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- Captain Athenian

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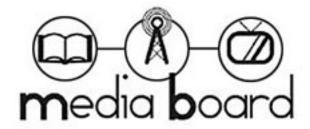


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# ... From The Editor

#### Hello everyone!

It is with pleasure that I write as the new Editor-in-Chief of The Athenian! It takes a certain kind of person to run a humor magazine -- and I plan to take the challenge. In fact, I plan to take a whole lot more than that.

For my first act as Editor-in-Chief, I put forth a motion that would suspend all salaries except mine, and use the savings to increment my own salary. It passed overwhelmingly (possibly because I didn't tell anyone else about it and I voted for it many times). I don't know about you guys, but that sounds like the staff is eager to get behind me and support my regime, I mean reign. I hope that you will greet the Athenian with a similar passion.

Rest assured that I will run this magazine as well as I possibly can. I vow to do things as quickly, as profitably, and as ethically as possible. Your definition of "ethical" includes plundering a sinking ship just to plunder its treasure, right?

I look forward to the upcoming school year. If at any point you read our material and think to yourself "Geez, I could do better than that," then sit down at your computer and put your money where your mouth is! We always appreciate quality (and in some cases, a lack thereof), and if your article is the best of the month, you'll win \$50! You can also drop by any of our staff meetings for free food and drink, as well as plenty of laughs (both inten-



Pat Melvin, Editor-in-Chief

tiional and otherwise).

We accept all kinds of humor -- Photoshopped images, funny articles, Top 5 lists, dirty limericks, and even ideas for articles. Seriously. If you have an idea, but don't know how to bring it to fruition, send it in anyway! We might be able to figure something out.

Also, in an effort to drum up reader input and participation, I have announced that, at least for this issue, there will be a caption contest with a prize of \$25! Next issue we'll publish some of the best responses, and if we get enough support, we will continue to do this. As with anything else you might submit to us, send your captions to the email address listed to your left.

I hope to hear from you all soon!

— The Editor

#### Athenian Guidelines

- 1) *The Athenian* is a semi-anonymous publication. Contributors' names are printed on page 2, but aren't necessarily connected to any particular article. This is to preserve a lack of integrity for the staff.
- 2) The Athenian weighs in at 14.2 ounces, all muscle.
- 3) Any submissions/questions/comments/concerns/funny YouTube videos/eviction notices can be sent to athenian@case.edu. Submissions can/might/will be altered as needed.

Congratulations to **Evan Martin** for winning best submission of Issue 61! And congratulations to **Thomas Landusky** for surviving the year as Editor-in-Chief!

#### **HELLO FELLOW SPARTANS!**

#### THE FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE - THE GUIDE

I hope you all had a great summer. For those returning to University Circle, welcome back. For those that are new, welcome! Now, we know that for new students, going off to college is usually the first time that you're on your own, and it can be tough. But have no fear, for we are here to help. This semi-humorous, semi-serious list is filled with tips, tricks and Case-isms to help you maximize your time in the 216, so take these words to heart. Oh, and if you're wondering whether or not something on here is a joke...it probably isn't.

- 1) Everyone here is either a pre-med, math/science major, engineering major, or some combination thereof. If you're not at least one of those three, and you tell someone your major, you will get laughed at.
- 2) Yes, all of the art around campus is hideous and really strange. No, no one understands what any of it is supposed to be.
- 3) If you are an engineer or BS math/science major, you are allowed up to 3 hours of complaining time weekly. If you are pre-med and/or a BA math/science major, you are allowed up to 2 hours of complaining time weekly. If you go above these limits, people will judge you.
- **4)** If you are pre-med, you will have misread that, and think you are allotted 20 hours of complaining time weekly. Pre-meds especially should not abuse their complaining time limits. Actually, if you're a pre-med, don't complain at all, because becoming a doctor is *supposed* to be hard.
- **5)** Did you know we have sports teams here? Yeah, we do, and many of them are pretty good! You should go check out a game sometime. Or better yet, try out for one!
- 6) Oh, and we have a University Farm. It's a pretty cool place, you should check that out sometime too.
- **7)** Yes, the Michelson-Morley statue on the quad looks like a giant silver penis, so go ahead and get all of the jokes out of your system now.
- **8)** Be on the lookout for 6-foot tall men wearing dark hoodies, because they will mug your ass. On the other hand, if you see a five-foot eight man in a dark hoodie, that's just our Editor-in-Chief. He's harmless. Mostly.
- 9) CWRU stands for Case Women R Unbelievably-attractive...and it's true too!
- **10)** Cleveland has four seasons: Winter, Almost Winter, Still Winter, and Summer Vacation (aka blistering heat from hell).
- **11)** Also, Cleveland sports teams are terrible. As in, none-of-the-three-of-them-have-won-anything-since-1964 terrible. If you go to a Browns/Cavs/Indians, prepare for misery and/or drink heavily.
- **12)** Case's rival school is Carnegie Mellon University, located in Pittsburgh, PA. We are better than them, because their team name is the "Tartans", which is a type of pattern on fabric.
- 13) If you are a legal resident of Ohio, you are required by state law to hate the state of Michigan.
- **14)** All of the cool people here write for The Athenian. If you think you're cool enough, email Editor-in-Chief and Pirate Ship Captain Patrick Melvin at pbm17@case.edu.
- **15)** Case is an awesome school, so make the most of it, get involved, and enjoy your time here.

### Students Weigh In: SAGES Still Sucks as reported by: Don Key

The recently published results of a poll commissioned by the SAGES Café have surprised exactly no students. Apparently, contrary to what every professor and parent has said to every Case student since the inception of SAGES, the program sucks exactly as much as everyone says it does (yes, even after three semesters). Approximately sixty-five percent of students taking the poll checked the box claiming that SAGES sucks "as much, or more than, previously expected"; thirty percent checked the box claiming that it sucks "approximately as much as previously expected," and only five percent checked the box claiming that SAGES "is not so bad after all."

Case's official poll commissioner, freshman electrical engineering major Yvanna Dortoir, explains the discrepancy between the expected results and the observed results as follows: "It's kind of like a Chi-Square test for social conditioning. Our professors all say that SAGES will be great after we spend a few semesters thinking about it, but there was still a

twenty percent discrepancy in pretty much all of our results. Calculated, that gives us a value way below the limit for significance. Therefore, the poll's results are probably a result of SAGES actually sucking, instead of booze."

Dortoir's answers are in a format known in certain circles as a "metaphorgotten"; however, the significance of the poll's results is not to be discounted. From now on, by official decree of the Undergraduate Students' Council (as of May 3), Case students now have license to ignore anything their professors say regarding how wonderful SAGES is. Per the same decree, professors may no longer lie about SAGES. By campus law (which is inapplicable in Alaska, Hawaii, the continental United States, or the rest of the world), they must talk about the program with brutal honesty.

Babs's response to the new decree, as well as to the poll that started it all, is unknown, as she is unavailable to comment upon it right now. Popular speculations as to her location include Kyrgyzstan, the Yukon, and Cairo.



## Staying Safe, as compiled by Morty the Mugger

Listen up, kid. You think you know how to stay safe at night? Forget what the boys in blue told ya. You don't know nothing. I'm here to tell you what them so-called "public safety officials" don't want you to know – I'm'a let you look right into the mind of a mugger, so you know what they look for and can avoid 'em. 'Cause no one likes getting mugged, right? You just follow your old pal Morty's tips for staying safe, and you'll make it back home, safe and sound, with no problems at all. Would I lie to ya?



- **Wear lots a' bling.** Gold chains, jewelry, gold watches, the works. Muggers'll think you're part of a gang and leave you alone.
- Walk on your own. Only crazy people walk alone at night. Nobody'll wanna mess with ya.
- Walk with your music turned up real loud. That way if someone yells at ya to hand over your stuff, you won't hear 'em. After a while, they'll just give up.
- Go down darkly-lit paths. Stay outta the light. Don't let muggers see ya coming. Stick to the shadows and keep out of sight. You'll be like a ninja. And who don't wanna be a ninja?
- Wander around aimlessly. This ties in with the "crazy" thing I mentioned a couple points back. No one will take you seriously as a crazy if you look like you know where you're going.
- Pay no attention to anything around you. I believe a wise man once said that ignorance is bliss. So stay happy by staying unawares. Besides, if someone's on the fence about robbin' ya, the last thing you want is to encourage him by makin' eye contact.
- If you feel uncomfortable, keep it to yourself. You don't wanna look like an idiot if you're wrong, do ya?

So there ya go. Some foolproof tips to stay well outside of the reach of help - I mean, the criminal scum that lurk in the night - and make it to your dorm room with all of your valuables intact. And if by some chance ya do get mugged, tell 'em Morty sent ya. That way the guy can have a good laugh at your expense.

# THE SUPER DUPER MEGA AWESOME CAPTION CONTEST!

Take a good look at the photograph below, and then send us a funny caption for it!



Whosoever thinks of the funniest caption for this photograph will win \$25! Captions can be anything – summaries of what you think is happening, supposed dialogue, a sample conversation, or anything at all, just so long as it's funny!

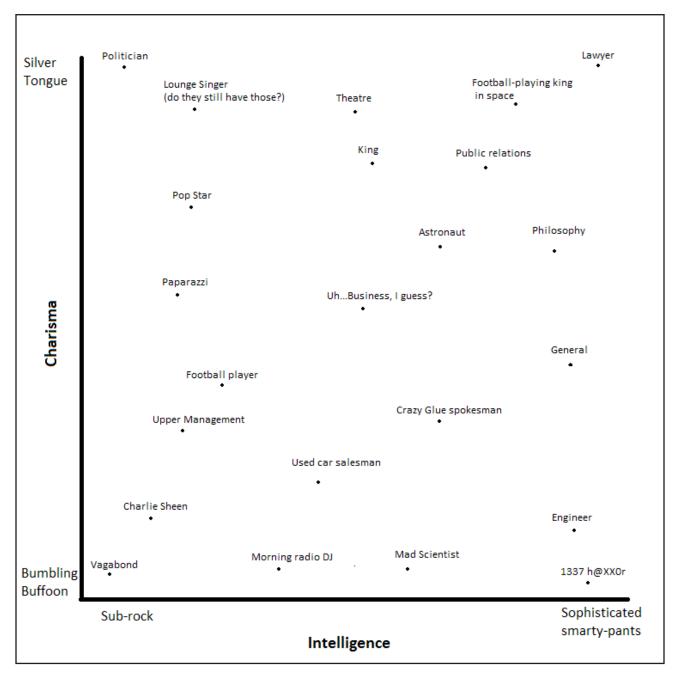
We'll announce the winner next issue, and then run both his or her caption as well as any others that we thought were funny. So if you want to try your hand at some humor but don't think you can give a full article, give this a shot!

Send your submissions, as always, to: **Athenian@case.edu** 

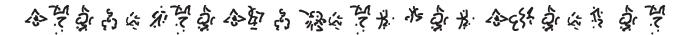
## WHAT'RE YOU WAITING FOR?

## Ideal Careers: Intelligence Vs. Personality

For any college student, deciding what to do with life is a difficult process. One of the many issues encountered is "will I get a job that's right for me?" Well, we here at The Athenian are always here to help. That's why we've assembled this chart of ideal careers. Simply look at how much intelligence you have, then follow the chart upward until you reach the appropriate level of charisma. At that point, you will have the job best suited to your unique abilities.



Those possessing intelligence to the left of the y-axis are qualified to work as Athenian editors.



## Cthulhu Found Vacationing in Lake Erie, Begins Clean-Up Campaign

as reported by: Fred J. McGillicutty

Just when you thought it was safe to go back into Lake Erie again...someone comes by to make it even safer.

The lake, infamous for catching on fire seventy-six times in the last two hundred years, has recently become a summer home to an infamous Eldritch Abomination. Some of Cthulhu's hottest vacation spots over the past few millennia include the west coast of the Indian Ocean, Mount Vesuvius, and Waikiki Beach; needless to say, its choosing our own lake for its Summer 2012 fun honors the entire city of Cleveland.

Cthulhu itself was reached after several lengthy days of negotiation with its lawyers; apparently, it was reluctant to drag itself from what promises to be a summer of muck. "It's really a gorgeous place, once you get past the oil and extinctions and things like that," it told our correspondent. "The water is nice and cool, and it's just right to bathe my tentacles on a hot day."

Nevertheless, its appearance is frightening to passersby not in the know, and the monster readily acknowledged that fact when questioned. "I'll pay to have a sign put up," it offered. "Seriously, I don't want to scare the kids. It's not like I'm going to ruin their summer vacation just so I can have mine."

As a further gesture of gratitude to Cleveland for allowing it the use of the lake, Cthulhu went on to say that it plans to start a clean-up campaign during the months that it's here. Frank Jackson, the mayor of Cleveland, reported in a recent financial statement that approximately \$2,500,000 has been pledged to cap

any remaining submarine leaks and create sanctuaries for Lake Erie's endangered fish. "If you look at this in a positive light, Cthulhu's coming here is a blessing," he said. "Don't get me wrong – I'm still scared stiff, but who am I to pass up this kind of PR? If the thing wants to swim in the lake, well, it can swim in the fucking lake."

Leah G. Sherman, a local six-year-old, agrees with the mayor's statement and adds that Cthulhu's appearance shouldn't be a deterrent to its vacation time. "It looks all weird, but so does my brother," she told a staff reporter. "Plus it's gonna save the fish, so I like it fine."

Reports of the disappearance of several bowls of tropical fish have been deemed unfounded. "It has to eat, doesn't it?" was the laconic response of one bystander. "Whatever. The good outweighs the bad."

Not everyone is on board with the plan, however. Charter fishing boats expect to take a hit, both financially and literally, due to the conservation efforts. One representative, known only as "Big Jeb," was quoted as saying "If this here Cathy Ulu is protectin' them fishes, hows we s'posed to eat 'em? If that squid touches my boat, I'll give him my twelve-gauge right between the eyes! Yeeeee-hawww!" he concluded, firing a shotgun into the air.

We at *The Athenian* applaud Cthulhu's efforts and are happy to have him choose Lake Erie as his vacation spot. Maybe now Cleveland will be known for something other than bad sports teams.



## Mr. Bro Universe Pageant An "Astounding Success"

as reported by: Louis Cypher

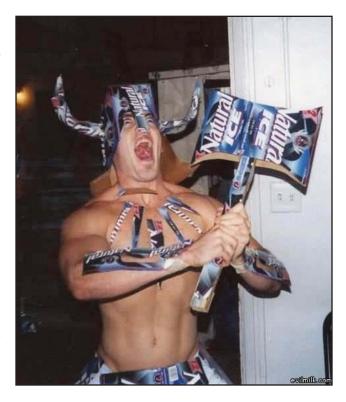
Every four years, a group of competitors from far and wide comes together in one place to compete. These brave gladiators train for years for the chance to win a glorious prize. To even make it to the competition is an honor -- to win is blaze your name forever into the annals of history. But just about every other news outlet there is has already reported on the Olympics, and since we're apparently -- no, make that most definitely -- run by hipsters at the Athenian, let's report on a different competition. It's pretty obscure, and you've probably never heard of it, unless you happen to be one of the bros.

Mr. Bro-Universe is a beauty pageant for those of us who wish to know who is the most radical of all the Bros. Every year, bros from the douchiest fraternities in the entire world travel to New York City to strut their stuff in a completely self-obsessed and jerkass manner. Their reasons for competing are varied. Mr. Delta lota Tau Zeta says that he competes because "I bet if I win this, I'm totally gonna get laid!" Several other competitors echoed his statements about "hot bitches." Mr. Epsilon Rho Rho expressed interest in using his position as Mr. Bro-Universe "to host, like, the biggest kegger ever!"

But for Mr. Kappa Epsilon Gamma, the competition is more serious: "So my fraternity was like, going to suspend me for being drunk or some shit, but then I'm like, 'You can't suspend me if I'm famous!' and they're like, 'What?' and I'm like, 'I'm gonna do this pageant thing' and they're like, 'cool', ya know?"

The competition was spirited and fierce. During the popped collar and sideways baseball cap round, there appeared to be no clear cut winner. The judges deliberated for almost five minutes amidst cries of "Hurry it up, bro!" and "I'm not getting any younger, dude!" However, the round finally went to Mr. Lambda Kappa Nu.

The talent competition was equally contentious. Mr. Omega Theta Rho did an astoundingly classic keg stand. Mr. Phi Beta Cannabis had the most ambitious stunt, as he dragged the entire team of judges outside to watch him piss off the roof. However, the winner of the round turned out to be Mr. Lambda Mu Alpha Omega. Not only was he



able to sit in a lawnchair and look like a complete douchenozzle at the exact same time, he hit on female passers-by so much that the ghost of Casanova himself appeared and told him to tone it down a bit.

However, when it came time for the swimsuit competition, all the competitors refused to participate and were disqualified. When I asked Mr. Alpha Sigma Sigma for his opinion on this event, he stated "Well, man, I don't want to like, sound homophobic or anything and it's cool if you swing that way, but getting up on stage and posing with a bunch of guys in speedos is hella gross, man."

So why did this article call this an "Astonishing Success" if there's no winner? Because after talking with the judges I discovered that this happens every year. That's right, in the entire history of the competition, no single bro has ever felt secure enough about his masculinity to participate in the swimsuit round, and yet a trophy has been made every year. I'm tempted to think that maybe a giant competition centered around fulfilling a bunch of bullshit stereotypes is a waste of everyone's time and money, but that can't be true. Not in Donald Trump's America.

# "The Bums" to Play at the Spot

as reported by: Grover Marcata In an effort to provide us with "entertainment" without spending any real money, UPB has today announced that the first band in September to (dis)grace the stage of The Spot will be none other than local act "The Bums," a group of homeless guys from E.115th Street who made their own instruments out of everyday things.

The band consists of Chester Abernathy, on lead vocals; Spencer Donathon, on a guitar that appears to have been made out of a fish skeleton, some shoelaces, and a piece of cardboard; Lester Bradshaw, a guy who blows into a pair of empty whiskey bottles; Gilbert, one of those singing, big-mouthed bass that has suffered some slight water damage; and Thaddeus Cartwright, on a set of drums made out of garbage cans. Together the five of them blend their musical talents to create an incomprehensible mess of music that can best be described as "an assault on the ears." The group mostly performs for spare pennies

on street corners, but gained notoriety last year as they were arrested for disturbing the peace while performing their hit single "Can You Spare Some Change?" on the corner of Euclid & Adelbert.

When asked about his band's apparent lack of musical talent, Chester replied "Look mister, we're just trying to do the best we can with what we've got. If we had the money, we'd get ourselves some real instruments. And some lessons. Besides, I think we sound pretty good." It should be noted that the band usually drinks the contents of Lester's bottles before performing, which may affect how they perceive themselves.

The group will be performing this coming Wednesday. For those of you not good with dates, that would be September 5th. The Spot has announced it will be offering free alcohol to anyone who asks, valid ID or no valid ID. Drop by to see them, and find out why they're still homeless.



# Case Center For Inquiry and Campus Crusade for Christ Declare War as reported by: C. Wright

Following the eighth incident this year in which CFI painted over a Crusade advertisement on the Spirit Wall, Crusade leaders have publically declared war against the rival campus organization. It was later discovered that senior members of CFI's militant arm had announced plans to "forcibly remove all Christian community members from Case's campus" in order to defend themselves from what they refer to as "the fidels," or "believers" when translated from native Engineer-speak.

The conflict began late Tuesday evening when CFI and Cru soldiers, armed with Nerf guns and pool noodles, advanced on the parking lot of the Church of the Covenant along Euclid Avenue. Casualties from this initial conflict were high, with a number of boo-boos and owies being reported. Frustrated Cleveland EMS personnel grudgingly stacked injured students onto Stryker cots and rolled them across the street to be dumped outside of the University Hospital ER, where most were released within a few minutes. One student was reportedly shot by nearby drug dealers, who misinterpreted the battle as being drugrelated and stepped in to protect their territory.

Less than 4 hours after the initial confrontation, a CFI battalion engaged Cru forces near The Temple on East 105th. Hamburgerbearing reinforcements soon arrived from a barbeque to supplement CFI's dwindling army, who were pushed back into the 1800 block of East 101st when Cru artillery began firing Bibles and pamphlets on creationism from the top of the Glennan Building. CFI cavalry attempted to come up behind the advancing Cru line when both sides were again attacked by local Cleveland drug dealers, who had this to say when interviewed by Athenian staff: "What the fuck is with these crazy-ass white kids tonight, yo?"

A temporary ceasefire started Wednesday afternoon, when Cru generals wished to meet with CFI leaders in order to come to an agree-

ment and end the conflict. Details surrounding the meeting are murky, but Athenian reporters have determined that the Cru delegates were faux suicide bombers, who dumped the contents of Thigh Mega Tampon's test chest into the room shortly after arrival (a plan strangely consistent with the opening scene from the award-winning 2003 science-fiction TV series Battlestar Galactica). University judicial officers detained all parties for plagiarism within seconds, according to surviving CFI Colonel Mike Dawkins. Col. Dawkins dove through a window just as the Cru plan was revealed, in order to escape the devastating incident report when the Cru agents detonated the test chest. He is currently in critical condition at University Hospital, due to second-degree burns and disciplinary probation sustained in the explosion.

With no end to the hostilities, it seems likely that the other religious groups on campus will be called upon to join the battle and may be unable to remain neutral. In an effort to predict how things will play out, representatives from each of the other key religious groups - Hillel, Newman Catholic Student Association, and Muslim Student Association at Case - to see who, exactly, they would support in the conflict. All three of them, unbeknownst to the others, stated that they would wait for the two groups to wear each other down, then step in and assert themselves as the dominant religious group. When we pointed out that each of the others were doing the same thing, the representatives simply scoffed and said some variation of "Don't be ridiculous. What are the odds of that?"

We here at The Athenian will continue to offer balanced, unbiased, objective reporting (or at least what passes for balanced, unbiased, objective reporting around here, considering we make things up on the spot) as this battle continues to unfold. It certainly appears that things are about to heat up in a big way.

# 1 Student Dead, 2 Injured After Attempt to Dance in Thwing Ballroom as reported by: Sean "Booger" Harkinson

Case Police and Security Services released a statement today regarding the fatal incident in Thwing Ballroom over the weekend. According to a witness who escaped the encounter, two as-yet unidentified students and casualty Mike Bergeron, 18, disregarded posted warnings and attempted to dance a traditional Lindy Hop in Thwing Ballroom on Saturday at about 3pm.

Dr. Mark Peeps, a researcher with the Department of Earth, Environmental, and Planetary Sciences, reported that minor seismic activity was detected on campus at 3:05pm, coinciding with the start of the students' dance with death. The witness, currently undergoing psychiatric counseling at University Counseling Services, stated that the floor of Thwing Ballroom began to crack open, revealing what has been described as "a portal to the Underworld," one piece of fairy cake, and Cate Blanchett. Plant Services personnel confirmed that they are repairing damage to the foundations of the building and filling a sinkhole in the Jolly Scholar.

The statement also included further gruesome details of the incident, extrapolated from already-shaky vocal testimony given by the two injured students. According to the report, Bergeron was seized by a flame demon and pulled into the void. His body was later recovered from a sub-basement of Rockefeller used by the XENON dark matter detector, which had detected a burst of both dark matter and anti-dark-matter (which we're told is not light matter and they've never heard that one before) along with 6 very confused cats.

The other two victims apparently mistook the demonic wormhole for a similar mechanism found in the video game Portal and did a running dive into the abyss. They were later discovered behind a chalkboard during a morning MATH 121 class, having eaten nothing but chalk for two days. Both are being treated at University Hospitals due to sustained exposure to the jokes of a certain infamous MATH 121 professor, whom we cannot mention by name due to ridiculous magazine regulations, and are expected to make a full recovery.

In unrelated news, Case Police has advised community members to not bother reporting flame demon sightings to 368-3333 or Cleveland Animal Control, but instead to just go ahead and contact the Ohio National Guard. Not that there's a flame demon on campus or anything, obviously; it's just good to be vigilant.

### Top 7 things that Case students pointlessly complain about:

- Wifi is not exactly up to NASA's standards
  - Regular seat in lecture hall is taken
- Not enough comfortable sleeping spaces in Nord
  - Fribley has run out of popcorn bags again
- Having to cross Euclid without the aid of Officer Mark
  - Not being enough safe rides around campus
    - The fear of never having a snowday again
  - Virginity. You knew the risks when you came here.

## Area Man Fights Punching Bag, Loses

as reported by: Fred J. McGillicutty

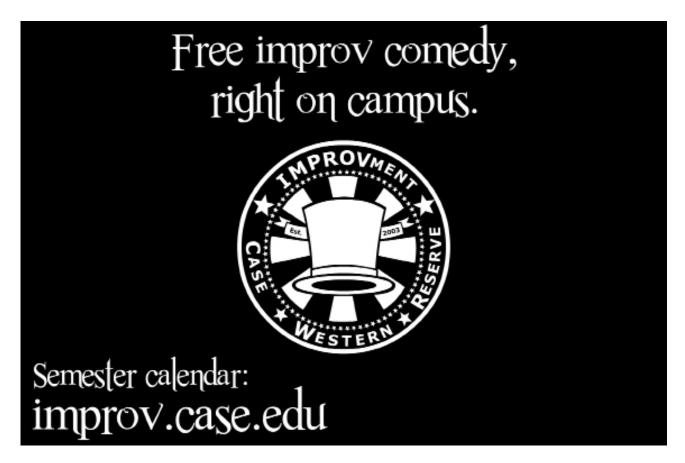
CLEVELAND - Area man Thomas D. Tankenjin was admitted to the hospital with severe head trauma late last evening. Sources close to Mr. Tankenjin say that he was showing off with a punching bag when he was struck in the face and knocked out.

Mr. Tankenjin was sparring with a punching bag in Veale Athletic Center. He had been punching it repeatedly for about ten minutes, when he hit the bag with more force than he had previously in an attempt to knock the bag over. He was only partially successful in doing so; the bag tilted back with the base lifting up off the ground. At that point, the bag fell back onto its base and smacked Mr. Tankenjin in the face. Mr. Tankenjin lost consciousness and immediately fell to the floor. Medical attention was slow in coming, however, as other patrons of the athletic center were too busy laughing for several minutes to call 911.

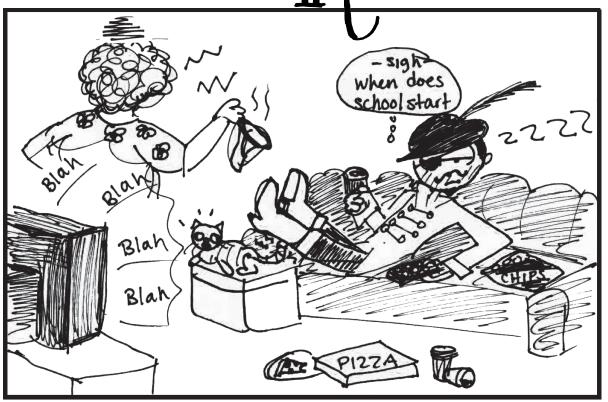
As he was coming to, Tankenjin was heard to say "I knew I should have gone to Case Tae Kwan Do; this never would have happened. I could have easily made it to Veale at any of the three convenient times, Monday or Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:30, or Thursday from 8:30 to 10." Sources close to Tankenjin say that the line sounded suspiciously like a sales pitch, and that "the blow to his head must have really done some damage to him."

Tankenjin's friend, bodybuilding champion and Mr. CWRU finalist Thaddeus J. Abernathy, said of the incident, "[Tom] wanted to show the punching bag who was boss. I guess the bag is."

Mr. Tankenjin has been listed as being in stable condition, though doctors say he keeps shamelessly plugging Case Tae Kwan Do. We can only hope that others take his advice and go, so that they might avoid similar fates.

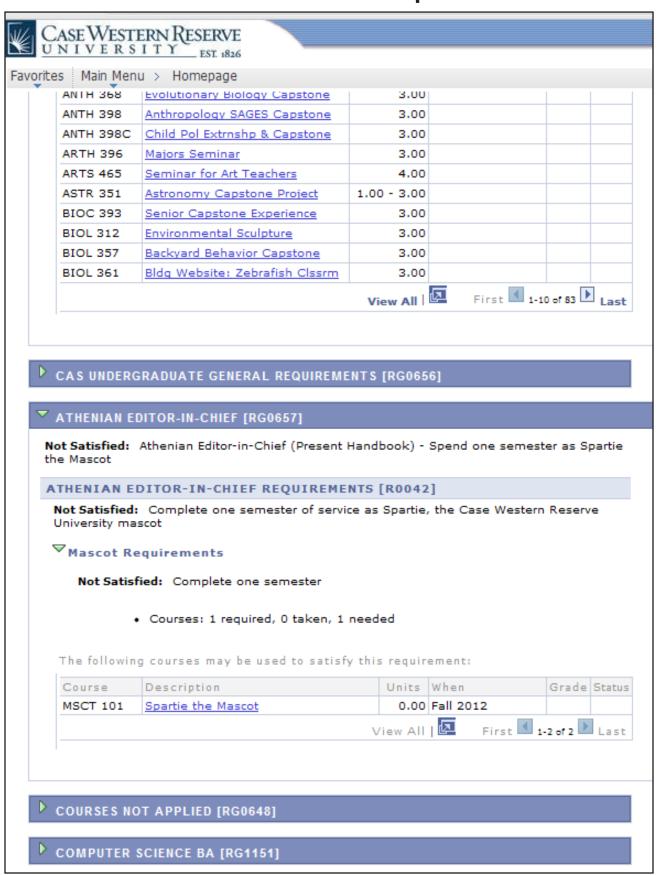


CAPTAIN POMENDAN





# **New Gradutation Requirements**



## Iran's Drone Revealed to be Low-Budget Crap

as reported by: Robin Banks

WASHINGTON – Despite the protests of Iranian officials, a United States military spokesperson has today released a statement that Iran's supposed new unmanned drone is nothing more than a cheap knockoff that no one needs to worry about.

Earlier this month, an American Predator drone was knocked out of the sky over Iranian airspace. The Iranians claimed that they were able to hack into its systems and bring it down. Despite an Army tech expert declaring that "The Iranians couldn't hack their way out of a wet paper bag," the Iranians also claim

that they had recovered the drone's programming. Further, they insist that on board the drone's computer systems were a list of American radio frequencies, a detailed log on American military operations, and a copy of "The Complete Idiot's Guide to

Building a Predator

Drone," all stored in plain,

unencrypted text files and available in both Arabic and English. The Army has denied these allegations, stating that "Nobody would be that stupid! Give us a bit of credit here!" The Army has also announced that the true cause of the drone's crash was a combination of a weakened engine and an operator that was drinking on the job.

When asked why he was so sure that the Iranian drone was no threat, the Army spokesperson replied "There were several factors that allowed us to determine that the drone was fake. For starters, one can clearly see

the words 'Display Model Only' stamped on the side of the supposed drone. Also, there appear to be wires visible supporting the craft. Finally, there seems to be a guy in the background with a remote control attempting to drive what I assume is the vehicle that the drone is suspended from. And call me crazy, but that drone looks like it's made of cardboard and duct tape."

Bahar al-Lowe, one of the key figures involved in creating the Iranian drone, told us that "It has to be a good one! We contracted all the components to China!"

We then told that the sort of hacking that Iran claimed to have done was impossible (editor's note: we're not sure if it was possible or not. We just wanted to get a good sound bite by flustering the interviewee. As you will see,

he did not disappoint).

Al-Lowe responded by saying, "Um, uh, well, you see, we rerouted the primary cache through the DNS relay and set our chipset to the UART as specified by the IP address. Then we relayed the Ethernet into the LAN and ran it through the DMA Type 3, and that brought down the drone. I throw up a wall of bullshit! Begone!"

We here at The Athenian will continue to monitor this situation as it develops, mostly so we can keep laughing at it. If the Iranians actually do manage to produce a functioning drone, we'll be sure to let you know.

## 2012's Vacation Hot Spots

as compiled by: the Vacation Guru

#### The Disney Vault Voyage Cruise Line

The Disney Cruise Line is proud to announce the latest addition to their magical fleet of ships: The Disney Vault Voyage! This ultimate family-friendly cruise invites you into the exclusive world of the Disney Vault. If your children are sick and tired of being denied the opportunity to watch Cinderella 4: Stepsisters' Revenge and Aladdin 7 3/4: Arabian Mid-Afternoon, then this is vacation for you!

While young cruisers are ushered into state-of-the-art 4D movie theaters (all the fun of 3D, plus real characters that leap into the audience, terrifying all children under the age of twelve!), parents are treated to luxury night-clubs and a never-ending supply of hard liquor.

Worried that the Disney Cruise isn't right for adults? Poppycock! Just wave your supplied magic wand and you'll be bibbity-bobbity-popping Xanax to your heart's content.

Parents, if you're not yet convinced, don't forget about the interactive exhibit featuring the late Walt Disney's cryogenically frozen head! Just press a mouse-shaped button and good ol' Walt will spout hilarious racist and anti-Semitic jokes until you laugh so hard that you'll be gasping for breath!

Don't delay! Book your Vault Voyage today!\*

\*Seriously. Book today. Every day you don't book a trip on the Disney Cruise Line, a fairy dies. Your children are well aware of this rule, so unless you want them to blame you for killing Tinkerbell, pick up that phone and start dialing!

#### The Garden of Eden Resort

Are you apeshit for Apple? Are you simply mad for Mac? Do you count down the days until you can rise at 4 a.m. to spend hundreds of dollars on a product you already own? If you answered YES to any of these questions (or if you answered NO to all of the above but consider yourself a hip white person), then The Garden is just the place for you!

At the Garden of Eden Retreat, you will have the opportunity to purchase hot new Apple products A FULL FOUR HOURS before the rest of the world! Each guest will be treated to a lavish tent and two sumptuous lawn chairs to await the next product release in style and comfort.

As a special opening treat, we are proud to announce that the first 100 guests will be eligible to purchase the 17.5 inch MacBook Master! You'll be the talk of the cubicles with this hot new laptop. Can't afford the \$10,000 price tag! Don't fret! Loan officers will be strategically placed throughout the resort-storefront to set up a second mortgage on your home.

As if that isn't tempting enough, each customer will receive a FREE USB CORD with each purchase of a MacBook Master\*!

\*Restrictions apply.

#### **The Official 2012 Preparation Paradise**

No discussion of the 2012 Vacation Hot Spots would be complete without a nod to The Official 2012 Preparation Paradise! This luxurious vacation locale is sure to be the top Vacation Hot Spot of the year 2012.

Guests will prepare for the upcoming apocalypse in style as they learn how to kill zombies, stockpile nonperishable food and shoot their unprepared neighbors, all in the comfort of our state-of-the-art resort and spa! When you're not preparing to befriend alien invaders, you'll be sipping banana daiquiris and floating along the relaxing lazy river.

Owner-zealots Christian McShepherd and Mary McChrist are also proud to announce that each guest will receive a fire-proof body suit to take home as a special.

Please note: The Official 2012 Preparation Paradise does NOT prepare guests for catastrophe involving the Kardashians assuming control of the entire free world. In the event of this type of end-of-the-world apocalypse, we advise mankind to don leggings and a fur coat and pray for God to have mercy on their souls. May the force of Ryan Seacrest be with us all.

## Obama Announces Plans to Ban Straight Marriage

as reported by: Louis Cypher

Today President Obama announced his administration's intent to begin pushing for state-level amendments banning opposite-sex marriage.

Obama cited a 2009 study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention which claimed that the United States divorce rate may be as high as 50%. "If half of all marriages are ending in divorce," Obama said at a press conference, "then clearly our citizens cannot be trusted to enter into them in the first place. Not to mention the effects that this is having on children who then have to grow up without a stable family life, and the court costs associated with it. Our legal system has better things to do than end hundreds of thousands of marriages every year."



Obama's decision was denounced by House Speaker Eric Cantor, who was quoted in a private interview with reporters after the press conference. "This is ridiculous. The Bible says that gay marriage should be prevented, not straight marriage. And that CDC study is total bullshit. I can't believe he's misinterpreting the data like that, the study clearly wasn't meant to be used to support something like this."

Concerned Women for America and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (also known as the Mormon Church) also voiced their support for Cantor's pro-straight message, stating that the announcement is "unfair" and "a cheap shot." Brian C. Brown from the National Organization for Marriage

was quick to provide a rebuttal to most of Obama's points.

"My wife and I were born this way," Brown said tearfully at a press conference outside his group's headquarters in a sub-basement of a Washington, DC strip club. "Obama has obviously not given full consideration to something that will hurt the happiness and wellbeing of millions of Americans. If we love each other, I see no reason why we shouldn't be allowed to get married. This is simply discrimination, and something that should not be allowed to occur in a modern, diverse society."

When informed of the news, LDS church president Thomas Monson reportedly poured a glass of non-alcoholic bourbon, stared wistfully out the window, and said "Well played, Mr. Obama."



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