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In Light of Recent Gun Control Debate, Skidmore College to Install More Speed Bumps Around Campus

By WYATT HACKETT

In a press release last Monday, Director of Facilities Dan Rodecker announced that Skidmore will see an increase in roadway speed bumps, an initiative sparked by hotly contested US gun control policy.

"This country has GOT to start having a serious discussion about the gun control issues at hand. We [the Skidmore community] feel that we have the power to make a difference, and that is why construction on speed bumps will begin immediately," said Rodecker, who was joined by Assistant Director David Nicholson.

This idea is not an original Skidmore creation, however. Many other liberal arts institutions of higher learning have enacted similar programs. Take, for instance, Bard College in 2010 when the administration added 34 yellow traffic calming devices in a time frame of just one semester, in response to a myriad gun control issues that students felt were important to address. Subsequently, seven other schools have acted in kind,

with Skidmore soon to be the eighth.

Skidmore students have not only taken this announcement in stride, but have also received the change with open arms. Junior Lindsay Clark is a huge proponent of the project and has rallied other students in support. "This is exactly the reason that I came to Skid-

more. When I see my school not only talk about important issues but also take action, it makes me feel so represented and it makes me feel like I'm helping to make a difference." Ms. Clark continues, "gun control is a major problem in the entire country, and I really hope these new speed bumps can bring about a discernible

change."

Some students, on the other hand, are not so well-receiving. Another Junior, Mark Miller, is been very vocal about his disapproval. "We have enough yellow menaces as it is. I usually like to get the Rover to about 55 MPH or so in pedestrian areas, and these things really hinder that. I totally support the cause, I just think there are better ways to go about it...like maybe retiling the floors in Case Center."

As we all know, the last installment of speed bumps was in direct response to the Iranian Hostage Crisis of 1979.

With the crossfire of differing voices ringing throughout campus, it will certainly be an interesting development to see where this discussion leads. Regardless, the fact that a well-endowed private college is opening the floor for dialogue at all is really something to be commended.

Overall, the addition of more speed bumps will undoubtedly bring about some controversy, but they adequately shed light on and have been proven to solve a pressing social problem within our country.



"Those scales looked like a weapon"
Spencer Greenberg

Skidmore (actually) Cares

By JACK ROSEN, Editor-in-Chief

Skidmore is a community that cares. There are countless fundraisers and donation drives each semester, each aimed at aiding those most in need. And with this semester's close, we will see an interesting addition to collection bins that are left in the residences halls. In a press conference Thursday, SGA President Addison Bennett said, "We have let a group within our own community tragically neglected, and that is why I am signing into law Executive Order 1225420, which authorizes the immediate creation of marijuana col-

lection bins for students to put in whatever they can't bring home for Winter Break."

Standing in the Spa on what is technically a stage, Bennett told the crowd, "This charitably collected cannabis will go to help the most vulnerable among us, those staying here over Winter Break. For too long we have let these students suffer. And I do declare we will right this wrong."

The announcement has been well received by members of the Skidmore community, even spawning the hashtag #Stay-HereStayHigh. One member

of our community who is best situated to help spoke with this paper on the condition of anonymity. "Look," the humble humanitarian told us, "you could say I have a lot of greens laying around. And I mean I'm not saying I sell, but like I can hook my friends up. Or their friends. Really anyone as long as you sure they're cool. The point is I'm a legitimate local businessman. But I also care. President Bennett inspired me, and that's why I am donating all leftover merchandise at the end of this semester."

Others at Skidmore have

also pledged to provide generous support to this cause. The donation bin for Johnson Tower has reportedly had to be emptied three times already, after being filled past capacity by the compassionate students of Skidmore. And, Feel-Good has announced that for every grilled cheese you buy this week, they will donate an edible to a student in need. President Bennett has sparked a wave of stoner solidarity at Skidmore, and this paper is proud to support the #Stay-HereStayHigh campaign.

Business Majors Prepare for the Stress of Khakis and Button-downs Week

By SILAS PHIPPS-COSTIN, Once and Future King (of page 2)

As the fall semester draws to a close, business students are preparing for the week that will make - or break - their grades. Said Senior Business Major Norm Boerning, "this is always the most stressful time of year for me - there is just an incredible amount of work that goes into preparing outfits for presentations." The bleary eyed business students are often found sleeping on the

floors and under tables at local clothing stores and tailors. "I always worry that the suit my dad sends me won't be enough to ensure the 'A'" Boerning continued, "but that's probably just the stress talking, because it always does. I'm glad I chose the 'cashmere' concentration - this week is just so much harder for the silk guys".

Students in several business classes often find the workload

stacks up exponentially - said Junior Noel Intéreste, "I feel pretty confident about my Finance outfit, but things get a lot harder in Marketing - you need to know how to coordinate patterns and colors, find an ideal fit, iron and lint roll, and use accessories to bring flash to the ensemble. It's a lot of very advanced material".

In spite of the tradition of basing grades primarily on

students' sartorial ability, many business professors are adopting bold new evaluation schemes, including assessment for loudness of voice, cockiness of stance, and ability to incorporate vague, multisyllabic buzzwords. When asked whether the material lacked serious academic merit, business professor Imma Getrich laughed, "what do you think this is? The Economics department?"

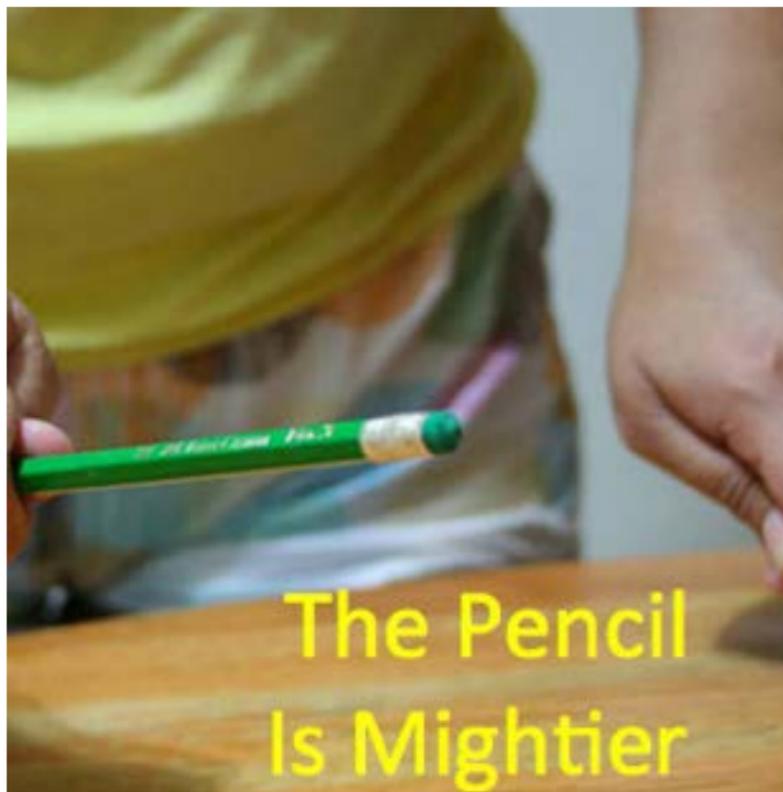
Skidmore Pencil Drummer to Sign Multi-million Dollar Record Contract

By JACOB SCHWARTZ

After years of fervently pencil-drumming on his desk during class, Skidmore junior Mark Rosenthal has finally gotten his big break.

During Rosenthal's Intro to Macroeconomics class last week, an executive from Capitol Records was impressed by Rosenthal's pencil-drumming ability, and offered him a 10 million dollar record contract.

"I knew this day would come," said Rosenthal in an exclusively interview. "I have too much raw talent for this school to handle, and it's about damn time I was recognized for it."



George Martin, the former producer of the Beatles, will produce and engineer Rosenthal's debut album which will feature Rosenthal exclusively on the pencil, his instrument of choice.

"The guys at Capitol decided to go with George because they knew of the intricacies of making a pencil-drum record," Rosenthal said. "He's definitely the right man to capture my sound. It's basically going to be the next Abbey Road."

The debut album, entitled 'The Pencil Is Mightier' is set to be released this Christmas, exclusively on vinyl.

Government Department Catches Flak for Gambling on Locations of Upcoming Wars

By GAGE WILLAND

Several professors in the Skidmore College government department have been reprimanded following the discovery of an office gambling pool dedicated to betting on the location of the next major conflict. The Skidmore College administration was notified after one student had discovered a piece of paper in the government department offices with the odds for various wars breaking out. These odds included: "Israel-Palestine 3:1", "Lebanon 6:1", "Myanmar (Kachin State) 7:1", "Philippines (Moro insurgency) 10:1", and "Northwoodistan 10,000:1"

While campus safety could

confirm that the gambling ring was based in the government department, the bookie still remains at large. The Skidmo' Daily interviewed one of the suspected professors, "Prof. Judiciary", on the condition that he remain anonymous.

"I don't understand why the administration is getting up in arms about the whole thing," Judiciary stated, "It's a harmless crime. We're just having a little bit of fun. No one actually wants any of these conflicts to happen. Besides, it's great for honing our governmental analysis skills. World politics isn't my thing. Hell, I'd never even heard of Myanmar until we started this pool."

Gambling has negatively affected the department in more ways than previously estimated, according to "Prof. Hegemony", another anonymous professor from the department. "Professors, in order to rig the system in their favor, have been doing their best to incite violence in weak countries. Just last week, one of our professors went to lecture abroad. Just before the lecture was set to start, a bomb exploded and killed a bunch of people. I wouldn't suspect the professor, but he was in his hotel when it happened. Not to mention, I saw him reading the anarchist's cookbook in his office regular-

ly before the trip. How sloppy?" Prof. Hegemony also added that she witnessed one professor "Stuffing AK-47s into a box and mailing them somewhere using Skidmore's mail service". Prof. Hegemony expressed doubts that the administration would enact punitive measures. "Betting is a tradition as old as Skidmore College itself. If Glotzbach wants to go after a department, he should go after the geosciences department instead. They've been betting on natural disasters long before I got here. I bet you at least one of them's created a earthquake machine just to rig the results at this point."

Student Narrowly Escapes Hearing Racist Remarks This Thanksgiving

By MIRANDA THOMPSON

Last week, Skidmore student Andrew Tiller traveled back home for the Thanksgiving holiday. Though Andrew was excited for his mom's sweet potato casserole, he was also quite nervous about the dinner conversation.

"I'm from a white, middle class family, and I'll just say I have some very, well, opinionated family members," explains Andrew. "With everything that's been going on in the news, I was scared of what some of my more outspoken relatives would say."

This Thanksgiving was a particularly challenging one for progressive college students, as recent news topics have been quite contentious. President Obama's upcoming action on immigration, the accusations of sexual assault against Bill Cosby, and the decision in Ferguson, were all fair game for drunken relatives to treat inappropriately.

Andrew added, "when the day after is called 'Black Friday,' you are already set up for disappointment." Yet despite the odds stacked against him, Andrew actually escaped Thanksgiving without hearing a single racist remark. "It's amazing," Andrew marveled. "My aunt brought

her Korean boyfriend, for God's sake. And nothing!"

Andrew speculates it was a combination of tactful table topics and well-timed alcohol consumption that kept the conversation politically correct.

"We had to listen to my little brother play trombone for 15 minutes, which he spent 10 minutes complaining about beforehand. Then my cousin talked a lot about her boring new job for like hours. The adults, meanwhile, focused on drinking copious amounts of the nice red wine my aunt's boyfriend bought, which, combined with the tryptophan, made them quite pleasant and passive."

Andrew continued, "Ferguson did come up, but it was in the period between dinner and dessert. By that time, my grandparents were too drunk to really respond, our nosy neighbor Ira was asleep at the table, and my crazy uncle was roped into helping with the dishes."

Though this Thanksgiving worked out for Andrew, he advises students still use caution this entire holiday season. "My crazy uncle sent my mom a thank-you email soon after the Ray Rice reinstatement. Needless to say, his messages are sent to spam now."



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First Year Students Amazed by Skidmore's Activism for Gay Rights

By EMILY SINGER

On a survey recently sent out to first years, students were asked what has surprised them most about college thus far. Overwhelmingly, almost all students agreed that they were very impressed with the school's activism for LGBTQ rights. Students report that they had support clubs in high school, but never before have students seen such an enormous focus for a

school's Strait-Gay Alliance. SGA is one of the largest, most active groups on campus and students are thrilled by their presence for sexual identity support. One first year reported "I really appreciate the solidarity the student body has for people who are heterosexual, though the #IamSGA because campaign and through other clubs. It's really made me feel welcome to the commu-

nity." Other clubs, such as the Outing Club, a group to help and support students "coming out", is another branch-off of the SGA community that has really made students feel comfortable on campus.

However, due to freedom of speech, opposing clubs have also made a debut to support opinions that are less than supportive of gay rights. Clubs, such as PRIDE (Proud Repub-

licans Indignant of Drag Empowerment), and Young Republicans do have a presence on campus as well, but SGA seems to overpower their resistance. However, when asked what students would like to see more of on the same survey, many students answered similarly: "Where's the student government? They don't seem to have a campus presence."

In Effort To Combat Invasive Species, Skidmore Environmentalists Remove Themselves From North Woods

By NICK PAPA ZIAN

Last week, Skidmore's hippies Environmentalist Club announced that they would be removing themselves from North Woods as a part of their "Stop Invasive Species" campaign. The club's leader, Alan Gore, had this to say:

"We in the Environmentalist Club understand the dangers of invasive species. With this in mind, we have decid-

ed to remove ourselves from North Woods to promote the health of the forest. We are, after all, the most dangerous of all invasive species."

It's true. Multiple studies have shown that Skidmore students are the leading producers of harmful fumes, such as Carbon Dioxide, in the forest. The hippies Environmentalist Club members, in addi-

tion to producing harmful fumes, have recognized that they are the leading producers of harmful olfactory particles that are dangerous if inhaled. "We just have to find a way to remedy this issue without taking more than three showers a year," Gore said.

The hope is that the forest will be returned to a state of optimal health after about six

months of lack of exposure to hippies Environmentalist Club members. In addition, some students doing a half-assed project on the topic claim that the squirrels on campus will stop acting so god-damned stoned all the time within six to eight weeks of lack of exposure to Skidmore students and their pollution.

Amazing! This Reclusive Skidmore Freshman Becomes Super Interesting When Others Are Drunk!

By GEORGE LUBITZ, Content director

Alex Strongman is your regular uninspired first-year. Every Friday night, he enjoys watching Netflix or doing homework for the upcoming week's classes. But Alex has a secret gift; when he pounds down a few brews, he instantly becomes the life of the party!

We know Alex from our Political Philosophy class as the quiet kid in the corner who only speaks when called on, which happens rarely. After class, he makes a bee-line for Dhall and

enjoys a slice of pizza or two.

But this past weekend, we brought Alex to our friend's apartment party and what happened next was nothing short of astounding.

Alex had two shots of Smirnoff and half a Coors Light and almost instantly he was making friends with everybody.

After the impromptu freestyle and the copious photo posts to his once-unpopular Instagram account, Alex was

rattling off stories of ex-girlfriends and trips to Price Chopper. He was a regular David Sedaris now; you had to be there.

But our friend was humble about his secret ability. When we talked to him in the bathroom, he was regurgitating vomit and powerful words of humility. "I'm jus like erryone else, ya know? We are all very lucky, but my gift iz jus more of a reponsability than a social tool." No doubt Alex's

newfound super power will carry on into the academic setting, unless of course, no one remembers him from the party and his twelve new facebook friends never hit him up about where next weekend's 'party is happening'.

Either way, we're extremely inspired by Alex and hope to learn more from his unique skill. See you at Stables, Alex! But don't try to sit with us in Political Philosophy.

Skidmore Social Norms Data Reveals Unsettling Trends

By GINGER ROAST

As many of you know, there is a new terrible pun generator on campus, called "Skidmore Social Norms." Aside from making far too many horse puns (as in more than zero), the organization has taken it upon themselves to prove that you can be sober on campus and still have fun. The only problem is that they used real data.

While the Skidmore admissions, PR, health services, and custodial team all urged

Skidmore Social Norms (also known as 'SSN') to just use the data from Everfi, saying "Sure, none of the kids give honest answers, but it'll make us look less bad," SSN decided instead to bring the students of Skidmore the truth.

This was a mistake.

I looked on SSN's Facebook page to check out what kinds of data they displayed. The first post I saw said "Proof that you don't need alcohol to

have fun." Underneath the text there was a picture of a statistic that read "85% of Skidmore students wholeheartedly believe that you need to get absolutely fucking hammered to have any kind of fun around here." The next post I read had the caption, "Proof that you don't need to smoke cigarettes to be cool," under which was the statistic "A projected 75% of this year's freshmen will be

chain smoking like professionals by the time they graduate."

The posts typically followed the same format, revealing widespread use of pot, alcohol, cigarettes, and even Adderall. In conclusion, for anybody who was nervous about their sobriety: run. Or just chill out and smoke a bowl... maybe take some shots. Your choice.

Plans for Cancelling Thanksgiving Underway by Large Retail Stores

By MADDY SANTOS

Starting in Fall 2015, the United States has agreed to support large retail stores campaign, such as Walmart and Macy's, in their effort to get rid of Thanksgiving. The reason for this change being that people would like to see the holiday cheer of Christmas come even earlier than the end of November, rather than celebrating an outdated celebration of sharing a meal with people the pilgrims inevitably killed.

Retail stores are arguing that cancelling Thanksgiving will be good for morale. "People

will have more time to think about people while they shop for presents instead of rushing through the process, making the material component of the holidays more special. People would prefer this to arguing about politics with family members they don't really like around a dinner table eating turkey," said the CEO of Best Buy. "People don't want to be forced to think about what they're thankful for, but instead get for themselves what it is that they want sooner.

That's the true meaning of the holidays." Others are supportive of the idea, stating that this will save them travel money from visiting relatives that they can spend on buying yet another material item for their children, which they will lose interest in only after a few days of receiving the gift.

It seems unanimous that all people are excited about this new change of pace in the American holiday system. People have suggested that in lieu of Thanksgiving, Black Friday

should be placed in calendars so that students can still have a legitimate reason for a school break. "Now when I drive home I can guiltlessly listen to holiday music even earlier than before!" one student reported. Stores have also agreed to start putting out decorations by mid-September to get people ready for Black Friday, which will make people even more excited for Christmas. Hopefully these efforts will finally make the holiday season the most wonderful time of the year.

Freshman Art Major Still has Yet to Discover Napkins Only Bins are for Napkins Only

By JOHN O'HARA

Adjusting to life at Skidmore has proven to be more difficult for some first year students than it has for others. Now that it's November, most have managed to at least master the basics: memorizing schedules, making it to class on time, and learning the hard way that the Tang is not, in fact, an alternative outlet for zesty, exciting cuisine on campus. There is one glaring exception to this norm, however. According to multiple friends and witnesses, Class of '18 member Andy Berg is still habitually spotted committing a grievous sin in

the realm of D Hall etiquette—that of contaminating the napkins only bins with leftover food on a regular basis.

"The first time I spotted it was on Chicken Finger Friday," reported his best friend and fellow art major Claire Stern. "I remember I tried pointing it out to him the second I saw him dump his veggie fingers and pierogis in the bin, but he was in the middle of talking about how he planned on incorporating creative thought into his first abstract sculpture, so I wasn't able to get through to him."

Although a promising young artist who thrives on pushing conceptual boundaries, Andy has proved strangely oblivious of straightforward protocol in regards to food disposal. "He's of the extremely sensitive, artistic temperament," Claire told me. "I'm tempted to bring up the matter in a clear-cut, direct manner, but I'm afraid that would disturb his delicate disposition. He's prone to outbursts of genuine innovation, but he's just as prone to sulking based on perceived inadequacies. That's why his friends and I have all agreed that we're

going to allow him to make this discovery in his own time, by his own means. We have faith he'll come around by Sophomore year the latest."

In contrast to his artsy friends, Andy has forged an unlikely friendship with Patrick O'Sullivan, a fourth year business major. Patrick tells me he already knows how he's going to break the news to Andy if he's still making the same mistakes in May. "Put the fucking napkins in the bin like a goddamn person. That's how I think I'll tell him."

Skidmore Introduces the Left-Handed Republican Jugglers from North Dakota Club

By CONNOR BATSIMM

Skidmore has always been a safe, welcoming place for minority groups. To uphold this reputation, the Office of Student Diversity offers a wide variety of clubs - including but not limited to Chinese Culture Club, French Club, Hillel, Orphans United, Weaboo Culture Club, and Man-Bun Appreciation Club- all of which are dedicated to making different minority groups feel accepted.

Despite this wide variety of club offerings, many students are concerned that cer-

tain minorities have been underrepresented. In order to combat this problem, Skidmore is introducing several new clubs designed to target hyper-specific minority groups, beginning with the Left-Handed Republican Jugglers from North Dakota Club.

So far this new club has one member, sophomore Kim Pullman. "When I first came to Skidmore," says Pullman, "I went to a whole bunch of club meetings, but I never found a place I truly belonged. It's a

relief to see Skidmore finally offering a place for left-handed Republican jugglers from North Dakota like myself."

When asked about the lack of other members, Pullman prophesizes that the Left-Handed Republican Jugglers from North Dakota Club will soon see a huge increase in popularity. "The club hasn't been around very long, so students haven't had a chance to hear about it and get involved yet," says Pullman. "However, the future looks bright. I'm

sure this club will appeal to all of Skidmore's other left-handed jugglers from North Dakota, and there are obviously many of us."

According to Pullman, an average Left-Handed Republican Jugglers from North Dakota Club meeting will likely consist of students discussing the platform of the Republican party, specifically in their home state of North Dakota, while they juggle several objects using only their left hands.

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