



Gracie's Dinnertime Theatre

Volume 28, Issue 5, Fader
www.hellsKitchen.org/gdt



Download this issue at <http://www.hellsKitchen.org/gdt/pdf/Volume28/05.Fader.pdf>

WE ARE PROUD TO INTRODUCE... **GDT BRAND LIQUOR**

DISTILLED AND BOTTLED AT
ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

EDITOR GENERAL'S WARNING: (1) ACCORDING TO THE EDITOR GENERAL, STUDENTS SHOULD NOT DRINK ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BECAUSE RIT IS A DRY CAMPUS. (2) ON SECOND THOUGHT, WHO REALLY GIVES A DAMN? BOTTOMS UP. (3) IF YOU CONSUME EXCESSIVE AMOUNTS OF GDT, YOU ARE GOING TO GET PISSED.



The Old GDT

A common request that we hear on campus is for “the old *GDT*.” Well, thanks to the Microelectronics Department and their state-of-the-art chip fab, we hereby give you your very own copy of the entire history of *Gracies Dinnertime Theatre*. If you wish to read it in a larger form, feel free to browse the archives at <http://www.hellskitchen.org/gdt/pdf>.

You may need a powerful magnifying glass¹ in order to read the reprinting below. Also, I lied. We did

1. We suggest an electron microscope for ample magnification.²
2. If you’re too cheap to purchase an electron microscope, we suggest a Fresnel Lens for magnification.³
3. We accept no responsibility for the use of a Fresnel lens to read *GDT* in direct sunlight or the results of doing so, including, but not limited to fire, human burns, genital herpes, or the setting off of fire alarms.
4. Possibly creating a time paradox, similar to going back in time and killing your own grandfather^{5,6}.
5. He was a gentle old man, but he just had to go.⁷
6. I thought that I would never straighten that mess out⁴.
7. In fact, I still have the plastic butter knife I used.

Watch out Now, Big Brother is Coming!

Well, maybe we are just shy of the telescreens and thought police brought to light in George Orwell’s cult classic *1984*, but political correctness (PC) and PC extremists have made a mockery of our language. No longer do we see midget policemen with learning disabilities, but vertically challenged police officers with learning differences. I don’t think this is much of an improvement.

Sure, political correctness had good intentions from the get-go by asking the public to be a bit more conscious of what they say, but now with its infectious undertone invading everything from TV to textbooks it has mutated into more of an epidemic.

For instance, is it really appropriate to call a midget “vertically challenged”? How are midgets any more vertically challenged than just plain short people? If most of us weren’t in some way vertically challenged, we’d all be seven feet tall.

As far as gender-neutral language is concerned, are sexist terms such as “policeman,” “fireman,” and “mankind” really so offensive as to require a revision to “police officer,” “fire fighter,” and “humankind”? Women have overcome far greater obstacles to obtaining voting rights and more prestigious jobs in the work force, not to mention centuries of oppression. One

From the *GDT* Staff

not reprint Volume 28, the current Volume. Doing so would include this issue, which would have to include this reprinting, and you get the problem⁴. So, enjoy Volumes 1 through 27 (and the Big Red Book) below.

**By Carly Gioia**

would think that a little masculine slip here and there wouldn’t do any harm.

The whole concept of changing “learning disabilities” to “learning differences” is just absurd. It makes absolutely no sense. We all have learning differences. No one learns in exactly the same way as everyone else. Wouldn’t it then be safe to assume that since we all have learning differences, we would be able to embrace such a term as “learning disability” in much the same way that other groups have embraced similar offensive terms?

We teach our children that words are like rubber and bounce right off and yet we cower at the mention of a few off-color remarks. When did Americans become so thin-skinned and fragile that the sticks-and-stones approach is no longer reliable? We have even yielded so much power over language to political correctness that the PC police have eliminated the phrase “has a good view” from all housing ads because of its offensiveness to the blind.

It’s time we take the power back and stop letting political correctness be so retarded. Gasp! Did I just say *retarded*? Well, we have got to start somewhere.

On the Decay of Roles

A lesser man would start this with “back in the day.” Unfortunately, there may never have been a “back in the day,” and so the issue requires comment from a more current perspective. Of late, the powers that be, namely women, have found social inequality to be unacceptable. This is a reasonable finding, as society is, and has been, unfair to a large number of groups for many years. The reason it is important to mention women is because they are the group of focus. The next suggestion is a little more perilous: society is in a headfirst tumble because women want to go to work and prove that they are equal human beings with a paycheck instead of raising children that are worthy of pride.

Now that the elephant in the room has been exposed, it would be pertinent to present a solution to the problem. Interestingly enough, it is not to throw women out of work and lock them away at home in a kitchen somewhere. That is a bad idea.

In fact, I vote completely the opposite. Allow me to stay home and take care of the kids. I don’t want to be out at work anyway. I would much rather put up with crying and diapers and laundry than I would a boss, peer pressure, meetings, and anything else work involves. Let me hang out with the other neighborhood house-husbands and have a beer in the afternoon and watch a baseball game while the kids are at school and the wives are at work. This sounds like a much more viable alternative than trying to make my wife stay home.

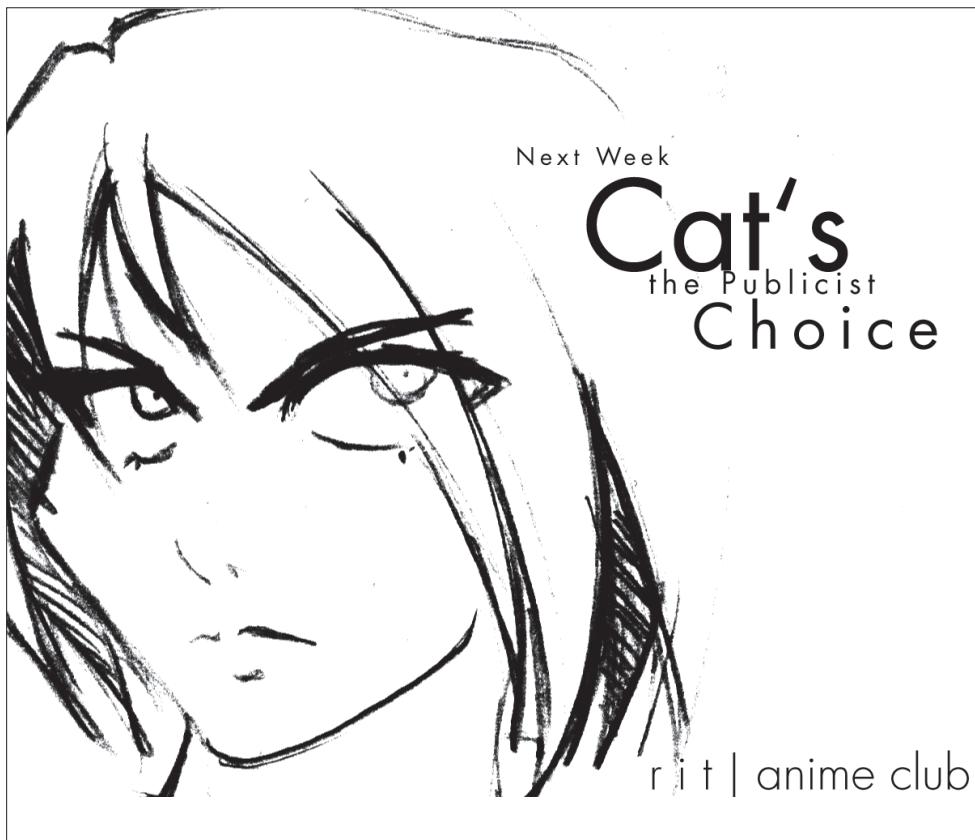
Besides, I’m much more likely to instill the much needed discipline that has been lacking in children’s everyday lives. As a guy, it is unlikely at best that I will consider what the other guys think of me when I publicly discipline my child. It will fix the problems, and that is the real goal. Too many children run their parents’ household rather than the proper way of things. Many parents resent

By Matthew Denker

their own parents for “mistreating” them, so they walk on eggshells around their own kids. I’ve got a funny observation to make: you turned out fine, and it was probably because of your parents. What in the hell is going to happen to your kids?

That said -- the biggest problem is still a complete lack of parents at all. As I said earlier, someone needs to stay home and tend to the kids. They’re not going to be able to tend to themselves. I’m not too busy to take care of them, because I really don’t need a job. And we really don’t need all the stuff that dual incomes can afford us. Such rampant consumerism is really just a waste.

With all this in mind, I simply propose that as men, we allow women to just go prove their worth already. And as women, you should go work so we can stay home and take care of the kids ourselves. Frankly, if you want to just work for yourselves, then you missed the boat on the equality train already, because men were never just working for themselves in the first place. Working for oneself is, as the lexicology suggests, selfish. That’s certainly not a virtue worth pursuing.



In Response of Par for the Course: G.W. get O.U.T.**By Tom Leavey**

James Miller wrote an interesting piece in last month's *GDT*¹ defending President Bush and his corporate ties, warmongering, and drug use among other presidential shortcomings. The summation of the passage essentially points to previous administrations with similar trends and problems and bloats "See!? It happened before so it's really not so bad!" This is attune to pointing to Hitler or Stalin and touting fascism or totalitarianism as not so bad since this is something we have seen in the past. One could use this logic to build the argument that we should bring back slavery because it was good enough for George Washington and John Adams.

The point is that Bush and his conduits are not only liars but elitist assholes without any care or identity with the 'common man.' Clinton may have lied about his sex life, but Bush had lied about the reasons for *starting a war*. If you cannot disentangle the difference, go ahead and vote for Bush. In the same vein, Clinton was reprimanded and nearly impeached by the Republican majority when caught in his lie. The truly scary aspect of Bush and his administration is even when caught in a lie, they are able to backpedal and then move forward without any concept or fear of accountability.

As for wartime, I do agree that draft-dodging is not that big of a deal, I do think that most rational people would prefer not to fight and risk being killed than not, even if compelled to do so by the nation. There are many that do feel so compelled and I am very grateful to our troops overseas. Bush weaseling out of serving his time in Vietnam makes him a hypocrite, but that is really trivial compared to the horrible things he has managed to accomplish in his four-year stint.

The atrocities we have seen include the reduction of personal freedoms due to the PATRIOT Act, along with many other laws that Bush has tried to rocket through the Senate, using our time of crisis after 9/11 as fuel to push his own agenda. We attack a country that is little or no threat to the U.S., *maybe* they harbor terrorists, but none that are a direct threat to us. Instead of attacking the source of the problem, finding Bin Laden and taking down his terrorist network, we instead focus on an old agenda. The agenda this time is that of George Bush Sr. and perhaps those looking to provide a source of cheap oil -- which, by the way, I sure have not seen reflected in our gas prices as of late. Bush then tells the

country that there is immediate threat in Iraq that we must stop, and in the process spreads our military thin, completely obliterates our previous budget surplus, and turns almost every single one of our powerful allies against us. Not bad for four years.

What has George Bush accomplished? Tax cuts for dividend returns, something I am certain has not benefited most students in our fine institution, mostly because this cut obviously targets the rich, those most likely to save, in an economy where we needed to see more consumer spending. Bush has caught Saddam Hussein and dismantled much of his regime. Still we see attacks against our military and the peacekeeping force in Iraq nearly every day, and those allies that we once alienated ourselves from are now reluctant to provide any help in the mess of the aftermath. While engaged in this quagmire, hunting a man that poses as much threat to us as we do to Jupiter, North Korea pipes up with claims that they will be building a nuclear arsenal, starting their plants to produce weapons grade plutonium. Our spy satellites confirm this but still we do not even talk to them about it! Why? Because our lovely leader is just as awkward in talking to world leaders as he is standing and talking to our nation. In short I believe that most of our president's shortcomings are due to the fact that he has worked for very little in his life, having most things provided for; Getting into Yale despite obviously not having the grades or the drive that a less privileged fellow would need to get in, dodging the military because daddy is the governor and fighting is for grunts. Now he walks around cavalierly giving tax cuts to the rich and complaining that homosexuality is not something that "somebody like me needs to compromise."

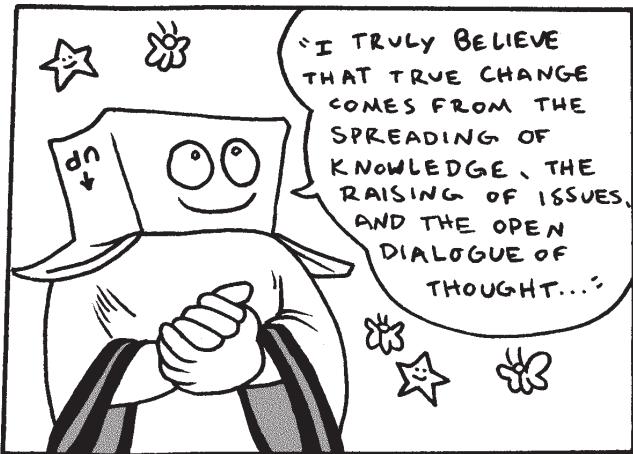
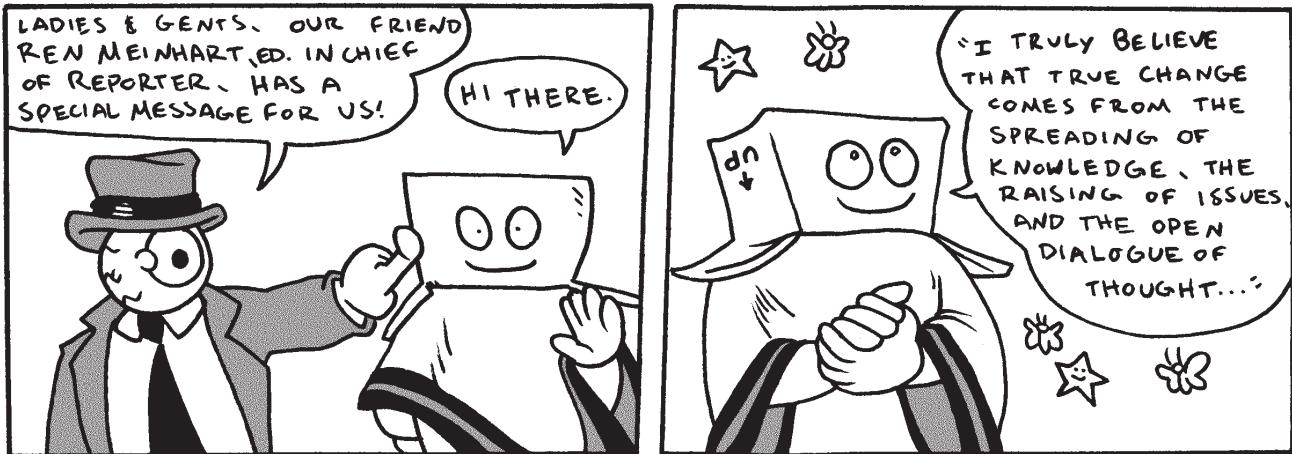
The bottom line is that Bush needs to be stopped; we cannot have four more years of this. I do agree with Miller in that the best way to stop this from happening again is to get out there this November and vote. Politicians will continue to ignore the voices of college youths such as ourselves if we continue to under-represent ourselves at election time. If we manage to vote en-masse, these cuts for the rich will become breaks on student loans and other changes that benefit *us*, rather than breaks for those that are already rich at our own expense.

¹ Volume 28, Issue 4, actually, its last week's magazine -Ed.

JOE CORNEA!

PUBLIC EYE!

by PETER J. LAZARSKI '04





Spot the Differences!

By Pete Lazaruski and Tom Samstag

REPORTER

Find ten differences in the two pictures.



REPORTER

LETTERS

"Peeved by Poppers of Popcorn"
To the geniuses of RIT,

The fire alarms at Nathaniel Rochester Hall have been getting out of hand. One or two a year is understandable. However, most residents of NRH have lost track of the number of fire alarms that have plagued them. The last two fire alarms were at 3:00 am on Thursday and Friday mornings. Some of these recent alarms have occurred because someone burnt popcorn so badly, it set the alarm off.

If you're really having difficulties operating the microwave, I'm sure your RA will be glad to assist you. If you desire a more public source of assistance, Pop Secret will

be holding a Popcorn Popper's Practice Period (4P) at Gracie's, 3:00 am on Fridays. Furthermore, people wishing to eat popcorn at 3:00 am will still find the directions for popping their favorite popcorn on the bag.

PLEASE pop popcorn properly. If the popper of popcorn can't properly propagate popcorn during appropriate periods, please ask someone to provide help so you can promulgate proper popcorn popping procedures pronto and postpone popping popcorn while most inhabitants of NRH are prone.

Profound thanks.

A Particularly Peeved,
Mike Ellis



DRAMATIS PERSONÆ

Publisher: C. Diablo

Editors:

Pete Lazarski
Ray Wallace

Editor-At-Large:

Peter C. Gravelle

Layout:

Adam Fletcher

Writers:

Matthew Denker
Tom Samstag

Printer Nef:

Nef

Contributors:

Carly Gioia
Tom Leavey

Printer Daemons:

Casey Lee
Ed Brannin
Josh Brown
Julia Dickinson
Matt Onan

Sponsors

RIT Anime Club

Folding Machine

Tom Samstag

Musical Inspiration

Deuteronomy 28:56-57

© 2003 Gracies Dinnertime Theatre. Don't reprint the contents of this publication without permission; that's stealing. All the work remains copyright the Authors, bitch.



Contact us at gdt@hellskitchen.org or by regular mail at:

Gracies Dinnertime Theatre
92 Lomb Memorial Drive
Rochester, NY 14623-5604