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School Days, School Daze

Unless a man becomes the enemy of evil, he will not even become its slave but rather its champion. God Himself will not help us to ignore evil, but only to defy and defeat it. —G. K. Chesterton (1874-1936)

The month of September features a big line-up of possible game-changing events. At the very least they should prove newsworthy. California public school students begin receiving the “gay” version of history in social studies classes; New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg has waived off local clergy from the Ground Zero 10th anniversary observance; President Obama’s Executive Order repealing the military’s “Don’t ask, don’t tell” policy becomes official, and possibly one-million Arabs will head to the streets while the UN debates and maybe even votes on a “Palestinian” state at the start of Rosh Hashanah, the first day of the Hebrew new year.

Oh, and the closely watched Comet Elenin aligns with the Earth and the Sun September 26-28. Some scientists suggest such a heavenly formation could theoretically precipitate a major earthquake while a certain few prophecy gurus wonder if the comet signals the Rapture of the Church as it approaches Earth on the eve of the biblical Feast of Trumpets.

For the moment, however, our eyes are on what we believe to be a game-changer that occurs every September. Johnny and Susie leave the safety of home and the nurture of their parents to become freshmen at colleges and universities all across America.

The parents of Johnny and Susie have certain ideas of the experiences that await their fledglings based on their own memories of campus life many years ago. But, trust us, colleges today are very different than the one your momma attended.

For starters, Johnny and Susie are going to be in co-ed dorms, placing them in much closer proximity to, shall we say, forbidden fruit. Granted, their parents are a little unsettled about mixed dorms, but, hey, it has been going on for a long time. Indeed. Academic institutions started letting young men and women live in the same residence halls in the late 1960s, prompting a 1970 *Life* magazine cover story calling co-ed dorms an “intimate revolution.” But, another reason parents are resigned to sending their children to such environs is the fact that 90 percent of all student housing is now co-ed. What are their choices?

Enter John Garvey, the new president of Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. This odd fellow doesn’t think the current housing arrangements on his campus comport with the ideals of a Catholic-centric education. Citing studies that demonstrate an increase in binge drinking and sexual activity for students who live in co-educational residence halls, Garvey has convinced his board of trustees to—as his detractors put it—“attempt to turn back the clock.” Freshman this season will choose a dorm, but it will be a single-sex dorm.

Studies referred to by Mr. Garvey, such as the *Journal of American College Health*,¹ suggest that students in co-ed dorms are more likely than those in single-sex dorms to have had a sexual partner

partner in the last year, and more than twice as likely to have had three or more. Studies also indicate binge drinking in co-ed dorms is twice that in single-gender residence halls.²

As stated, John Garvey has detractors. One of them is George Washington University law professor John Banzhaf, who says he plans to sue Catholic University over its decision. Banzhaf alleges that the District of Columbia's anti-discrimination law "prohibits any discrimination based directly or indirectly upon sex unless it is strictly necessary for the entity to remain in business."³

According to the *Alliance Defense Fund*, however, Banzhaf has little merit for a case because a Catholic college has a federally protected right to maintain policies that best reflect its faith and its academic goals.

If Catholic University is attempting to turn back the clock, then surely neighboring Georgetown University, a fellow Catholic institution, is attempting to set the clock forward—way forward.

Georgetown not only has co-ed housing, but those in charge are now raising the question of implementing "gender-blind housing," a euphemism for allowing men and women to share more than just a floor or bathroom in a dorm. It's a movement that is quickly spreading from coast to coast.

A "2010 Campus Equality Index" released by an organization calling itself the *National Student Genderblind Campaign* shows that nearly 60 major colleges and universities have now adopted "gender-neutral rooming options." Six "Ivy League" schools—schools that were largely founded as seminaries—now advertise they are "gender-blind" institutions. Many smaller colleges are also now "gender-blind," including, Oberlin College where Charles Finney served as President from 1851 to 1866, Wesleyan University, one of some twenty colleges named after John Wesley, Willamette University, founded by Rev. Jason Lee, and Whitman College originally named after Marcus and Narcissa Whitman, Christian missionaries who died in a massacre at their mission site near present day Walla Walla.

Just how morally and spiritually toxic are college campuses these days? "Extremely," says Mike Adams, a criminology professor at "gender-blind" University of North Carolina Wilmington. When asked if he would be willing to spend the money necessary to send his kids to a four-year brick and mortar college, he says his answer is a firm "probably not." (See: "This Year Keep Your Kids Home From College," *Townhall.com*, 8/8/2011)

Adams says in his Department of Sociology and Criminology, the anti-Christian indoctrination begins in freshman survey courses, fostering a false classroom consensus. Eventually, he says, students abandon their worldview because they come to believe they are somehow out of sync with social progress.

Adams lists a number of things that occur at his campus that Johnny and Susie's parents would not like such as a (former) Women's Resource Center director handing out condoms to students during orientation, or a lecture called "Safe Sodomy." His long list also includes a "vibrator" museum on campus, pictures of nude little girls in the lobby of Randall Library, and much much more.

Professor Adams says that based on the highly sexualized nature of higher education today and the fact that it is no longer affordable (e.g., Whitman College is \$52,000 per year), he recommends that parents find something else for their children to do following high school. At the very least, Adams recommends work experience (we suggest missions or military service), allowing time for life experiences to shield a student from the onslaught of campus "enlightenment" and "liberation."

Something to ponder this month before Comet Elenin arrives.

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¹ Drake, Tim, *Catholic University of America Phases Out Coed Dorms*, *National Catholic Register*, 7/1/2011

² *Journal of Studies of Alcohol* as reported in *National Catholic Register*, www.ncregister.com, 7/11/2011

³ *Ibid*