

City College's "insensitivity" to Jewish People

Dear Chancellor Day,

In regard to the fact that there are NO classes, services or organizations offered at CCSF that have a Jewish orientation- on any subject- or in any department, I would like to suggest allowing Teaching Jewish Humor 101 to non-Jews at City College starting

March 12, 2001. All Lectures will consist of Sample questions and answers with examples. -

Lesson #1 - The different types of jokes shared by Jews and non-Jews -

Rhetorical Questioning

A)Where is the Jewish identity on this campus? Lacking in all aspects.

B) Has anyone ever wanted, even secretly, to be a Jew? You couldn't learn about it here.

C) What's the difference between a Jew, a Hebrew and a Post WW II Isreali? Being of Jewish descent I know the distinctions are never made, but are important.

The Jokes -

A) Private Jewish jokes without offending anyone. We can laugh at ourselves and have heard ordinary snickers about the stereotypical Jew for so long that what the world laughs at is funny to us. (Woody Allen, Roger Dangerfield.

B) Different deliveries on the same theme by pointing fingers at specific events and people. I already spoke to the Board and yourself about the lack of any curriculum regarding Jewish heritage, language, history and I thought I was being listened to. The Jokes on me.

C)) How to speak on and on even after proving a point. No Classes whatsoever, No clubs, no services, no scholarships nor any sign of their presence although 13% of students are Jewish and have a need just like any other minority.

D) Adding ironic innuendoes -
E)When other ethnical minorities even hear a Jewish name in the role they share a common laughing glance that seems normal to them but hypocritical to me.

E) Diversity, Diversity, DiverSITY!! That's all we hear from the administration yet you do not address Jewish students needs while other groups have networked and lobbied successfully for their own kind, the Jews are ignored.I have pointed this out to A.S.C., yourself and the accreditation committee several times.

F) Facts people should remember.

1) Jews wrote the Bible part one

2) First to conceive of one GOD

3) Jewish folks created a beautiful language, a way of life, civilized laws and a practical religion five thousand years ago in ancient Isreal and kept a record of it to pass on to all descendants

4) The religion is still practiced today in over 100 countries

5) Jesus was a jewish prophet

6) Modern Isreal was formed by a United Nations Mandate signed by 113 countries in 1948 and it was they who asked the Palastinians to move and in 1950 drew the new borders.

7) There are three thriving Jewish communities in SF today that have been here since 1860 as rivals/different sects yet they all have schools, temples, meetings, singles parties, organized celebrations and outreach programs yet none of them have ever seemed to be concerned about the Jewish identity crisis at CCSF.

This is not a joke! But it is Jewish Riddle- What can be done about the situation?

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You Dig?

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being attacked. The abuse that gets passed on to the targets of their rage would best be handled through a more therapeutic outlet, one that involves adult conversation as opposed to childish name-calling.

For those of us who find Eminem's anti-gay slurs and penchant for violence toward women disturbing, the music is an unfortunate reminder of how prevalent these deranged values are in today's society. But as wonderful as it would be to feel as if we had

some control over such hateful ideas, the truth is that there is little we can do about what gets said or who gets to hear it. The focus on what to do about artists like Eminem should be redirected at the fans that relate to him so that the origins of their hostility can be addressed.

Some Eminem fans maintain that they are able to see above his hateful rants and enjoy the music "for what it is." Those listeners who don't aspire to such noble intentions can choose between crawling out of the hole they're in or continuing to dig it deeper.

Letters to the Editor

Many Thanks to CCSF Administration!

Dear Editor:

Students who were planning to use the Rosenberg Library on Sundays should be swelling with pride rather than complaining about the college administrators who are responsible for reducing their hours of library access. Signs posted on the library doors explain that "...due to the energy crisis..." the library will be closed on Sundays.

I for one salute the wisdom and courage of these folks for solving our present energy woes.

Precluding those students who most require library services from receiving them is a stroke of genius comparable to the Bush Administration's request for arctic drilling and reduction of environmental protections. So, in this spirit, I modestly propose the following:

If closing the library just one day per week will significantly affect our energy expenditures, then think how much we can save if we close it the other six days! Libraries are costly anyway and they fail to produce the revenues we need to become a more business-like institution. Sales at the bookstore will skyrocket when students have to buy rather than borrow computers. Let the

"free"market further determine who can get an education.

Electric lighting is over-rated as an educational tool. Students can tape-record instead of take notes, and burning matches is a romantic way for them to find their way to their classroom seats.

Are heated classrooms really necessary? Does cafeteria food really need to be refrigerated? Luxuries like these are examples of pandering to the weakest among us. Did Abe Lincoln need refrigeration in his log-cabin schoolhouse?

Whether or not these specific suggestions are incorporated into the City College's master plan is less important than the fact that we are at last creating a socially equitable energy policy. Furthermore, once we've completed this task, we can turn our attention to even more important matters, like do we really need so many instructors?

As we have heard so often in the popular media, teachers have ruined education in our country, and they expect to be paid! Why not replace them with volunteers from "faith-based" institutions?

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