

# The Pilgrim's Protest



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## The Pilgrim's Protest Celebrates Five Years!

by John Crutchfield, Protest Faculty Advisor

*The Pilgrim's Protest*, CIU's student-funded, student-edited, and (mostly) student-written newspaper and opinion journal, is now beginning its seventh year. The current student editorial board has asked me to offer a few reflections as we celebrate this milestone. Our first year was one in which we were not an officially sanctioned, so, although we are



beginning our seventh year, it is only the end of our fifth year as an official CIU student organization.

**The Original Vision.** As I have written elsewhere, TPP was born in a Hebrew language class in the spring of 2005. Students were complaining about not having a forum for open discussion of issues which were important to them. I dared them to start a paper. To my surprise, they took me up on the dare and the next day drafted me as their faculty adviser! These students wanted their paper to be a "prophetic voice" on campus, a place for open discussion, and a means of provoking thought.

None of us really knew what we were doing,  
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## Final Thoughts- As a Dean Moves On

*A Letter to the Students from Dean Blewett*

A member of the Pilgrim's Protest staff asked if I would give any final thoughts or closing comments as I prepare to leave CIU after six years as the undergraduate dean. At first I thought the best answer was "no thanks;" because I don't want people trying to read between the lines or taking my words out of context. I also know that the words that I would say won't create any conflict or debate. Yet, a few observations or principles may be appropriate, and if I really believe what I am about to share, I should take the risk of saying farewell in a manner that would remind you of the One that I serve. Therefore, let me share five basic principles that I believe help guide my life that may be worth your consideration or at least your review as we finish this year together and then go our separate ways:

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# Dancing at CIU- What Is and Isn't Happening

By Rick Swift

There have been some rumblings around campus lately about the dancing standard. Now the real question is—did I write this today or did I write this twenty years ago when I first started working at CIU? It seems like some issues cycle around year after year. Dr. Barnett sought to dispel a few myths in chapel the other day; let me see if I can dispel a few myself.

Myth #1: *Dancing in and of itself is wrong.* Nope, sorry. Can't support that one.

Myth #2: *Dancing in and of itself is wrong.* Still not true, CIU doesn't endorse this statement.

Myth #3: *Dancing in and of itself is wrong.* Some have felt that there is some spiritual value CIU attributes to dancing (or maybe I should say, the loss of it). Not true, curious where folks get the idea that we do.

Myth #4: *Dancing in and of itself is wrong.* You guessed it, still not true. If you dance while a member of the CIU community, then you may be doing wrong, but we still haven't said that dancing itself is wrong.

Myth #5: *The dancing standard will never change at CIU.* Never say never.

So where does that leave us? It leaves us wondering what should be done about the standard. Some of you have heard me say that while there is a general sentiment that the standard should be changed, the tougher question remains: "To what?" The issue has been addressed on and off over the last three or four years. The Student Senate did a considerable amount of work in 2009-2010, but because there was so little consensus on certain points, the issue was tabled. You, the students, are divided too. Some are fine with dancing but don't want to see the standard changed. Some are against dancing, period; while others want the discretion and decision to be in the hands of the students. In the meantime, culture marches on—more churches in the Columbia area are hosting dances, home school groups have their Renaissance festivals, Scottish country balls, etc., and CIU students keep getting married, having dances, and inviting me! Go figure.

You, the students, have every

right to ask the Student Senate to reconsider the issue. The senate will review documentation from previous senates, discuss it amongst themselves, and then they should seek additional input (Town Hall meeting, one-on-one/small group discussions with students and/or faculty, etc.). Since they are recognized as representatives of the student body, they have the responsibility to process your feedback and determine if a proposal should be prepared for Student Life and the faculty. Ultimately the full higher education faculty, including some administrators, will consider the issue and vote whether to approve the proposed standard.



## *You know you're from CIU if...*

*You blush and look around furtively when you hear the word "dancing."*

*You have more than 30 people you regularly refer to as brothers or sisters.*

*You know the difference between a Hittite, a Jebusite and a TEFL-ite.*

So is 2011-2012 the year? I have no idea. If it is not, please refer to the myths listed above. If you feel you have a situation worthy of an exception to the standard, please come see me. I may not grant the exception, but I will try to hear you out and make note of your request for future reference. If you feel the senate is not doing what they should, let them know. But before you do, ask yourself this, "Are they really not doing anything, or are they just not doing what you think they should do?" There are four officers of the senate, and the presidents of all other student organizations make up the rest of the senate. If one person is not responding to you, ask another and get their perspective. The reason it seems like



they are not doing anything may not be as it appears. They do work

hard on the senate; they are all students, some work, most are pulling a senate responsibility while they also lead another organization. Be understanding, but ask your questions tactfully. I get pretty exasperated with students sometimes, not always because of the questions being asked, but the way it is done. Learn to realize when Facebook is a good forum, and when someone does use Facebook appropriately (is that an oxymoron?), don't ruin it with your snide remark. It really spoils it for everyone.

Dance can be a good thing. You will just have to bear with those of us who grew up in the era of disco and new wave music (we have a hard time seeing dancing as a good thing). Seriously though, scripture admonishes us to think on things that are true, honorable, right, pure, lovely, of good report, excellent, and admirable (Phil. 4:8). We are told to flee youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, with those who call on God from a pure heart (2 Tim. 2:22). Dancing can be a celebration of God's creativity, and it can be an honoring response of worship to Him. It can also be an area for us to rationalize and compromise; an area where we justify our wants

under the guise of witness and testimony. Don't apply my words to anything recently said or done on campus—I am not making a judgment on anyone or any activity. Those scriptures are principles that apply to all of life. I have to constantly take my motives into account. If I don't, I can easily hurt others or lead myself down the wrong path in my walk with the Lord.

If CIU changes the dance standard, it will be a standard that applies to our community life. I can guarantee you that it will not be perfect, nor will it please everyone. The claim won't be that it is the spiritual expectation for all Christians and none of us should try to make it sound as though it is; it will be our expectation of the students of CIU. In the meantime, help us think it through, pray for us (including one another), and talk to whoever you need to talk to (me, the Senate, God). Be passionate. Be thoughtful. Be articulate. Be gracious. Be praying.

*Rick Swift is Dean of Student Life at CIU*



***Baarendse is not Alone***

*Photo courtesy of Deborah Crutchfield*

# Israel

## *looking ahead...*

### *Looking Ahead*

*by Melissa Turlington*

As a senior in high school I learned that I had the opportunity to study in Jerusalem, and immediately I had a desire to go. Especially because the scholarships transfer! I told my advisor, Dr. Cooper, that I wanted to go my junior year. So as a freshman we began to plan my next four years around the one semester that I might get to study abroad. Sophomore year I applied and was accepted. I called my family screaming with excitement! Of course they were excited, and nervous.

As the months passed news of violence in Egypt and other surrounding countries came to my attention more. The reality that I would be closer to that violence didn't faze me at first, but than it really began to sink in. In fact, one day I called my dad full of doubt,



really questioning if I could handle being overseas for an entire semester in a completely different world. I was so excited to see new things, but really struggling with the fear of uncertainty. My dad reassured me that God had opened this door, and that I had to trust Him and not the fear that had overtaken my heart. The Lord gave me a peace soon after that conversation.

As I look forward to my time in Israel, I get very excited! I am really looking forward to going into Israel with an open mind and learning new things such as the way people live, why they think the way they do, and what they are passionate

about. Coming from an American background of growing up in the same house my whole life, I don't want to be limited to what I can learn because of my pride or pre-suppositions. I pray that God helps me to have an open heart and really be a light for Him while over there.

The last thing I want to mention is a reference back to that fear of uncertainty that I was feeling. God has changed that fear of not knowing what is around the corner into a sense of adventure! I'm excited to just go and see what God has in store. I'll be making a blog for while I'm over there, so be on the lookout for it!

## ***Campus Changes 2011***

*The new library should be ready and open for use at the beginning of the fall semester 2011! If not then, it will probably open shortly afterwards if all goes according to plan. Prepare to bid farewell to the old Book Barn, and welcome a new G. Allen Fleece library!*

## ...and looking back

*Rachel Campbell, a current Junior in the Middle Eastern Studies Program, has spent the past year in Israel studying at Jersualem University College; as part of her program requirements she has been fulfilling an internship, which she began over the Winter Break. The following are some thoughts looking back on her time in Israel. For the full version of this interview, check the Protest website.*

**Q:** How has living in the West Bank changed your view of the culture?

**A:** Previous to my internship,



I had only been to the West Bank three times within the Fall semester. The only interaction I had with the Arab Jerusalem culture was with shop keepers and those working at JUC. The spring semester has been a wonderful experience where I go into Bethlehem at least twice a week for Arabic class to volunteer. I love having the ability to practice Arabic with the people I minister to. It is difficult to truly enter a culture without using its language. I have learned many things about the Christian Arab culture in Bethlehem from its ideology of the land to its efforts in reconciliation. I have personally experienced the culture's view and of women and its interaction with Western thought and practices. Outside of the Christian community I have experienced life commuting back and forth in the city, learned cultural necessities like modesty in an Islamic culture, and experienced an overall different view of how life is lived by the Palestinian people.

**Q:** What was it like being in Jerusalem when the bomb went off?

**A:** It was unnerving to hear that a bomb went off near the bus station that I had been to so many times. For a while everyone was waiting for the next one because they usually happen in groups, but miraculously none came. The only woman who died was a Wycliffe translator here to study the land and culture of the Bible. She had already spent many years serving with Wycliffe and was friends with two of my fellow students from the Fall semester, Karl and Ursula Williams. Bombs don't decipher between Jew, Muslim, or Christian and the thought that came into my head was that it could have been any one of us. She was here for the same reasons we were. While it was a great tragedy in Jerusalem, even greater tragedies occurred in Gaza when many were affected by the retaliation of Hamas' terrorism.

### *You know you're from CIU if...*

*You know how each of your professors met their spouse, how many children they have, and have been to their house.*

*You not only get along with your room-mate, you share 3-hour conversations about your spiritual lives.*

# Blessed be the Name of the Lord:

## Confessions of a Smash & Grab Victim

By *Amalia Lynde*

It is not my desire to give you a “what to do when your car is broken into” checklist. You can probably obtain a thorough list elsewhere. Rather, I would like to give you some important practical and spiritual lessons that I learned from this experience. My prayer is that you will learn from my positive and negative examples and adjust accordingly so that you can avoid this situation.

Thursday, April 14th, began as a typical day. I scrambled to fill my backpack and satchel bag with the items necessary for that day: class notes for Philosophy, Theology 2, Jeremiah, and Progress of Redemption, my laptop, wallet, camera, sack meals, and a few textbooks. As always, I put these two bags in my trunk and headed to CIU.

As I drove, I mentally reviewed the day's schedule. I'll go to Philosophy, then Jeremiah, then chapel. At lunch time, I'll grab my lunch bag from the car and run some errands around campus. After that, I'll do some homework until afternoon classes start, go to those classes, and then head to work. It's going to be another long day, I sighed as I locked my car and went to class.

Around noon, I proceeded to my car, which was parked in the lot between the Prayer Towers and the Alumni Building. I unlocked my trunk, put my satchel bag inside, grabbed my camera, lunch, and a few other items, and left to run some errands around campus.

About forty-five minutes later, I returned to my car, unlocked my trunk, and stopped.

My trunk was empty.

That's weird, I mused. I'm positive that I left my backpack and satchel bag in there. Maybe I absentmindedly put them in the passenger seat. I checked. No luck.

Then I saw the shattered glass pieces on the driver's seat. They covered my seat, the floor, and the inside door handle. With horror, my eyes immediately went to the driver's seat window—or, what was left of it. Save for a few pieces wedged in the window frame, the entire window was demolished.

Someone broke into my car. Once this shocking reality hit me, I quickly put the situation into focus: The thief smashed my window, pulled the latch to open the trunk, grabbed my bags, closed the trunk, and ran.



Devastated, I called my parents to alert them of the break-in explained the incident to the police, security, and my family; all of them came to the scene when called. We totaled the losses and damage to approximately \$2,000.

Someone asked me if I was mad at the thief. “No, I'm not mad at him,” I replied. It breaks my heart that he—possibly a student—felt desperate enough to take violent measures to get what he wanted.

“After all,” I explained, “God planned this robbery to happen. Every single detail—the timing, the thief himself, the number of glass pieces from the window—was specifically chosen by the Lord. If I become angry at the thief for breaking into my car, then what will prevent my anger from being unleashed on God?”

Was I irritated at all of the inconveniences the thief caused me? Absolutely. But overall, I'm grateful for this robbery for several reasons.

It reminded me to lay up treasures in heaven, where thieves do not break in and steal. (Matthew 6:19-21)

It gave me a very practical opportunity to practice loving my enemy by praying for him. (Matthew 5:43-45a)

Certain imprecatory passages in Psalms became suddenly relevant to my life (e.g., 27:1; 46:1; 91:1-6).

It also reminded me that sin is costly and makes a huge mess.

I had the privilege of being the recipient of Christ-like love and intercession from my fellow believers.

I praise and thank God for this opportunity to share these lessons with you, because through it, He brought me a wealth of Bible verses that directly applied to my situation. Job 1:21 was one of these verses, and it has become my prayer: “The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord.”

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## Campus Changes 2011

*Dean Blewett is moving away! Don't forget to find him sometime before the semester ends and express appreciation for his years of service to us students. These last two weeks of school are your last chance!*

## You know you're from CIU if...

*You get a sinking feeling inside and hear booing in your head any time you encounter the word 'eisegesis.'*

*You can sing Kevin McWilliams' "mashed potatoes in the toilet" song.*

# Campus Security Update

*Report by Mike Barnett*

Maybe you have seen the new insignia, or have noticed changes concerning the security services on campus. Guards on campus now sport an "S" on their uniforms, referring to the revamped security organization called Synergy. Mike Chappell, the newly added campus security supervisor, recently replaced the Physical Plant's provisional leadership. Before Synergy, Mike worked in the military for 23 years. His wife, Kim Chappell, currently serves as an education professor at C.I.U. Last semester, during a Town Hall meeting, a few students asked questions regarding the security services on campus. Hopefully, the remaining con-



tent of this article will help answer those questions.

1. Why does the security phone not pick up when I call? As soon as this question was asked, Mike whipped out Synergy's new cellular device. "Before I came, the actual phone didn't work, but now there is a new phone," Mike added.

2. Why do the emergency boxes on campus not work? According to Mike, only one did not work, and Mike has already fixed the broken box. He commented, "One was down. Now it is fixed. Also, I am looking into adding more security phones on campus."

3. Why are drivers not getting stopped after two in the morning? Mike said, "I have had to deal with this problem. The new apartments have caused an explosion of traffic from two to five in the morning." Therefore, stopping all traffic does not work anymore.

4. Why are some locations on campus dark at night? Humbly, Mike admitted, "This is some-

thing to look into, but we are here to serve. We have things we have to do, but if you need anyone for whatever reason, even if you are simply scared, call for an escort.

In brief, Synergy's new supervisor, Mike Chappell, is making changes, but the changes are timely, considering the speedy response to many of the questions raised in the second to last Town Hall meeting. Perhaps, this moment calls for an exhortation for the student body. Go to the Town Hall meetings prepared with helpful criticism! The coming school year's Student Senate, headed by Jason Harms, truly desires to serve you, so voice your questions. Together, as a community, may we support Mike and pray for the security services on campus. He is a hard-working yet simple man, voicing only one particular request for the student body, "Please, park in designated spots, or I will write you a ticket." Well, there you have it, students!

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# APPLE CENSORSHIP

by *Christine Matthews*

In this age of information technology, Apple has made quite a name for itself. The once-underdog now competes head-to-head with a variety of different media venues – from music and computers to phones and touch-screen tablets. There is no denying the power hold over these markets now.

One of those markets is an online App Store, which is accessed via the iTunes program and allows users to purchase a wide variety of Apps (applications for their mobile devices such as the iPhone and iPad) that range from games to educational tools. Apple, in its ongoing effort to provide a high quality of products, uses a fairly strict screening process for App developers. Generally, the product is submitted and reviewed before being approved or declined. This also allows Apple to screen out inappropriate material, which on one level is understandable.

Recent events, however, have put Apple's screening process into question. The most recent case was for a group called Exodus, which promoted healing from the homosexual lifestyle through Biblical support. It

was immediately targeted by pro-gay groups and labeled as hateful and discriminatory. After over 150,000 signatures on an online petition, Apple pulled the App from their store. Before that, the Manhattan Declaration App was pulled for similar reasons.

Neither Apps were of an offensive nature, however. The Manhattan Declaration is an intellectual, thought-out statement of what the Christian belief is. In fact, the statement in part goes as follows: "We have compassion for those so disposed; we respect them as human beings possessing profound, inherent, and equal dignity; and we pay tribute to the men and women who strive, often with little assistance, to resist the temptation to yield to desires that they, no less than we, regard as wayward. We stand with them, even when they falter. We, no less than they, are sinners who have fallen short of God's intention for our lives."

For this reason, protests were made and Apple quickly pulled this "offensive" product. A petition to reinstate the App can be found at [www.manhattandeclaration.org](http://www.manhattandeclaration.org), as well as updates to issues pertaining to the declaration itself and other like-minded movements.

Apple is the name known in nearly every household across the Western culture and beyond; it holds in its hand a great deal of influencing power. In the end, though, it appears to answer only to the world's expectations and desires, all in the name of being "inoffensive" – at least to some.

*Christine is a Senior in the General Studies program.*



## Will the Real Idol at CIU Please Stand Up?

by *Jennifer Lehman and Katlyn Spangler*

To start off this article we would like to make it clear that while this is a response to the two previous articles by Mr. Baron O'Neal ("Modesty, or the Lack Thereof" and "Will the Real Men of CIU Please Stand Up"), we are neither attacking Baron or the points he made, nor completely agreeing with them. Yes, we did not agree

with some of the statements from these articles, but what has been more disturbing are some of the responses the student body has made. We should not be attacking one another in anger. One point of the second article that we were shocked to think may be true is that the men of CIU are making excuses to avoid asking a girl out. The only response that can be had to these actions of our brothers is to say that if you are truly interested in someone and in

the midst of prayer and counseling from others, God has not instructed that you shouldn't pursue her, then pursue her! As we read specifically the article addressed to the men and read it again (and again), and discussed it among our peers, something was brought to our attention that we don't believe has been brought up in the previous responses. What is our attention as a student body of this strong Christian school truly focused on?

In Baron's article, the issue of dating was addressed. There are a number of couples on campus who exemplify the proper way to date, however there is a parasite on campus that makes dating very hard for couples. As a body (students, faculty and staff) much attention is given to dating, engagement and marriage. We've heard it said that here at CIU guys never ask to date, they ask for marriage. And while there is value in that, there needs to be an atmosphere of friendship. Marriage needs to have a strong foundation; being in a relationship is a big thing. Friendship is an important step that shouldn't be rushed or skipped completely, but often that is what happens. We should be cautious and careful with our interactions, but can we as a student body not assume right away and begin teasing when we see two friends spending time together? There is a good atmosphere here at CIU however one area that we can see definite need for improvement is how we as a body respond to others' interactions. Can we control our curiosity with relationships? We need to find the fine line between gossip and confrontation. We need to be involved in our friends' lives but not to the point of being nosy. Gossip or teasing can push people into a relationship too fast, which can be dangerous. We believe that friendship is necessary, help your brothers and sisters by providing an



atmosphere where friendships can be properly monitored and encouraged when necessary.

The article also addressed the issue that several CIU ladies graduate without ever being asked out on a date. We don't want this to be taken too harshly, but keep in mind men, we are not sitting around wondering why some guy hasn't asked us out. If we feel that the guys here aren't asking, there are other guys. But that is not the main point. CIU isn't the only place we have interactions with strong, godly men. Nevertheless, we would both like to thank the guys at CIU for being strong, encouraging men in our lives. We both have been encouraged and challenged by the support, wisdom and care of our brothers. While we do appreciate the guys here, we hope that our fellow sisters didn't choose this school for the purpose of finding a husband, but rather to take advantage of the education. We chose CIU out of several schools that we personally visited, researched and prayed about because we were attracted to the school's love for God. The school's motto: Knowing God and making Him known, clearly

and perfectly describes the school's heartbeat. CIU stood out as a place where we could fall in love with God.

However we were both told that we would probably find that special someone at college. That was what we were told at every college that we visited so at first we weren't bothered by it. However, when we got to campus and saw the attention given to couples and finding that special someone while in college, we were a little disturbed. Students of CIU, how much of our discussion time is focused on relationships (or friendships) that are stirring up among our peers? How much of our class/chapel time is used to share engagement stories and (especially when potential students are visiting) to joke about Columbia Bible College being Columbia Bridal College? We realize this is a common joke among all schools, but we should remember CIU's mission statement and that we chose CIU to grow in our relationship with Christ, not to look for a husband/wife. We both still hold that CIU is a great school dedicated to the Lord. God is at work here. Our challenge to the school is to be more careful about relationships. Can we allow and encourage friendship and can we emphasize our love relationship with God as we de-emphasize our fascination with others' relationships?

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# FINAL THOUGHTS...

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First, Life is about dying to self! There is nothing fun about this principle, but it seems to be found throughout the Word. I must continually crucify self so that Christ can live in me. My desires are not paramount to a life pleasing to God. So, as we live, I am reminded that I am to have the mind of Christ – He humbled himself and became a servant. What I discover the older I get, is the reality that this principle is easier to talk about than to live. I struggle with whether I should provide a “proof text” for each of these principles, or trust that you can study the Word on your own – I will trust you!

Second, Life is about serving with no strings attached! The serving part, I have found, is the easy part. It can be fun, even beneficial, to do something for someone else with a self-serving motive. The challenge is to serve with no strings attached. I give not to get, but I give because it seems to be the right thing to do for the glory of God. I serve because I believe I can help, not to prove I should be promoted or be called a leader. I use my gifts not to show how God has gifted me, but simply because that is how the Body of Christ works. We serve based on “the order of the towel!” No manipulation – simply giving because God has given to me!

Third, Life is about relationships! When I discovered that most of us are basically average even though we think we are better than that, I finally began to understand that life was not about my accomplishments or my titles or my jobs. Again, what seems to last in earthly life are memories of good relationships. At least in my world, these memorable relationships are filled with mutual respect and admiration, mutual submission and servanthood, and humility as equal children within the family of God. Yet, this set of relationship qualities do not seem to be limited to the human species, dare I say it is also with God’s character as evidenced in our Savior. Jesus was not arrogant or demanding with his disciples, being the high and powerful Son of God! He loved them, and interacted with them over meals and while fishing, and humbly walked with them in the everyday moments of life. Dare I say, if Jesus can maintain that type of relationship-oriented ministry with his disciples, perhaps that is an appropriate model for success for me too! As a brief rabbit trail, I might add that time together in relationship is always shorter than we expect or desire. I wish it wasn’t that way, but that is life! We never have enough time on this side of eternity to simply be together. We never know when God will call us someplace else.

Fourth, Life is about forgiving oneself and others! I grew up in a fundamentalist type home and church. It was not about forgiveness, it was about doing the right thing. It was about obedience as if that would please God! God's grace was sufficient that one day I discovered that the Lord did not want me puffed up with self-righteousness over my ability to obey Him; He wants me to experience the power of grace and his wonderful forgiveness because I am not perfect – I am simply forgiven. What I have discovered in life is what I believe most people are yearning for; they are not looking for just right answers, they are looking to experience mercy (not getting what I deserve) and grace (getting what I don't deserve). Most people are looking for that commodity called "forgiveness" that God can give, and we can give too. I am not perfect, and I am not even above average ... I am simply forgiven as I stand at the foot of the cross with other sinners. At the foot of the cross, we are all the same! (We are not Jew or Greek; we are not slaves or free; we are not male or female; we are simply saved by grace.)

Finally, Life is about really Good News! My administrative gifts can be a curse sometimes. My jobs in ministry usually have been to find the weaknesses of an operation or a plan and then to find ways of improving the operation or the proposal. While this can make some people think I am a cynic, but the reality is I am basically an optimist just trying to make things better. So is good news the equivalent of positive talk? At least in my mind, good news is not always about upbeat, positive thinking; most times, good news is about sharing things that can save us from a variety of ills or save us from death itself!

Don't get me wrong, I love to give positive messages rather than negative information; but let me remind us all of a dear saint who kept the main thing the main thing for over half a century in ministry. This saint is Billy Graham. Part of the evangelist's effectiveness has been his ability to keep telling good news to people in the midst of bad times. He did not deny or minimize the bad times; instead, he simply kept telling the good news. Yes, that good news was about Jesus ... but more importantly, it was the reality that Jesus died for OUR SINS and rose again to prove He had the power to really deliver us from ourselves! For me, that is really good news! And may I add ... Jesus came to save sinners, not the righteous; he came for those who were poor and destitute and understood their spiritual need. He came for the prostitutes and the tax collectors. He came for folks who couldn't get to heaven on their own merits. He came for me! I continually need that kind of good news.

So as the Lord moves all of us towards new challenges and new commitments (whether in this place or other places of equal value within His kingdom), I wish you all the multiple of blessings that God desires to provide. It's not about what we give Him; it is about what He gives us by His grace. Let me share with you the blessing from Scripture I shared with the undergraduate faculty when I told them I would be moving on:

May the Lord bless you and keep you;

May the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you;

And may the Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace!

Respectfully submitted,

***Patrick Blewett***, your brother in Christ

*The original Pilgrim's Protest staff, when it first became an official student publication in 2006.*



and we made several mistakes in those early months. We wanted to avoid two extremes: on the one hand, student newspapers (at, say, state schools) can be arrogant, disrespectful toward administration, and generally troublesome; on the other hand, some student newspapers become little more than a campus newsletter, provincial, toothless, and, irrelevant. We have not always succeeded in this goal; it is a difficult balance to maintain.

Let me say a few words about our motto: “For the Free, Confessional, and Respectful Exchange of All Ideas.”

“Free” – we wanted our discussions to be available free of charge and in an unhindered manner. Funds from Student Life make our newspaper possible, and our new web site makes our content available to an even wider readership.

“Confessional” – we were careful to state clearly that our paper would be written and edited from a Christian perspective.

“Respectful” – as stated above, we want to avoid the “raging against the machine” attitude of some student publications.

“Exchange” – the goal is to foster dialogue, not only impose our personal convictions and ideas on the university community.

“All Ideas” – we want the topics we cover to range from local, campus issues to world events.

#### **Challenges.**

The staff of a student paper must face challenges. Probably the largest challenge we face at TPP is student apathy. We know students feel strongly about topics, but writing is a difficult discipline to develop, and many students do not allow themselves the time to work at it. As a result, many of our students who are fine writers, thinkers and communicators fail to mature and become leaders.

Over the years, we have learned that we can coax students out of their apathy by means of provocative language. This is not accidental, just as it was not accidental that Jeremiah provoked his audience. Thankfully, none of us has ever been thrown into a cistern, but we have, from time to time, been the recipient of what I would call immature, sometimes even mean-spirited, responses.

As with most every other student organization,

leadership often changes. This means the tone, quality, and “flavor” of the paper will fluctuate from year to year. This is a constant challenge.

Finally, it is often difficult to know how hard to push: we regularly sit on stories that need to be addressed, but we have to keep in mind the mood of the campus, the courage of the writers, and the tolerance of the administration.

#### ***Positives.***

I enjoy watching students mature in their writing. A college-educated person should be able to compose a clearly written, well-thought-out op-ed piece. A major goal of mine is to help student think, write and criticize.

Another positive is helping students learn to take leadership. Serving with the paper forces many of our staff to develop different aspects of their abilities, especially in leadership.

Finally, I treasure the opportunity to have a positive impact on CIU. The Pilgrim’s Protest is one of the most read publications on campus!

#### ***What Have I Learned?***

Some Christians have very thin skin. I will gladly begin with myself; a few weeks ago I kinda’ “lost it” by lapsing into regrettable sarcasm while participating in a Facebook discussion, all because some people were attacking our recent issue. But we have regularly seen other people over-react to articles we’ve published.

Many Christians do not like controversy. Unfortunately, some people think simply raising controversy is wrong, regardless of how the controversy is dealt with. Learning how to deal with controversy is a skill educated Christians need to develop.

It takes hard work to write well. This may be one reason we receive few submissions. Writing is a discipline, and it must be cultivated.

Leadership is sometimes painful. Our staff learns this every time they write an editorial. It is often far easier to keep your mouth, or pen, quiet.

Freshmen become Seniors. What an important few years college can be in the lives of young people!

#### ***A Final Plea.***

I want to end my reflections, once again, with an appeal to the university community to support, interact with, criticize, and contribute to your university newspaper.

#### ***Past Pilgrim’s Protest Editors:***

Founding Editor: Zachary Taylor (2005-2006)

Gina Russo-Bacon (2006-2007)

Elizabeth Castello-Driggers (2007-2008)

Collin Cornell (2008-2009)

Josh Cornelissen (Christine Matthews–1 semester interim) (2009-2011)

#### ***Next year’s “Protest” Leadership:***

David Craft – Editor

Lauren Forester – Assistant Editor

Hannah Najjar – Layout



***The Pilgrim’s Protest thanks  
you Dr. Crutchfield for an  
awesome 5 (6?) years as TPP  
advisor!***

## ***Protests of a Different Sort***

by Josh Cornelissen

I recently conducted a short interview with a missionary in Egypt (for various reasons we'll refer to her as "Susanna") and talked about how the recent protests in Egypt have affected Christian ministry...

*read more online*

## ***Pilgrims Protest Debate*** by Sarah Light

Thursday, April 28th, the Pilgrims Protest hosted a debate on the future of missions, with Dr. Mike Barnett and Dr. Patrick Lai as the two participants...

*read the complete summary online*

## ***Future of the Rams***

Josh Cornelissen recently sat down with Kim Abbott, CIU's Athletics Director, and discussed such pertinent topics such as the new mascot, the President's Bowl, and intercollegiate sports in 2012...

*read more online*

## ***Innovate the Facilities or Facilitate the People?*** by Sam Avery

Sometimes creating something bigger and better to get the attention of those around isn't the best thing. Sometimes bringing out the beauty of what is already there is better...

*read the complete article (about the new athletics program) online*

## ***A Brief and Incomplete History of Pranks***

by Lauren Forester

Although not by any means exhaustive, here is a brief history of some of the best pranks pulled at CIU, listed by CIU alumni via CIU Alumniministries on Facebook.

The early 1960's: Soon after CIU moved to its new campus here on Monticello Road, a few fellows in the Freshman class discovered that a person could fit behind the drawers of the dorm rooms' drawer-closet set....

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***Town Hall Meeting*** ... A full report on the latest meeting

***Chapel Survey Results*** ... What the students think of CIU's latest chapels

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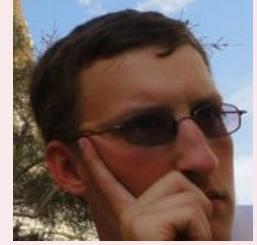


*Have a fabulous summer, CIU!  
See you in the fall!*

## Letter From the Editor

Student Body,

I feel like it's the first week of January, and after serving two terms as President of the United States I'm being supplanted in 2 weeks by a young, up-and-coming youngster ready to cement his legacy over mine (I realize I'm being melodramatic, but work with me). I have one last shot at making some sort of mark before I fade into the background. That's what being Editor has felt like these past 2 years; everything I have done has been seen through my "Pilgrims Protest" glasses; when I went to Israel, I kept seeing things "I could write an article on"; the same went for watching the Super Bowl, sitting on Senate, going to Egypt and Turkey, and even eating in the cafeteria – big or small, interesting or not, I had this desire to relate everything back to the Protest. It's been an important part of my life, and it's going to be tough to let it go.



You could say being Vice-President of the Student Senate is a bigger job than Protest Editor, but I'm not so sure. I met with a lot of people during my tenure as Editor, and then had a huge responsibility to properly portray their words in print. Sometimes I did a good job; other times I didn't. And as Editor, I was responsible for every word that was set into ink: when a staff member wrote a controversial article, it wasn't the author the President of the school spoke to about it – it was me. And that's something I didn't completely comprehend two years ago when Crutchfield came up to me on the sidewalk and said "Oh Josh, by the way, I told Jason Koshy (Senate President at the time) that you would be Editor; you have a Senate meeting at 7 in the morning." If I had, I may have refused to leave my comfortable position as "sports writer," and continued writing small, simple, surface-level articles. Instead, I said yes, and can now look back on two years of stumbling through my responsibilities as Editor, with hopefully positive results. It's been tougher than I thought, taken more time than I thought, and, most importantly, been more enjoyable than I thought.

I've learned some things as Editor, things I may never have learned otherwise. For instance, you don't have to run for a government position to be involved in politics; you can find them right here on CIU's campus. Balancing the opinions and desires of the Protest staff, the faculty, the administration, and the students is a daunting task, and it took a lot of learning on my part before I began to keep my head above water in that regard. I also learned how to look at a situation/decision/topic and view it from all sides; sometimes it's necessary to take a side you don't agree with in order to flesh out a topic further (and get a better article at the end). But most importantly, I learned responsibility; when you're in charge, you take the feedback, whether it's positive or negative; you are accountable to the students to get an issue out in a timely manner, to provide interesting and relevant material, and to call both student and faculty to a higher standard. That final point is a reflection of our name – The Pilgrims Protest; we have a duty to protest when we see things that shouldn't be, whether it's a lack of communication or something actually happening. We may not have always lived up to those three responsibilities, but as Editor I signed off on every article printed, so in a way it's my fault. And I'm alright with taking the blame for it; just make sure you direct the praise to the writers, because after everything that I said above, I really don't do all that much towards the published issue. What we've done the past few years was only possible because of the willing students who staff the paper every year. Thanks everyone for being diligent, and especially Kirsten and Hannah to running this far with me. I'm looking forward to next year, when I'm "Editor Emeritus" and can give my input while letting David do all the work.

Good luck David, Lauren, Hannah, and everyone else on staff next year. And thank you students, faculty, and administration all, for letting the Pilgrims Protest exist and flourish at CIU.

Josh Cornelissen  
Editor, The Pilgrim's Protest

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