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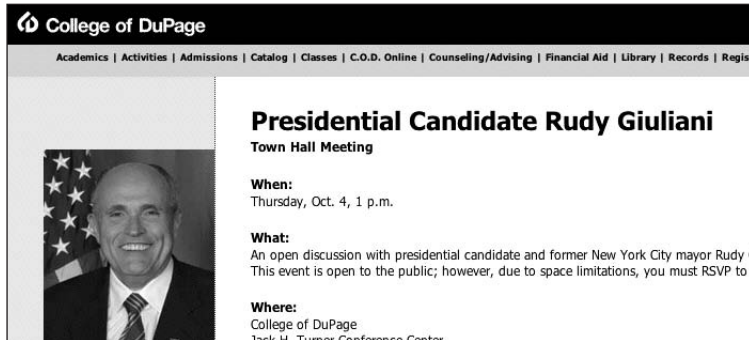
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College must review political policies



The college must re-examine its policy on Web site postings to remain politically neutral, determine the definition of official pages with the college logo, and enforce a disclaimer on non-official partisan politics web pages designed and linked by the college to its site.

Just this week alone the college had two political speakers on campus, presidential candidate Rudy Giuliani and Lt. Gov. Pat Quinn.

Thursday morning the college homepage showed a link titled "Giuliani: Town Hall Meeting." The link opens a second page, providing information on the meeting, a photo and the official College of DuPage logo bar across the top. The college did not list any disclaimer regarding its partisan support of Giuliani as a Republican political candidate for president.

The link was posted on the front page, yet no link for Pat Quinn was found.

The college should not put information on political speakers on official college

pages.

The official college logo bar only appears on those pages deemed official, including academics, activities, admissions, classes and records. Not even the Student Leadership Council, the college's own student government has the official logo bar on their page.

How is a presidential candidate who is paying for our facilities considered more official than the college's own student government?

Director of Public Information Bill Troller said that the same informational link was posted when U.S. Sen. Barack Obama (D) visited the campus two years ago.

Although both politicians paid non-college fees to use college facilities, Obama was an elected senator who represented state.

Web viewers see who and what this college represents. COD is very protective of its logo and image on all official documents.

The use of official college logo on Giuliani's page was just sloppy.

Staff Editorial

Should COD have automatic flush toilets in campus restrooms?

You've done your "business" and contemplate touching the flush handle, but it's wet from God only knows what, and you're left with two choices: drop kick the handle or walk away without flushing.

You turn to use the sink, only to find it's even more disgusting that the flush valve. Judging by the look of things, you'd

When it comes to automatic flush toilets, an issue like that, would obviously be of no concern. Not only are they efficient, but they are also sanitary and cost-effective.

From the standpoint of the installer, cost is one, if not the most important factor. Repairs to "drop-kicked" handles behind a toilet can get mighty expensive. While the hands-free technology is more costly up front, the need for

post-installation repairs is significantly diminished in the long run.

The most important thing is to keep healthy and try and stay away from any types of bacteria that are out there.

When dealing with a manual flush toilet, obviously you are going to be exposed to more germs. No one wants to put his/her hands on a public toilet handle, especially if

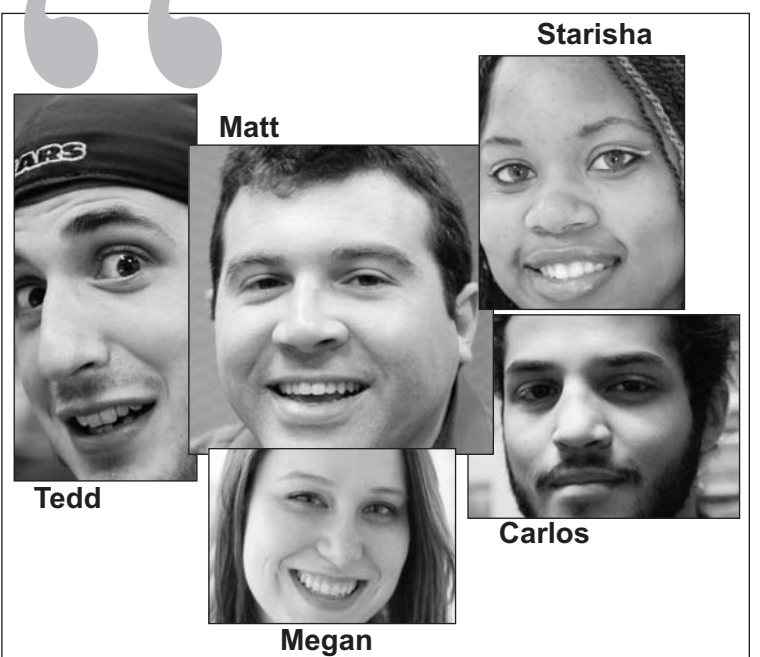
Yes there's some residual dampness; it's just blatantly disgusting.

Adding to this, microscopic critters are probably living in your bathroom right now and can be transmitted by touching surfaces such as faucets, toilet flushing levers, and toilet seats. E. coli, staphylococcus, streptococcus and shigella are all common bacteria that can make you sick, and in some cases, end in death.

Do you really want to die from flushing the toilet? I think not.

Researched by Amanda Jones, News Editor

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"What is your favorite thing about fall?"

Megan Smith, 27 human services, Naperville

"I love the changing of the leaves. Wonderful colors and perfect weather."

Carlos Lopez, 21 philosophy, Woodridge

"In the transition many things will die. Thus my allergies will go away."

Matt McNichos, 28 counseling, Willowbrook

"Football season and the Cubs in the playoffs"

Starisha Perkins, 18 education, Woodridge

"Thanksgiving. I love to spend time with my family. Many come from out of state and I get to spend time with them."

Tedd Bianchi, 21 human services, Elmhurst

"Being able to wear hoodies and the Chicago Bears football season."

In Your Words

With over 100 restroom facilities on campus, the college already has a challenge on its hands in terms of water waste.

That challenge is made much worse by the use of automatic flush toilets, which waste gallons upon gallons more water than their traditional-flush brothers.

Facilities, Operations and Maintenance could not immediately provide the exact number of toilets on campus, but they were able to safely say that it was several hundred. Most of these have been converted to automatic flush, but again, the exact number was unknown. Many women, and men, have experienced problems with the automatic models flushing multiple times while they are still using them.

Not only is this wasting a tremendous amount of water at one and a half gallons per

flush, but it is also causing an unseen amount of microscopic germs to be splashed back up onto the "user."

So while the automatic flush toilets prevent the risk of germ-infested hands, they do not eliminate the chances of catching germs, and possibly diseases, all together.

Even though sensors could be turned down, making the toilets less likely to flush mul-

No tiple times per user, there is no way to regulate them as much as a manual flush toilet.

Having an employee check them all of the time for accurate sensor levels would be a full time job in itself.

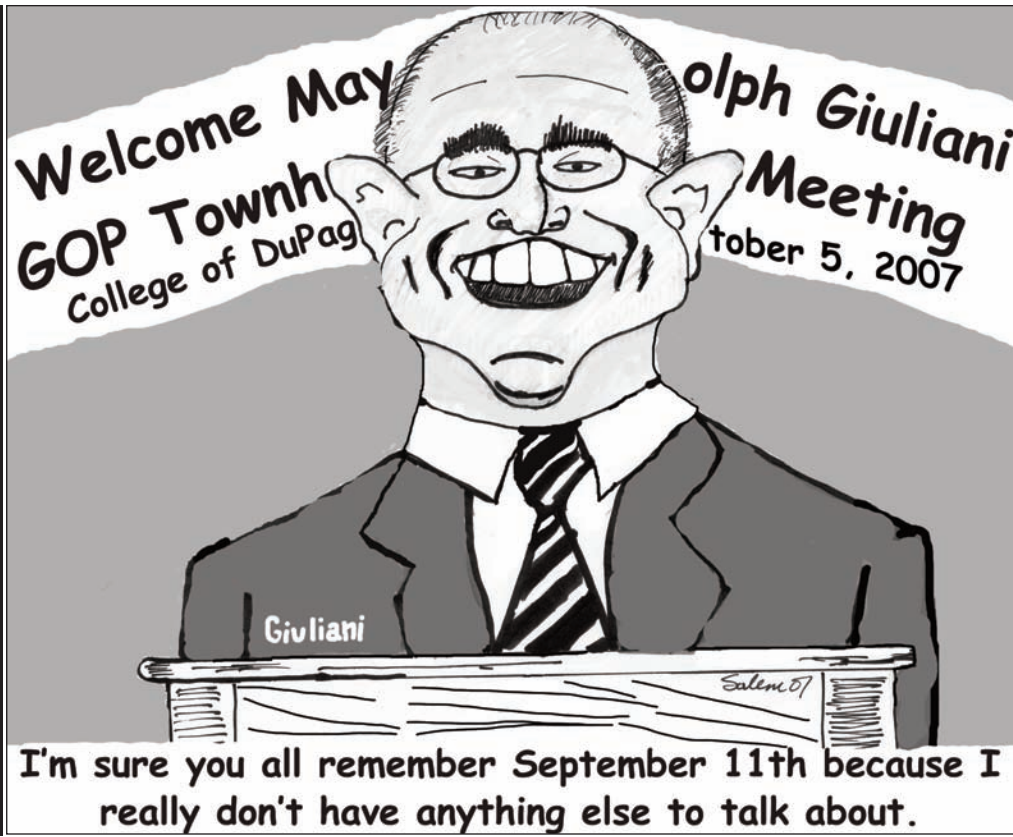
While the college is doing its best to commit to a green campus, using geothermal heating and cooling technology, pursuing certifications and preserving natural trees and plants, the use of automatic toilets on campus is flushing away much needed resources.

Researched by Jordan Glover, Editor in Chief

OPINION

Editorial Cartoon

by Patrick J. Salem



Letters to the Editor

State should review driving policy

Most of us have gotten a minor traffic violation at some time or another. If you have, you know about the police taking and keeping your driver's license until you pay the ticket.

What you may not know is that this is not a law. It is a policy that they made up decades ago.

Illinois is the only state that still does this. In the world we live in today we need an I.D. card for just about everything.

For most people, a driver's license is their form of identification. Not only is this a pointless policy, but it is a major hassle for us.

Then on top of it we have to pay people to organize and mail them back to us.

We need to let the state know that this is an out of date policy that needs to go.

Dana Ricksecker
Student

Police followed orders in taser incident

There has been a lot of talk recently about the incident at the University of Florida where a 21-year-old man was tasered for resisting lawful arrest.

Most see videos posted on youtube.com or some stations were broadcasting on the news, many saw this as the police placing this man under arrest for no reason primarily because of the fact that the man was shouting about how he had no idea why he was being arrested.

This man had already been previously warned to leave prior to the incident resulting

in his arrest, when police attempted to escort the man out he reacted in such a way that police could not get him to comply, once the officers got the man to the exit he persisted to resist by throwing his arms, pulling, and pushing police officers.

Once police had the man on the ground and went to place him under arrest he refused to give up his hands, he was warned to comply prior to handcuffing, during handcuffing the officers restrained one hand but the man still refused to comply with handcuffing, one officer was told by her sergeant to taser the man, she followed orders and tasered the man in the shoulder corresponding the hand that was yet to be handcuffed.

The officer who tasered the man was simply following orders from her superior officer, the sergeant most likely knows better the procedures of their police department than most reading this.

The man was given a verbal warning to leave the premises, the man resisted escort, resisted arrest and refused to comply with handcuffing, I do not know if the officers that were arresting this man used the pressure points they were taught, but I know that pressure points do not always work, depending on the person and situation.

With the handcuff around his wrist, that man practically had a weapon, if his handcuffed arm had gotten free during the struggle officers very well could have been seriously injured.

Not to mention the fact that this man has been known as somewhat of a prankster, making videos and posting them online takes a lot away from his credibility.

A lot of arguments of free speech have been thrown around that he was being es-

corted out because of his questions, the officers do not care about the questions he asks, why would two officers risk making such a scene just because they do not like his questions about Mr. Kerry?

I can't help but feel that this whole incident has been blown out of proportion and that these officers are being unjustly questioned and interrogated, they were in a better position to make that judgment call than anyone because they were experiencing it first hand over everyone, even if they were in that very room at that time.

We as a society give officers a certain amount of discretion because we acknowledge the fact they have a difficult job where decisions must be made promptly, following her training and orders she did what she thought was right and personally, I think the call she made was totally appropriate.

Robert Groh
Student

First amendment does not justify all

In light of the recent events at the University of Florida, there appears to be an increasing amount of people exploiting the First Amendment to justify one loud-mouthed student's actions.

I wholeheartedly believe that the First Amendment is not a ticket to say anything you'd like, anytime of the day; there is a time and a place for everything, rather it is a necessary safeguard to ensure a basic, democratic society.

Being a product of the "Y Generation" it's easy to say collegiate students today (myself included) will never feel the persecution of an oppressive government so strong as

King George III's.

The incident at the University of Florida only goes to show that given a soap-box and the attention of person(s) of influence, common sense and logical arguments are thrown aside in favor of volume and comedic wit.

Michael Cross
Student

COD athletes are proud to be here

This letter is in response to last week's Point-Counter-Point on "Should COD cut its intercollegiate athletic program?"

There is nothing more important at COD than the education that student's have available to them. COD is a wonderful institution with many great teachers and people that care about students and their growth and development. The educational process is alive and well at COD everyday! Students have the opportunity to gain, achieve, grow, develop and expand. This opportunity is available because COD has diversity.

This diversity comes in many forms. Of course, the classroom is the foundation of that diversity, but it also exists outside the classroom and it should!

I don't know all the teams, clubs and outside activities that COD offers, but I'll list a few. From the music classes come opportunities in the form of choir groups, various singing groups, instrument playing groups, etc.

From communication classes come the opportunities to develop and compete on speech or debate teams. From theater classes come opportunities to act, write, critique, dance, produce etc. From math classes come opportunities to compete on school math teams. From journalism classes come the opportunities to write for the Courier and other COD publications. From physical education classes and the athletic department come the opportunities to compete on sport teams.

Many of our disciplines offer outside activities to help a student gain in knowledge and experience. The lessons learned from these outside the classroom activities plays a role in the journey of all students on their way to whom they are becoming.

I have not researched the numbers as was presented in the Yes Column of the Courier article, but I do know that 316 athletes must be full time students to compete and that translates to at least 24 semester hours a year. Many athletes go to summer school as

well. Do the math and COD athletes pay more than \$758,000 in tuition each year.

Filling full-time faculty positions is always going to be an issue! It has been in the 30 years I've been a teacher and coach at College of DuPage.

The statement that the "athletic programs operate as though part of a separate institution" is very confusing. We are College of DuPage! We represent College of DuPage! Our athletes wear College of DuPage proudly on their uniforms! We have pride in our programs! We are proud of our success! We are proud of our student-athletes! We know that our athletes gain everyday and are part of the educational process offered at College of DuPage.

Don Klaas
Instructor, Coordinator of
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and Basketball Coach

Aurora Planned Parenthood OK

Mental destruction, emotional holocaust and physical emptiness are the result of abortion. It is one of the hardest things for a woman to be put through.

I am exhausted from hearing people talk about abortion like it is easy. People say things like, "Couples won't use protection because they know they can always get an abortion if they need it."

I believe the Aurora Planned Parenthood should be allowed to exist. This country was built on a foundation of choice.

Who are you to say someone can't get an abortion? That is the decision of the woman, the man, and their God.

If you are against it, then don't get one, but certainly don't prevent someone else from getting the help they need.

Evan Grant
Student

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Or, stop by our office in SRC 1560.

Be heard.