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Where do we draw the line?

In my recent visit to the math lab in the Warf building my attention was grabbed by a small piece of bright paper that was hanging amongst several Holiday and Thank you cards above the chalkboard.

When I took a break from the algebra I was doing, to admire the decorations, I was APPALLED at what the message was on this seemingly innocent Pastel Church Bulletin "4,000 babies a day aborted DEAR GOD PLEASE FORGIVE US."

I was so angry and intimidated by this message I could not concentrate on what X may or may not be.

I couldn't help but look about the room and wonder "Has she had an abortion?" or "Is that girl the table over from me OK with this?"

I was obsessed with thinking about women's rights. If I had an abortion would I feel welcome here?

I know teachers aren't allowed to wear candidate paraphernalia regarding elections.

I would rather see my adviser in a Ralph Nader T-shirt than a room plastered with PRO-LIFE catholic condemnation.

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Poor taste?

I am not sure what the purpose for the picture on the front page of The Settler is, but as a parent and an employee of Vol State I am appalled to think that a picture of four guys with their pants sagging, underwear showing, shirts off, crooked caps, and bandanas on are considered appropriate for the front page of a college like Vol State.

It is bad enough that there is a naked woman being chased by a dragon to advertise a tattoo parlor inside the paper.

My 15 year old son has a passion and a gift for basketball, but if that is the kind of players that represent the basketball team at Vol State, and that kind of thing is accepted I will never allow my son to attend this school.

Others on campus I have talked to feel this was done in very poor taste also.

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What's in a name?

When did a NAME become more important than the message it spreads?

After all, it was William Shakespeare who said "'What's in a name? That which we call a rose / By any other word would smell as sweet.'" Therefore, I say smoke remains as sweet and savory, regardless of whose mouth it bellows out of.

Thus, my name remains "The Smoker."

If it were possible, I would blow a smoke ring large enough to encompass the globe, and have all the inhabitants of each nation join hands and hug our cloudy world.

This could be the end of wars across the Earth! I can see it now: Human beings everywhere standing shoulder to shoulder, simultaneously lighting the cigarette of the person to their left.

And nuclear weapons will be traded in at pawn shops across America for cartons of cigarettes.

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