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Skidmore's Only Intentionally Satirical Newspaper

Squirrels Hoard D-Hall Forks for Satanic Ritual

By CRISTOPHER JONES

The recent lack of forks at D-hall has proven to be a source of great annoyance to students. One student was seen attempting to eat spaghetti with his bare hands and another tried to do the same with cereal. However, it seems that this traumatic fork drought is close to an end. Sources indicate that Skidmore squirrels have been hoarding D-hall forks for their satanic rituals in the basement of D-hall.

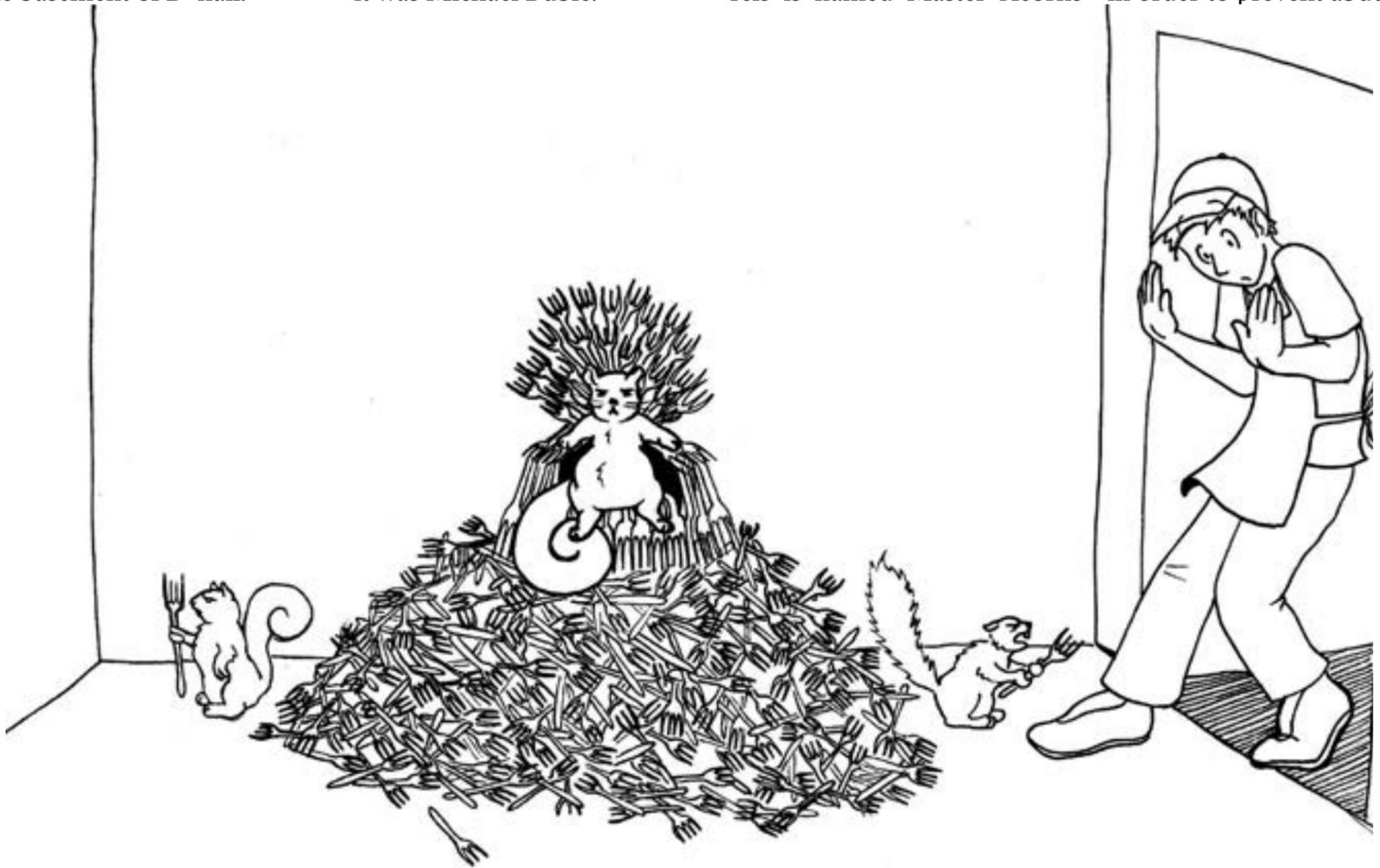
D-hall employee John Schmidt allegedly stumbled onto one of these rituals. "I was walking into the basement to get some oranges, minding my own business," reported John. "When I opened the store-room door, I saw a squirrel sitting on a throne of forks surrounded by smaller squirrels who were thrusting their forks in the air. They were listening to some horrid music, I think it was Michael Bublé."

Freshman Yolanda Jones also witnessed the ritual. "I was dropping some stuff off in the basement during my D-hall shift when I stumbled on a circle of fifteen or twenty squirrels dancing to 'Close Your Eyes,' by Michael Bublé. There were some Michael Bublé posters on the walls and I think I saw a pentagram on the floor."

According to our sources, the leader of this tribe of squirrels is named Master Acorns

and his mission is to summon Satan by playing the most ungodly music he can find. He eventually chose the music of Michael Bublé to serve this purpose.

Rumors are also spreading that the squirrels are looking for a freshman D-hall employee to sacrifice to the Dark Lord. Employees are advised to avoid carrying any nut products or listening to any Michael Bublé in order to prevent abduction.



Entire Theater Department Under Investigation for Hazing

By JACK ROSEN, Editor-in-Chief

In a shocking announcement Thursday, Skidmore's Department of Justice has announced that it is closing its investigation into allegations that Theater Department Freshmen have been brutally hazed. Though he had previously called it a "blatant and frankly disturbing violation of the college's anti-hazing policy," Skidmore's Attorney General Justin Jones declared yesterday his department would halt its investigation.

Allegations include that Freshman had been subjected to a variety of humiliating and degrading rituals, such as: singing show tunes while sophomores spank you, singing show tunes while upperclassmen slap your butt, and singing show tunes while the department head "grabs a slice of dat ass". "Preliminary investigating and questioning resulted in one conclusion," Jones explained, "There is a definite love of show tunes and

of freshmen posterior in the theater department. However, we haven't yet found conclusive evidence of foul play."

All of Members of the theater department have refuted all of the allegations, saying "we deny ever having made anyone sing the titular tune from My Fair Lady while having their buttocks smacked with a stack of playbills. Our denial is as firm as a freshman's buttocks." Though these alle-

gations had been treated as rumor for years, an investigation into non-sports related hazing is unprecedented at Skidmore. Mr. Jones explained his decision to end the investigation by saying, "look, we all know that Theater is full of fetishists and heathens, but that doesn't mean we can prove it. Instead, we're gonna see if soccer team freshman were consensually drinking, again. That's the real threat to Skidmore."

ISIL Praised for Their Success in Achieving the American Dream

By GAGE WILLAND, Staff Writer

MOSUL, IRAQ- The Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), a transnational organization occupying large portions of Iraq and Syria, has been receiving praise from American people who characterize ISIL as a paragon of the traditional American success story. Several notable politicians and business leaders praised the organization for opposing government overreach and using a privatized, self-starter approach to solving this problem. Television Personality Bill O'Reilly agreed with these sentiments while also applauding ISIL's fight against "the liberal government's war on Eid and the Hajj."

Abu Bakr Al-Baghdadi, the head of ISIL, expressed delight at his popularity abroad. "Knowing that there are people

out there who understand and support what I've done makes all of the hard work I've done worth it," said Al-Baghdadi in an interview with The Skidmo' Daily. "I started from the bottom, you know, with nothing but the clothes on my back and a PhD from Al Iraqia University," he elaborated. "It wasn't until the Americans invaded that I learned what to do with my life. I was imprisoned by the US army in 2004, and during this time I learned about the values of freedom, private sector ingenuity, and having a go-getter attitude. Prison was tough, but by the time it was over I had accepted Muhammad into my heart and my life was back on track. I started Jamaat Jaysh Ahl al-Sunnah wa-l-Jamaah, a small start-up that responded to market

demand for Islamic militant groups. I sold that company to the Mujahideen Shura Council in 2006 and became one of their Sharia Committee's board of directors. Setting my sights on an even higher position, in 2010 I applied for a job with Al-Qaeda in Iraq, hoping that maybe I could get an interview with someone in this competitive field. As luck would have it, I impressed Abu Omar Al-Baghdadi so much that he literally dropped dead and I was given his job right on the spot. Not even 40 years old, and I was the regional manager of one of the most prestigious Multi-National-Corporations (MNC) in the field." Al-Baghdadi glowed with delight recounting his former successes. "Of course, my current successes came about after I start-

ed my own MNC by expanding into new markets in Syria. I saw a demand for stability in the region. Where the government failed, we could succeed with hard work and our Islamic heartland thinking. The secular liberal bureaucracy in Damascus couldn't understand or provide for the real Arabs living in Deir ez-Zor or Al-Raqqah. ISIL used to be a small local presence, but with the amount of hard work that everyone in ISIL has put in, it's easy to understand why we're so successful. Despite the haters, we've provided quality products to millions of satisfied customers. In just a few years, I went from someone with almost nothing to being one of the most successful men in the Arab world. If that truly isn't the American dream, I don't know what is."

Help, My Dealer Thinks We're Friends

By SAM GRABOYS

Each week, my insightful articles convince the vast majority of Skidmore students and local residents to send me letters and emails, all requesting my thoughts on the issues in their lives.

While it was obvious that I am perfectly suited to advise on any given lifestyle, it only recently struck me that, with such a wealth of our readers' personal doubts, questions, and insecurities, it was my obligation to publish these letters and my answers, and help anyone who either has similar issues or just wants to feel better about themselves. This week's letter comes to us from Freshman Chad Skowitz. All names associated with felonies have probably been changed.

Sam, I've been forced to find a new drug dealer since coming here from the Boston area, and so far, I have been mostly happy with Frank Wood. I don't mind the walks to Sussman or the creative substitutes he finds for Ziploc bags, or even the number of times he has to ask how much I'm buying. The one thing I don't know what to do about, though, is he has started to think we're friends. The last times I've picked up he's dragged out the scaling process long enough to ask what I'm up to after this, or if I've heard of any parties that night. Last time, he even asked if I was going to D Hall from there. I don't want to lose the prices this guy is giving me, but how can I keep our relationship solely professional?

Chad, your problem is incredibly common. Drug dealers often have a hard time remembering that you might not be as high as them, and scientists believe that this leads to their difficulty understanding how pursuits of friendship can be awkward in a relationship driven by supply and demand. Unfortunately, as someone in the process of buying drugs, it can be exceedingly difficult to convince a dealer that you're neither high nor interested in doing said drugs with them. This is why I suggest you take the opposite approach. Act too interested in smoking with Frank, and when he brings it up tell him how you've been saving some PCP, you know, just to really make sure you

guys have a good time. Explain to him how you've taken a tolerance break for the last week, just to make sure you get really high the next time you shoot up; and let him know how happy you are to have emerged from your most recent K-hole. Prior to this conversation, I suggest you place a condom filled with any powder you choose in the rear waist of your pants. See how casually you can remove said condom during your conversation with your dealer. If you combine all of the above tactics, I can guarantee you place the impetus on Frank to be less friendly, thus distancing yourself without offending him and risking a rise in prices.

Philosophy Student Just Wants Professor to Tell him the Damn Nature of Everything Already

By JOHN O'HARA, Editor-in-Law

Second year philosophy major James Schmidt is beginning to get fed up with things. Now enrolled in multiple 200 level courses, James is growing impatient with what he deems a lack of fruitfulness regarding his education thus far. Despite having imbibed the collections of Plato, Socrates and more in just his first year at

Skidmore, James claims to still feel a strong sense of deficiency in the wisdom department.

After complaining about not getting enough "bang for his buck," James went on to add, "I'm paying fucking \$50,000 to go here. As a student of philosophy, I think it's about time one of my professors let loose and filled me up with complete un-

derstanding of the nature of everything already. Am I right?"

My immediate response to this was to ask James if he'd perhaps covered the theme of greed in any of his classes, and its potential to dull the mind.

After a well portioned, more than sufficiently lengthy pause, James awoke and replied, "Nah...man...whydoyouask?"

"Oh, just curious." My next question was on the theme of uncertainty, and how part of philosophy is perhaps about teaching us how to live with the mystery of existence, rather than banish it altogether. To this James replied abruptly, "What you talkin' bout man? I'm payin' \$50,000 a year. I want answers. I wanna know who's running the show!"

Students Fail to See Satire in Satirical Paper

By MIRANDA THOMPSON

Last week, a group of sarcasm-loving statistic students conducted a study on the roll of The Skidmo' Daily in the Skidmore Community. They discovered that 42% of Skidmore students believe Skidmo' is an unbiased, completely legitimate news source. Several students were interviewed in order to test the validity of this poll. The confusion may be even worse than the study suggests.

James Tompkins, class of 2018, stated, "Some of the articles are kinda funny, but

I just assumed it was like a weird CTM approach to news. Like, let's make news more interesting by adding a few jokes. I don't think it's funny that Skidmore will be launching airstrikes on ISIS, though. That shit's serious."

Sally Gomez, another first-year, also expressed confusion. "I get my news from The Daily Show," explains Gomez, "and I saw no discrepancies between the two. "

Though first-years can be

counted on to exhibit confusion, upperclassmen are in the dark as well. Junior Alexis Hamilton said, "Since I never see other newspapers around campus, I assumed this was the only reputable news source. There are also only a few pictures, so I just assumed it was grown-up stuff."

Even some of The Skidmo' Daily contributors are unsure of the paper's agenda. Michael Jarvis reveals that he joined after seeing a sign for free pizza

at the meetings, and was thoroughly disappointed with both the paper's sarcastic attitude and lack of cheesy goodness. Jarvis elaborates: "Where else could I possibly write serious news stories and get free pizza?"

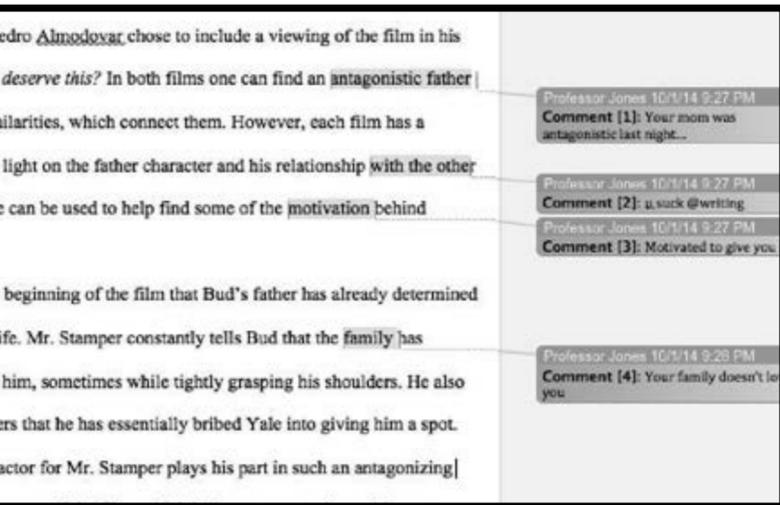
The Skidmo' Daily would like to sincerely apologize for any possibly misleading articles. We hope this admission of fault will reestablish The Skidmo' Daily as the honest and trustworthy source for all Skidmore news.

Blackboard a Hotspot for Abusive Professors

By JACOB SCHWARTZ

The phenomenon known as cyberbullying has found a new home on the academic website Blackboard. According to sources, the Blackboard cyberbullying started with mostly harmless messages from professors like, "hand your essays in on time if you don't want a wedgie tomorrow." However, the essay correction portion of the site quickly became more problematic. "Wow, this essay sucks major dick," wrote English professor Jim Royce in essay corrections for one of his students. "You are never going to get laid."

The "upcoming assignments" tab can also be a vehicle for



threatening and name-calling. For example, on Thomas Jones' Calculus class Blackboard, the assignments last week were "Due Wednesday: Attempt to do problem sets 7, 8 and 9, then

cry to your mommy when you realize you are way too stupid" and "Due Friday: Your lunch money (if you are on the meal plan, your Skidcard will do)."

When asked why professors

felt the cyberbullying was ok, Jones said "We are just having fun with the students. I guess they just don't get that it is fun because they are dumb."

In a few cases, professor-cyberbullies have even filled in estimated final grades for students way before the end of the semester, already giving grades like "D (probably)" and "F (You might as well give up now; There is very little hope)"

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