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**Slope students busted for sticker trafficking**

**George Graph**

Almost 200 students were indicted, last Wednesday at Slope College for “unlawfully entering Crest Dining Hall.”

The students have been charged with Slope College Student Policy Violations: 7:1 and 7:2, “Food Crimes.” Of the 78 students to have bad hearings so far, all have been convicted.

Safety in Numbers (SIN) has uncovered an extensive dining hall sticker trafficking organization. SIN investigator, Robert Brown, made an official statement last Friday and explained the situation. “Students have somehow infiltrated the securities put in place to restrict students from eating at Crest Dining Hall,” said Brown. “Sources indicate that fabricated stickers are likely the tool students used. Our investigators are focusing their efforts towards finding the ‘sticker dealers.’”

Initial investigations, we’ve found that the sticker-ring deeply penetrates the student population. This is a large scale, well-planned, well-executed crime. Smuggling and money laundering were involved. This incidence may be too complex for the students themselves. It’s likely faculty and/or outsiders were involved.”

Brown did not mention how an extensive sticker trafficking ring even penetrated Slope’s administration. R. J. m o o s o suggest Provost Bellcurve may have been affiliated. “The man doesn’t exist,” suggested Slope junior, Terri Belkins. “What does a provost even do?”

Bellcurve could not be reached for comment.

The campus is divided on the sticker issue. Lower-classmen, upper-classmen, professors, and faculty tend to favor the convicted students. The administration tends to favor the administration.

One major point of conflict for students is the large difference in the two dining halls. “Scandals like this wouldn’t happen if the dining in Trough was as good as Crest’s,” stated Slope professor, Harry Pandas. “Give Trough some gummy bear love!”

Some alumni disagree. Jeffrey Wilhelm (’08) said, “Some students deserve special treatment. I worked hard for two years to be able to eat cranberry sandwiches and put gummy bears on my ice cream.”

Wilhelm graduated from Slope College last year with a 1.31 G.P.A. and a business management degree. He is currently working at Slope as assistant secretary to the provost.

Also defending “creative dining,” a high ranking official in the dining hierarchy said, “With increasing food prices and a looming famine in western Michigan we are already struggling to meet demands. There is no room in the budget for this. Crest Hall doesn’t cost any more money than Trough, but that’s any more money we can’t afford to lose.”

Slope College’s budget report confirms these arguments. It shows that Slope might struggle with buying new equipment for every sports team next year and buying more ropes to fense off its sprouting grass. Gravity Hall still needs funding, as renovations continue to expand it into a headquarters for the provost.

Slope’s financial office is looking for places to cut back to make extra room for these programs. To save money, a source stated that more students will have to move into the study rooms in Collin Hall, more roads will be turned into sidewalks, and the English department might be terminated.

Meanwhile, Slope College authorities are cracking down on hundreds of students that have unlawfully entered Crest Dining Hall. Punishments have varied depending on the transgression. Yesterday, four students, Bugsy Malone, Jurgis Rudkis, O. Twist, and Mary Olsen, were publicly shot by marshmallow guns in the Cafiller Grove. They were unable or refused to pay the $1,000 fine issued for consuming un-sanctioned foods. Mary Warren was fed to Slope’s squirred population after she was convicted of violating vital sticker trafficking information.

Ed. VanderVanDutch, a transfer from the Netherlands, is one of the few students convicted that was available for comment. They refused to comment on the fact that they are messing with one of Slope’s longest standing traditions. They seem to think they are improving it, which will be seen on performance night.

**NYKick mixes white gloves, war cries**

**Suzzy Survey**

As November approaches, the campus buzz with rumors about a new generation of students who are throwing tradition to the wind. NYKick—a performance of song, play, and oration—is no longer filled with happy women wearing gloves and practicing hand motions.

The coaches this year were tired of the “dull” tradition that Slope College has carried out for years. They wanted NYKick this year to be tougher, more hands on.

Practice is no longer held in the auditoriums on Slope’s campus. Now the women are outside in the cold, running. At the end of each practice, they shout at the top of their lungs about how great they are, and how they can definitely defeat their opposing year. These women—formerly bubbly students who enjoyed people’s company and just generally loved life—have wholly changed.

“All my roommate does now is eat, sleep, NYKick. Her grades have dropped, she doesn’t go to class anymore. And she never talks to me,” Jane VanderLander (’12) said.

“I was as good as Crest’s,” stated Warren was fed to Slope’s squirrel population after she was convicted of throwing traditional conflict for students. It’s likely faculty and/or outsiders were involved.”

Give Trough some gummy bear love.

-Professor Harry Pandas

It was really hard to cut my hair off. I had been growing it out for the past two years,” said an anonymous Odd Year song girl. “But at least the coaches let me donate it. And it will always grow back, right?”

There has been no comment on the status of the morale boys, although it is known that they are required to participate in the workouts with the girls.

Sporadically, they are seen on campus in huddles, all wearing oversized shirts that are the same color. The rumor that they have to braid their hair and wear face paint for performance night has not yet been confirmed.

Though the coaches were spoken to, they refused to comment on the fact that they are messing with one of Slope’s longest standing traditions. They seem to think they are improving it, which will be seen on performance night.
**UNARMED ROBBERIES SWEEP CAMPUS**

Slope College’s crime rate has skyrocketed with the recent onslaught of unarmed robberies on campus. Klutz workers report that the ketchup and mustard dispensers were emptied by a woman in a Britney Spears mask and a multi-colored clown wig. One physics plant worker called SIN after he was confronted by a group of men wearing black ski masks and red sweatshirts with lettering. The men reportedly asked the worker for assistance in removing computers from one of the student computer labs and loading them into a van. When the worker denied the request, the suspects left the computers in a hallway and ran away on foot.

There has also been an increase in the disappearance of cookies from both Trough and Crest dining halls. As a result, students are now asked to remove all sweatshirts and bulky clothing at the door of Trough and Crest, and students are also subject to pat downs upon exiting the dining halls. SIN asks students and faculty to report all suspicious activity immediately.

**SLOPE STUDENTS FEAR SCHEDULING SEASON**

As the second semester scheduling takes the Slope campus by storm, SIN has noted a significant rise in reported dormitory marker-board and phone call threats. Students who have been looking into taking Introduction to Studies in Procrastination and Intermediate German Klub,日本Calubu, and Women’s Christian Fellows, Gay/Straight Friends, Slope Republicans, Slope Democrats, have been targeted because they are students who don’t know the definition of sexism.

3. Students are unfamiliar with Wisconsin even though we share a narrow maritime border.

4. $46 million were spent building DaBoss Field House and we don’t have the funds to finish a $100,000 MIAA regulation track.

5. The students in the front at chapel are often the same ones you see drunk at Parrots.

6. Members of Catholic Students, Orthodox Christian Fellows, Gay/Straight Friends, Slope Republicans, Slope Democrats, German Klub, Japan Calubu, and Women’s Concerns have to sit in the audience and not onstage for Slope’s diversity panels.

7. Environmental task forces ignore students interested in helping out and their ideas for making Slope greener.

8. Students who argued passionately for a better tour bus system never use the tour bus.

9. Geek Life members who hazed and stayed silent are now administrators in charge of making sure current Geeks don’t haze and aren’t silent.

10. Students are charged an arm and a leg at Trough Dining Hall but aren’t allowed to take food out.

**Future Events**

- Dr. Narrow Opens Lecture Series
- Location not disclosed. Time not important. Come to learn how to close your mind to any new or different idea you have or ever will hear.

**STUDENT LIFE**

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_Amanda’s book smart and street smart. Between her jobs and taking college classes, she’s always on the run. To get where she needs to go, Amanda takes the bus._

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**Top 10 Ironies at Slope College**

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Act of SIN erupts into campus mayhem

Crystal Chandelier
Co-Chief Prosecutor

There's a new kid on the block. He's big, he's blue, and he's here for you! Safety in Numbers (SIN) has come up with an incredible new plan for moving students around campus, and it's called the Slope Tour Bus.

Gone are the days when you would sit silently on the Safety Van because there wasn't an entertainment aspect to their experience. It was high time we moved to a more efficient, cost-saving, entertaining mode of transportation," said Greg Median. "Everything we do at SIN is about making the students comfortable."

The new bus is decked out with all of the latest equipment: lush seats, a microphone system, televisions, and even storage for heavy backpacks.

"I drove the Safety Van for my first three years here at Slope," said Tour Bus driver Fred VanOrigin (10). "Driving for the Tour Bus is way more fun. Forgetting where people are going is no longer an issue. We just go round and round the campus. There's no way to get lost." VanOrigin even adds a bit of humor to his tours.

"I used to do donuts in parking lot X when I was a van driver," VanOrigin said. "The Tour Bus allows us to be capable of bringing tourists through our campus. With the money tourists spend at the bookstore and The Kurve, we expect to be able to drop the price of tuition."

Not all Slope students are thrilled about the new Slope Tour Bus. "Some have even begun blaming the tour bus for recent happenings across campus," said Anne Point (11). "I can't help but notice if crime has increased since the installment of the Slope Tour Bus," said Point.

"There have been numerous robberies, cottage break-ins, and bike thefts since the Tour Bus began running. I can't help but wonder if these events are related." Adam Radius ('10) admitted to being a co-conspirator in the recent Five-Third Bank robberies. "I'm not worried. They know who the masked man was, he obliged to me."

"With tuition prices soaring and no efficient way to get around campus, my buddies and I decided to buy a car. None of us had the cash to do it, so we resorted to stealing from bank members and ATM users at gunpoint," Radius said. "It seemed that there was no other option," Radius admits he regrets his decision.

"Bikes were never necessary when we had the Safety Vans. We're tired of riding around on bikes. We do not approve of the administration's new transportation system."

"When asked where the group got the bikes they used in their protest, both DeLine and DeAmeter declined comment."

Naughty students who stole stickers and food from Crest Hall face harsh punishment

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interview, as most have been expelled, excommunicated, or deported. He refused to comment on his alleged involvement, but he did say, "If you ain't Dutch, you ain't much!"

Students are particularly troubled in the wake of yesterday's event. Ashokk Rajul, convicted of dining in Crest on three separate occasions, was deported to Italy. He was forcibly thrust into a bus by two Safety-In-Numbers officials. Rajul struggled and reportedly screamed, "No, not the ranch. Oh, please not the Hidden Valley again!"

"The rumblings of uprisings are rampant throughout campus. A drunken orgy called Fall Crawl has already been scheduled to raise awareness for the issues. "The administration should make the dining experience more equal," argues Moe Gandhi, a Slope senior. "We need to protest, but there is a better way." Have peaceful protest. Have sit-downs. Have sit-downs. No one ride the buses."

SLOPE ROOKIE EARNs ITS STRIPES— The new Slope Tour Bus adds a splash of entertainment and comfort to the process of getting around campus. Students are forever grateful for SIN and all of their ingenious ideas.

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Sen. Clinton challenges Pres. Modeman

Slope’s Five-year plan revealed by Pres. Modeman

Despite her defeat in the Democratic primaries, Hillary Clinton has not given up on her dream of becoming president. Clinton has announced her intent to become president of Slope College.

Slope College public relations announced last week that Clinton had called President Modeman to wish him luck in the coming election.

“We tried to tell her she was a better candidate than us,” said Slope College PR man, Mr. Range.

Current President incumbent Modeman said, “There is no election!”

However, a source close to Slope College said that there are talks of postponing the completion of Graves Hall in order to fund Modeman’s campaign.

“We’re not worried,” Bellcurve, Slope’s provost, said. “The possibility of Mrs./Sen. Clinton actually becoming president of Slope College is very unlikely; we don’t think the Reformed Church would like that.”

However, Clinton is confident, saying, “Slope College is almost 99 percent female. Girl power!”

According to her campaign, Clinton has plans to increase tuition for students coming from wealthy families in order to provide universal healthcare to students on campus.

“Clinton said, “I’m finally getting to that healthcare stuff I talked about when Bill was President.”

As for her husband, former President Bill Clinton, Sen. Clinton said, “He can redecorate the president’s house. It’s not like he’s doing anything else these days.”

On why she chose Slope College for the place of her prospective presidency, rather than an institution like Al Goso. Said after his defeat in 2000, Clinton said, “I think the real question is why Al didn’t pick Slope College; the man loves to count, and recount, and recount.”

She added, “Besides, I won the primary in Michi-gan.”

Clinton is expected to speak at future events hosted by the Slope College Democrats, Slope Independent Student Congress, the Women’s Issues Organization, and Hip Hop Club.

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Petition attempts to curb binge-drinking, use common sense; Kelvin has drinking problem, Slope doesn’t because it’s on moral high ground

Arthur Pendragon

A new petition is sweeping across the nation’s campuses, and it’s making a lot of students and faculty members very happy.

The petition, ERD 56290 started during the monthly meeting of the League of Extra-ordinary College Presidents. The purpose and goal of ERD is to do exactly what the acronym says: Eliminate Binge Drinking.

According to TEOPE Ω. BYZH, president of Harvard University, binge drinking is an epidemic on Harvard’s campus and campuses across all the nation.

“We have a problem here at Harvard, and it’s a huge one,” said BYZH. “In the past, binge drinking has been a problem, but now we’re seeing a new problem developing on our campus. This petition is the first step in solving this problem.”

Kelvin, “said Garth Vandervader, president of Kelvin College. “The statistics that I have tell me that 95 percent of Kelvin consumes alcohol in binge drinking, and that is unacceptable.”

We have a problem on our campus, and it’s time for something to be done about it,” said Garth Vandervader.

However, a source close to him said he’s ready to bring it.

Brains ain’t worth s-t when we’re talking about common sense.

TEOPE Ω. BYZH

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Petition launches to counter student drinking; presidents jump on board

four college presidents in the nation to not put his John Hancock on the petition. In fact, he adamantly refused to sign the bill.

“I know for a fact that Slope College does not have an underage drinking problem,” Modeman said. “We only recruit the best students, and I know that my underage students would NOT (Modeman emphasized NOT) fail me by stooping to such sinful, law-breaking activity.”

According to statistics released by the Mean Research Center, only one percent of Slope's underage students reported drinking alcohol on a regular basis. Modeman said that he stands by his convictions and his decision not to sign the petition.

“The only students on campus that I know of who drink are those old enough to go to Stein Night. And that's ok with me, because when my wife Marcia and I walk past them downtown on Wednesday nights, they holler and yell greetings at us. They're just having fun and I know they're not binge drinking because bingers don't yell hi to their prez,” Modeman said. “The rest of those colleges can sign their stupid petition. As for me and my college, we will drink when we’re 21!”

Thoughts by Slope professors...

“What is the minimum ACT score required to be admitted to Slope College?”

“What is that smell? Oh...I guess it must be you.”

“I just saw you write that assignment during class! I am not giving you credit.”
**Immunity given for donations**

Special privileges for those who pay

Mas Selgo
Inclusive Philanthropist

In a surprise move by the Slope College administration, a new judicial regulation was recently announced. It’s plainly named, the “Immunity Deal!”

The Office of the Dean of Mean announced that student groups with high grossing alumni donations could apply for an immune status from judicial measures, and called the policy a time and resource-saver.

Concerning student groups a spokesman for the Office of the Dean of Mean said, “We were always getting complaints about drinking and parties or people being mean, or hazing, or mild forms of torture or you know, whatever. Something had to be done.”

It is hoped that this will lead to less disappointment from those bringing forth concerns. “We’ve been doing this dance for years,” the spokesman said, “and we can never really prove these things anyways, and even when we can we can only suspend groups for a while.” It is thought that such suspensions cost the college money and don’t really seem to change or curb student behavior anyways. “We asked ourselves, ‘If we get rid of student groups when they misbehave, is that really in the best interest of the college?’ And so sometimes inaction is really the only way to go.”

When protests poured in from the student body, a press conference was held to address the concerns. One reporter asked if ignoring rule violations was ethical. The spokesman replied, “We realize that maybe slapping the financial hand that feeds us with false graces of our alumni, and we are very dependent on the good of those bringing forth concerns.

The right-wing Peoples Freedom Party, who ran on increased Dutch military presence in the world. Within months of the new government being sworn in, Gravity Hall’s “reconstruction” began. Why restore the original interior of a building that no one ever went into anyway –man that place was creepy – unless it had the power to focus on this semester.”

That we were really going to try making straight A’s!”

But Slope College insists that there are extenuating circumstances behind the report card. Greg Median, Slope’s director of oppositions, said, “It’s not fair we just got into that class and all the other colleges have been in there for years and years. Plus their students and patrons help them way more to get their work done. Plus, we got the survey like two days before it was due! And Slope had three games and like seven practices that weekend!”

Provost Belkurve added, “We, like, already did a bunch of stuff too that hasn’t shown up in our grades yet, so that’s not even the right grade anymore. Besides Brigham Old University got an F. We did a lot better than it did.”

But the Slope community won’t budge on its decision to shorten the leash. “I don’t want to hear any more excuses. I’m really disappointed in Slope right now,” said Sarah Vanderbergenostroesen (08). “We’ve talked about this before. I thought Slope understood that being green was a priority that we really were going to try to focus on this semester!”

**Slope earns D- in environment report**

Poor performance, lack of participation and experience put Slope next to last in national green report card measuring the college’s hippie-pleasing factor

Karolyn Barrington
Co-Chief Prosecutor

According to the 2009 College Report Card, Slope College earned a grade of D- overall in sustainability. It earned F’s in six of the nine categories, making students and patrons wonder where they have gone wrong.

Last year Slope College graduated into the $160 million-in-endowed-assets class, putting it alongside ambitious colleges like Milligram State University and University of Milligram. The Green Report Card assesses all colleges and universities in the class based on their performances in various categories.

Upon the release of the Green Report Card, Slope College immediately lost weekend and car privileges. The Slope community insists that this punishment is appropriate because it has always worked to raise a college with a strong work ethic and this kind of grade is totally unacceptable.

Patron Dolly Frithmeyer said, “If Slope spent half as much time and energy on being green as it does on its new fangled computer technology, it’d be making straight As!”

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When protests poured in from the student body, a press conference was held to address the concerns. One reporter asked if ignoring rule violations was ethical. The spokesman replied, “We realize that maybe slapping the financial hand that feeds us isn’t the best move.” The Office of the Dean of Mean released a statement saying it fully expected the campus community to accept the measure in time. It noted, “This is basically the same policy we’ve had for decades, we’re just being honest about it now.”

Still, some opponents remained unconvinced. One Christian activist party, the party of Protestant and Orthodox. see IMMUNITY, page 7
He was a simple farmboy.

She was an Arabic-speaking Islamic extremist.

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Immunity to student groups

• IMMUNITY, from page 6

Organizing to Protest Extreme Resolutions has pointed to the Gospel as an argument against such measures. “We aren’t always clear on ethical issues, but we decided to tackle this one,” said group leader Evan Gelical. I mean ‘if your right eye causes you to sin, you know?’

In the party P.O.O.P.E.R.s’ open letter to the administration, they called for adherence to the words of Jesus that “if your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for the whole of your body to be thrown into hell.” They argued that Slope shouldn’t tolerate bad behavior just because it is inconvenient or difficult to address it. The administration promptly responded by stating, “We’re not convinced that that NIV translation is a solid one. Plus Slope College doesn’t have a ‘body.’ So there.”

The party P.O.O.P.E.R.s are currently organizing to hold a rally, which they expect the campus community to neither care about nor attend.

Concern over green report

• GREEN, from page 6

Sally Vanbeeekon ‘09, a student standing nearby, also expressed disappointment in Slope’s lack of concern for the environment. “I like turtles,” Vanbeeekon said.

“I know Slope is a good college deep down and this is not the end of the world. We love Slope with all our hearts. But I think between all the fun college fairs and recruiting trips, Slope has lost sight of its priorities,” said patron James Delkstrahagen.

“Shut up! You don’t know anything!” replied Greg Median. “You’re ruining Slope’s life!”

Slope College refused further comment. The Slope community hopes that the next Slope report card will better reflect the potential they all know Slope has.

Gravity Hall secrets revealed

• CONSPIRACY, from page 6

rise. It is the perfect time for a once-strong power to reclaim the empire it once had. Gravity Hall is the first in a series of monumental moves by Amsterdam to take over the world, and fill it with windmills, tulips, and extra vowels.

My advice to you: stay away from Gravity Hall at all costs, and don’t launch too many red balloons of into the summer sky.
What you always wondered...
Roxie French
Co-Whiner

...women are reorganizing a 're-education' of the male gender.
SOMEONE SMART

Editors’ Note
The Ranchor is a production of a whole bunch of people with too much time on their hands. Our goal is to be funny, witty, and satirical. Whether or not we have succeeded, the Ranchor is a big fat joke. If you think this is real stuff, please call the Ranchor and we will come and give you a wedgie. Any similarity to real life people is all in good fun. Fake advertisements are marked with a “satirical ad” label. Can you spot them?

DON’T Write Letters to the Editors!
If you are passionate about an issue, concerned about a problem, or fed up with something, TOUGH LUCK! GET OVER IT! anchor@hope.edu (doesn’t want to know what you think...at least for this week.)
Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

We the undersigned understand that another issue of the once-semester, satirical issue of the Ranchor will be coming out on Wednesday, Oct. 29. Although we understand that the Ranchor staff looks forward to this issue every semester and it is enjoyed on a whole by the student body, we would like to ask the editors to reconsider this issue and run a traditional paper instead. As you are surely aware, the Ranchor’s humor has caused controversy and given us many headaches in the past. Such humor is also easily misunderstood, and could confuse the general public, bringing a bad face to our institution. We could all do without many headaches in the past. Such humor is also easily misunderstood, and could confuse the general public, bringing a bad face to our institution. We hope you take this under consideration.

Sincerely,
The Slope College Administration
Rope Appreciation Society
Gekk Life
Formulative Dining Services
Coalition for Non-Dutch Students
Slope College Market Anarchists
Slope College Revolutionary Socialists
The Kingdom of the Netherlands
International Alliance for the Grey Squirrel

Crossword Puzzle

Across
1. Twelve
4. Hoard
13. Notion
16. Large spider
18. The lowest point of anything
19. Implied

Down
1. Journal
2. Menagerie
3. World’s longest river
4. Secret or hidden
5. Busting
6. Abated
9. Placed a bet
12. Consumed
14. Proficient
15. Female relative
17. Part of a circle

Ranchor Appreciation Society

Because I Don’t Care

Johann Van Putersmut
Co-whiner

You know you don’t really want to read this column, but upon a whole lot of reflection and observation, I have concluded that Slope College is spiritual enough. Our God-time is not severely lacking a great deal, and change is not needed! The status quo of worshipping God for only three hours a week is terrific and should not change! The hearts of the Hope community are not ripe for change, and actually they need some spiritual digestion. Those of you who claim to be Christian, who have the word Christian (or some associated phrase) in your Facebook profiles under the section “religious views,” or who consider yourselves saved by the grace of God, ask yourself this question: Are you living for yourselves and doing what you want to do? My guess is no. But you should be!

Here’s what I think: We should be perfectly comfortable being 24/7-365 Minute-A-Week Christians (The Gathering plus Chapel plus Chapel plus Chapel). We must NOT live to become 7-day Christians (indeed 168-Hour-A-Week Christians) by seeking to fill every every waking moment with Jesus Christ, living every moment for the Glory of God. That is a terrible waste of time and effort.

Remember in the Old Testament when Elijah told the people and prophets who gathered on Mount Carmel, “If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him.” Elijah saw that the people of Israel were dividing their time between God and Baal and this is a good thing!

Elijah’s words serve as a bell-curve that helps us remember that we can and will serve two masters! I see the Baal of our culture as all the good stuff that makes us feel good and puts some solid distance between us and God: drinking ‘til there’s blood in our stools, pomo, saying the F-word in every sentence, masturbation, one-night stands and random make-out sessions, getting angry every time someone cuts in front of us in Phelps, and other pleasurable things. These things feel good and we should do them!

It is highly crucial that we divide our time between God and our Baals; let us bow down and worship our Baals when we feel the urge coming on, but not on Sundays at 8 p.m. or MWF 10:36-10:50 “cause that’s God’s time. But any other time is OK for giving ourselves to our Baal-ish worship. Long live Baal (and God)!

Let me just say that it is completely wrong of us to try our best to devote our lives to God. We’re not perfect and I don’t see how he can expect us to be. I mean it’s not even worth trying (I’ve tried once; I inhaled twice and it didn’t do anything for me).

I see the perfect life as being thus: fulfilling all of our bodily wants and desires first before I do anything else. I am perfectly content with getting completely drunk and passed on Friday and Saturday and then going to the Gathering on Sunday night and throwing my hands in the air like-I-care saying “yay! Jesus! I love you!” Then after really I really enjoy cursing up a storm and telling dirty jokes on the way back to my room. Then I like spending some intimate quality time with Miss Michigan while watching Janna Jameson on my computer while my roommate studies in the Science Center. Yeah, that’s the life, and I love it (especially the getting drunk part!).

The power to be your own person and not let those shams tell you who to be is so invigorating, and I think everyone should live it exactly the way they want to. The change starts with you. The change starts with those involved with the Ranchor, the varsity sports teams, Gekk Life, the academic honors groups, Residual Life — just to name a few.

Slope College, we must keep waver ing between two opinions/masters. Let us revel in what feels good and not look back or be ashamed about doing what we do. Let’s not live our lives seven days 168 hours/10,080 minutes every week for God, but rather for OURSELVES! Yeah, now that’s what I’m talking about. I don’t know about you, but I’m fixing to do some Baaling right now!

I say this because I DON’T care, and neither should you. Johann would like to put in a good word to his two buds Jesus and Jack: He loves you both and wouldn’t be anywhere without you two. Jesus you rock, you’re his main man, his home dog. Jack (Daniels), thanks for making him feel so good on Saturday. He feels so empty without you.

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Features

I get "Strawberries Rebecca" just for the Sauce.
I'm allergic to strawberries.

I joined the Rancher b/c the staff is hot...
especially the sports editor.

I'd give my right arm to be ambidextrous.

PostSecret:
Slope College Edition

I secretly wish I was in greek life...
...then people would have to be my friend because I paid for them.

I love riding the Slope Tour Bus.
(the driver is sooo dreamy!)

The lunch lady says my name wrong every time she swipes my id.

If it weren't for the woman sex part of a relationship, I would so be a lesbian.
STOCK MARKET GOT YOU DOWN?
TAKE YOUR MIND OFF THOSE PLUNGING NUMBERS
WITH A FEW POSITIVE BRAIN TEASERS!

FIND THE WORDS LISTED
BELOW IN THE PUZZLE (THEY’RE
ARRANGED VERTICALLY,
HORIZONTALLY, AND
DIAGONALLY, FORWARDS AND
BACKWARDS). THE LETTERS
THAT REMAIN CREATE A
SENSE ABOUT A FAMOUS
SLOPE COLLEGE MATHEMATICIAN!

ABSOLUTE INTEGRAL
ANGLE INTERVAL
BIFURCATION LIMIT
BOUNDED MAXIMIZE
CALCULUS OPTIMIZATION
DATA POWERS
DERIVE PROBABILITY
DIFFERENTIAL PRODUCT
DERIVE SERIES
EQUATION SURFACE
EXPONENT THEOREM
FIXED VARIABLE

DID YOU FIND THE SENTENCE? WRITE IT HERE...

PUT YOUR HIGHER MATH SKILLS TO THE TEST BY
CONNECTING THE DOTS FROM 1 TO 75...
IF YOU CAN COUNT THAT HIGH (WOW!),
YOU’LL BE MAGICALLY REWARDED
WITH A SURPRISE PICTURE.
HANG IT ON YOUR WALL,
OR GIVE IT TO A LOVED ONE
THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!
Breaking news: football team good

Katie Mndt
Go Flyers!

Of all of Slope College’s sports, none has a greater tradition than the football team. As the end of the 2008 season nears, the Slope community is clamoring for a chance to catch a glimpse of this incredible team before it’s too late. As they’ve risen to unparalleled heights, the team has gained the attention of those all around the country.

While no representatives were available for comment, rumor has it that the team has been asked to play in this year’s BCS Championship Bowl Game, and possibly even the Super Bowl. The players and coaches alike are grateful for this once in a lifetime opportunity.

Those boys just work so hard for me everyday. We all have known for a while that the true competition is on the national stage, so it’s nice to see that others agree," Coach Pythagorean commented.

Assistant Coach Hypotenuse was quick to add, "This has truly been a life-changing season. The perfectly rectangular shape of Bernoulli’s Field really allows for perfect Pythagorean theorem."

Despite this single criticism, overall fan support has been overwhelmingly positive, but it’s not difficult to see why. If all of the Flying Dutchmen’s opponents’ scores were added together and the sum was multiplied by five, the number would still be less than the square root of one of Slope’s scores per game.

Some have pointed to the team’s exponential success could be the change in the cheer squad, early in the season there was fear that the team would have no one to cheer for them when their own cheerleaders went on strike. However, the American Gladiators have stepped up to the task, and many a fan has been inspired by their fierce cheering.

“You just want to go crazy and do anything to support the team!” one enthusiastic fan proclaimed after an astounding home win. Upon hearing this, many fans around shouted their agreement and began a chant for the team.

One skeptical fan who asked to remain anonymous believes that this whole season is a fluke, though. “They can’t really be that good. I think they’re only scoring more than the square root of one of Flying Dutchmen’s opponents’ scores because they’re afraid of the ‘cheerleaders’ going to beat them to a pulp on the ride home if they lose.”

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nothing without the support of the school,” commented Team Equipment Manager Gordon VerticalYacht. “This is just our way of giving back.”

Overall this season has represented one success after another for the Slope football team. There was some uncertainty in the off-season when it appeared that some key players were going to forgo this season and take their place as dominant NFL players, but with their return, the Slope football team has become a force to be reckoned with.

As the weather cools and the leaves fall, the Flying Dutchmen have one goal in mind: complete and total domination. This should not be a problem for the capable team and each member of the Slope community is breathlessly anticipating their next game.