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Enrollment goals still undefined

President Breuder needs to make enrollment goals for the spring semester known on campus.

Registration is underway and a clear-cut target has yet to be determined for fulltime enrollment numbers in the upcoming semester.

Before the outset of the fall semester, the office of the president released a set of goals and objectives for the fiscal year 2010 in which it stated the goal to "increase Fall '09 FTE Credit enrollment a minimum net of 7.5 percent over Fall '08."

Since President Breuder has not made specific numerical targets for the spring available, different departments on campus do not know how to adequately prepare for the spring term. For example, the college may need to undergo more marketing because enrollment is tracking over 60 percent lower than it did last spring, yet to what extent the college should spend its marketing dollars would depend on the enrollment targets of the college.

Associate deans of different departments also need to know the number of students that the college plans on enrolling to determine how many classes should be made available for registration.

Since enrollment is tracking over 60 percent less from this spring semester to last spring semester, it would seem that deans should be looking to consolidate classes and hire less faculty. However, that may not be the case as enrollment is expected to rebound as of today according to college offi-

cial. Whether enrollment increases or decreases, if the associate deans of different departments knew the specific enrollment target the college was trying for it would make the decision making process a lot easier for determining the logistics of how to run classes.

Determining how to stock supplies on campus depends on enrollment figures as well. Should the college order less food for the cafeteria this year? Should the college stock less toilet paper and hand sanitizer? Knowing how many students the college is aiming to bring to campus would allow for the efficient amount of money being spent on supplies.

It would be nice to assume that President Breuder is aiming to increase spring enrollment similar to figures in the fall, or that some of the higher ups at this institution knew target figures for enrollment, however, Jane Smith, dean of admissions services, did not know what the enrollment goals of the college were when asked in a Courier interview.

President Breuder has specific targets for the college that span for the entire year such as "expand tenth day online program headcount enrollment and credit hours from 12,239 and 50,262 respectively in FY09 by 25 percent in FY10," and "Increase FTE in Fast Track from 212 in FY09 to a minimum of 318 in FY10," clearly outlined in the "Office of the President Goals/Objectives FY10" and there is no excuse for President Breuder not having specific enrollment targets available for this upcoming spring term.

Staff Editorial



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Do you prefer to take online, hybrid, or traditional classes?

Gianni Ciaccio, 20ish film, Bolingbrook

"I prefer to do just the regular classes. I like having an instructor there that can personally answer my questions. Hybrid classes are okay, but like I said I prefer having someone there who can answer my questions instead of just a computer."

Robert Karczewski, 19 computer animation, Wood Dale

"I prefer to take indoor classes."

Kyla Gardner, 20 undecided, Western Springs

"I prefer to take classes in the classroom."

Adam Henry, 20 business, Naperville

"I prefer hybrid classes."

Kelsey Kudrna, 22 hotel management, Wheaton

"I prefer to take hybrid classes."

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In Your Words

Should women be required to sign up for selective service?

PointCounterPoint

Women have long desired equal rights in this country. The sense of injustice that fueled feminism through the fifties, sixties, and seventies has opened doors for women today. After the burning of bra's and countless protests for equality, women can now vote, work, and fight next to men. Women have successfully won the war against men. If women can live and work in equality, they should be drafted to fight in equality if the selective service needs someone to fight a war.

According to WorldNet Daily, President Barack Obama may not have drafted a woman to be his running mate, as his rival John McCain has, but he does believe that America's young women should be eligible for the military draft and possibly com-

bat duty.

"I think that if women are registered for service -- not necessarily in combat roles, and I don't agree with the draft -- I think it will help to send a message to my two daughters that they've got obligations to this great country as well as boys do," said Obama in a debate last year.

"Women are already serving in combat and the current policy should be updated to reflect realities on the ground," said Wendy Morigi, President Obama's national security spokeswoman.

Women shouldn't expect all of the positives from equal rights without taking responsibility for the negatives that come along with it. Wouldn't it be safe to say that the selective service program is a form of sexual discrimination against young men?

Yes

No

A draft is enacted when a crisis occurs that requires more troops than the volunteer military can supply. In a crisis requiring a draft, men would be called in sequence determined by random lottery number and year of birth. Then they would be examined for mental, physical and moral fitness by the military before being deferred or exempted from military service or inducted into the Armed Forces.

Women should not be required to enter into the draft because they are restricted from assignments below the brigade level. Due to this they cannot participate in ground combat, thus making it pointless for women to be part of a draft.

In addition, to allow women into the draft there

would need to be a constitutional amendment made by congress. The Equal Rights Amendment prohibits women from being enlisted in the draft.

Men tend to have a "fight or flight" response to stress situations while women seem to approach these situations with a "tend and befriend" strategy, according to Psychologist Shelley E. Taylor. Having different reactions to

stress is a major difference between men and women, which could make or break a person on the battlefield.

Emotions also play a role in the difference between a man and a woman. Women tend to be caregivers and are often more susceptible to depression, making a position on the front line difficult due to the emotional and physical stress.

Researched by Jessica Eller, News Editor

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OPINION

Coexisting's a bitter pill

Students and faculty turn blind eye to homeless man

I have been attending the College of DuPage since August 2009. In that time, I have been HOMELESS, yet "attempted" to attend classes at the same time.

No one, hardly, has respected this, rallied around me and defended me when others showed bias against me and unjustly persecuted me.

I've talked to both students and faculty alike. Illuminating

my situation to them and my desire for assistance. Everyone has either shown indifference and/or fear; refusing to get personally involved in alleviating my hardship. "Listen," they might do, assist though...no.

I have gotten steadily worse feeling isolated and alone. I succumb to feelings of frustration and anger, contrary to beliefs I wish to both share and evoke, like kindness, mercy

and compassion.

9-11 is past history. One cannot change what has happened, only demonstrate a willingness to learn from it and move on. If one has the capacity to think intelligently.

Yet it seems we are a nation of the blind leading the blind. Everyone is so preoccupied by fear that no one is willing to embrace the capacity to love.

Fear of terrorism. Fear of

economic calamity. Fear of Global Warming. What other fears can you name? Does anybody care???

I cannot find such a person. Everyone I've talked to runs from finding just solutions and towards persecuting those who try to seek good.

I know. According to what the COD police told me today, I have had faculty and/or students call them 15 times regarding me – a poor, disabled

homeless man who simply wants to coexist in peace with others.

If only they would care about him. Help him out of his sorrow and misery. Instead of adding to it. Is anyone listening? Does anyone hear?

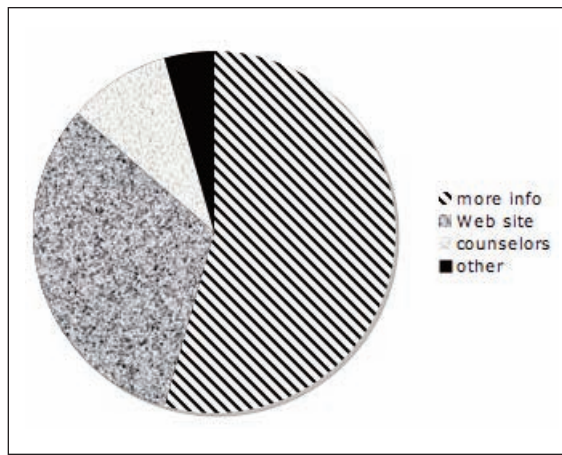
James Rasura
Student

At The Polls: Last week's answers; this week's question

Last week's poll

What do you think is the best way for the college to make the registration process easier for students?

- 1) Give more information on classes and instructors teaching those classes
- 2) Have more counselors available
- 3) Make a more maneuverable Web site
- 4) Other (e-mail editor@cod.edu with ideas)



22 people responded to last week's poll.
 • 55 percent chose more info
 • 32 percent wanted a better Web site
 • 9 percent wanted something other than listed
 • 7 percent chose more counselors

This week's poll:

Is noise pollution a stress inducer in your life?

- 1) Yes
- 2) No

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Christianity is moral. Period. *Two students respond to last week's opinion pages*

Dear Editor,

Ok, in good conscious, I have to respond to the "Point-CounterPoint" in last week's Courier, found on page 6.

I love philosophy. I love the art of asking questions and finding answers. And, as any self-respected philosopher would strongly disagree with are contradictions. For me, it's the idea that Christianity could be "immoral". For one thing, there's a difference between "immoral" and "false".

We have seen time and time again that even though something is proven "false", doesn't make it immoral. Are we to say that our ever-changing scientific technology is constantly immoral because it's been proven wrong over and over again? No. I think a lot of our ideas about what is moral and immoral comes from religion, especially Christianity. And, if Christianity is immoral, why are there so many Christians in the world? We, as a world, pride ourselves in making break-

through discoveries in almost every field in which we apply our mind on...but yet, after thousands of years of trying to "crack" the system, why haven't we had enough "courage" to say "hey...maybe Christianity is immoral". That's only one side of the argument though.

The other side is that you cannot blame a religion for being wrong, just because the people that supposedly "follow" the religion, really don't. It's wrong to base a religion "right or wrong" just strictly on a few handful of people. I mean...what if people actually "followed" their Christian belief?

And, not to seem bias with this article, but I'm Roman Catholic. I'm not a "religious freak" that people might label me as, but I'm proud of my rich Catholic roots. I go to daily mass everyday, and it saddens me that I'm usually the youngest one there...by more than 2 or 3 decades at that too (I'm 22, by the way).

My point is that most people don't know their own faith,

especially people my own age, much less the faith of others. So how can we, in good conscious, say that one religion is better than the other, or to say "this religion is right, this religion is wrong"? And, is it fair to single out the number of priests who have been proven guilty of molestation (not to downplay it, however), but yet do we focus on the vast greater number of priests who do so much for their church, for their community, and, in some cases, for the world?

I'm not trying to defend just Catholic's, but Christians in general. Yes, there has been several divisions inside the church itself, and yes, there has been much corruption in the past...but as a human society, it happens. We complain about the corruption in our own government, but do we say our government is morally wrong because of it? No. We learn to overcome it. As any parent knows, raising children is not easy. There will be a point in their life will the child will go through a "rebel-

lious" moment in their life, and do things that the parents disapprove of. Does that mean it's strictly the parents fault? No. I have met good parents, but because their child never learned on their own to appreciate their parents, they turn away, and the parent is left wondering what went wrong. I feel like God is the same way with us. He did/does everything he possibly can for us, but yet we are still that "rebellious" child, refusing to acknowledge that He knows what's best for us.

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Dear Editor,

Don't blame a religion (be it Judaism, Islam, or Christianity) for the misguided zealots within that religion that can and sometimes do give a religion a bad impression.

Within any group of people (be it religious or social) there will be those who express passion in a negative or harmful manner. To condemn the whole group, however, is shortsighted and narrow-minded. Accept each individual based on their behavior.

James Rasura
Student



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