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Control the Taliman Population—Have Your Mascot Spayed or Neutered

By C.M. Ferderbar
Reporter

If you are a fan of the show, The Price is Right, then you have heard the hosts Bob Barker or Drew Carey say “Control the pet population. Have your pet spayed or neutered.”

For more than 30 years, Americans have heard these words, and many have heeded their suggestions. But has Moravian? Has our beloved Amos been castrated, or the more polite and accurate term – snipped?

According to the National Humane Society, about four million beloved pets die each year due to pet overpopulation, as many shelters are simply unable to house every single animal that comes through. Those cute little animals could have all had a chance, if only everyone spayed or neutered their own pets.

But why neuter Amos? He’s simply a stone greyhound. There are many reasons, but the biggest is in our Moravian Leadership Initiative. If we want community members, including Amos, to become leaders, we need to be inspirational. Neutering Amos would send a message to all colleges that Moravian College is conscientious about this global community issue of pet overpopulation. Perhaps by having Amos take the first step, other colleges would soon follow by spaying or neutering their mascots, such as Virginia Tech’s HokieBird, North Carolina State’s Wolf Pack, or even the most notorious, the U. Phoenix’s Phoenix.

By Neutering our beloved Amos, this would also hopefully become a common practice amongst other campus greyhounds. We would reduce the incidents of mounting, urine spraying, and male aggression – particularly common on party nights. Spaying any female greyhounds would reduce the likelihood of little greyhounds this early in life, decreasing the chance of economic and social burdens this early in life.

At this point in time, one long living and happy Amos is enough to love for Moravian.

photo by Cory Creen
Moravian Hostage Crisis

By Katie Makoski
Reporter

For one year now, Moravian College has been holding students hostage on its campus. An estimated 17,000 students are being held captive—the exact number has yet to be determined.

The American students were very upset last year, when Moravian College issued a decree prohibiting them from living off-campus, thereby keeping them captive at either of two locations on Main Street in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. This restricts the students’ liberties in more ways than one.

Their initial concern was that the decree would interfere with the practicing of traditional American customs, such as house parties, binge drinking, and substance abuse.

One brave martyr tried to aid his fellow students by acquiring false identification for them, allowing them to purchase alcohol and maintain their cultural traditions. He was recently discovered by his captors and allegedly is being tortured as punishment for this act of defiance.

Amnesty International deemed Moravian’s restriction of these important cultural customs a human rights violation.

The college declares that it will keep its hostages until they and their families have given into its ultimatum. First and foremost, the college demands that each of the hostages forfeit the entirety of their financial wealth as ransom for liberation.

Third-party arbitrators sent by the United Nations have repeatedly tried to reason with the leaders of Moravian College, explaining that most students have already given all of their money to the institution. Many are even in debt, having borrowed money to pay to Moravian, in vain attempts to satisfy its insatiable greed.

In describing the conditions of his captivity on North campus, one student had this to say, “The food they give us is awful; we are provided with very little fruits, and we fear that we may soon suffer from scurvy…We are kept in rather small rooms, which are infested with stink bugs and bed bugs.”

His fellow hostages on South campus are being held in what seems to be a high-security prison, which they refer to as, ‘The HILL.’ It is suspected that this is where those who are more apt to rebel are detained.

The United Nations continues to put forth efforts to liberate the American students, but as of now, the situation does not look hopeful.

Thomford to Bare All

By Kate Turek
Reporter

Breaking news! An inside source tells us that our beloved President Thomford may ‘reveal’ some secret plans for the near future soon.

An inside source, who has asked to remain anonymous, filled in some of the details, “I overheard President Thomford telling Ken the bus driver that he is joining a nudist colony! I was so heartbroken to hear he’s leaving. I’ll miss his bowties!”

President Thomford will regretfully be leaving us at the end of the semester to join an undisclosed Southern California nudist colony.

After hearing this startling news, The Comenian secured an exclusive interview with President Thomford. “Yes, it’s true. I was planning on making my formal announcement at the Baccalaureate ceremony, but now the cat’s out of the bag!” Thomford said.

Thomford tells us that after hearing that USG President Carl Feldman wore a bow tie to the Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority formal, he knew there wasn’t room enough for two bow tie wearing presidents on this campus.

“Furthermore, I have been feeling quite constrained lately, and I just couldn’t decide what to do about it. This whole bow tie incident has been quite enlightening.” Thomford also said he looks forward to the freedom from modern clothing norms and being one with the environment, just the way mother nature wanted it.

Check MCMail in early June for emails with details for a benefit auction of President Thomford’s extensive bow tie collection.
Moravian’s Promise: “We’ll Take Anybody!”

Two weeks ago, Moravian College announced that submitting SAT scores would become optional for all applicants starting in the fall of 2012. This new method that Moravian is testing is based on the idea that SAT scores do not accurately predict college success.

Since the announcement, there has been an outcry from the current student body at Moravian that these new guidelines are going to lower the standards of the excellence at MoCo.

If you are one of the many that is upset by this new rule, go ahead and stop reading, because this past week Moravian made another announcement that will effectively make it possible for anybody to be accepted to Moravian.

Here is a modified transcript of the announcement Moravian issued last Tuesday, April 12th:

“In continuing with our efforts to make the college dream a reality for as many people as humanly possible, we have decided that a high school diploma will no longer be a requirement for students applying to Moravian College. Our esteemed Board of Educational Advisors have thought long and hard - almost an entire week - about this new change, and they believe it will ultimately benefit Moravian and its community.”

While many are calling this decision groundbreaking and controversial, one has to commend the college for its efforts to provide a higher education to literally anyone who walks through its doors. Unfortunately, MoCo’s current students are not taking very kindly to the new changes.

One student said, “Are they joking? (Long pause) I’m transferring to Lehigh.”

Another student commented on the unfairness of the situation, “When I was a junior in high school, I had a panic attack and had to be taken to the hospital the night before my SAT’s because I felt like my whole future depended on my success on that test. It’s good to know that if I had only been born a few years later, I could have stopped caring about everything after eighth grade and Moravian still would have accepted me.”

A third student added, “I bet they are renaming us Moravian Community College too.” In response to that comment, one of the members of Moravian’s Public Relations office said, “That is actually a great idea. We’ll get right to work on it.”

Before you decide that this new requirement signals the end of Moravian as we know it, consider this; developmental psychologists agree that a majority of brain development occurs in the first 10-12 years of a child’s life.

With the expected influx of many young students to Moravian in the following years, tuition had to be raised so that a playground could be built on the quad to entertain the students during recess.

Police Log

Compiled by Cory Creen

4/2 8:33 PM Criminal Mischief: John Amos Comenius was found spray painting the side of the Rau-Hassler Halls.

4/1 9:27 PM Theft: Monocracy Hall was reported stolen by suspicious person in green sweater. Under investigation.

4/4 7:14 AM Criminal Mischief: Student found with rocket in Bernhardt 412. Rocket was removed from campus and dismantled.

4/8 11:13 PM Traffic Violation: Student found J-Walking the dorm circle.


4/9 6:19 PM Suspicious Person: Suspicious person found on campus acting suspicious. He may or may not have been someone’s parent. Students expecting their parents should be willing claim them upon arrival.

4/14 9:34 PM M ranch Office: Student hit by student in golf cart wearing beer impairment goggles.

There were over 0 transports since it is too inconvenient for Campus Safety and 138 lock outs.
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Weddings
Zinzendorf and Comenius tied the knot and became husband and wife this past week after a century of courting. The couple met during their studies at Moravian. However, life led them in separate directions and both married other people. After the Civil War and World War I killed off both of their original spouses, the two reconnected and have been together even since. There was a pleasant service in the Moravian chapel.

Divorces
Alicia, one of the ghosts that is rumored to live in the attic of the Phi Mu Sorority, and her ghost husband Adam are calling it quits after centuries of tumultuous times. It’s rumored that she was linked to another ghost named Charles, but whether or not this affected their relationship is unknown. The two split amicably.

ANNIVERSARIES
George and Elizabeth are celebrating their 350th wedding anniversary this week. They have been spending their life together in the Main Hall lounge in wedded bliss.

In Recent News

Granny Pantie Thief Strikes Again
There is a thief lurking on campus who is mysteriously confiscating granny panties out of all of the girls’ rooms and replacing them with lingerie. Some suggestions for the prevention of stolen undergarments are to not clean your underwear, only clean prior to wearing, and to set up booby traps.

Brethrens Party Out of Control
There were reports Saturday night that there was mysterious behavior coming out of Brethrens which included loud sounds, loud music and flashing lights. The party lasted into the early hours of the morning, with people mysteriously coming and going, causing a disturbance to the residence nearby. The reports included looting, property being misplaced, and bizarre occurrences.

Mother Nature Disappointed by Her Humans
Mother Nature made a public statement this week, explaining that she was fed up with all the stupid choices and actions that humanity.

She was quoted saying, “After all the natural disasters and crazy weather I have been giving them, I hoped that they would take a hint that they need to change their ways, but I guess I gave them too much credit.”

She is disappointed that humans have been abusing all that she has given to the earth in order for everything to survive. She understands that some humans are reasonable and she is fond of most of them, but there are so many that are dumb and unreasonable that are screwing everything up. Hopefully the human race can figure things out before it’s too late.
Dine in a Dump: Yo Quiero Taco Bell

By Shane Burcaw
Copy Editor

I was planning to write a satire article to make fun of Taco Bell and how nasty it is, but then I realized Taco Bell is the greatest eating establishment of all time. Many of you have probably eaten at Taco Bell at some point in your life; I am here to tell you that if you are not indulging yourself with their Mexicanan-goodness at least 3 times a week, you are not living your life to its potential.

I visited the Taco Bell on Easton Avenue in Bethlehem last weekend to remind myself why I eat a majority of my meals there. Here are some of the reasons:

The sleeping woman at the cash register – There is an interesting woman who works at the local Taco Bell who literally has never gone home. I’m starting to think she doesn’t even have a home. Over the years I have lovingly given her the nickname Rhonda, because she looks like a Rhonda. Her job is to take the customers’ orders, press buttons on the cash register, take the customers’ money, and hand back any change.

Due to the rudimentary nature of her job, Rhonda no longer feels it is necessary to stay awake while working. She stands behind the cash register, eyes completely shut, body slightly swaying back and fourth, and lets her instincts take control while she takes orders. There is just something magical about Rhonda’s ability to care so little about her job, yet perform it with such grace and perfection.

The food – I would be a liar if I said I didn’t like the taste of Taco Bell, but the taste of the food is only half of what makes it great. There is a secret about Taco Bell’s food that the casual diner does not know; it is unbelievably easy to replicate many of Taco Bell’s “secret recipes” in the comfort of your own kitchen. All you have to do is purchase a few cans of Friskies Prime Filet with Beef and Gravy wet cat food, dump the can into a soft taco shell, add desired toppings, and enjoy! Before you write me off as a lunatic, try it. You will be amazed and delighted by the similarities in taste and texture. Think about it, now you can enjoy Taco Bell whenever you want, without leaving the comfort of your cozy dorm room.

The entertainment – Taco Bell has a constant lineup of performers to entertain its customers while they eat. The performers are instructed to behave just like normal customers, except they all have to pretend they are on a field trip from a mental asylum. Have you ever noticed all of the crazy people that eat in Taco Bell? They are actually getting paid to make you laugh while you eat.

While I devoured my Cheesy Double Beef Burrito last weekend I witnessed the following performances: a young child threw up his refried beans a few tables down from me, a man dressed like a homeless person started screaming at sleeping Rhonda because she wouldn’t accept his expired coupon, a teenage girl with a whiny voice pretended to like hot sauce to impress her boyfriend and then proceeded to trip and fall over the back of my wheelchair in a mad rush to refill her soda after she realized her tolerance for spicy food was non-existent. The entertainment that day was spot-on perfect and served as a nice compliment to my delicious meal.

I could probably go on forever about all the reasons Taco Bell is so excellent, but I need to wrap this up because my stomach is grumbling for more tacos. I am personally guarantee that if you eat at Taco Bell at least once a week, you will live a longer, happier life.

One final word of advice for those of you who decide to visit the Taco Bell on Easton Avenue: DO NOT attempt to wake up Rhonda - she will bite you.

Waity Katie Anticipates Big Day

By Kayla Smull
Reporter

In case you haven’t heard, Prince William of England and his fiancé Kate Middleton are getting married later this month, despite only having dated for 8 years.

Nevertheless, Brits and Americans alike are hungry for all the details regarding the upcoming nuptials. One detail that is garnering particular speculation is the guest list. Luckily, The Comenian has managed to get insider information as to who has been invited to the royal wedding.

One of the guests invited to the wedding is Lindsay Lohan. However, due to her recent legal troubles, she is only permitted to attend if she abides by a restraining order, which keeps her at least 500 feet from the ring bearer at all times.

Another guest is Rebecca Black, who will sing her hit “Friday” to commemorate the day of the week the royal couple will say their I Do’s. Hugh Hefner has also received an invite. He and Queen Elizabeth II had a brief romance back in the day. In fact, she was the first Playboy Playmate.

Other guests include Nicole “Snooki” Polizzi, Charlie Sheen, and Justin Bieber, who is kindly donating his recently chopped locks for William to wear as a hairpiece.

But don’t worry if you weren’t one of the estimated 1900 people invited to the wedding. There will be 24/7 news coverage from Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, where the wedding will take place, starting Monday April 25th at 12:00 A.M. leading up to the ceremony on April 29th exclusively on BBC 12.
The Moravian College Equestrian Team suffered a terrible tragedy during the final horse show of the season last Saturday. During one of the preliminary riding events of the show, Moravian freshman rider Suzy Summerfield fell from her horse after attempting a difficult left turn.

Unfortunately, Suzy’s injuries proved to be too much, and the young rider had to be euthanized after the accident. The details of this horrible accident are somewhat gruesome, but everyone in attendance agreed that the proper actions were taken.

Leestow recounts his experience as the severity of the situation set in, “I knew almost right away that her ankle was sprained, in fact, she said to me, ‘Hey Chad, can you help me up? I think my ankle might be sprained.’ I could tell the intense pain was making her delirious, so I tried to ignore her nonsensical language and checked her left ankle. Sure enough, my worst nightmare had come true; she had a high-ankle sprain.”

In the world of competitive college equestrian shows, rider injuries are expensive problems that teams try to avoid. When a rider gets injured, the team has to pay for the hospital bill, rehabilitation therapy, and re-training.

Equestrian is an unfathomably expensive sport to begin with, so the added expenses of an injured rider occasionally force teams to make tough decisions. On that gloomy day a week ago, Moravian’s Team was forced to make that decision.

The following is the conversation that took place between Leestow and one of Moravian’s Equestrian’s Members about what to do with Suzy’s body.

Leestow: “At least two weeks, her ankle is already swelling up. Look Coach, she is obviously suffering tremendously from the injury. What kind of people would we be if we did nothing and let her endure that unbelievable pain? I think we both know what needs to be done…”

Coach: “I… I… I don’t know what to say. We can’t pay for her rehab! She was such a good rider though. This is the hardest part of my job. How long will she be out from competitions if we go that route?”

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Coach: “I guess you’re right… Put her down.”

The teams watched in shock as Leestow had to unload three shots from his rifle before Suzy was finally at peace. The job normally requires a single bullet, but Suzy was a crawler. The body of the deceased rider was sent to the Bethlehem Glue Factory. After the body was cleared, riding continued and Moravian went on to win the show!

Altogether, the list includes 73 changes that the players are demanding for next season. The rest of the demands cover a variety of topics, ranging from “a new, high-def jumbo-tron at our stadium” to “playing against more high schools and less colleges.”

One of the demands requested that President Thomforde play the position of long-snapper.

Moravian’s football coaches have taken hard opposition to these demands. One of the coaches told me, “I didn’t even read the email. Those pansies are always pulling cute little stunts like this. This whole strike is really a non-issue.”

In the end, it appears the coaches still have the final say, but look forward to more developments in this story come next fall.