students deserve better from a Board that makes multimillion-dollar decisions on construction and college policy.

Several local city councils take advantage of cable access to provide the public with their local meetings. College of DuPage is behind the times.

The Board must be a part of involving the public in Board business.

Video recordings would allow the college community to be able to identify their administrators, be more involved in Board activities and have a better understanding of Board meetings.

If a student or staff member wants to see the face of the trustee or administrator they are listening to on an audio recording they must go through multiple steps that do not always ensure that a photograph will be found.

While trustees are more easily findable on the college Web site, finding administrators proves to be more confusing.

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After clicking on Site Index, the listener would have to click on Administration and then finally on Cabinet to find the photographs of the main speakers at the Board of Trustees meetings.

This does not include photographs of other speakers, including the president of the Faculty Senate, president of Student Leadership Council and various special guest speakers.

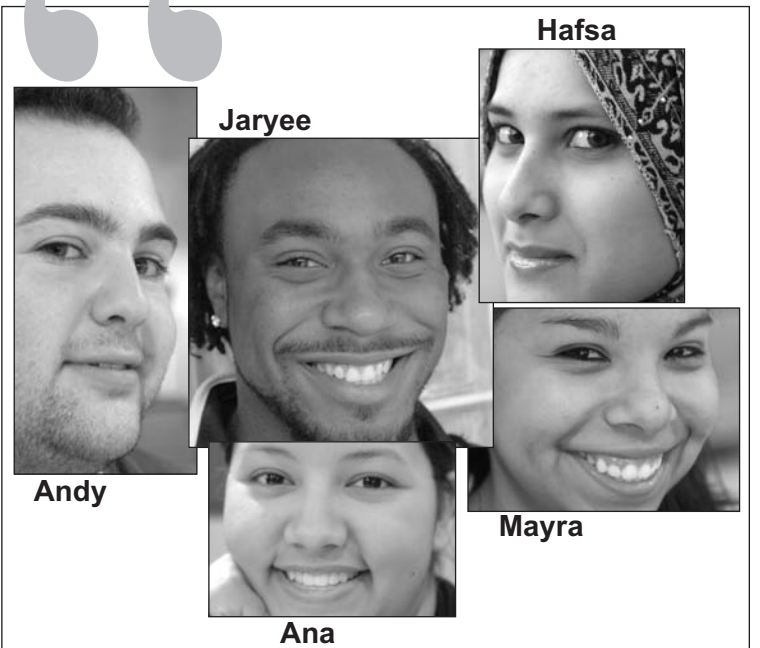
The college uses technology for several other events on campus such as In Service Day speeches, classroom podcasts and various on-campus events. The use of video recordings would greatly improve the quality of one of the most important meetings on campus, the meetings that make decisions with the college's welfare at stake.

Video-recordings would not only allow users to become more familiar with the most influential people on campus, but also allow many who are otherwise unable to sit in at meetings attend.

The Board of Trustees and the college's administrators are without a doubt some of the most influential people on campus. The decisions they make can greatly affect the entire campus.

That is exactly why it is remarkably important that everyone in the college community knows who they are.

Staff Editorial



Andy

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Hafsa

Mayra

Ana

"When would it be acceptable for a professor to date one of his or her students?"

Andy Aravantinos, 21 *Accounting, Wood Dale*
"Never? Or maybe after the student graduated."

Ana Ojeda-Maguez, 19 *education, Itasca*
"It depends on the age difference, if it's close, it is OK to have a relationship with a student."

Mayra De La Cruz, 19 *nursing, Bensenville*
"I don't think it's OK because the student might get special treatment. There is too much conflict of interest if they are in the same class."

Hafsa Hameed, 18 *political science, Glendale heights*
"I don't think it's all right; it jeopardizes the student-teacher academic relationship."

Jaryee Maples, 20 *psychology, Chicago*
"It could be all right as long as the relationship stays separate from school life and personal life."

In Your Words

Are flu vaccinations necessary for individuals to receive?

PointCounterPoint

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70 percent effective. In assisted living population, the flu vaccine is effective by 50-60 percent.

If a person that is 65 years or older, he or she is 80 percent less likely to die from the flu if vaccinated. All statistics are from the CDC.

The availability of the flu shot in America is estimated to be nearly 100 million doses, per the FDA. The flu shot is

the single most effective measure of ensuring you don't get the flu. There is no excuse for skipping your flu shoot.

The cost is relatively low. At Walgreen's starting November, the shot will cost \$24.99. CVS will charge \$30s per shot. The shot is available at a wide range of prices.

This cost is relatively cheap compared to what the cost would be for medical care if someone contracts the flu or the cost of a funeral if a person who contracts the flu happens to die.

It is the beginning of a new flu season and the Centers for Disease Control is pushing its flu vaccines again.

The CDC claims that they are necessary, but is this really the case?

Flu vaccines are not effective in combating the flu.

The CDC admits that the vaccine is "somewhat less effective" in the elderly and the young, the most likely to be attacked by the disease.

According to the Center for Medical Consumers, only 6 percent of vaccinated people contracted the flu compared to the unvaccinated in 2005.

This is because the vaccine is only effective against one strain that is predicted a year before.

Every year, the CDC says there is a shortage of flu vaccines.

To stop the spread of illness 218 million Americans have to be vaccinated.

Even with the CDC's annual flu scare, only 70-80 million receive the vaccine last year. 18 million doses weren't used and were thrown away.

The cost of flu vaccines is also rather expensive.

According to USA Today, the price of the flu shot has gone up greatly around the nation this decade.

At Adventist Hospital in Wheaton, shots go for \$25 each. Back in 2000, the vaccine was only \$2.

With vaccines going up at steep rates like this, it would make it difficult for the poor and less fortunate to afford the flu shot.

Flu shots shouldn't be made.

The Knowledge of Health states that less than a thousand people die annually from the flu.

If the flu was a threat, millions would die annually because they weren't vaccinated.

Researched by Aldo Blanco, Photo Editor

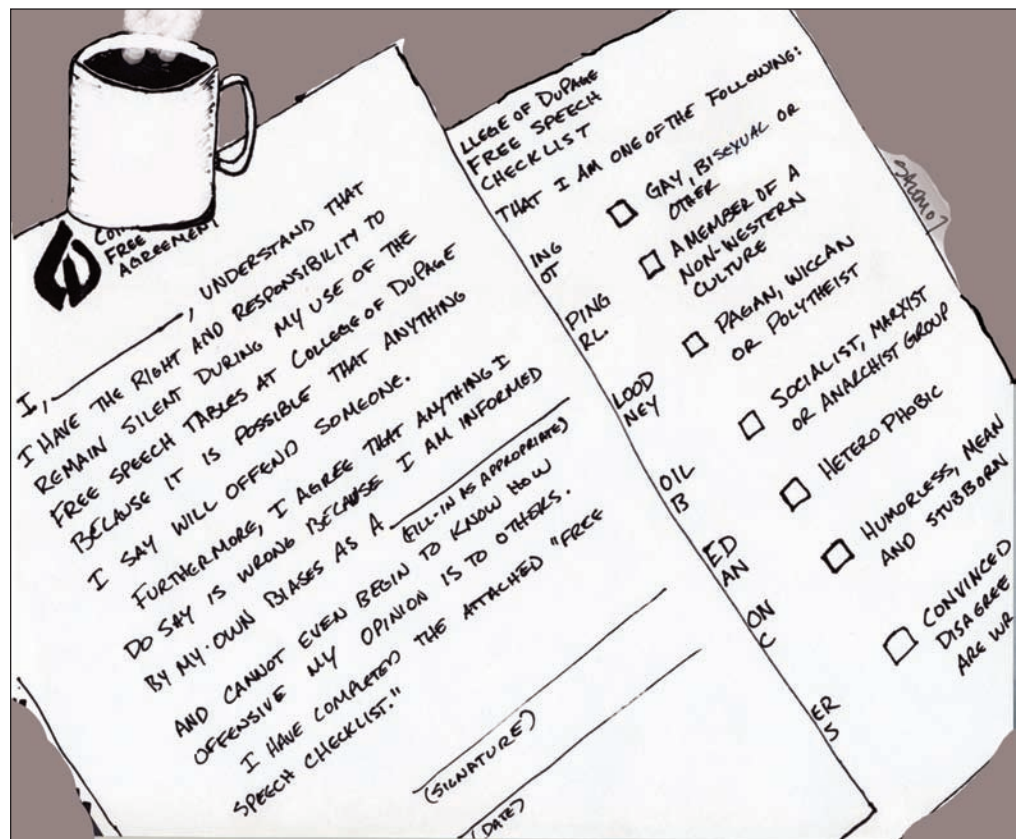
Researched by Bob Bajek, Sports Editor

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OPINION

Editorial Cartoon

by Patrick J. Salem



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LETTER IDEAS:

Letters to the Editor

Passive oversight needed for H.O.M.E.

I have only this week heard of the organization called H.O.M.E. and agree with their defense that the First Amendment gives them the right to be present on the campus of College of DuPage.

However, given the terribly negative and potentially dangerous content of their message, it would seem that there will need to be, at least, passive oversight of their activity while they are present.

GLBT individuals are already waging their own battle with themselves as they attempt to define their sexual orientation and have no need of additional condemnations and scourging.

However, one positive aspect of this situation might be that those not well-informed may learn what the face of hate looks like and how its voice sounds.

Marianne Avery
Resident

No justification for homosexual lifestyle

Once again (we come around every couple years) two members of our group, H.O.M.E., had an information table at COD at which we passed out flyers on homosexual issues. And, once again, a number of students loudly protested our presence, with some engaging in juvenile name-calling because they didn't agree with our commonsense view that homosexual activity is physiologically unnatural, relatively unhealthy, financially costly to society and immoral.

We had a simple request for the students. Show us where we are wrong. We're not asking too much.

Are we wrong to say male homosexuals have a high anal cancer rate? (Answer: No. That rate has been well-documented in medical journals for years, though you probably won't read it in the corrupt liberal media--which are trying to impose their values on you--due to their pro-homosexual bias.)

Are we wrong to say lesbians have a high breast cancer rate? (Answer: No. Because many lesbians never have children, and because never having children and lactating is a well-known contributing factor to breast cancer, the fact that lesbians have a higher breast cancer rate has been known for years.)

Are we wrong to say male homosexuals have a high AIDS rate? (Answer: No. The high homosexual AIDS rate has been well-documented for years. It's so high active homosexuals are barred from donating blood.)

Are we wrong to say the average lifespan of a homosexual is much shorter than normal? (Answer: No. Largely due to AIDS and the above-mentioned cancers.)

Are we wrong to say that no one has found a "gay gene" yet? (Answer: No. And besides, studies of pairs of genetically identical twins, among whom it is common to find one twin who is straight and the genetically identical other homosexual, prove we are not slaves to our genes.)

Are we wrong to maintain that homosexual activity is physiologically unnatural even if perchance psychologically natural? (Clearly, no. If everyone were homosexual the human race would die out

due to lack of procreation. A homosexual mind in a body obviously designed for heterosexual sex is a sure sign that something went wrong somewhere.)

Our stance is based on science, logic, and natural law. The stance of pro-homosexual people is based on emotion and wishful thinking. (They don't have physiology or biology on their side, or a "gay gene.") We can't see how any reasonable person can disagree with us.

But we invariably encounter angry students, whose heads are filled with one-sided, unproven, biased homosexual propaganda; whose minds are essentially closed to inconvenient facts; who would like to fascistically censor people like yours truly; and who want to regressively take this country back thousands of years to Sodom.

Based on our extensive experience on various campuses, we can say with certainty that many colleges are not doing an adequate job of educating students to be broad-minded and tolerant of free speech rights. We find there are way too many students (and teachers!) who believe in censorship, who are closed-minded, narrow-minded and mean-spirited. This failure needs to be addressed.

Wayne Lela
H.O.M.E. representative

Porn is the least of America's concerns

According to Patrick J. Salem's article in the Oct. 5 edition of the *Courier*, Gail Dines asserts that certain pornography that she and others find

objectionable, specifically porn that depicts women as victims of violence, should be outlawed. The reason she gives is that children who view it will grow up to be violent rapists and misogynists and that it causes even adults to treat women badly.

Of course 10-year-olds shouldn't view violent and incestuous porn on the Internet!

The fact that they do is not an indictment of the porn industry, however, but of parents and guardians who should control what their children have access to.

Two clear forms of misogyny in America today are spousal abuse and unequal employment opportunities.

What is also clear is that they existed well before the porn industry exploded in the 1970s and that the status and safety of women have actually been improving since and in spite of all that shocking porn.

How have women really begun to suffer as a result of popular culture, except in Dines' subjective imagination?

Contrary to the shock propaganda that Dines and her ilk spread, no causal link has actually been established between exposure to violent pornography and the development of violent behavior.

So, how more specious can Dines be when she claims that porn is the "single biggest public health issue today?" How about poverty, obesity, sexually transmitted diseases, cigarettes, domestic violence, drug abuse and poor prevention education?

These don't offend Dines as much as nude people being exploited by capitalists.

Pornography is made to arouse the viewer sexually. So is erotic art. Where does Dines

draw the line between pornography and erotica?

Is all art that depicts violent misogyny to be outlawed, even when such imagery has artistic or cultural merit?

It is clear that Dines hates porn. It should also be clear that a lot has to be proven about porn before we stop people from expressing themselves, even in ways that might shock and disgust us.

Frank Wayne
Wood Dale

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