

It's time to wake up, America

Organ transplants are part of society's progression

by Gabriel Campisi

In an age when ideas and thoughts become reality practically overnight, it's hard to believe how ignorant a few individuals remain in the face of progress and innovation.

Not many years ago, the thought of mankind visiting the moon was as far-fetched as Saddam Hussein dining tonight in the White House. The thought of traveling overseas from one continent to another in just a few hours was preposterous. The simple idea of peeking into the human body without physically cutting it open was blasphemous.

Thanks to people who were willing to take a chance and try something new, we

moved forward. Today, visiting the moon is old news. Jet airliners carry passengers all across the globe, and X-ray is a household word.

Society has accepted most of these changes almost subconsciously. People don't realize their importance and tend to take them for granted.

Nevertheless, these changes have been accepted. You don't see people with signs in front of government buildings protesting the use of the space shuttle, jumbo jets or X-rays. And that's good. It means most of society's mentality is keeping up with progress.

But then why are there a handful of people who don't seem to keep up with progress? Why do these

people hamper change and innovation when they, too, would benefit from such?

I was at a cocktail party over the summer. Everyone was having a good time, talking, laughing and dancing. There was a gentleman

transplant?" he asked, obviously shocked at the thought. "Man, let me tell you, I'd rather die before they stuck somebody else's body parts in me!"

The adrenalin that ran through my body when I

subject!

"You're entitled to your opinion," the man with the transplant said. "Hopefully you'll never be faced with needing an organ transplant to keep you alive."

Needless to say, it was quite clear which of the two men was well-educated and which was not. The man with the transplant spoke with calmness and serenity, responding to a question that would have offended almost anybody else in his shoes. But he kept his cool and realized there was no point in reasoning with ignorance.

If you're one of the ignorant few, imagine a doctor advising you of your imminent demise. The only way for you to continue living is to replace your failed liver.

How would you respond? Would you say, "Oh, just let me die. I don't feel organ transplants are right?"

If you feel you would answer this way, and there comes a day where you are actually faced with such a crisis, your passing on would probably do the world a favor. You're obviously somebody who doesn't progress with change; somebody who probably would have objected to building the first steam engine, the first airplane, the first boat, the first computer...

All in all, you're probably somebody that, if given half a chance, would have kept us in the stone age.

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among a group of other men who I knew had a kidney transplant about five years ago. The gentleman was minding his own business when a younger man, in his mid-twenties, approached him.

"You had a kidney

heard that statement was almost overwhelming. I wanted to run over and shove my foot down that guy's throat. How dare he make such an ignorant statement! How dare he speak when he obviously knew nothing about the

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

"How do you feel about the current situation in the U.S.S.R.?"

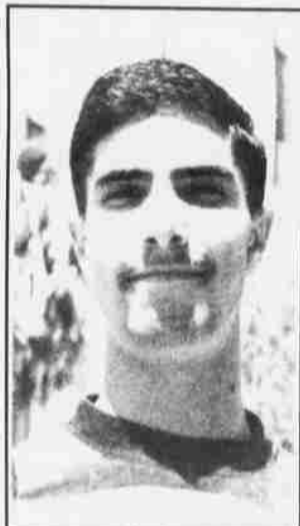


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John Fitzgerald,
freshman, biology

"I'm only sorry that it took as long as it has for these social and economic reforms. I hope there is no more military action (like coup attempts.) I don't think they'll ever do away with the KGB."



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Sean Gallagher,
post graduate, public relations

"This is the first time in their history that the people have taken control of their own lives. It's a change for the people—they've stood up for themselves."



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Rich McNeel,
senior, business management

"They're going to need money—lots of money. Who are they going to get it from? Us? The best thing for them to do is to keep moving forward and showing progress."



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Ann Miner,
junior, hotel administration

"I am cautiously optimistic about the whole situation. George Bush is wise not to get involved with the Baltics too soon."

George Bush: Worse than Pee Wee?

The president's actions far outway those of indecent exposure

by Tom Kenney

Pee Wee Herman was recently arrested for allegedly exposing himself.

George Bush, however, exposed himself by violating his promise of no new taxes.

He exposed himself by claiming to be the "Education President," while helping slash education funds for the last decade.

He exposed himself by trying to cut capital gains taxes from 33 percent to 15 percent.

He exposed himself by exposing an extension of

unemployment insurance.

He exposed himself by appointing Dan Quayle as vice president. He exposed himself by ignoring 500,000 homeless Americans while having three homes valued at more than \$1 million.

He exposed himself by contributing to record crime rates in the 1980s.

He exposed himself by requesting \$4.8 billion for four B-2 Bombers in 1992.

He exposed himself by supporting deregulation which led to billion-dollar scandals.

He exposed himself by vetoing civil rights and family-leave legislation.

He exposed himself by opposing clean air and water legislation.

He exposed himself by pursuing policies which led to health care costs doubling in the 1980s.

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He exposed himself by supporting the concept of an invincible Star Wars system.

He exposed himself by ignoring U.N. publications on famine, despite being U.N. ambassador over two decades ago.

Herman's actions are alleged. If guilty, his behavior is legally and morally reprehensible. Bush's actions are not alleged. His behavior is historical and irrefutable. Who is the bigger exhibitionist? Pee Wee Herman or George "PeeWee" Bush?



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