

## Can't get no satisfaction from dating?

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Fine. I admit it. I wrote about fraternities and eating-houses because my dating life sucks. C'mon though, it was a good argument: too much sexism in the system, too little sex in the dorm room. Can I say that in

*The Davidsonian?*

I don't feel noticed at Davidson.

Hey, type A girl, WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO TO DISTRACT YOU FROM YOUR HOMEWORK?

So many girls: artistic, athletic, political, poetic.

And me, doing circles at frat parties. I don't know any of you!

"Hey,"

"Um, hi."

"Aren't you in my class?"

"No."

"Oh."

But you were in my class! Don't remember? Two years ago, Spanish 102, you always wore that....

Creepy.

Now I have your AIM screen name. That's going well:

DCSENIORS01: hey

TypeAgurl: Um, hi.

TypeAgurl: How'd you get my screen name?

DCSENIORS01: off my roommate's computer...

Now that's some eGame.

And then it came to me, it being an email from my friend, Kristen Higbee (yes, that Kristen Higbee). Apparently, dating sucks for them too! She wrote:

*Are we really as overlooked as we feel we are?*

*In a student body of 1,600+ why is it that there are a disproportionate amount of intelligent, beautiful, and well-kept women who have never even been asked out? I find it difficult to listen to my friends talk about how they have been hurt, used or mis-*

*treated by men at this school.*

*What are these amazing women doing so wrong that they cannot be treated with respect or get the appreciation they deserve?*

*My answer: it's not us women.*

*In a student body of 1,600+ why is it that a disproportionate amount of women have never been asked out?*

*A disproportionate amount of boys on this campus wake up every morning, throw on whatever article of clothing is on the floor, put a baseball hat over their greasy coifs and we're supposed to swoon? I believe it was Cher who said it best, "as if!"*

*Take this as you will, but in the "real" world it is not like this fellas. This percentage of superb women will only exponentially decrease as your lives go on.*

*My point? Ladies, buck up, you're gorgeous enough, you're interesting enough: it's not you. It's them.*

*They are not our arch-enemies, but if they are not providing the respect, appreciation and attention you deserve, then repeat after me: Step UP or Step OUT of the way!*

*Where's up? I'm steppin'! I'm steppin'!*

Kristen's got a point, but the real root of the problem eludes her. You know the "old well" behind Eu and Phi halls? You know how supposedly, if a Davidsonian drinks from that fountain, s/he will marry another

Davidson student?

Well wake up Physical Plant, because like a lot of us here at Davidson, the fountain is getting rusty. It's just not working. I know the feeling.



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## Capitalism just exports American jobs

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Capitalism is at crisis: overproduction in Japan and Germany, negative growth in American output, and massive unemployment hitting the world's most powerful markets are signs that the global power structure is volatile.

Bourgeois economists blame this on the "war on terrorism" and unstable international relations, but many others suspect that these type of economists are confusing the cause with the effect: the root cause lies in the premise of the rule of capital—which, as we saw, often comes disguised under the emblem of "free trade."

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But free trade no longer affects *only* Third World nations: the entire middle class—the majority of citizens of the First World—is now becoming affected as well: from telephone receptionists to financial analysts.

How? Eventually, as companies find it more difficult to compete in American markets—largely due to the monopolization effect (e.g. Walmart) within many industries, a long-run result of—"fair competition"—they find it necessary to cut expenses on one of its cost-determining components of production: labor.

A newly popular solution is to replace domestic with foreign labor, which is up to ten times cheaper and equally effective. This is known as "offshore outsourcing," and has intensified after the information boom of the 1990s ended a few years ago.

Some media sources estimate that over 3 million workers have been laid off as a result to offshore outsourcing and the trend is increasing dramatically.

Accenture, AOL, Delta Airlines, Dell, General Electric, Sun Microsystems, Bank of America, and American Express are merely a few examples of companies that have adopted this practice, immediately firing domestic workers massively after replacing them with workers from countries that offer, on their knees, union-free, uninsured, and cheap labor, such as India, China, and Mexico.

Several companies even had American workers travel overseas to train foreign labor immediately before the company would fire them. Some groups like McKinsey, however, defend offshore outsourcing by arguing that it helps American firms stay afloat and thus keep the American economy going.

But this is clearly false: unemployment levels have risen dramatically, which lowers expendable income, thus lowering quantity demanded as well as production levels.

The result: domestic output decreases and the income gap between working and upper-class individuals widens. The only ones who benefit are the profit-earners while the working class pays.

In fact, America and the rest of the First World have been thus far living in a fantasy: cheap raw materials and industrial goods from abroad and high-paying jobs left for the lucky citizens of the United States, Japan, and Western Europe.

But the bubble is now only *beginning* to burst: as the fictitious "middle class" becomes bumped down to filthy minimum wage in this and other First World countries, labor groups have immediately responded and called for greater class conscience. They realize that a serious solution is unlikely to come from corporate-funded Washington; instead, it is only likely to come as a result of pressure put on the private sector by organized labor.

## Vandalism on campus is out of control

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Our Web site proclaims that Davidson is "a trusting community... where honor and respect form the core of your relationships with others." That honor and respect can disappear when alcohol gets involved.

Sunday night, over fall break, three male students smashed two of my friend's plastic lawn chairs against a brick pillar. After intentionally breaking the two chairs, they went to work on a lamppost.

Campus security is still investigating the matter, and suspects that one person may have been involved in multiple acts of vandalism recently.

A friend of the vandals promised they would pay for the damaged chairs, but my friend has not yet been reimbursed. She insists the chairs are not important, but that her fellow stu-

dents' utter lack of respect is.

If you believe that the stories you read about are a fluke, or the actions of visitors, it's time for a wake-up call. These events are no accident, and Davidson students are the perpetrators. It is time we stopped blaming others and took a good look in the mirror.

Small minds and alcohol can have disastrous consequences, and large amounts of alcohol quickly turn large minds small.

The Code of Responsibility and the Honor Code remain too far out of sync. In the past three weeks, almost \$3000 in damages has been reported in *The Davidsonian*, on top of what will appear this week.

The College must stand firm on its principles, and refuse to accept drunkenness as an excuse for inappropriate actions. Until we punish vandalism on campus the same way we punish cheating, this behavior will not stop.

As Brynn Welch said: "Shape up or ship out."

## Minorities should take advantage of affirmative action

No one has ever accused me of supporting a socialist agenda. In fact, I've heard the word fascist used to describe my political beliefs a lot more than socialist. However, there is one form of government handouts that I am happy to take advantage of: affirmative action.



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Don't get me wrong, I hate affirmative action. I think it is silly to evaluate people solely based on the color of their skin in any situation.

For example, a rich Hispanic girl is going to have more in common with a rich white girl than a poor Hispanic girl.

The same principle applies to black people, too. I do not doubt that upper class black kids encounter racism during their life, I've seen it happen. But, a person of any race growing up in an upper class family faces less adversity than a poor white kid raised in a West Virginia trailer park.

No matter how foolish the system may be, I fully exploit it.

I have come to realize that limousine liberals everywhere either can't get over their own self-righteous guilt at being a bit racist themselves, or they won't face the fact that specific individuals of every race just don't have what it takes to succeed. Their continued support means that affirmative action in some form will never die on its own.

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I myself check the Hispanic box on school applications, job applications, etc. If it matters so much to those in power where my family came from I have no problem informing them.

Moreover, if they want to give me preferential treatment over an upper class white kid, then fine, I'll take a boost up. I may surprise them when I show up at law school and don't act like Pacino in *Scarface*, but that's their own fault for grouping all Hispanics together.

There will come a day, and it will be soon based on population growth, when white people will look around the halls of power and find it full of brown and black faces.

Hispanics and blacks are no less intelligent or resourceful than white people. If you keep giving us an advantage then pretty soon we will be over-represented in society.

If the playing field is not level to begin with then I am all for equalizing things. However, equal opportunity is all anyone deserves. If minorities can't excel with an equal opportunity then we do not deserve our piece of the pie.

Quality schools are looking high and low for more minority students. I support the idea of the Davidson student body better representing American cultural life—more lower class whites, blacks, Hispanics, Jews, Indians, Arabs, Aleutian Islanders, etc. Something is wrong if that doesn't happen naturally.

The fact that we are under-represented may point to flaws in our own communities, not to admissions policies at major schools.

If those shortcomings are fixed, and they can be, there is no reason why minorities can't abolish affirmative action the quickest way I can think of: by abusing it.

Keep checking those racial boxes; keep using every extra bonus those in charge grant us.

The only way minorities will ever be truly viewed as equals, and as a result, cause the end of affirmative action, is for us to manipulate the system by turning preferential treatment into a pathway to easy success.

The idea of an equal chance at success should be synonymous with the term "American citizen." That can only happen when we have a meritocracy, not a system that favors one group over another.

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