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Sam Harris, Student Government Association President, responds to wiretapping scandal

By JACK ROSEN, Editor-in-Chief

In a move intended to silence his critics and address the concerns of many, embattled President Sam Harris is to appear before the Student Senate this Tuesday to answer questions about the SGA wiretapping scandal. After Wikileaks recently revealed that Harris might have sanctioned the practice of SGA listening in to students phone calls, demands have surged for President Harris to come clean. In an advanced copy of his testimony, the Skidmore Daily has found that President Harris strongly asserts "Let me be clear, we have not listened in to the phone calls of the students of Skidmore... We have only tapped the calls of students at other schools."

President Harris went on to defend the program, saying that it is necessary to protect the college from terrorist and/or zombie attacks. After his plan to arm students with nerf guns went horribly awry and faced scathing criticism from certain prominent voices on campus, President Harris alleges this was his only instrument to fall back on.

However, this wiretapping scandal has arisen on months after claims that President Harris had sanctioned a secretive drone program to attack Skidmore's enemies off-campus. Much like the s pying program, President Harris asserts it does not target Skidmore students, or at least those living on campus. Yet, in the face of sanctioned wiretapping and robot drone strikes - this paper must ask, can we truly trust the Harris Administration?

Art-Chemistry Double Major Discovered Submitting Failed Experiments as "Avant Garde Sculpture"

By SILAS PHIPPS-COSTIN

Disciplinary action is pending in the fallout of the discovery of a novel violation of Skidmore's Academic Integrity policy. Last week, Skidmore administration went public with information revealing that Junior David Cornbucket, a Dean's list Art-Chemistry double major, had been engaging in rampant self-plagiarism. "We found that every single one of Cornbucket's Form and Space assignments had previously been submitted to Chemistry professors," said Albert Hooversmith, head of the integrity board currently investigating. The double act was revealed when chemistry professors attending the annual "Art in Science in Art" gala noticed Cornbucket's submission, entitled, "Encapsulating the Creative Spirit", in fact consisted of three flasks dusted with the remnants of the previous week's extraction experiment. The media card, which listed, "Hand blown glass, found items", was deemed an inaccurate characterization of items consistently found in the drawers of the chemistry lab. Later reflection on his midterm piece, "The Futility of the Mind", a complex "brass wire sculpture" which included a sporadically flickering lightbulb to, "emphasize the inconsistency and futility of all human thought" revealed that it was a repurposed Physics project fraught with faulty wiring. Cornbucket's attempt to resubmit his found-items sculpture "Sorrows of Steal" as a representation of metallic bonding, however, was less successful, resulting in his Professor's reply, "That's not a model of anything. What did you think that was a model of? That's just brass tubing all melted together. Zero". After the first round of the integrity meeting, Cornbucket commented, "We've all been told 'creative thought matters'. Apparently, sometimes it doesn't."

LGBT anti-discrimination bill passes in the Senate; House expected to heroically fight bill

By MARKUS JAMES

The Senate has passed the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, a bill which seeks to end the firing of individuals solely for being LGBT. The bill now moves onto the senate, where John Boehner and his heroic band of human rights crusaders are expected to oppose it.

According to noted domestic terrorist cell, the ACLU, 29 states currently permit employment discrimination based on sexual orientation and 33 states permit employment discrimination based on gender identity.

Boehner has stated that the bill "is unnecessary and would provide a basis for frivolous lawsuits. People are already protected in the workplace". While proponents for the bill object that many individuals across the county are routinely fired for their sexual orientation and/or gender identity, Boehner maintains his stance that current protections on discrimination are sufficient. As a straight, heteronormative white man, Boehner is something of an expert in the field of LGBT rights.

Boehner's spokesman has elaborated on the speaker's position, stating that "The Speaker believes this legislation will increase frivolous litigation and cost American jobs, especially small business jobs". Boehner's belief that taking away people's jobs will save even more jobs is nothing short of brilliant. After all, if people were protected from firings on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity, then those who got fired for legitimate reasons could claim to be LGBT

and launch illegitimate lawsuits against their employers. This tactic was seen previously, most notably after the Civil Rights movement, in which individuals who were terminated from their jobs put on black-face makeup and waged lawsuits on the basis of racial discrimination.

This paper would like to commend Boehner for having the courage necessary to save American jobs, even if that means that millions of Americans can be fired at any moment for no valid reason.

Lewd Napkin leaves Dining Hall manager reeling

By SAMMY BROWN

Sources have confirmed this week that freshman and campus comedian, Zachary Schwartzman, posted a satirically charged napkin on the Murray Atkins Dining Hall napkin board last Monday, wowing his fellow peers and confounding the dining hall staff. At a press conference held on Thursday, head manager of the dining hall, Laura Davis, had this to say: "The Dining Hall napkin system was created for students to make the best of their dining hall experience. It appalls me that someone would take advantage of this opportunity. After what Zachary Schwartzman did... I... I just don't know how to continue on with this once cherished tradition."

Regardless of the heartbroken dining hall staff, Schwartzman's peers have been raving about the now infamous napkin, calling it "super funny" and "classic Zach!" One student commented, "Zach reminds me of and early George Carlin, funny as hell, but still socially aware, y'know?" Still dealing with the influx of popularity and new friends from the napkin creation, Schwartzman was not available for questioning.

However, journalists were able to interview his ex-girlfriend, freshman Emily Smith, who commented, "Yeah... I don't really get what the big deal is. It's just a poorly drawn picture of a penis on a brown paper napkin."

The Skidmore Daily's Official Finals Manifesto

Dear Comrades,

It is time to bite the bullet. We must acknowledge that, once more, it is that time of the year. Can you feel it, Comrades? Can you feel the tension in the air? The bite in the wind? The chill in your soul? That rock in your shoe? All of the dogs in Saratoga Springs sensed this encroaching evil weeks ago and ran for higher ground. We, the naïve, chose to ignore this omen and stay behind to fight off the oncoming storm that Finals Week is cooking up. In order to survive Finals week, we must prepare ourselves. Be warned: Finals Week is merciless: it will strip you of your humanity; it will make you its bitch. During the next few weeks it is to be expected that many of you will go through what is now known as the Seven Stages of Finals Week, or (SSFW).

The stages occur most commonly in the order as follows:

1. **SHOCK & DENIAL** - You will probably react to the reveal of exam dates with numbed disbelief.

No! NO! It was October yesterday! Remember Moorebid?! It can't be! It's not. Shut up. I'm going to go try a cigarette and/or chain-smoke and watch Netflix for six hours.

Yes, that's it. Let the numbness wash over you as the shock kicks in.

2. **PAIN & GUILT**- Comrades, be aware, the initial shock of Finals Week can and will wear off. As it does, the next phase begins.

The pain and guilt one experiences in the face of Finals Week is excruciating, unbearable, and can only be compared to the loss of a loved one. Maybe. However emotionally and physically trying Finals Week may be, it is important that you let yourself experience the pain fully. There is no need to hide what you are going through, for, as Virginia Woolf would put it, we are all prisoners aboard this sinking ship. We must stay strong, Comrades! Do not fill your pockets with stones and walk into the pond, but instead drown your sorrows in a more healthy fashion (Cheetos and alcohol and both).

You may also experience guilty feelings or remorse over the things that you did or didn't do this semester.

"Oh, oh God. Why. Why have I spent more time crocheting and feeding birds this semester than I have studying? Why have I wasted every office hour at Chipotle? Well, I guess Mom was right! I can throw my dreams of being a 19th century poetry major out the window! The drifter life it is!"

Relax, Comrades. We must embrace this oncoming plague together. United we slouch!

3. **ANGER & BARGAINING**- In the face of Finals Week, it is normal to be overcome by frustration and anger. You are reduced to a rabid animal, waiting to snap at any and everyone (roommates and parents are at the highest risk). Do your best to control these emotions, comrades, for you could easily damage your relationships if you don't. So when Mom calls and tells you that she found your condoms and that the Internet is broken, take a deep breath, and hang up. There you go. Feel better?

In addition to the immense anger and frustration, it is common for even the most irreligious to attempt to bargain their fate with higher powers.

"I'll never drink again if you just let me pass this Econ exam!"

or

"I promise, from now on I'll be a new person, one who properly disposes of their silver wear in D-hall, just give me the strength to finish this paper!"

4. **DEPRESSION, REFLECTION, LONELINESS**- There comes a time in Finals Week where you hit rock bottom.

Look at yourself, comrades. What's going on with your hair part? And what's that chillin on the side of your mouth? Is that mustard? Seriously, what is that?

During this time, you will finally come to terms with the true magnitude of the work that awaits you in the upcoming week. As a result of the sinking, depressing feeling that comes with this realization, you may be compelled to isolate yourself on the 4th floor of the library for days and days on end. This is not a bad thing Comrades! Let yourself feel. Sometimes it is best to be alone. Also you smell pretty bad and you look terrible, so it's probably not a bad idea to lay low for a while.

5. **THE UPWARD TURN**- As your body starts to adjust to finals week and life without sleep, your life begins to normalize, your eyes become a little more bloodshot, and you start to feel a little less dead inside. At this point, your depressive symptoms begin to lessen, and you start to think positively about the week ahead of you.

"YOLO!" –Anonymous; American Youth Proverb

Yes, comrades, that's the spirit.

6. RECONSTRUCTION & WORKING THROUGH- At this point, comrades, it is time for you to make your decision: fight or flight. The weak will migrate South with the birds instead of facing Finals Week's wrath, but most of you will power through. You'll start showering again, and people will stop giving you dirty looks when you sit near them! Ayo, we made it to Thanksgiving. So hey, maybe we can make it to Christmas!

Yeezus, take the wheel.

7. ACCEPTANCE & HOPE- Here we are, comrades, the final stretch! During this seventh stage of Finals Week, you learn to forgive.

We forgive you, President Glotzbach! We forgive you, Skidmore!

You will be ready to once again properly bathe, dress and feed yourself, like the independent young adult you are. It is time – time for you to attack Finals Week head on. Go for the eyes and groin! That's it, Comrades! Go forth and conquer!

In attempt to be different, Skidmore announces return to all-female student body

By JOHNNY O'HARA

The over forty-year era of happy, harmonious relations among men and women students at Skidmore College appears to be coming to an abrupt halt, due to a recent administrative ruling. This week, President Glotzbach announced that by the fall of 2014, Skidmore will no longer open its doors to male students, as the school plans to revert to its women's college origins. "I'm aware that getting all the guy students outta here in less than a year is a tremendously ambitious project", said President Glotzbach. "But with focused minds and a collaborative spirit, I'm sure we can make this a smooth and successful transition for all."

The plan—officially entitled "Girlmore" by administration—stems from a collective desire to make Skidmore stand out as "different." I talked to Vice President for Advancement Michael Casey about the recent actions Skidmore has taken in order to set itself apart. "For as long as I can remember, we've all been wracking our brains for ways to distinguish Skidmore from likeminded liberal arts colleges. We've introduced the pasta station, chicken finger Friday, and the bias report system, but we all sensed there was still room for a great, game-changing idea. And then that idea hit me: why don't we just get rid of all the dudes?"

The idea was initially met with reluctance by President Glotzbach, but when an administration member asked him to imagine Skidmore with only girls walking around, he allegedly nodded and replied, "Yeah, I could live with that."

Central to Skidmore's newly conceived plan is project "Phase Out All Guys", which is set to begin within weeks. "The idea behind the project is simple", said Mr. Casey. "We want to make sure that our male students have as few regrets about transferring as possible— we really don't want them to feel sorry about leaving. Therefore, in the time we're still allowing them to be here, we're gonna make their lives a living hell!"

Mr. Casey would not disclose the full details of project "Phase Out All Guys", but he did reveal that it would include turning the Spa into a Pinkberry, as well as swapping the equipment in the gym's weight room for thirty treadmills. Mr. Casey went on to add, "I expect this project to unite our community. It's something we can all have lots of fun with— unless, of course, you happen to be a male student."



Skidmore will soon return to its rightful glory

Campus Safety Reports

By GEORGE LUBITZ

Incidents of Note:

Friday, Dec. 6 - Animals: A large crocodile reported at 7:43 p.m. in Johnson Tower 3rd floor shower. Officer dispatched, no report filed.

Saturday, Dec. 7 - Grammar Violation: a grammar error reported at 12:15 a.m. from Skidmore News meeting. Officer dispatched to meeting, suspect apprehended. Claims he "didn't do nothing"

Sunday, Dec. 8 - College Violation: Campus Safety Hotline called at 10:13 A.M. Identified student asked responding officer to call Saratoga Police and return confiscated marijuana. Student identified and report filed.

Sunday, Dec. 8 - College Violation: A possible party reported at 12:01 a.m. at 1 Moore Way. Officer dispatched to check and reported what was thought to be domestic struggle was actually a cappella performance.

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