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.i and 7.j: "Food Crimes." Of the 78 students to have had hearings, 38 have been convicted.

NY Kick 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. NY Kick—a performance of song, play, and oration—is no longer filled with happy women wearing gloves and practicing hand motions.

"All my roommate does now is eat, sleep, NY Kick. Her grades have dropped, she doesn't go to class anymore. And she never talks to me," Jane Vanderlander (12) said.

It is rumored that this "new tradition" involves eating at Crest Dining Hall, placing a large rope while the girls sit in holes in the ground. No one in NY Kick will comment on this, or how it could possibly help the final performance.

"I quit when the running started," Serena Van Dykstrama ('11) said. "I have weak ankles, and last year in NY Kick, that wasn't a problem. I just want to sing!"

"My friend had a mental breakdown. She couldn't take the pressure," Brooke DeVand (12) said. "I found her in our cluster, crying and blubbering about her hair. She said they were trying to make her cut it off. It was the last straw for her."

"The day my roommate came back to the room with her hair shaved off, I froze. I couldn't believe it," said Vanderlander.

"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.

Slope College Fails at Life...Almost—Slope College has carried out for the past two years, "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 spouting grass. Gravity Hall still needs funding, as renovations are cut back into it to expand a headquarters for the provost."

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Women of Slope Sing Their Voices Away—Traditional ancient, mixes war cries and battle paints with high art and white gloves. The competition judges on the basis of beauty, grace and ferocity.
**IN BRIEF**

**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 Geology, Procrastination and Intermediate Algebra have been targeted because they have been looking into science and history classes that high-demand classes.

Students are encouraged to report any and all threats made to them as they attempt to enroll in these high-demand classes. As a precautionary measure, SIN advises students to mask their identity during this scheduling season. They also recommend a strict “no talk” policy to stifle student conversation about classes. If Slope faculty and students work together, death and injuries can be kept to a minimum.

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**Top 10 Ironies at Slope College**

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

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.

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

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

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.

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

4. Males battle in the mud at Yank and women sit pretty in Nykick, yet there are students who don’t know the definition of sexism.

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

2. $46 million were spent building DaBoss Field House and we don’t have the funds to finish a $100,000 MIAA regulation track.

1. Satirical newspaper editions are read without a sense of humor.

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**Top 10 Worst Student Jobs at Slope College**

10. Parking Ticket Writer

9. Stairwell Cleaner in Collum Hall

8. Roadkill Removal

7. Person inside Dutch Mascot

6. Safety Van Driver. Oh wait...

5. Human Anatomy Cadaver Tech

4. Gum Removal Specialist

3. Leech Farmer

2. Alumni Fund Caller

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**Graphic by Charlotte aux Fraises**
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 and wait to be dropped at the door of your destination. The Slope Tour Bus gives riders an entertaining glance at important attractions across Slope College’s Campus and drops them off at stops that allow them to tour the area.

“We realized students weren’t using 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 Slope 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. It’s hard to do donuts with a bus, but the administration included parking lot X as one of the attractions at my request. After all, doing donuts is an important part of Slope college culture,” said VanOrigin.

“T’ve learned so much about Slope College on the Tour Bus,” Helen Curving (’09) said. “As a senior, I thought I knew it all. I never would have guessed Slope was so full of history and tradition.”

Attendance on the bus is not at its best—number of riders have yet to exceed three people at one time—but the administration is not worried. They know the Tour Bus will be a valuable resource in the future.

“We expect attendance to increase greatly as the Tulip Festival begins,” Bill McLaren 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.

“I can’t help but notice that crime has increased since the installment of the Slope Tour Bus,” said Anne Point (’11). “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. While he would not tell the Ranchor who the masked man was, he obliged to an interview.

“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.

Other students have even resort to protest. Degenerate Hall and Geomety Hall residents held a protest they called a “bike-in” on Oct. 20. Students threw their bikes in the middle of 10th street, setting a trap of sorts for the Tour Bus. Margaret DeLine (’11) and Jack DeAmeter (’12) organized the event.

“Students have had enough of the administration’s nonsense,” DeLine said. “Hope is not a place for tourists. We’re a college campus, not a theme park. We want the Safety Vans back.”

“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.

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Sen. Clinton challenges Pres. Modeman

Whitney Jefferson

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 him about the campaign, but he kept insisting that we were only saying that because she’s a woman. We didn’t know what to say,” 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 Gore did 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 Michigan.”

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

Said Clinton, “I got moves you never seen, President Modeman.”

While Modeman had no comment, a source close to him said he’s ready to bring it.

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

Commodore Noah Vanderbilt Dykehousenstra

Today President Modeman met with the Board of Trustees, representatives of the staff and faculty to talk about the school’s new five-year plan for the Slope Community. The Rancher was there to cover the announcement, on the condition that the Rancher not address issues that would hamper efforts of the administration.

Modeman started off the meeting by addressing the problem that the school is facing. He suggested that Slope College pursue an ambitious project for another five years.

The hall was filled for the entire meeting, with students either on campus, and the possibility of those in the meeting responding to both speakers.

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These future residence halls, which have been planned to house College’s recent freshmen classes, will set up a display of these halls. The display will be to demonstrate the ambitious project for another five years.

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This will be the “One to One If At All” movement.

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, EBD 56290 started during the monthly meeting of the League of Extraordinary College Presidents. The purpose and goal of EBD is to do exactly what the acronym says: Eliminate Binge Drinking.

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

“Even though we have the smartest people attending Harvard, brains ain’t worth s—t when we’re talking about common sense,” BYZH said. “Common sense would dictate that the proper ratio is one drink to one hour. Unfortunately, we’ve got underage undergrads thinking that seven to one is the norm and they’re getting s—t−faced night after night.”

BYZH admitted that this is a problem. Too many underage undergrads, he said, are missing classes due to hangovers and hospital visits. He blames the current drinking age law for causing binge drinking in undergraduate students.

“Binge drinking is addictive! There is a strange power and thrill in evading the law and drinking under the influence—you pass out. I just don’t understand it,” BYZH said.

Even Kelvin College is feeling the effects of the 21-year-old age minimum for drinking alcohol.

“We have a drinking problem here at Kelvin,” said Garth Vandervader, president of Kelvin College. “The statistics that I have tell me that 95 percent of Kelvin students consume alcohol on a regular basis, and over 98 percent are currently underage, which represents 89 percent of the total under-21 students attending Kelvin.”

Vandervader admitted that he signed the petition for spiritual reasons.

“Look, I cannot have 89 percent of my students running on a regular basis. One stands caused by binge drinking and going against the law by drinking underage are sinful acts,” Vandervader said. “It just is not good for us as a ‘Christian’ college, and it certainly doesn’t look good for donations from alumni. Also, it’s Biblically wrong. In Hezekiah 6:8, it says, ‘Thou must test partake in drunken revelry while underage or in one-night stands.’ You see, by lowering the drinking age all of our problems would be eliminated. No more binge drinking, no more breaking the law, and no more one night stands! Hal-lelujah!”

Slope College president extraordinary President Modeman, however, was one of only two college presidents who have signed the petition."
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!”
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HIGHER-UPS

Dutch military plan takeover

Secrecy surrounds possible plans of Slope College’s most prominent population in their plans to reassert supremacy in a Gravity Hall coverup

Commodore Noah Vander Dykehausenstra
As Manager

It’s a late Wednesday night, and you are in the library studying for that dreaded Orgo/Bridge/Econ/Bib lit exam tomorrow morning. They are carelessly ‘forgot about’ until fifteen minutes ago. As you are about to take a break, a loud noise erupts from what ever where like everywhere. Is it a clumsy kid falling down the stairs? No...

Is it the shuttle bus’s brakes finally failing and careening into the back of a SIN vehicle? No...

You run to the windows to see what it could possibly be. You see Gravity Hall with a cloud of smoke around it, and a hole that you’re pretty sure was not there before.

You may be thinking that this is a fantasy caused by too many cheetos and an overactive imagination, but I tell you that it is not. In 2007, Slope College closed down Gravity Hall for “reconstruction” until 2010. This “reconstruction” was going to include a refurnished interior that reflected its original state, as well as an elevator to bring it into ADA compliance. Great story right?

2007 saw the formation of a new administration in the Netherlands, which included the right-wing Peoples Freedom Party, who ran on increased Dutch military presence in the world. Within months of the new government being worn 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 computer technology, it’d be making straight A’s!

But Slope College insists that there are extenuating circumstances behind the report card. Greg Median, Slope’s director of communications added, “We, like, already put in an elevator, why put in an elevator? Could it be because an elevator shaft is about the same as a missile silo, only more square, and is easier to hide in a populated area?”

And also consider that Gravity Hall is a secret Dutch Military Facility, designed to reassert Dutch supremacy on the high global stage. The world is in a state of realignment as old powers decline, and new ones assert themselves. That really in the best interest of ourselves, ‘if we get rid of student behavior anyways. “We asked inaction is really the only way to do. ”

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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.

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Concern over green report

**GREEN, from page 6**

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

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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...

Ratios and relationships

Men on campus are too lucky. They look around and what do they see? Mainly women. And beautiful ones at that. Our campus has been lucky enough to be one of the generally more attractive populations in the greater West Michigan area. But it is not the beauty of the men, or women, that’s a problem here— it’s the numbers. It has become increasingly obvious that there are far more females attending college than males, and this has an effect on not just the post-graduation job scene, but also in the dating and relationship realm as well.

If Senior Scramble is to be enacted properly, men need to step up their game and pursue their female counterparts. It’s not enough to be “wild at heart,” they need to take advantage of the numbers in their favor and be men of action. While the problem is, even if they do attempt to woo members of the opposite sex, are women supposed to be okay with any lame attempt since the male population is so low?

Imagine a vending machine. If all of the choices are laid out in a nice number-letter organization, but half of the options are taken and the other half are things like “Chocolate Covered Soy Chips,” you’re going to either lower your standards or starve. So for the women on campus, surveying the scarce male options, it becomes the nerve-wracking decision to either take Mr. D7 to Winter Fantasia or just go with your friends again.

And that is exactly where the women are left. Many are just giving up, because honestly if the only choices available are terrible, then it’s game over for what few men there are on campus. Boys make the worst boyfriends, so instead girls are turning to other girls. Really, only women would do this. The worst boyfriends, so instead girls are turning to other girls. Really, only women would do this.

Another option on campus is something relatively new and risky. Instead of giving up on men, women are organizing a "re-education" of the male gender. A few women are leading tutorials on how to be a good boyfriend, letting men in on the little secrets of how to capture and keep a girl’s interest, and more. Interest from males across campus is slowly building and the girls are mainly relying on word of mouth referrals and volunteers to keep the momentum up.

Conversations have even begun with administration to introduce an "Effective Companionship” minor. Included in this program would be the same re-education initiatives that are starting now, but also such seminars as, “The Reasons Boys Make Bad Boyfriends,” “60-40, Understanding Your Class’s Ratio,” and “How To Live In Durfee Hall and Have A Successful Relationship.” Both administrators and female students seem excited by the possibility of this kind of social movement, especially as the rise in numbers of X-Boxes purchased by male students has gone up 200% since 2005.

And while women may make better boyfriends than men actually do, there is a number of young women who have hope that maybe next year’s ratio will be a little kinder to the female gender and produce a fair batch of gentlemen making this minor obsolete. Until then, re-education and women exploring their options are on the rise.

...women are reorganizing a ‘re-education’ of the male gender.  

SOMEONE SMART

Drunken thoughts

Just say no…or yes… it’s confusing

A few weekends ago, I had to work on Friday and Saturday nights so I thought I’d just wait until Sunday to do my weekly drinking. However, when I went to Sammy’s Sunday afternoon to stock up, it was closed. Why, oh why, would Sammy’s be closed on the weekend? I wondered. Which is when I found out about a little proposition called “Say Yes to Say No to Say Yes to Say No to Say Yes to Say Sunday,” which actually means saying no to my right to get trashed. So really, it’s “Say No to My Right to Get Some Hooch Whenever I Want.”

I was thinking about this issue before I lost consciousness last weekend during Fall Crawl. If Fall Crawl had been one day later, it would have been…Sober Crawl. Which wouldn’t even make sense, because sober people rarely crawl.

Regardless of one’s method of moving, the problem with the “Say No to Booze” bill is that it threatens our fundamental freedom as American citizens. Next thing you know, a proposition will show up barring umbrellas on Mondays. That is just crazy!

So, my fellow friends of booze, here is my proposal against the proposition: it is high time for a drink out! This Saturday, we need to band together, along with our friends Brandy, Miller, Tom Collins, Bud, and Sherry, and knock ‘em back till we pass out in the street! Leave your keys at home, because we’ll only be driving sideways! We’ll play gin rummy, dance to “Tequila,” and bring a screwdriver, just in case. I anticipate a cosmopolitan gathering, from Long Islanders to the Irish. And don’t bother to shave that fuzzy na- veel, come just as you are. Whether it’s warm and sunny or dark and stormy, even if there’s a hurricane, we must take a stand! Or rather, a fall! Come Sunday, everyone will know that this proposition ales us! Join me to make our voices—or our thunks—heard!

Editors’ Note

The Rancher 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 Rancher is a big fat joke. If you think this is real stuff, please call the Rancher 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?
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 you are surely aware, the Ranchor’s humor has caused controversy and given us many headaches in the past.

We hope you take this under consideration.

Sincerely,
The Slope College Administration
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Because I Don’t Care

Yay Baal, Yay God!

You know you don’t really want to read this column! But upon not 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 as well. The status quo of worshipping God for only three hours a week is terrible 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-Hour-36-Minute-A-Week Christians (The Gathering plus Chapel plus Chapel plus Chapel). We must NOT vie to become 7-day Christians (indeed 168-Hour-A-Week Christians) by seeking to fill our every being 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 bellcurve that help us remember that man 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, porno, saying the F-word in every conversation, 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 MWV 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 pretend he can expect us to be. I mean it’s not even worth trying (I’ve tried once; I inhales 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 Gather- ing on Sunday night and throwing my hands in the air like-I-care saying “yay, Jesus! I love you!” Then after- wise 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 Jenna 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, Geek Life, the aca- demic honors groups, Residual Life — just to name a few.

Slope College, we must keep wavering 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 go do some Baaling right now!

I say this because I DON’T care, and nei- ther should you.

Johann would like to put in a good word for his two buds Jesus and Jack: He loves you both and wouldn’t be anywhere without you. You 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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The Ranchor

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I get “Strawberries Rebecca” just for The Sauce
(I am allergic to strawberries)

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

I joined Odd Year Yank

I would give my right arm to be ambidextrous

I’m voting for McCain

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 whole S-E-X 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 sentence about a famous slope college mathematician!

ABSOLUTE INTEGRAL
ANGLE INTERVAL
BIFURCATION LIMIT
BOUNDED MAXIMIZE
CALCULUS OPTIMIZATION
DATA POWERS
DERIVE PROBABILITY
DIFFERENTIAL PRODUCT
DIVERGE 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!

Advanced Calculus
Breaking news: football team good

Katie Mnida
Cady Heron

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 only 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 the number would still be less than the square root of one of 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 to 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 so much because they’re afraid that the ‘cheerleaders’ are going to beat them to a pulp on the ride home if they lose.”

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

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: compete 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.

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