

Editorials

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Letters to the Editor



Armenian earthquake sparks action from student

To all students:

I am an American-Armenian student currently attending Rutgers University in New Jersey. As I begin the new semester, I can't help but wonder how the students in Armenia feel. Most, if not all of the students, have lost loved ones and friends and many have been injured, some permanently.

In addition, most of the universities in the area have been completely destroyed. It is estimated that 88 schools were leveled within 3 minutes on the day the earthquake hit.

None of us could have predicted or prevented the earthquake. However, we can help to rebuild shattered lives. In particular, I am appealing to the students of American universities to help ease the pain of the students in Armenia.

I am asking that we as students organize fundraising events for the specific purpose of rebuilding the schools and universities.

Funds can be raised in many different ways. Booths can be set up in the student center and dances, concerts and other student ac-

tivities can be held for the specific purpose of aiding the victims of the earthquake. Students can even organize a neighborhood campaign to raise money.

Since the earthquake, I have been actively involved in relief efforts, organized by the Armenian General Benevolent Union (the "AGBU").

The AGBU, established in 1906, is the largest Armenian philanthropic organization in the world. The AGBU created the Armenia Aid program. The AGBU Board of Directors has pledged to spend 100 percent of all monies raised to aid the victims in Armenia.

Donations earmarked for a specific purpose will be used only for that purpose. Therefore, all monies raised by students in American universities, which are earmarked for the purpose of rebuilding the schools and universities, will be used only for that purpose.

The AGBU will attempt to provide speakers to you and your student groups if requested. In addition, the AGBU would be happy to discuss ways in which your student groups can help and provide you

information about the fundraising activities of other schools in your area. Posters advertising the plight of the Armenians have been printed and are available upon request.

Please feel free to call Alex Markarian, Chairman of the AGBU Armenia Fundraising Committee, at his office at (212) 221-5730, for further information about the organization or any other questions you may have about the Armenia Aid program.

The cost to rebuild the shattered region in Armenia and the lives of those affected is too large for any one nation or people to bear alone.

The Armenians need our assistance. As the new semester begins with all the hope surrounding it, let us think about our fellow students in Armenia who now have no schools to attend and who have questions rather than hope surrounding their future. Please help. Thank you.

Donations should be sent to AGBU Armenia Aid, 585 Saddle River Road, Saddle Brook, New Jersey 07662 (201) 797-7600 or 1-800-282-9877.

Sincerely,
David Kevorkian

Tidy Bowl man turns vandal

Ever since most of us students were little, we can probably remember going into public restrooms and finding graffiti on the walls. For many, this was half the fun of using the facilities. Not only did you feel better when you left, you also got to catch up on the juicy gossip that some roving messenger decided to etch on the walls to let the world know about. You were sure to learn who loved whom this week and who had turned into one of those four-or-five-letter words.

Another famous use for public restrooms has been to release a little hostility. If someone makes you mad, just go in the bathroom and rip a stall door off its hinges. No problem, right? Not if you want to pay for it because you can bet nobody else does.

It's sad to look at Elon's maintenance records and see the amount of damage that has been done in the residence halls since the first day students moved back from summer vacation. The total spent on repairs from September 1, 1988 to February 22, 1989 was \$11,740.49.

It seems like those old enough to be in college should be mature enough to go to the bathroom alone. Not all of the damage was done to the restrooms, but it is where over half of the vandalism occurred.

Granted, no names have been reported, so nobody can prove who did it. However, it's doubtful that Freddie Kruger took time out from killing people on Elm Street to tear up a bathroom. Maybe it was the "Not Me" phantom from the "Family Circus" cartoon or just maybe it was the

Tidy Bowl Man himself who did it.

But if by some chance we can't convict any of the above suspects, stop and think about it the next time you go to destroy something for whatever the reason it may be. You don't want someone coming in your house or apartment and tearing up your walls, doors, etc. So let the next person who uses the bathroom on your hall have a door for privacy.

-Kathy Meadows
Editor

Frankly Speaking

by Phil Frank

My philosophy is simple..
..If you live at home long enough, eventually your folks will move out and get their own apartment..

