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SUVs call for public debate with rival BMWs

Controversy intensifies over plan to replace campus roads with mountain trails

After weeks of controversy surrounding a proposal to replace all roads on campus with challenging back-woods mountain trails, Students for Unnecessary Vehicles has demanded a public debate with their primary opponent, Bring us More Wealth-Sedans.

"We recognize the needs of our school's children to drive big machines over natural things," SUV chair Randy Getelmann said. "But the BMWs don't seem to know their platform well enough to feel confident in a public debate."

"There is no debate to be had," BMWs chair Jennifer Keating said. "Our SUVs are strong enough as it is. It's time to focus on other important issues, like clothes, food, and clothes."

Students are saying that it would be difficult to drive to class in a mid-size luxury sedan if the roads were full of "rocks and stuff."

"I'm not walking all the way to class from Prassel," junior Heather Shropshire said, "And nobody should have to if there's a perfectly



good Mercedes in the garage. And all that dirt... how gross! It'll get all over my miniskirts!"

But according to Getelmann, the plan would not eliminate the ability of smaller cars or sport-coups to pimp it en route to class.

"The trails would be rated on a scale of 1 to 10," Getelmann said, "But all the trails would be grade-two, since, really, an F-350 or an Expedition would have no chance on a grade-3 or higher. You see, our primary goal is to look tough like in the Ford commercials, without looking tough like actual workers."

A third student group on campus has vocalized concerns about the environment or something, but their lack of ownership of either SUVs or BMWs makes them irrelevant in the debate, pundits say.

"The fact is, it's going to be either SUVs or BMWs," the University Minister of Punditry said. "So if you want your vote to count, just pick one or the other and ignore those silly hippies."

Keating insists that the BMWs will fight the proposal, at least until they can all get their hands on their own sport-utility, the X-5.

"The question is not whether we should replace our roads with the beauty of nature," Keating said, "but what it means to our education. Isn't driving to class hard enough without humongous boulders and stuff in the way?"

Getelmann insists that the vehicles students drive are reflections of the strength of their character.

"Nobody's nuts are as big as those of someone who drives a giant truck," Getelmann said.

Art Department commits suicide

The Art Department was found dead early Tuesday morning in Ruth Taylor. She was the victim of an apparent suicide.

Though forensic reports have not been completed, a preliminary investigation suggests the cause of death to be ingestion of lethal chemicals, including turpentine.

"I just can't believe she's gone," the Art History Department said.

Art History, who described herself as "roommate and best friend" of the departed, said she grew concerned for Art when a wave of retirements decimated Art's faculty.

"I knew she was depressed," Art History said. "[She was] always talking about being underappreciated around here. But I never thought she would do something like this."

A suicide note found next to the body, written in striking charcoal-on-parchment, read, "You won't hear the dull buzz of my

fluorescent lights as they burst and burn. No longer will I preside over the distended skeletons of my broken easels. I am finally free."

The Department leaves a number of projects behind, all of which will be displayed at a final memorial exhibition sponsored by the Art History Department.

"You know, I never really noticed this when she was alive, but some of this stuff is really ingenious!" said the Art History Department. "We have truly and tragically lost a master at her art."

Though no one is certain what caused the Department to take her own life, administrators have pledged to find an answer.

"Oh, the art department's dead?" said Trustee Roger Yearsley. "That's really a shame. Wonder what we're gonna do with that 30 bucks we gave them every year now?"

Campus re-arranged again

Physical plant: 'Back to the drawing board'

The buildings on campus have been re-located yet again, in an ongoing effort to make the campus as easily navigable as possible.

"We're trying several solutions to make the campus make the most sense," Director of Consumer Affairs Deke Whittington said. "We're doing our best to keep the sign in front of the Atlas fountain as accurate and up-to-date as possible, for the convenience of our customers."

Also, an additional sign has been posted in front of Coates Center to help people find their way.

"I can't tell you how many times I've stood there in front of Coates Center wondering where Coates was," junior Jennifer Farrow said. "Now, all that's a thing of the past! Thank you, helpful, precise, and accurate directory signs!"

The changes include:

- Coates library being located simultaneously to the left and to the right of Chapman Center
- Parker Chapel being obliterated altogether
- Coates library being moved back to the left of Chapman Center
- Half of Parker Chapel moving back North of Halsell

Almighty and sidekick touch down on campus: 'Vote God for God!'

Last week, God and His running mate, Lord Jesus Christ (R-Nazareth), visited campus on the final leg of Their re-election campaign.

Many people shared a myriad of emotions when God and Jesus descended from Heaven six months ago to inform the world that Their term as rulers of existence would be ending with the new millennium. They also came to inform the world that the elections for a new God would be held simultaneously with the presidential elections in the United States, and that any character of fiction was eligible to run.

Now that the race is underway, God's "Re-elect God for God" campaign isn't the only one making its mark on college campuses across America. The "Vote Brak God, because Brak is Good" campaign is following closely behind God and Jesus in the polls.

"I plan on makin'bacon for everybody when I'm God, bacon for every meal! Bacon! Bacon! Bacon! Vote for me!" Brak said in a recent television interview.

Several lesser-known campus groups have come out of hiding to show their support for their favorite incumbent as well.

"I'm feeling really good about our candidate. I think that he could really change things around here," said Richard Stake, vice president of Trinity Students that Rock for Satan. "Well, he would certainly make the world more interesting, and with Brittany Spears as his Vice God, you know there are going to be some sweet-ass orgies!"

"It's good to see that people are out there and still care about who is in charge of their reality as they know it," said Simon, the campaign manag-

er for God. "But We are confident that Our kissing babies and turning water into wine strategy is going to do the trick."

Many students have been wondering about where God and Jesus stand on some of the more important issues.

"If We get re-elected, We'll thank Our supporters by turning all Saint Augustine grass into Marijuana," said Jesus. "It's a deciding factor in the current North American election, and its legalization is getting Nader a lot of support. We aim simply to do him one better."

God said that, ultimately, it's not whether you vote that matters, but who you vote for.

"Vote for Us or go to Hell," God said.

"Shit! Now I'm REALLY going to hell!" confirmed agnostic non-voter Ronald Jacobs said.

PEANUT GALLERY

What are you going to be for Halloween?



"I have this fabulous construction worker outfit that will just be super!"

— Atlas



"I'm going as an immobile severed head on a granite pedestal. Pretty fuckin great, huh?"

— George Storch Head



"I might have to dust off my cross, the thorns, the whole bit. That REALLY freaks people out!"

— Trick-or-Jesus



"I'm going as Mr. T, sucka! Ipity the fool who don't put litter in its place!"

— Esplanade Trash Can



"I bought a whip and some chains so I can go as a bondage bitch goddess! I'm so wild!"

— Large Interior Form

Your free food is all mine, you fools!

STUDENT COMMENT

By Ray Kelso, sophomore



Mastery of one's environment requires attention to the smallest details. For example, all of us here at Trinity are fortunate enough to receive several "mass-mailings" daily. Why is that so fortunate, you may ask? Aha. Listen well, my friend, and you will learn.

These are apathetic times, and student organizations are desperate to acquire new members. Many of these organizations foolishly try to attract members with the promise of free food—often such delicious morsels as stuffed jalapeños and fried cheesticks.

Such treats, if purchased by an individual, would put a serious dent in one's cash flow, whether purchased at the Coates Grill or at the local grocer.

But the wise man need not spend his own money for such comestibles. There are others whose generosity will keep a

wise man in greasy refreshments indefinitely.

Follow these instructions, friend, and never again will you be enslaved by the twin tyrannies of hostile grill workers and expensive frozen foods!

First, select an appropriate meeting from your list of mass-mailings. *Make sure that they promise free food!* I recommend picking one of those "cultural" groups. Their food is usually exotic, and it's often home-made.

Next, attend the meeting, and enjoy the vast selection of delectable treats.

As far as the fools know, you're just an interested visitor. But you will be chuckling quietly as you help yourself to whatever morsels they were foolish enough to bring! Devilishly simple, is it not? Just follow the plan and you are certain to have the choicest egg rolls, chocolate eclaires, and goldfish all to yourself, without paying a red cent!

Now, if you'll excuse me, I've got a Chinese Culture Club meeting to attend.

HOW TO PICK A CANDIDATE

Many student voters are making their choices in a presidential election for the first time in their lives. The decision can be tough, especially as election day draws near and the candidates work harder than ever to secure votes. The Trinity Student has assembled a voting guide to help you out. There is a way to cut through all of the political campaigning and see clearly the best candidate to vote for. All you need is simple logic.

1. A vote for Nader is a vote for Bush.
2. Unless Bush wins, in which case your vote for Nader was in fact a vote for Nader.
3. But of course if Bush wins, then your vote for Nader was a vote for Bush.
4. And of course if Gore wins, then your vote for Nader was a vote for Bush that was just wasted.
5. Unless of course you wanted Gore to win, in case your vote for Nader was a vote for Bush.
6. In which case you must have wanted Bush to win, because a vote for Gore is a vote for Nader.

So, as you can see, voting for someone you don't want elected is the only way to make your vote count.

For example: If you want Bush to win, but you plan to vote for Gore, vote instead for Nader. If you want Gore to win, but you don't want Nader to win, then vote for Bush. If you want Nader to win, you can vote for either Gore or Bush, because that would be equivalent.

Then, sit back and wonder why youth voter turnout is so low. Gore and Bush shovel such clear and thoughtful reasoning up our asses, how can we not vote? Surely we don't feel like no matter what we do, our vote is ultimately TRULY wasted, because we'll never get what we want out of a candidate. Surely we wouldn't rather just get wasted ourselves and watch our lives being ruined on TV.

DO IT FOR YOUR CHILDREN

HUNTER S. THOMPSON FOR PRESIDENT 2000

He talked football with Nixon.
He drank Wild Turkey with Carter.
He played golf with Pat Buchanan.

He is for universal access to mescaline, regardless of income, and a steady supply of fear and loathing for all.

Vote Freak Power this election.

Trinity Student endorses Hunter S. Thompson and the Freak Power ticket in the 2000 presidential election.

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Now is the time to choose. Choose or Lose. Take part in something that most 18-24 year olds don't do. Get a fucking costume, you losers! And it had better not be a god-damn Pokemon! And when was the last time you went trick-or-treating? And we mean *really* trick-or-treating, no community service bullshit with TUVAC. If you think you'll look dumb now, think how dumb you'll look in ten years! Now's your chance! Do it while you still can! Have some fun, ya humps!

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The Tao of Pooh

BOOK

by Benjamin Hoff
Illustrated by Ernest H. Shepard

What better way to explain the complex ideas behind a religion than with characters from children's books? Benjamin Hoff does just that in *The Tao of Pooh*, enlisting the help of the pooh-bear best suited for the job. The basic tenets of Taoism unfold in what is often humorous dialog between the author and Winnie the Pooh, who the reader comes to find is a perfect exemplar of the go-with-the-flow attitude of the Chinese religion. Also by Hoff is the *Te of Piglet*, which explains some Taoist ideas not covered with Pooh. Find *The Tao of Pooh* in the library at: PR6025.I65 Z68 1982