

## First Lady wows Georgetown students

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WASHINGTON, D.C. (CPX) — It wasn't necessarily the unseasonably warm weather that sent Georgetown University students outdoors in droves last week.

It was First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, who appeared on campus Friday as the keynote speaker for the first edition of the Eleanor Roosevelt Lecture Series. Most students craned to get a view of Clinton as she entered and exited Gaston Hall because only 200 were lucky enough to snag a ticket to hear her speak.

Throughout her speech, titled "The Rights of the Child," Clinton often referred to Roosevelt, who is being honored this year for spearheading the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which is now 50 years old. Clinton also joked about her

reported "talks" with the former first lady - chats that she said have "finally given the media a reason to believe that I have truly gone off the deep end."

There's little doubt that Clinton has been under pressure lately in light of her husband's admitted affair with a former White House intern. While the First Lady never directly said anything about the scandal that could result in the president's impeachment, she didn't exactly disappoint those who were hoping to hear something - anything — about it.

"Why, especially recently, I've had to say to myself, 'Oh my goodness gracious, what would Mrs. Roosevelt say? She has been a great source of inspiration for me,'" Clinton said, knowing full well that Roosevelt also was forced to confront an unfaithful husband on more than one occasion.

Georgetown students' sentiments largely mirrored the results of national public opinion polls, which show the

First Lady's approval ratings at their highest levels ever. The student newspaper, The Hoya, ran an editorial praising Clinton's gumption for appearing at GU and commending her for "taking the higher ground and maintaining her advocacy of issues she feels are important" without choosing to "remove herself from the public eye despite embarrassing revelations that have exposed her most private family difficulties."

Students who watched Clinton speak said they could tell that she is indeed a gutsy, independent woman.

"I've always been interested in her as a speaker and in her political agenda," said Kevin Preis, a sophomore from Metairie, La., who won a coveted ticket to hear Clinton speak. "She's taken the title 'First Lady' beyond being just a title. I think she's always been a very powerful speaker and thinker, and she's always got her mind set. I admire her completely, as she is in the political,

as well as the moral, spotlight."

Rosa Hong, a freshman from Lake Forest Ill., who waited more than two hours for her ticket to see the First Lady, said she, too, was impressed by the way Clinton handled herself under what must be tremendous personal pressure.

"She was elegant and poised, and it really impressed me," Hong said. "Then again, she has always been such a professional, intelligent person, so I'm not surprised. She's had to deal with such scandals before."

Despite the glowing remarks, not everyone was thrilled to have the First Lady on campus. Students dealt with detours, lockdowns and the hassles of having to be directed around campus by hordes of secret service agents.

"Personally, I was very annoyed," said Brooke Weinstein, a sophomore from Charleston, S.C. "I was 20 minutes late to class because the secret servicemen wouldn't let me leave the building from my last class."

## Yale student stabbed to death off campus

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**NEW HAVEN, Conn. (CPX) - A woman found stabbed to death in a posh New Haven neighborhood was a senior political science major at Yale University, police said.**

**Authorities so far have made no arrests in the death of 21-year-old Suzanne Jovin, whose body was found around 10 p.m. on Friday on a street more than a mile from the university and about two miles away from her off-campus apartment. Jovin had suffered**

**multiple stab wounds. She was pronounced dead at a local hospital. Jovin's family flew from their home in Germany to make funeral arrangements. Although her parents live abroad, Jovin was a U.S. citizen, a university spokesman said.**

**Dean Richard Brodhead described Jovin, who coordinated a volunteer program for students who work with mentally retarded adults, as "very vivacious, very lively, very outgoing and very generous."**

## Kentucky bar owner charged after student death

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**LEXINGTON, Ken. (CPX) - A bar owner whose tavern is popular with students at the University of Kentucky faces criminal charges and the loss of his beer license stemming from the death of a student who was struck and killed by a train after leaving the premises.**

Even more trouble could be brewing for Jim Haney Jr., whose actions police also are investigating in connection with the Nov. 15 car crash that killed a Kentucky football player and an Eastern Kentucky student and injured Kentucky center Jason Watts.

On Thursday, Lexington prosecutors summoned Haney to appear in court on Dec. 17 on five misdemeanor charges of serving after hours and three of serving to minors. All of the charges stem from the death of 19-year-old Chad Clore who was last seen in Haney's home - attached

to the back of the bar - before he was killed Nov. 6 by a train on some nearby tracks. Police say Clore was drunk at the time.

Meanwhile, investigators are looking into Haney's connection to Watts, 21, Arthur Steinmetz, 19, and Eastern Kentucky student Scott Brock, 21. Steinmetz and Brock were passengers in Watts truck and died when it overturned on a rural highway.

Watts, who was driving, had a blood-alcohol content of 1 1/2 times Kentucky's legal limit, and Brock and Steinmetz also were drunk, investigators said. Watts was charged with driving under the influence and two counts of second-degree manslaughter.

Haney has said Brock and Watts visited his bar and then his home before the accident but that they were sober when they left. Haney and his wife have said Steinmetz was not in the bar.

## Police Blotter: A Weekly Look At Campus Crime Briefs

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**ATLANTA (CPX) - Four freshman at Emory University found themselves on police officers' naughty list after they tried to take a statue of Santa Claus from a local business.**

Police reports indicate that the students were arrested after an officer spotted them around 1:30 a.m. on Dec. 2 in a car sporting a large figure of Santa strapped to the roof.

The driver of the car told the officer who stopped the group that he had gotten the \$3,000 statue from his grandmother's house, police reports indicate.

**BOULDER, Colo. (CPX) -**

Someone went nuts with a can of spray paint and all sorts of wall space in a building at the University of Colorado at Boulder.

While making their rounds Dec. 8, housekeepers found all sorts of symbols and words on several walls. Most of the graffiti was scrawled in red and black marker.

The culprits chose to convey messages that were far less than profound, including "CHAMELAM," "Emily Kicks Ass," "969BP," "BIOTCH," and "WEED MAN," with a marijuana leaf drawn under it.

**BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (CPX) -** Police at Indiana University have arrested a student who they say tried to bring a horror movie to life on Halloween night.

Freshman Daryl Loving was charged with two counts of battery

after police probed calls they received from women claiming that a man wearing a mask made popular by the movie "Scream" had sexually assaulted them.

The calls stemmed from articles appearing in the Indiana Daily Student detailing the accounts of one student who said a masked man entered her room around 5 a.m. on Nov. 1 and assaulted her.

Two other female students who claimed they also were assaulted said they got a look at their attacker's face. Both of the women picked Loving out of a police line-up.

One of the women sought a protective restraining order against Loving, who was released from jail under a \$2,000 bond.

**COLUMBIA, Mo. (CPX) - A** student at the University of Missouri

aimed for the wrong lane when he decided to bowl on the porch of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity house.

Police arrested 21-year-old Michael Krakauskas for impeding the use of a street on Dec. 5 after the bowling he had thrown hit a moving car heading down the street in front of the fraternity house.

The car couldn't move out of the street after it was struck.

**COLUMBIA, Mo. (CPX) -** Police at the University of Missouri found a student partially pinned under a vending machine on Dec. 6.

Once freed, the student was taken to a local hospital for stitches. The student, who police said was heavily intoxicated, insisted he had no idea how he wound up under the machine.

## Convicted killer won't teach, Arizona state decides

By Christine Tatum  
College Press Exchange

**TEMPE, Ariz. (CPX) -** When it comes to teaching about rehabilitation and prison life, James J. Hamm says he's uniquely qualified.

Officials at Arizona State University's school of justice studies thought so, too, when they hired him as an adjunct professor to teach two courses on criminal justice this spring. But when word got out about Hamm's first-degree murder conviction and the 17 years he spent in prison, a flood of angry letters and phone calls - many from alumni threatening to cut off their support - prompted university officials to intervene and nix the school's offer.

"The debate surrounding Mr. Hamm's employment in the classroom at A.S.U. would be too disruptive to the educational environment, as evidenced by the reaction to his hiring," a statement issued by Milton Glick, the university's provost and senior vice president, said.

University officials said they would pay Hamm the \$6,000 that was promised to him - money that won't come from state funds - but that they would assign him to work outside the classroom instead.

"Rather than focusing on my disappointment, I would prefer to focus on my opportunities," Hamm said. "I'm just glad the furor produced by my hiring has brought national and local attention to a topic that is crying out to be addressed: the rehabilitation and reintegration of prisoners."

While his primary duties will not be leading a class, Hamm said he likely would be invited to serve as a guest lecturer and asked to organize

a symposium or two dealing with issues focused on moving prisoners back into mainstream society.

"I just want to find an activity that is meaningful," he said. "But right now, no one knows exactly what I will be doing."

One thing is certain: Hamm has a much deeper-than-average understanding of the corrections system. He landed there in 1974 at the ripe old age of 26 after killing a man during a dispute over a drug deal. Hamm said he was on drugs at the time of the murder and that he pleaded guilty to his crime.

"I knew I needed to go to prison because it was the right thing to do," he said. "I admitted my guilt and understood the offense and its seriousness. I never made it my goal to get out of prison because that's where I knew I deserved to be."

Hamm, now 50, worked hard while incarcerated, graduating *summa cum laude* with a bachelor's degree in applied sociology from a program offered to guards and inmates by Northern Arizona University. Given the way Arizona law was structured in 1974, his sentence eventually was commuted.

Hamm's second foray into the free world has made him no stranger to controversy on Arizona State's campus. Having scored in the 96th percentile on the Law School Admissions Test, he was accepted to A.S.U.'s law school in 1993, one year after his release. His arrival resulted in heated arguments much like those surrounding him now.

"More people need to understand that life goes on after crime, life goes on after sentencing, and life goes on after prison," Hamm said. "We as a society need to deal with that - especially when people have paid their debt."

## Protesters demand closure of URI student newspaper over cartoon

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**SOUTH KINGSTOWN, R.I. -** Shouting and chanting "We want action," about 200 University of Rhode Island students - most of them minorities - Friday confronted the establishment and demanded administrators shut down the college newspaper for publishing what they say is a racist cartoon.

The students - led by the Brothers Unified for Action - also called for the resignation of the top three editors of the paper, The Good 5-Cent Cigar, and the creation of a new paper "to end the racism, sexism and homophobia" on campus.

"The Good 5-Cent Cigar has lost its ethical and moral mandate," said Marc Hardge, a member of the Brothers Unified for Action, a three-month-old campus group that favors military-style commands. "The Good 5-Cent Cigar is dead."

Hours later, Student Senate Finance Chairman Denis Guay temporarily froze the Cigar's budget, sending staffers scrambling to find enough money to publish four issues next week.

Linda Levin, a journalism professor and faculty Cigar adviser, said it would cost about \$800 to publish four newspapers. "It's a form of censorship and it's a form of prior restraint," Levin said. "They're using it as a punishment."

The protest began at 10 a.m. when the Brothers Unified for Action, clad entirely in black, read aloud a list of demands in the Malcolm X room of the Taft building, an academic center for minority students. Followed by other students, they marched single file to the newspaper office in the basement of the Memorial Union.

Inside, they confronted staff writers and editors - all of them white - with copies of Friday's Cigar and dropped bundles of the papers they had collected at the staffers' feet.

Managing Editor Patrick Luce, who

has said the cartoon actually condemns racism but has been misinterpreted, attempted to respond to the demonstrators' call for an apology but was shouted down when he tried to answer.

"I can assure you I am not resigning," Luce said. "The Good 5-Cent Cigar is not dead."

When the students didn't hear the apology they had come for, they marched on to the office of URI President Robert Carothers.

He told them the cartoon's publication was "counterproductive" and "a serious mistake," in part because it was not easily understood by students unfamiliar with the events at the University of Texas. He promised to look into the Cigar staff's decision to publish the cartoon.

"At the same time, we need to protect the First Amendment at the University of Rhode Island," he said. "What I will not protect is irresponsible or hateful behavior."

The syndicated cartoon at the center of the controversy depicts a black student entering a University of Texas Law School classroom. A professor says to him, "If you're the janitor, please wait until after class to empty the trash. If you're one of our minority students, welcome!"

Reached Friday, San Antonio Express News cartoonist John Branch said he sketched the editorial cartoon more than a year ago in an attempt to expose what he said was bigotry on the Texas campus.

The target of the cartoon was a law professor there who said "blacks and Mexican Americans are not academically competitive with whites. . . ."

Branch, a 17-year-veteran at his newspaper, said of the cartoon, "It's satire. It's exaggeration. It's an attempt to turn the professor's comments around and show how absurd they are."

Branch couldn't recall any negative reaction to the cartoon when it was first published in the fall of 1997.

But, he said, he could understand how the cartoon could be misinterpreted, running as it did in The Cigar with no explanatory text a year after the law professor's statement provoked controversy in Texas.

After running the cartoon on Wednesday, The Cigar published an editorial the next day defending its decision.

The cartoon "expresses disgust with anti-affirmative action movements," the editorial read. "When taken literally, or without a knowledge of the situation at the University of Texas, it is conceivable the reader could miss the point. We at The Cigar recognized the point, and that's why we chose to publish the cartoon. . . ."

Luce, a managing editor, said that even though the controversy in Texas erupted more than a year ago, the debate over affirmative action is ongoing, making the cartoon relevant.

Friday's demonstration came just weeks after URI's affirmative action office received a racist telephone message. Last year, black students expressed outrage over an incident where a white student allegedly urinated on a black disc jockey.

In an attempt to counter students' claims that URI is a racially hostile campus, officials Friday were quick to note URI's recent initiatives to promote diversity: it opened a \$1.55-million Multicultural Center this fall, offered a new African and African-American Studies major and held weekly diversity task force meetings.

But protesters had little patience for past accomplishments. Around 11 p.m., they jammed into a conference room next to Carothers's office, spilling out into the hallway and down a flight of stairs.

Carothers said URI officials could do nothing about the students' four demands: The shutdown of the newspaper, the resignation of its editors, a boycott of newspaper advertisers if student funding for the paper was not withdrawn and the

creation of a new paper. Those demands, he said, should be addressed to the Student Senate.

He did say, however, he would welcome specific plans for combating racism on campus, and would support another newspaper.

"I will build a multicultural community here. That is my personal lifetime goal, and I will do it no matter what actions you take," he said.

Student Senate President Daryl Finizio told the crowd that The Cigar had broken no rules and that "it is my personal opinion that the editors of The Cigar did not act with any malice."

But during an emergency Senate meeting at 3 p.m., finance chairman Guay froze the newspaper's student account. The Cigar's other revenue sources, such as money from advertisers, were not affected.

"When 200-plus students feel that their money is being misused, that constitutes enough reason for him to freeze their budget and look into the issue," said Peter Pascucci, the Senate's communications chairman. The Senate earlier voted to give \$32,410 to The Cigar, he said.

The Senate, Pascucci added, "had no intention of shutting down the newspaper," but instead wants to see if "these funds are being misused."

The issue will resurface tomorrow at a 3 p.m. forum in the Memorial Union. Members of The Cigar staff, the Senate and minority groups are expected to participate.

And the Student Senate will meet Wednesday to consider financial support of the newspaper next semester. The meeting is at 6:30 p.m. in the Memorial Union.

"The bigger issue is this: If the Senate says it will not fund the paper - if The Cigar loses its funding and loses Senate recognition - The Cigar could literally be thrown out of its office," Levin said.

"I cannot believe the students want to lose their prime voice on campus," she said.