

December 4, 2009

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Sent by U.S. Mail and Facsimile (203-254-4292)

Further, a campus-wide e-mail announcement sent by university administrators on November 5 stated in part:


As the University signatory on [the Mirror Funding Agreement], Associate Vice President and Dean of Students, Dr. Thomas Pellegrino, advised *The Mirror* in writing that the content contained in various sections of the Coffee Break page were in violation of the ethical and procedural guidelines of the current funding agreement. As such, the current funding agreement is null and void.

In a November 11 response to Pellegrino's letter, Cleary disagreed with Pellegrino's contention that the funding agreement had been nullified due to non-compliance with the Code of Ethics and the Code of Procedure. Cleary wrote:

No section of the Ethics Code or Code of Procedure ties *The Mirror* to the student handbook. Therefore any alleged violation of the student code relating to sexual harassment would not result in the contract being broken. As an independent organization, *The Mirror* should not be held to

While the Handbook notes that these robust promises of free expression are not without limitations—per the “Student Responsibilities” section, students must not “interfere[e]

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William Creeley', is written over a horizontal grey bar. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent loop at the end.

William Creeley
Director of Legal and Public Advocacy

cc:

Mark C. Reed, Vice President of Administrative and