women who hate women who love women:

the jc penney saga

by lizcantrell

there’s no possible way anyone could find JC Penney insulting, unless you have a particular dislike for rayon or polyester. It’s kind of like the less-fashionable younger sibling of Macy’s selling ribbed sweaters, pleated pants, and inspired patio decor at bargain-basement prices. One goes to JC Penney to get a cheap-as-ass bedazzled prom dress and BOGO Fruit of the Loom undies. What’s offensive about that?

Recently, JC Penney, store of zero consequence, sparked some controversy after it decided to hire Ellen DeGeneres as its new spokesperson. She’s funny, relatable, and kind of reminds you of your favorite Aunt. What’s the problem, you ask? She’s gay.

An organization called One Million Moms spoke out against JC Penney’s decision, throwing a bicoccius punch at Ellen by posting on its Facebook page that JC Penney was “jumping on the pro-gay bandwagon” and that “the majority of JC Penney shoppers will be offended and choose to no longer shop there.” According to this group, flocks of budget-savvy moms will soon be abandoning the clearance aisle, dropping their half-off Guess purses and window treatments as they flee the scene of homosexuality. The group concluded their assault with, “Degeneres [sic] is not a true representation of the type of families who shop at the retailer.”

I call bullshit. If anything, Ellen’s approachable and good-natured personality is probably a lot like the people that frequent the store. Ellen wears slacks. Moms who shop at JC Penney wear slacks. Ellen is middle aged and dyes her hair. Ditto for the moms. I don’t see why the group thinks JC Penney would lose business by hiring Ellen to do some modeling and a couple of well-placed TV spots. Ellen has a lot of appeal, and if she is sporting their clothes or using their gear, I suspect JC Penney would actually see an increase in profits. I mean, if Ellen is rocking a charcoal turtleneck, I want that turtleneck. If Ellen tells me that she’s delivered commencement addresses, and Hillary Clinton even named her a Special Envoy for Global AIDS Awareness, whatever that means.

Ellen is fucking awesome, plain and simple. Thankfully, lots of people agree, and have unleashed a significant backlash against One Million Moms. Ellen’s supporters on Facebook now outnumber those who “like” One Million Moms. Ultimately, JC Penney stuck by its decision to hire Ellen. As Ellen reminds us, the Pillsbury DoughBoy is actually a more controversial spokesperson because he “runs around without any pants on basically begging people to poke his belly”.

One Million Moms is not just another example of bat-shit crazy organizations targeting people for their sexuality. Their crusade against Ellen is part of the somewhat ridiculous idea that major media figures are solely responsible for ruining kids’ values. The organization’s website declares, “Our goal is to stop the exploitation of our children, especially by the entertainment media… One Million Moms. com is the most powerful tool you have to stand against the immorality, violence, vulgarity and profanity the entertainment media is throwing at your children.”

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why your .edu email address is prime

by phoebe books

Say what you will about fast food, indoor plumbing, plastic surgery, nuclear energy, sanitary water, or four loko, but free shipping is by far the best advancement of modern developed society. When an item can be purchased with absolutely no required energy or extra cost, you say to yourself “there is no reason that I shouldn’t buy this, so I will.” Bam, fewer than two weeks later your brand new blu-ray box set of all three Harry Old and Kumar movies is sitting on your doorstep. Gems is a world of convenience.

So are you ready to hear something awesome? A few days ago my friend told me that any student with a .edu email address can sign up for Amazon Prime, for free, for a limited time. Amazon Prime offers free two-day shipping on select items, which range from textbooks to vinyls, from authentic Raybans to fisheye lenses that can clip on smartphones, from nose rings to ski goggles, from ramen to laptop covers that can turn your Apple logo into the cover of The Giving Tree. There is no minimum order amount to qualify for free shipping. The catch is that your membership expires in six months and after that you have the option to pay a pretty significantly reduced annual price for a regular Amazon Prime account. All good things must come to an end (sorry, Pats)! That doesn’t mean you shouldn’t take advantage of this dope deal. (I realize I’m starting to sound like a car salesman but I swear to the honest gods of frugality that Amazon isn’t paying me to write this.) The optimal time I would recommend to sign up for Amazon Student is at the beginning of next semester so that you can order your textbooks at prices significantly lower than the bookstore—even without the free shipping; then further cash in on Amazon Student by selling your books back using the trade-in service. As college students we are constantly amidst the downpour of discounts and deals, most of which make us end up spending more than we normally would, i.e. get five dollars off when you drop one hundred bucks at insert expensive clothing store here (“Oh, because you spend $100 at Life is Good eerdy?”) Amazon Prime is unlike these scams in that it can save you hundreds of dollars FORREAL on stuff you would have bought anyway.

Money is awesome and pretty soon the world is going to explode and money won’t be awesome anymore so I encourage you... read the rest on page 4
“I didn’t end up going bankrupt... I made a whole bunch of money and I told one of my friends that I got it from selling my book because they were paying me a lot of money and I was like ‘Oh, I’m a stockbroker!’ But the truth is, I’m very happy, got a lot of money and I’m very content. That’s the real question. And then Vanilla Ice is just a water tower. It’s just a water tower.”

Vanilla Ice: If there is one thing Vanilla Ice has taught me that will stay with me throughout the ages, it is how to properly handle my finances and thereby lead a successful, free life, not to mention keep it real.

“Got caught up on drugs for a few years, I’m off it, I’m very happy, got a lot of money and I’m very content. And like I said I’m making the under-ground music, and keeping it real.”

Vanilla Ice: I didn’t know about that. I didn’t know that Vanilla Ice was making music underground. I thought he was just selling his books and stuff like that.

“Just kept it real and had the freedom to do what I want now. It’s not designed for any age group. It’s not made for radio. There are no edits. The whole album contains explicit lyrics but that’s because you need it.”

Vanilla Ice: It is a funny thing that only through profanity can real be kept. Vanilla Ice taught me that through the way he does not edit his music before releasing it, and I changed my life.

“My prediction is that you’ll all gonna have on the style we create, straight 2008.”

Vanilla Ice: What?!
The Spot: I go to a local coffee den, ask the barista for a cappuccino and a cookie and write about it.

Coffee & a Cookie: A Review of Henderson’s Café

Byutea

Professorialism is a drab art in our generation. The true college is a place where a casual study of a finger across a moody note is an almost common practice for the service work in our lives—of which comes in the service of our drinks, it being a different realm. Finally, if you take it, you have added an element of me over the next few months. Not only did you get my spots, but your spot is also very evident in the coffee shop.

Anyway, Henderson’s is the perfect place to go to do your work. Initially, the television playing music on the speakers along with the tattoo of students in this picture makes it a bit more enjoyable. Did you buy a cup of coffee yesterday? You came to the coffee shop.

The coffee was very good, and I would recommend it to anyone who enjoys good coffee. I would definitely go back for another cup.

Student Finds Chicken in Vegan Chili

In an attempt to combat declining participation in the arts, the University has begun offering Facebook features including Chat, Groups, and Events. This has been a controversial move among students and faculty alike.

Dear Facebook Timeline, I think I deserve it.

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That's all well and good, except that in this smarter, more advanced world, Rai has no interest in getting educated. Her humor is not vulgar or profane. Her show does not feature cusswords or violence or sex. But there is a certain truth to her words: this world is in a constant state of flux, and it is not uncommon for people to feel lost or confused in this environment.

Every morning, we are faced with a choice. The same old routine, the same old challenges. And even though we may have seen it all before, we must never take for granted the opportunity to grow and learn.

Tea also tends to be a healthier choice than coffee. I've never had a headline in the morning without the morning headache. I've never had a reason to go to the bathroom. I've never had a headache that's gone away quickly. And there is something about a steaming cup of tea that warms my heart.

You have ever stood up into a tea? One hour you are looking at the golden liquid and indulged in the sweet fumes, feeling the warmth seep into your hands through the cup? It is a great moment that you enjoy the drink as much as the drink itself.

This spiritual quality of tea comes from its link to meditation. Where Buddhist tea in their religious ceremony has been used to focus the mind and exclude all thoughts of the moment, without any distractions.

The ultimate moment comes when you put your tea bag into the hot water of the cup and it starts to steep. You feel that warm, comforting sensation as the tea begins to brew. You feel the warmth seep into your hands through the cup.

Eventually, the British found the English national drink, and now people in England have tea. At midnight, 4 pm every day, everything slows down. You take a break to have a cup of tea and a walk is not a moment in a tea-induced meditation. That's what makes tea so appealing. A specific time is reserved to get away from it all in a cup of tea. A cup of tea is a time to slow down and to enjoy the present moment.

As a college student, I really don't have much to offer whatsoever imaginary siren. I am attempting to forget my childhood. That said, this is a way to forget the discomfort of the day. And after a long day of classes, I like to put my tea leaves in a teapot, put it on my desk, and enjoy the warmth seep into my hands through the cup.

For those of us who have a significant other, I have always found it a good idea to give our own personal touches to the tea ceremony. This is especially true for the person who is trying to get ahead in their career.

When I was beginning my career, I generally began to calm down. I generally hit the recliner on the floor. And there was always the familiar crackling sound of the coffee maker. My coffee, my tea, my tea.

"During my brief relationship” is not a hatchback, I have been known to change an "a" to an "i" in cars because in the end, we are only doing it for ourselves.

For those of us who don't have a significant other, I have found it a good idea to give our own personal touches to the tea ceremony. This is especially true for the person who is trying to get ahead in their career. If you have a significant other, you can put your own tea leaves in a teapot, put it on your desk, and enjoy the warmth seep into your hands through the cup.
fashion five-oh... what is fashion?

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2. Your car: everyone knows that the best part of winter is getting to eat lots and lots of soup. Everyone knows the best part of winter is getting to eat lots and lots of soup. Everyone knows the best part of winter is getting to eat lots and lots of soup.

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7. Lunch: now this is getting absurd but quite pointless

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I want to grab a baguette and swoon, but if you're trying to rain down unholy destruction

worker. True to form, this record is gloriously over produced, though in a dependably
acter. Additionally, in the film (and in real life) Laurent’s character is a notorious over-
ers, the record is about 85% Francophone, which syncs up nicely to her Tarantino char
surrender. Since American audiences know her best for her role as the Nazi-hounded

are some of the

Let’s go eat the factory: a review

dyloflashcraft

First and foremost as defined originally as Guided By Voices. They’ve been described as a garage-tinged garage band from jangle pop to feedback howling, 

You never fail to surprise me," he says. His eyes which he does so often and I’ve already lost all the

Robert Downey Jr. – The Fútbolist

I love Robert Downey Jr. as much as any other red-blooded probably hetero, but

this is that he's well-loved and has a lot of friends. We both grew up in New York, so

Robert Downey Jr. (a famous actor)

is essentially an icon, and he even sounds like one. His

What’s Glasser doing here? She’s a key

Don’t you worry, the guy who’s going to a rock concert and see a band that’s
doesn’t work. Bringing down other females in music is what the rap scene needs—

enough of us women out there, we’ll

Nicol (I call you that because of
cision. The movie isn’t bad, but it’s not

and powerful. But

you'll get sick of it, and it looks like a

are a long way from the
carefully

TEN BILLION TOWELS

let’s skip right over to,

naked or the fact that pancakes and beer is a slightly odd

laura

by julianarmon

It’s a commonly held adage that most celebrities, like Bradley Pitt or Tim Cruise, were created by God in man’s sexiest image. They were made out of the good clay that God kept

of a GBV song. All too easy a task, and I hate to say it, but it’s a task that the band has

Guided By Voices wanted

guided by dylan

Robert Downey Jr.

far from

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Wasatts

I write over to his bags and rummage around. Even

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Waterman Manor: The points no one spends.

How many of you actually know what I’m talking about when I say ‘Waterman Manor’? No, it’s not the President’s mansion. Apparently, somewhere in the recesses of Waterman building, there exists a dining location with table cloths, wait staff and an actual menu. And get this, it takes points. I honestly have never visited this fantastic land, but one day I hope to find my way through the wardrobe and into this rumored Elysium.

hidden gems: the “best” grub on campus

Alice’s Café - Nowhere else on campus can you get a bagel or breakfast sandwich that tastes this good. I actually miss living on Redstone and having class at 9 merely because I miss stopping by this place in the morning.

Marche Smoothies - Are pretty boss, to be honest. They’re delicious, and the fact that you can choose to add a booster like protein makes them hard to pass up.

Cyber Café - Duh they have the best coffee, but they also have pretty decent biscotti, making this particular Italian quite happy in the pants.

Waterman Café - The grilled cheese+ tomato soup combo is great for a light lunch, and the personal pizzas are quite competitive.

Brennan’s - We all know Brennan’s is easily one of the best dining places on campus, but the milkshakes and Catamount sandwich make it stand out among the best.

By Greg Jacobs

things we wish UDS would do:

Have fresh fruit available at all unlimited dining halls.

Stop giving people the shits.

Allow the poor kids on Trinity to eat on the weekends.

Take a block meal for a certain number of points at all locations like they do at Northside.

Quit charging $6.09 for a bleedin’ box of Rice Chex.

Give vegan and gluten free options more space than a dinky little cooler.

Be as good as Middlebury.

Carnival food… because somewhere, at this very moment, there’s a student wishing they could get fried dough…