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University officials shut down Bapst Library



THAT'S ENOUGH OF THIS STUDYING TOMFOOLERY

In a move designed to crack down on the destructive habits of students, University officials have announced that Bapst Library will be closed for the remainder of the semester, effective immediately. The decision comes as a shock to both students and faculty.

"Due to a steady increase of incidents involving broken book spines and low alcohol tolerance, we have decided that it is in the best interests of the student body to shut down Bapst Library," said Bill Fahey at a press conference. "This type of Carl Jung-le fever is simply not appropriate for an institution such as Boston College. Our tradition demands less from the student body."

The infirmary was flooded with students who were checked in against their will for caffeine addiction.

UGBC has come out in support of the administration's decision as election season nears. According to President Promised-More-Recycling, "dozens of instances of cat naps and coffee 'runs' during last semester's finals are a clear indication that this behavior needs to stop."

Library officials have reportedly witnessed students digesting dozens of pages of books in single sittings.

"We thought if we ate the books, we could sacrifice space in our stomachs to make more room in our brains," said Bapst regular Jack Slaughterhouse.

Professional librarian Utterly-Useless shared in the concern. "I even saw a graduate student with an English dictionary in one hand and a Spanish dictionary in the other, all while browsing Urban Dictionary on his laptop. These students stay up all night to cram. I've never seen such reckless decision-making."

A gang of students calling themselves Johannes' Angels protested the decision. "Just because a few dozen students have irresponsibly studied themselves into oblivion does not mean that the entire student body should be punished," said spokeswoman We-Forgot-To-Write-Her-Name-Down.

Despite this opposition, University officials have declared that they are cold to the pleas for mercy. "If I gave up that easily," said Fahey, "I'd never have finished burying all my illegitimate children." ■

Brighton trashpickers post record earnings

Dumpster diving season is in full swing as BC students return to campus and settle into off-campus housing. Enterprising area locals have long scavenged the most popular haunts in search of troves of cans, but no weekend has ever been as profitable as the most recent. In a financial report published Monday by the Boston Herald, trashpickers in the 02135 zip code reported an average profit of \$16.37. This surpassed the previous mark, set in October 2008, by a whopping \$1.52.

The economic boom has been ascribed to a 'perfect storm' of factors ranging from consumption to can quality. Local garbage violator Benny Mangrove discussed the situation in an exclusive interview, "It's important to get cans that haven't gotten all crushed or the machine won't accept them. The kids were really pounding the 30's last week. Kegs were far less popular than experts projected."

The recycling hustle has shown consistency throughout the economic downturn, so much so that leading economists have compared the industry to that of funeral homes. Princeton professor and beard enthusiast Paul Krugman described the never ending profits as such, "People are going to die and kids are going to get drunk. Coffins and beer cans, the two safest investments in business. Shit's gold." ■



HOLY PROFIT MARGINS, BATMAN!

CAMPUS HAPPENINGS

Accidental footsies creates classmate tension



PICTURE FOUND IN REX RYAN'S PERSONAL ARCHIVES

This past Thursday, junior Brent Stafford attempted to stretch his legs under the seat in front of him. Obstructing his goal of classroom relaxation were the feet of fellow junior Jack Baxter. What followed was an awkward exchange that escalated into an hour-long battle of wills.

The initial engagement was met with a swift retreat by Baxter's boots; however, they quickly returned to their original position. Baxter explained himself, "I wasn't sure if maybe it was that cute girl that sometimes sits behind me, so I decided to put my feet back in case she was flirting with me." He later pleaded, "...sometimes she smiles at me I think. It was worth the risk." The response was met as a challenge by Stafford who was attempting to do his best Manute Bol impersonation. The ensuing battle for foot comfort lasted for the remainder of the 90-minute class. After coming to a standstill, the two students nodded at each other before retreating to fight another day.

Witnesses to the exchange found the incident disruptive and juvenile. "By the end of the period they were grunting and wildly kicking each other. Class today was more homoerotic than Top Gun," said the cute girl who caused the event in the first place. ■

New bus forcing eye rape among students

Darren Flynn stepped off of the Commonwealth Ave. bus with a look that could only be described as a thousand-yard stare after an encounter that he would only refer to as "abominable." Flynn reportedly boarded the new bus around 2 P.M. and quickly realized that the new forward-facing seats forced him to make eye contact with fellow bus riders. A noticeably pale Flynn added: "I feel violated... and used."

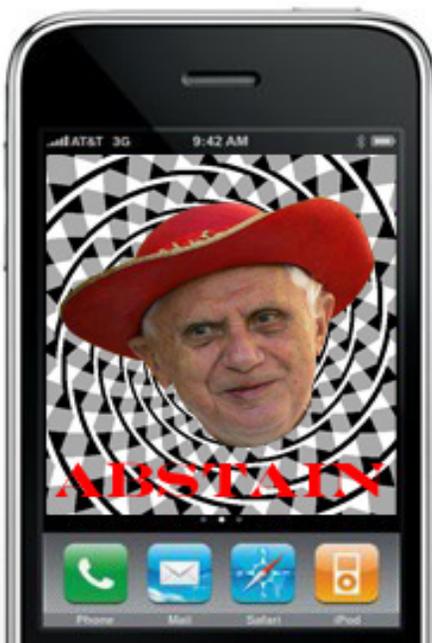
For BC students like Flynn, this kind of incident has become commonplace with the addition of the new bus to the BC fleet. The forward-facing seats are allegedly highly conducive to eye contact, especially when students are boarding the bus from the front door. "It's... it's like they're an audience," sniffled Flynn, "and I'm just an object." Flynn claimed that eye rape on the bus is nearly impossible to avoid.

"It used to be really easy to avoid making eye contact with the people sitting around you. You could just turn your head and act like you were trying to see where the bus was going. I used to be able to decide whether or not I wanted to eye fuck the person sitting across from me, but now I feel like I'm part of an eye-contact gang rape."

Flynn mentioned a friend who was recently deflowered whilst riding the new bus. "Look at my buddy, Trent Hooptie. Just the other day he was a visual virgin, but he spent five minutes on that bus and was optically violated by some girl he didn't even think was that cute to begin with." Hooptie added, "She did kind of have a mustache."

While Hooptie and Flynn insisted that this problem should be dealt with immediately, some students did not agree. Senior Tina Tisdale said that she thought the bus was "actually kind of nice."

"I really like the forward facing seats because you don't feel as bus-sick on the way back from Mary Ann's. Those guys just want to think that they're having some kind of sex, even if it's eye sex. Maybe Darren Flynn should stop worrying about his 'optical virginity' and start worrying about his virginity, period." ■



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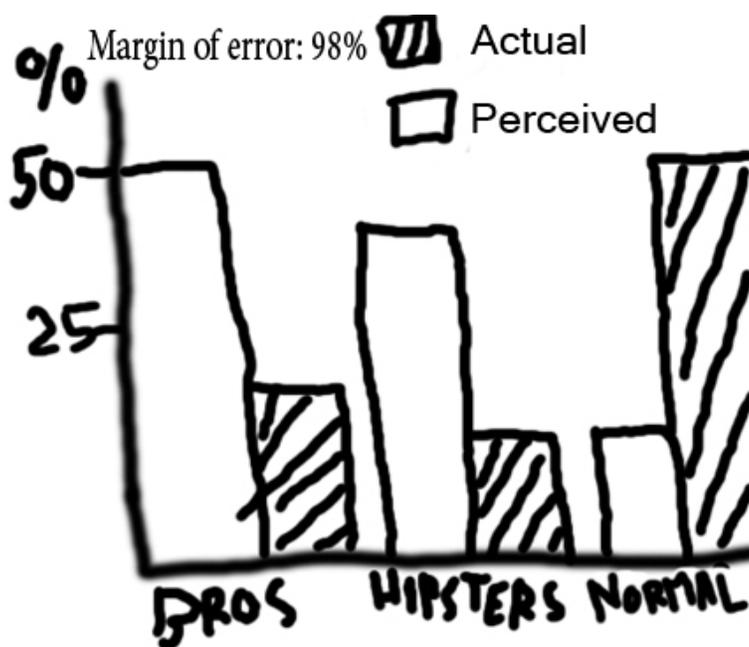
10 fattest students “weightlisted”

In a revolutionary new program launched this year by the Office of First Year Programs, the ten fattest students on the wait list have been admitted for the fall term on a strictly trial basis. The students will participate in a rigorous ‘Biggest Loser’-style competition and will spend upwards of 7 hours per day at the Plex. The workouts will consist primarily of Stair-master sessions designed to acclimate students to campus life. It will be run by members of the ROTC who promise to “make sure they burn more lard than a fire at the Crisco factory.” At the end of the fall term, the three students who have lost the most weight will be allowed to enroll while the rest will be forced to return home to their gorging dens.

“The problem with these kids is that we’re afraid that they just won’t be welcomed into the BC community,” says a rep from the program, “It’s not that they can’t keep up academically, they’re just too fat to fully immerse themselves in the social scene. I mean, how are these girls going to get into off-campus parties if people convulse at the sight of them wearing the standard barely-there hooker dress. And the guys! Their immense body mass will definitely prevent them from ever finding a one-seat airline reservation, let alone their penises.”

The ultimate goal of the program is to teach the students a workout regimen comparable to that of a normal BC student. The male participants will be expected to wear lacrosse pinnies at all times in the hope that the shame of constantly having to expose their bulbous arms will sufficiently motivate them. The girls will have a rotating uniform of cleavage-exposing tops, Daisy Dukes, and clingy dresses. The creators of the program believe on-campus counseling services will be enough to offset the potential psychological trauma caused by the competition.

“When it comes down to it, I think that any BC student would choose a hot body over mental health,” says a program rep. It’s one of the cornerstones of our program. Right now these kids are big losers. We want to transform them into the biggest losers!” ■



BC Social make-up

Bringin’ sexy back to the 1820’s



GENTLEMEN PREFER BLONDES, POETS PREFER DICK

This semester, English Professor Sandra Lickenfield decided to take a new approach to engage her class. “Last year, an average 87% of my students were asleep at any given point in class,” Lickenfield remarked. “I can’t blame them. There isn’t much that’s more boring than nineteenth-century literature. That’s why I’m making class a bit more PG-13.”

Taking a lesson from Pavlov and his famous dogs, Lickenfield concocted a plan to get her students to associate dry, miserable writing with sexual fantasies. “Topics such as life on the prairie and the Mexican-American War aren’t too stimulating,” Lickenfield said. “I needed to put the clit back in literature.”

Lickenfield, who graduated from UMass Amherst in 2008 as a legend of the Homeric Greek life, brought three of her Classics Club sisters to class on Tuesday to do a cover of the Pussycat Dolls’ sultry summer hit, “Buttons.” The four girls began the four-minute performance dressed as legendary poet and chaste maiden Emily Dickinson, but ended it completely naked. They executed their rendition, “Loosen Up My Bonnet”, to the absolute delight of the students.

“It was incredible,” said sophomore Frank Cahones. “Lickenfield always dresses so conservatively – hair up, glasses, no make-up, baggy clothes. I had no idea she was so hot. Honestly, I busted a nut in 10 seconds. Walt Whitman’s the only other person who gets me going that quickly.”

According to the syllabus, next week Lickenfield is supposed to dress like French novelist Jean-Paul Chamfort and read his excruciatingly slow autobiography, *The Eiffel Tower*, while getting Eiffel-Towered in front of the class by two male students of her choosing.

The famed William Shakespeare always said “Prose before ho’s.” But what happens if you juxtapose prose and ho’s? Who knows. ■

The sky is falling?

As September has progressed, trees all around the northeast have been showing signs of sickness and blight. The public has witnessed increasing discoloration, decay, and outright loss of leaves in nearly all tree species, and now, in the first weeks of October, the sickness seems to be getting worse. Furthermore, similar happenings in Europe and Asia suggest that the blight is not confined to this continent.

Dr. Fyodor Schidlovsky of the University of St. Petersburg was one of the first to notice and scientifically document this phenomenal circumstance in early September. His studies show an exponential increase in discolored (red, orange, and brown color instead of the typical green) and dying leaves throughout his region. He has also found that trees of the same species tend to relinquish their leaves at proximate times.

The American Scientist Society last week published a study on the geography of what it has coined the "Fire Blight." The study shows that the epidemic began in late August—affecting the northernmost trees on the globe in uniform fashion—and has continued to spread south. It is predicted that by November the sickness will have infected the entire northern hemisphere. And if the ASS can not find a cure, the breathing air of the entire region is in jeopardy.

The ASS has however made one promising discovery concerning a solution or cure to this epidemic. It seems that most evergreen trees and conifers are immune to the Fire Blight. But when this reporter steps outside to hear the crunch and crackle of brown dead leaves beneath his feet and sees the barren skeletal tree limbs, he can not help but fear for the trees, and for himself. ■



END OF DAYS, END OF DAYS

New groundskeeping initiative

Inspired by the Stokes Hall construction site, Boston College has begun serious consideration of a new university-wide landscaping venture.

"Think concrete, lots of concrete," said Patrick O'Learinulty, the director of Boston College's department of landscaping, in a press conference early Monday morning. According to the preliminary artistic renderings revealed at the press conference, the university would do away with any and all grassy or green space on Boston College's Newton, Brighton, and Chestnut Hill campuses. The plan calls for all greenery on campus to be replaced by high-grade concrete and post-modern art inspired by construction scaffolding.

"If we want to become one of the top research universities in the nation, we have got to get serious," said Boston College president Bill Fahey, "How can we genuinely expect our students and faculty to focus on academic research when we have green, shady space available all over campus to distract them?"

President Fahey has smoothly guided Boston College through earlier modernization projects on campus, having overseen the renovation of the student green, or "Dust Bowl" in the fall semester of 2010.

"Boston College has allowed itself delusions of gothic grandeur reminiscent of 17th-century Europe for far too long. It's about time we let go of what's past, confidently step forward, and start preparing for the 22nd century," concluded Fahey.

Each of Boston College's neo-gothic buildings, such as Bapst/Burns, Fulton, and Higgins, will be renovated to more closely resemble O'Neill Plaza. The school aims to finish the dystopian retrofitting within three years.

"The new renovation of Gasson was premature, and a mistake. There's no doubt it will negatively clash with the progressive architecture of O'Neill Library," stated one university official who asked not to be named.

There are some critics of the university's newly-announced initiative. Dan Murphy, who heads the groundskeeping department on campus, voiced his opposition in an official statement.

"While the groundskeeping department is always in favor of progress on campus, we are concerned with the possibility of having to lay off the entirety of our staff due to a complete lack of groundskeeping demand," stated Murphy.

At the conclusion of Monday's brief press conference, O'Learinulty soothed any possible concern the student body might express over the fate of the hugely popular modular homes in Lower Campus.

"The student body has no reason to fear for the continued tradition of the 'Mods'. They will simply be repainted with a dull urban grey," said O'Learinulty. ■

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