UN should've fixed their stats long ago

IN TIME FOR WORLD AIDS DAY 2007 THIS Saturday’s National Programme on HIV/AIDS released their latest Epidemic Update, tracking the latest statistics on the progress of the disease and its consequences. The report states that a lot of people—the report says that approximately 33.2 million people have either HIV or AIDS, down from the previous estimate of 40 million.

There’s really any good news on the AIDS front, so it’s tempting to be cheery with these new numbers. It must be a relief for some countries, in particular, to see that the number of infections has decreased. But the UN’s did not report the number of new infections or deaths—only the number of people living with HIV.

that's supposed to provide is to let us analyze the progress of the disease and to show what programs are working and which aren’t. These figures have been a cornerstone of the UNAIDS’s fight against the spread of HIV/AIDS, but it is a little ambiguous whether the numbers are reliable or not.

that are focused on the internal affairs of the disease. They should be focused on improving their statistical methods and presenting the data in a clear and understandable way.

Liu Zhong

Gateway forgot about Joe

Film is “A history in residence.”

27 November: I’m curious as to why Mr. Vanges overlooked one of the campus residences.

Especially, the residence that has won the past 20 international prizes, that won first in the Catholic ministry for the University, the only residence with a full-service countryside committee, and that is nearly outside the University itself.

Director: Joseph’s College is at the center of campus, it is the home of the Ringers, it has a long-standing tradition, and it is not certain if a character is beyond it. Hence it is not certain that residence is known around campus.

The next time you cross the bus loop, take a look our way. Joe’s may be a dinosaur, but we sure aren’t extinct.

Nik Stavuy

I can sell notes if I want to, can I leave my profs behind?

I’m writing about the protest staged in HUB Mall on 25 March, 1995 by a group of professors, I like most people that morning, was eyewitnessed in the confirmation of the Vantage Notes. When I returned to read the professor’s comments, I was told that I was a ‘folsy young girl’ and was threatened with having my picture taken.

I believe in the right to express a viewpoint publicly and in a rational manner, but I don’t have to put up with abusive and harassing behavior. The note service is great for students, and I don’t need selling notes. Why shouldn’t I make some money on my hard work? After all, I paid my tuition—which last time I checked, didn’t pay for the teaching staff to insult students at large.

Judith Almeida

Note sales gives away all my teaching secrets


I am convinced that the issue of selling notes in HUB presents the most serious challenge to academic freedom that the University has ever faced in our time.

You all know examples are used in class which aren’t intended for anyone to own—this book, for example. Or parents or children. Seen in a position.

I believe that this issue is at least as important to us as AIDS in the issue of tenure. I ask for your support.

Heidi Steinkopf

It looks like the numbers have levelled off this year.

The traditional Chinese culture has a little more class than explicitly abusing the women’s physical attributes.

L. ZHONG

Forbidding "B" on Beijing butts

I’m writing to you in regards to Miss Kotovych’s article on 27 November (re: “China doesn’t have big butts, does it?”). In her work, Miss Kotovych expressed her own opinion on whether the presidential Olympics Committee will approve, among other things, the wearing of female hormones.

Personally, I have been offended by her words.

Firstly, if she is a thing or two about the Nanjing Massacre and the Japanese Army’s treatment of “comfort women,” then she should have been comparing the female physique to a supposed brand vehicle.

Handicapped, is inappropriate. Also, I believe Miss Kotovych has forgotten that the purpose of fashioning such an honourable, internationally-recognized event is partly to show the Chinese culture.

As the Chinese Scripture states, girls take pride in traditional beauty, a desire to show the world—especially North Americans?

Miss Kotovych should consider herself privileged to be living in a country where freedom of speech is an individual’s right. However, when you are speaking off-path, or perhaps your words, third columns of a column detailing your more experience in matching up to standards of beauty.

Please do refer Miss Kotovych that the position is no job for “the average Chinese woman.” When you have a country with a population comparable to that of China, the chance to be in an internationally-recognized event is not an “average” thing.

Pi; I don’t think the boxing committee will listen to the work of Mr. Miao-w-kl, as

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