

Yale Daily S'News

"YOU GET WHAT YOU PAY FOR"

Yale to eliminate diversity due to lack of funds

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In a surprise announcement yesterday, Yale President Richard Levin declared his plans to gradually phase out diversity at Yale University. Levin took the stage in Battell Chapel and quickly cut to the heart of the issue, underscoring the importance of the occasion by eschewing his usual comedy-club tactic of having Dean Brodhead "warm up the crowd."

"Many believe that Yale's resources are unlimited," Levin began, "but in fact we try to run a tight ship. Diversity requires huge investments of time and capital, and I'm afraid that Yale does just not have the wherewithal to continue maintaining our diverse infrastructure and amenities."

Hammering home his point, President Levin comically turned both his trouser pockets inside-out, clearly revealing that the wherewithal was indeed not in them.

"However," Levin continued, "I know many of you have become spoiled. You take Yale's diversity for granted. It would be difficult for you to renounce diversity so suddenly. Therefore, instead of eliminating diversity cold turkey, Yale will follow a multi-step program to achieve complete and utter homogeneity."

For the next twenty minutes, Levin proceeded to outline several of his initiatives to scale back diversity and drastically cut costs. Eliciting laughter from the crowd with a well-timed use of air quotes, Levin explained that compiling "an equal number of white and 'color' photos" for Yale publications taxes the University's dwindling resources. From now on, he said, every publication will contain a picture of a giant cardboard cowboy/strongman/lobster whose face has been replaced by a white oval that reads 'affix photo here.' Parents of students of color can paste pictures of their child on the page, ensuring that minorities are not excluded.

Furthermore, Levin disclosed, the much-touted PanGeos program in certain residential college dining halls actually exerts an enormous strain on the annual budget, accounting for three per cent of Yale's annual operating costs. "Who would've thought kimchee and taco shells were so expensive?" Levin asked with a rhetorical shrug of his shoulders. "\$1.6 billion later, I think we all know the consequences of over-exuberant diversification."

Levin concluded by announcing drastic changes in the residential housing system. Pointing out that assigning 'students of color' ethnic



Under President Levin's new plan, scenes of harmoniously diverse student life such as this one from the viewbook of another university will soon be rare at Yale.

counselors and randomly distributing them among the twelve colleges tries the already overworked administrative and clerical staff, he stated proudly, "From now on we'll just lump all these students together in their own, special college. That way, whenever the rest of you are in the mood for a little 'diversity,' you'll know where to find it."

"I'm really glad Levin is clamping down," said one junior who attended the conference in Battell. "These kooky immigrants come into our school with their 'pasta' and their 'dumplings' and all these other weird native foods, and then they wreck the curve in Econ and Orgo!"

"Yeah," his friend chimed in. "And they're always celebrating New Year's at the wrong time. What gives?"

Few dissenting voices marred an otherwise overwhelmingly positive reaction to Levin's speech. One student of color, however, expressed trepidation at the new policies.

"I hope they don't get rid of Cultural Connections," she said. "How else could the minority and foreign students form cliques before school starts?"

A NOTE TO OUR READERS

The Yale Daily S'news today returns to its original format, after last week's comprehensive visual redesign. Our new typeface, Wingdings, was not as well-received by our readers as we had hoped. Many also complained about the "one-panel-a-day" format in which we presented the comic strip *Doonesbury*, preferring the more traditional three-panel layout.

We appreciate your taking the time to give us feedback, and we

have endeavored to incorporate all of your suggestions. Expect more innovations in the pages of the YDS in the weeks to come, including an expanded weather page, larger advertisements encouraging you to join our business staff, and thirty per cent more purely speculative sports coverage. In these and other ways, we hope to continue providing our readers with the quality service you have come to expect.

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Today: Cold enough for you.
Tonight: Kind of like hell, only cold.

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Answer to "Koffee?" found at last— Café closes

By Scott C. George
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After years of exhaustive research, hundreds of painstakingly controlled experiments, \$3.4 billion in University funding, and millions of coffee beans, scientists at Koffee? on Audubon Street confirmed Monday that they had uncovered the answer behind the seemingly innocent query. Its mission completed, Koffee? shut its doors for good yesterday evening. "The question has at last been put to rest," said a haggard yet exhilarated David Stewart, chief researcher for Koffee?, speaking from the control room of the café's gigantic cyclotron.

During its decade of research, the group progressed from vague intuition to scientifically precise measurement. "For the first few years, we were going nowhere," said Vladimir Anchevsky, a Koffee? mathematician. "Our computer simulations kept overheating the equipment. We became discouraged and spent most of our time playing Wolfenstein 3D."

In the fall of 1995, however, the research took an upward turn, thanks to a bright idea from Stewart. "David came running in one morning, screaming, 'Do you have decaf?'" recalls Anchevsky. "Right then, I think we all knew

he was on to something." The group moved away from theoretical research and focused on experimentation, observing Koffee?'s many patrons. Soon they had compiled a list of possible answers, ranging from "I'm trying to cut back" to "What's with the 'K?'"

"We started testing the possibilities," said Stewart, gesturing impressively toward the cyclotron. "After analyzing the data, we found that 'No, thanks,' was clearly the best fit for our models and was consistent with existing work in the coffee field."

Continued Stewart, "It was no easy enterprise. We all suffered from jitteriness and insomnia, and there were some spills along the way. The Yale-New Haven burn unit receptionist knew us by voice. But this glorious moment we enjoy today was well worth all the pain that preceded it."

In spite of the enthusiastic response on campus, the Koffee? research has not been met with universal approval from the caffeinated beverage scientific community. "The entire report is full of questionable data and unqualified sources," said Thomas Lubitz, a cashier at Willoughby's on Chapel Street. "Also, it has coffee stains all over it."

Small town proud, supportive of lady doctor

EBBETTSVILLE, TN (AP)—After receiving her M.D. this spring from Boston University, Dr. Linda Richards plans to set up a private practice in her hometown of Ebbettsville, Tennessee, and her neighbors say they could not be more pleased.

"Who would have thought a girl from Ebbettsville would grow up to be a lady doctor?" mused Harlan Oaktag, 64, who owns a hardware store in Richards's neighborhood. "I remember her from when she was growing up around here—never would have guessed she'd end up a doctor. She wasn't bad-looking or anything. I guess you just never know."

"Linda was always trying to keep up with her big brother," Richards's mother, Donna, proudly recalled. "We thought her interest in biology was just a tomboy phase, but I guess she never grew out of it!" Her father, Dave Richards, added, "She was the only one of our kids to leave Ebbettsville after high school, but we're sure glad she's coming back where she belongs."

The Richards family is preparing for Linda's return: "I wanted to get her one of those 'doctor' ornaments for her Christmas tree," said Donna Richards, "but of course all the little doctors were boys. So I got this 'kiss a nurse' one instead. I think it even looks a little like Linda."

Richards's brother, Arnold, said, "I trained my three-year-old to call her 'Aunt Doctor Linda.' That sounds so funny, it always makes me laugh."

Mayor Tom Argot and the Ebbettsville City Council plan to present Richards with a pink embroidered stethoscope cozy upon her return. "We hope she'll be a big success around here," Argot said. "Of course, I don't plan to go to her myself—I don't want a lady doctor handling my personal parts, that's for sure—but she has a big family, so I'm sure she'll do fine."

Are you a 18-45-year-old male who uses cocaine regularly?

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Public restroom study reveals: "Rita gives good head," "Jim Dunlap gay"

By Barbara Colvin
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A shocking study released today by the Yale School of Meaningless Research (YSMR) reveals many sordid details about local men's sexual orientation, local women's sexual experience, and what number to call "for a good time." The study, the culmination of countless intensive, unsanitary hours of research in restrooms on and around the Yale campus, came as a bombshell to the Useless Studies community.

"This rivals Harvard's 'Drunken Frat Party Pick-up Lines' project, which was—until today—the benchmark for all such studies," commented noted research specialist Henry Phillips, YSMR '82. Phillips, who is currently working on the college ranking staff of *U.S. News & World Report*, added, "Boy, I'd like to meet this Rita character."

The ground-breaking study was conceived several years ago, when YSMR President Ryan McCormick used the bathroom at Toad's. McCormick told the press, "I thought to myself, people write some pretty messed up stuff here. What could possibly motivate someone to have enough hatred to write, 'Ben Folds Five sucks'? Ben rules! Just because there's no screaming electric guitar, you punk kids think it's no good! Back in my day..."

At this point, McCormick trailed off, visibly shaken, and YSMR Vice President Edward Shilting took over. Dr. Shilting, who received his Ph.D. in the Meaninglessness of Antiquity and is known for spearheading such YSMR studies as "Christmas Lights Employ Many Bright Colors" and "The Positive and Negative Effects of Repeatedly Hitting One's Head Against a Brick Wall," explained, "During one of McCormick's bizarre rants about that Toad's bathroom, a light bulb of putridity turned on in my head. Where but a bathroom wall, I wondered, could the lonely, the angry, and the constipated vent their emotions? Sociologists had been neglecting the human emotional process because of their unfounded distaste for the human excretory process. It became the pleasure, but even more, the responsibility of YSMR to investigate such bathrooms." Added Shilting, "We've found everything from 'A.M. (heart) T.R.' to 'Fuck the Police' to disparaging comments about Yale's founders so foul that I cannot even repeat them without vomiting in outrage."

Shilting concluded his remarks by confidently declaring that this study will have resounding effects on the future of academia. "Never before has it been shown so clearly that 'Metallica fucking rocks, man.' And if there's anything we can take away from this study, something to really hold on to, it's this: 'Tom Reed is an asshole.'"

President declares National Day of New Kids on the Block Remembrance

WASHINGTON, D. C. (AP)—In a solemn ceremony yesterday in the Rose Garden, President George W. Bush declared a nationwide Day of Remembrance for the popular 80s singing group New Kids on the Block. “We are gathered here today for a single reason,” said Bush, flanked by his Cabinet and a bipartisan Congressional delegation. “To recall five American icons: Jordan Knight, Jon Knight, Joey McIntyre, Donnie Wahlberg, and Danny Wood. They were, are, and always will be our New Kids.” The President then released five doves into the air as a lone bagpiper droned the familiar strains of “You Got It (The Right Stuff).”

President Bush proceeded to read, in chronological order, the New Kids’ complete discography. “Stop It Girl. Didn’t I (Blow Your Mind),” he intoned stoically. “Popsicle. Angel. Be My Girl.” The list was later continued by Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, radio personality Casey Kasem, and former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani.

The day’s impact was felt both nationally and locally, as communities across the country held their own observances. All 437 citizens of rural Hanover, Montana gathered for a candlelight vigil in Courthouse Square, where the Chester A. Arthur High School choir sang their own rendition of “What’cha Gonna Do About It?” In St. Louis, Missouri, Mayor Francis Slay

unveiled five life-size murals constructed by local artists from thousands of copies of the liner notes from *Step by Step*, the album often referred to as “The New Kids’ *Sgt. Pepper*.” The remembrance was even observed in outer space, as astronauts aboard the International Space Station donned vintage “NKOTB” t-shirts and released five doves into orbit.

Some citizens chose a quieter form of remembrance. William Freedman, a Camden, New Jersey bus driver, observed the day by leafing through his complete collection of New Kids trading cards. “Here’s #76, entitled ‘Jordan and Danny at the Studio.’ Look at them: so young, so innocent... there’s so much they didn’t know,” he said. “This one’s also a sticker.”

President Bush concluded the day with a nationally televised address from the Oval Office. However, Mr. Bush immediately broke form by tossing his pre-written speech to the floor and rising from his desk. “Sometimes words alone are not enough to express what we feel,” he murmured. The President then launched into an impromptu a cappella version of the New Kids’ hit 1989 single “Hangin’ Tough.” “Listen up everybody if you wanna take a chance. / Just get on the floor and do the New



“How much do I love the New Kids?” President Bush said yesterday. “That’s like asking me how much I love democracy. To me, the two are inseparable. But Donnie’s my favorite.”

Kids’ dance,” the President sang in a full and lovely tenor. “Don’t worry ’bout nothing ’cause it won’t take long. / We’re gonna put you in a trance with a funky song, ’cause you gotta be / Hangin’ tough, hangin’ tough, hangin’ tough.” After several more verses and an improvised dance break, Mr. Bush returned to his seat and concluded his remarks by repeatedly screaming, “I love you Donnie! Whoooo!”

The members of New Kids on the Block could not be located for comment.

Campus depression levels still above-average in wake of Christian poster campaign

By Felix Vaks
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Last Spring Yale’s non-denominational Christian groups hoped that, by posing thoughtful questions like ‘If we’re just matter, do we matter?’ and ‘What for?’ on kiosks and table tents all over campus, they would spark introspection and intellectual discussion among fellow Yale students. They did not count on eroding the student body’s collective ambition and will to live.

The mental health department of Yale University Health Services reported a forty per cent jump in the number of patients treated during the Spring of 2002, attributing the dramatic increase to the relentlessly dismal message of the “Think About It” campaign.

Traffic at YUHS gradually returned to normal during the Fall semester, but many students are still recovering from the eye-opening experience of last year’s evangelizing.

“I was doing great in my classes, but then I saw this table-tent that said, ‘A Yale Degree — What For?’ and suddenly I felt helpless and shallow,” said Kristen Masters, BR ’04, as she waited to be seen by a counselor for her now-regular sessions. “Damn these Yale evangelicals and their deep, probing questions!”

“I’ve been a faithful, church-going Christian all my life, but now I don’t see the point,” agreed Doug Pusateri, TD ’03, who was pacing nervously on the other side of the room. “What if we *are* just matter? Did you ever think of that?”

Campus Crusade for Christ, the national organization responsible for the campaign, declined to comment, but has reportedly scrapped plans to publicize this year’s “Think About It” topic: “Are we destined to live lives of



Self-described “basket case” Kristen Masters ’04 waits for “mental hygiene” in the busy waiting room at YUHS. “Don’t tell anyone you saw me here,” she begged.

total despair and isolation? Or what?”

Not everyone at Yale has suffered irreparable mental damage as a result of the campaign. “Lucky for me, I never ‘think about’ anything,” smiled Tina Hong, SY ’05. “So it hasn’t been a problem.” And at least a few Yale groups have been inspired by the campaign—the Singing Group Council reportedly plans to promote several spring jams with the slogan, “Why bother reading for classes if you’re going to die eventually anyway? Come see an a cappella concert instead!”

Teen's tragic death changes nothing

BUSHKILL, VA (AP)—The alcohol-related death of sophomore Jessica Keem this past weekend has resulted in candlelight vigils, somber students, and a more contemplative binge-drinking climate on the campus of Lee University.

University President Robert Bangser, who requested that, out of respect for the deceased, reporters refrain from commenting on his humorous name, gave a memorable speech at Thursday's memorial service for 19-year-old Keem. "These types of incidents must stop," said a visibly distressed Bangser. "We cannot allow needless tragedies to occur on this campus, wasting the potential of promising young people like Jessica and destroying Lee's chances at a favorable rating in the Princeton Review's annual guide." Students and faculty nodded in agreement.



Lee University sophomore Jessica Keem's alcohol-related death has been briefly noted by the campus binge-drinking community.

"Bangser is right," junior Jake Siegel said after the service. "Jessica's death was really tragic, especially since that was such an awesome party! But I heard the student council is thinking of planting a rose bush in her name, right in front of the Sigma house where she died. Then I'd see it, like, every weekend." Dave Shah, president of the Sigma chapter on campus, confirmed Siegel's report, and added, "Jessica's twentieth birthday would have been next month, right around the same time as our beer pong tournament, so we're thinking of dedicating the festivities to her this year."

The student body will attend classes as normal this week, but sophomore Abigail Andrews, Keem's roommate, is working to make sure that Jessica's memory never dies. "I plan submit a design for a new memorial to Jessica," Andrews said. "It will be a bronze statue of her raising a cylindrical glass object to the sky, and the plaque will say 'Absolut Jessica.' Or something like that."

Strom Thurmond outlives "Strom Thurmond is so old" jokes

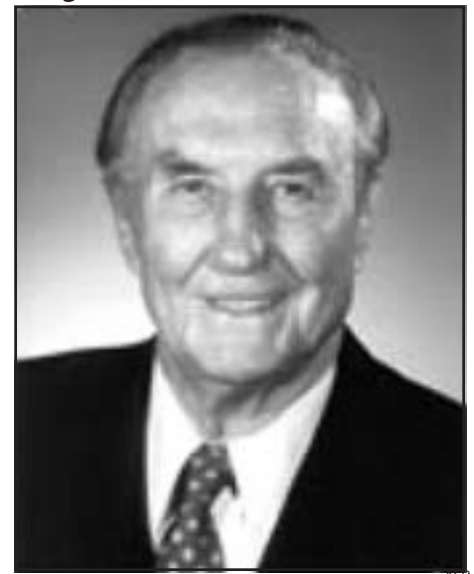
WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP)—Just weeks after celebrating his 100th birthday, retired Senator Strom Thurmond (R-SC) can revel in the knowledge that he has outlasted even the cleverest jokes about his advanced age.

"For years, Thurmond was instant comic gold," lamented a New York-based comedy writer who asked not to be identified. "My grandfather's generation made fun of his silly name, and my father's contemporaries mocked his hilariously misguided Dixiecrat politics. And since I started writing comedy twenty years ago, Strom's incredible age and decrepit physical state have made him the best punchline in the business."

Late-night television host Jay Leno agreed. "People don't need to know a thing about politics to understand a Strom joke," he explained. "All they need to know is that he's unbelievably old. I just mention his name, and bingo: the audience feels smart for getting a joke about the Senate, and my monologue writers get to go home early."

But all that has changed now, according to Jim Walters, spokesperson for the American Satirists Guild. "It's still *true* that Strom is old," he said, "it's just not *funny* anymore. In fact, for the last few years it's been almost frightening. This man had a hand in determining our nation's laws."

Those close to Thurmond were pleased to hear that the ancient Senator will no longer be the target of anti-elderly pot shots. "I don't think Strom will care much, though," said an anonymous member of the Senator's staff. "He still feels like he's thirty years old." After a



When it comes to jokes about being old, Strom Thurmond, 100, has heard them all - that is, insofar as he is able to hear anything at all, in his condition. pause, she added in a whisper, "I mean that. He seriously thinks he's thirty. He also thinks he's the Vice President."

Faced with the prospect of earning a livelihood without the dependable crutch of Strom jokes, members of the American Satirists Guild are searching for a new target. "Bush is dumb" jokes are already on the way out," Walters admitted, "and Jesse Ventura wasn't re-elected. We're thinking of backing Justin Timberlake for a Cabinet post. Man, that would be so funny."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Gay man mentally dresses woman

NEW HAVEN, Conn (AP)—While sitting on a bench along the New Haven Green yesterday, George Dunn, a 38-year-old homosexual male, mentally determined that Patricia Roberts, 27, a woman who happened to be standing nearby, would look best in an off-white Donna Karan wrap dress with a burgundy and forest green floral pattern. Dunn reportedly imagined Roberts wearing an Ann Taylor skirt-and-jacket combo followed by a Ralph Lauren mock turtleneck sweater and pleated slacks before reaching his ultimate decision. Dunn evaluated Roberts's wardrobe options on the basis of color, fabric, seasonality, pricing, and "overall deliciousness."

Asked for her reaction, Roberts admitted, "I was a little weirded out when I first saw him staring at me, but he looked pretty gay, so I figured, no harm done."

Lack of sleep commented upon

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Temple University senior Rod Lupinsky got practically no sleep Tuesday night, according to remarks he made at breakfast the following morning.

"Oh, man," Lupinsky told his suitemates, "I was up so late last night doing my econ problem set. I hardly slept at all." The reaction of Lupinsky's roommates could not be confirmed, but according to witnesses they displayed a "marked lack of concern."

CORRECTION

Due to an editing error, a news brief last week mistakenly referred to Richard Shaw as "Candy" Hernandez. He is not a leprous male prostitute, as reported; he is, in fact, Yale Dean of Admissions. Furthermore, he did not assault his parole officer with a flamethrower, but rather reported a 10% increase in early applications.

We apologize for the inaccuracy.



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