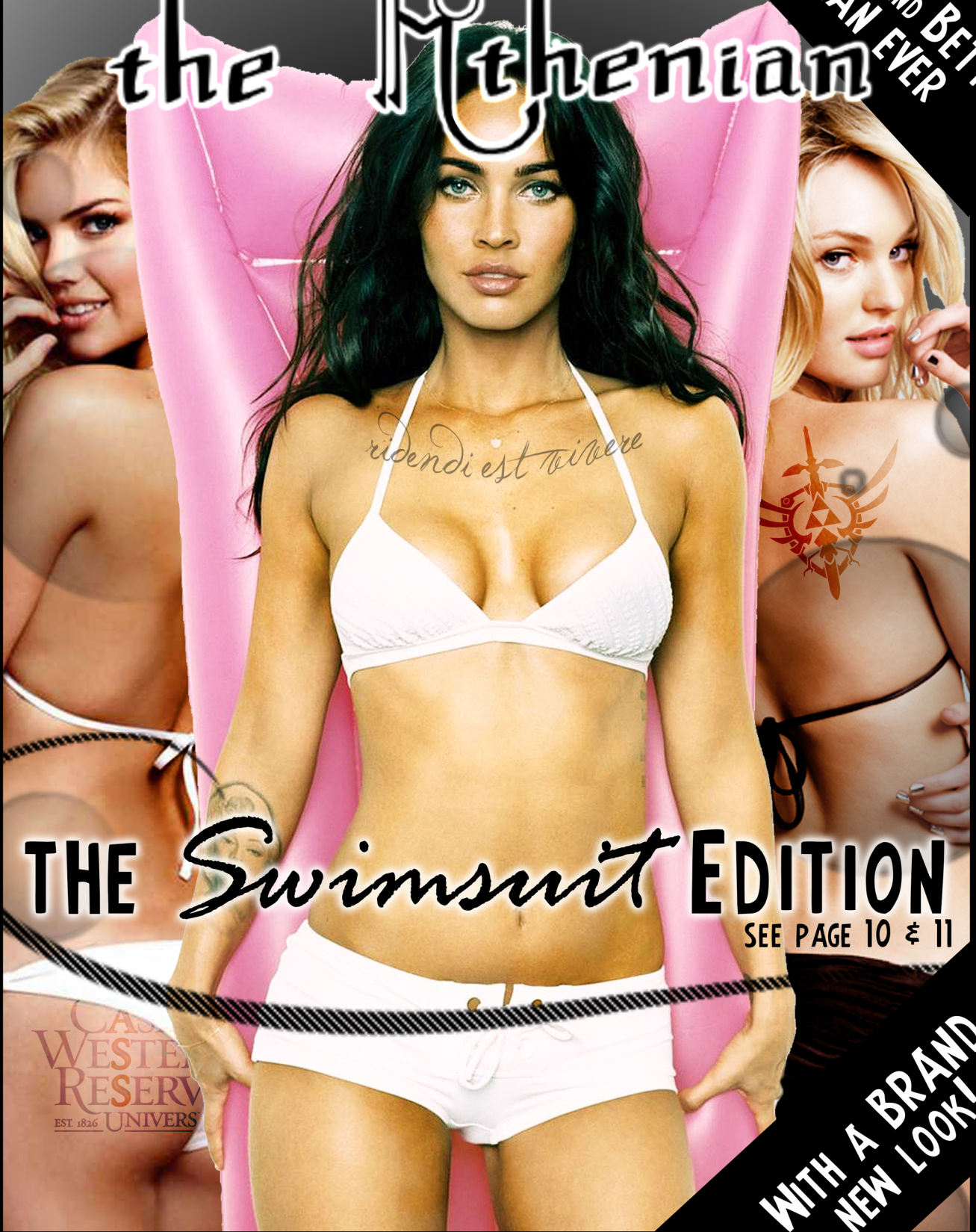


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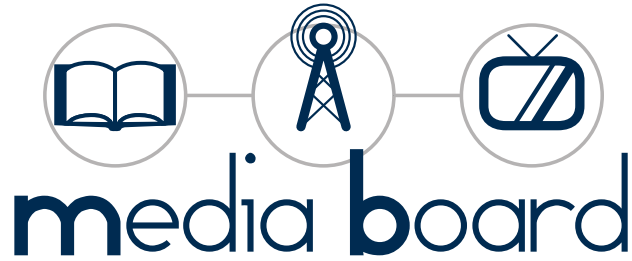
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## ...From The Editor

**Hello everyone!**

As I was returning from a meeting with the Assistant Editor, I was reminded of a question that I get asked a lot: “Pat, I’m tired of spending my Saturday nights alone. How do I get out of my dorm room and attract a mate?” To which I always reply, “How the hell would I know? I’m a sock.”

Another question I get asked a lot is: “Pat, which political party do you support?” Well, I think that if you read the issue, it will be pretty clear whose side we’re on. So I’m not going to discuss it here.

The last noteworthy question that I get asked regularly is: “Pat, how can I get involved in making *The Athenian* better?” Of course, it’s not usually phrased that way. Usually it’s more along the lines of “Good God, how could you think that was funny?” or “What exactly were you drinking when you put this pile of dung together?”

In any case, the biggest way that you can help make *The Athenian* better for everybody is to submit content. If our style of humor isn’t quite to your liking, write something that is and send it to us! You get humor you like, and we don’t have to scramble at the last minute to produce content! We accept anything: funny articles (obviously), funny photoshops, cartoons, and even ideas for articles. You send it to us, and we’ll find a way to work with it. If your submission is the best of the issue, you win \$50! Everyone is happy!

In slightly more somber news, due to Medi-aBoard budget cuts, we will not have a prize for



**Pat Melvin, Editor-in-Chief**

the caption contest going forward. Rest assured to the winner of the last one, however, that you will get paid. \$25 is what you were promised, and \$25 is what you shall receive. But hey, the rest of you will still have valuable bragging rights for your friends and relatives, and it looks good on a resume. Or so I’ve heard — I’ve never actually held a real job.

To make up for that, we are announcing the start of a new feature called “Funny Things Heard Around Campus,” since *the Observer* apparently can’t be bothered to run it any more. If you hear something funny around campus, send it in. You won’t win anything, but it’s all in good fun.

Well, I’m off for an exhilarating run through the washing machine. Enjoy the rest of the issue! And remember: humor is everyone’s responsibility.

P.S. Kudos to Mel Sayre for the new layout. Thanks, Mel!

— The Editor

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Congratulations to **Alex Aloï** for winning best submission of Issue 62!



## BMEs complete annual major changing ceremony

*as reported by: Don Key*

This past weekend, over 500 freshman and sophomore Biomechanical Engineering (BME) majors took part in Case's annual BME Major Change ceremony. The ceremony is a tradition at CWRU, one where naive students realize that they were never really interested in the major in the first place and that a business major is both more interesting and offers better job prospects in this economy.

"Yeah, there's always a lot of pressure to declare your major right away," according to freshman Tommy Lee Jones (no relation to the Finnish glockenspiel manufacturer), whose dean in undergraduate studies always encouraged



him to take his time in deciding on a degree program. "I just wanted everyone to stop bugging me about it, so choosing BME was really just a temporary thing."

Alicia Silverstein, a sophomore BME major with a concentration in bioelectrics, mentioned her dissatisfaction with the program in an address preceding the ceremony.

"I didn't have high hopes for Case in the first place," said Silverstein, whose parents are still deciding what to do with the 20-foot "Case

School of Engineering" poster hanging in her bedroom at home. "But our professors are obviously clueless and have no real experience. I once asked my professor to name a real-world innovation he's worked on, and he couldn't come up with anything." Silverstein neglected to mention that her professor was actually developing a neural interface with applications for patients with paralysis.

The major changing ceremony takes the form of a traditional commencement, with students crossing the stage before having their major declaration form signed by a dean. Sources reported sightings of 500-gallon barrels of ink being wheeled into Veale Center in order to deal with the record number of forms. According to Institutional Research, Business and Cognitive Science were tied for the most-chosen major in the ceremony, with Psychology taking a close second.

Mitt Romney (no relation to the professional golfer), the valedictorian of the former-BME class with a 2.3 grade point average, expressed interest in finding ways to help the world that do not involve biomechanics or engineering. "This leaves a huge gap in my time," Romney said, wistfully thinking of the 45 minutes he spent each week working on BME coursework. "However, I can use that time for the benefit of others, like volunteering at local non-profits or counseling teenagers in crisis." Romney pointedly did not include partying, sleeping, or getting his swell on at the gym in the list he said out loud.

# Case Model UN's peacekeeping committee learns the meaning of irony

as reported by: Steve "Klondike" Barr

As Case Model United Nations met last Tuesday, all eyes were on the Peacekeeping Committee as they attempted to resolve some vital issue that threatened the peace and stability of the world. Things were going well –sources inside Model UN tell us that the kids inside were doing a better job than most real-world politicians – until a disagreement arose between delegates from Eritrea and the Dominican Republic.

It seems that the United States introduced a resolution that involved pooling the world's armies and sending them into Hell to eliminate Satan once and for all, thereby eliminating the issue at hand as well as every other problem that might ever crop up. However, Eritrea was listed before the Dominican Republic on the list of signatories, and the Dominican Republic wanted to be listed first. Before long the entire committee was engaged in a massive free-for-all.

The representative from the Dominican Republic, who is currently being blamed for starting the whole mess, was quoted as saying "I always take my role here very seriously. I act in the best interest of my country at all times. I really brought my A-game to this meeting, and just in case that wasn't enough, I also brought my golf club." When asked if that was perhaps excessive, the delegate replied "Hey, them's the breaks of living in a free society. But one day, the Best Delegate Award will be mine!"

We interviewed a number of other delegates who were involved in the incident. The delegate from Argentina was quoted as saying "I really wanted to impress that hot delegate from Norway. What better way to show off my manhood and win a girl's heart than by beating the hell out of some guy I've been getting along with fine up until now?" The delegate from Cuba was less concerned with his sex life and more focused on revenge: "Man, that guy from Canada was giving me dirty looks the whole meeting. But

the final straw was when he called me ugly during an unmoderated caucus. I was glad for an excuse to show him who's boss." The delegate from Vatican City told us that "everyone else was doing it. [He] just wanted to fit in." Finally, the delegate from Switzerland, who did not take part in the brawl, was asked about his lack of aggression. He replied "I just sat back and asked myself, 'What would my country want me to do in a situation like this?'"

The moderators of the committee, who were there to stop this kind of situation, apparently allowed the violence to continue unchecked. When confronted with this accusation, one of the three moderators told us "What fight? I was in



the bathroom; I don't know nothin'." Another responded "Our primary job is to ensure peace and stability. So we know when it's best to just let these things burn themselves out." The third moderator could not be reached for comment; every time we tried, we were told that she had urgent business, such as getting her dog's nails done or a convention "somewhere far, far away from wherever you guys are."

Model UN is reportedly planning to organize a committee to study what should be done to prevent such an incident from occurring again. This committee is scheduled to start meeting sometime next week.

# Case institutes new anti-crime policy that gets everything out in the open

*as reported by: E. Cole Ayi*

August – that magical month when school begins, the temperature fluctuates beyond belief, and students get the very first security alert of the school year three hours into the first day. Case Police and Security services are planning a new crime-prevention initiative for the 2012-2013 school year that is set to debut this month. Athenian reporters were given a special look behind the scenes of this novel new punishment scheme, and found it interesting to say the least.

Head of security Officer M. Marker wouldn't divulge specific details of who had come up with the plan, but did say this: "Criminals like to rob Case students because they think they're easy targets. Well, with what we're doing here, anyone who tries to steal or mug or whatever is gonna be the laughingstock themselves."

The \$45.5 million initiative, Marker claims,

will pay off handsomely as the number of students being stolen from decreases drastically. The plan is simple: all Case students will be licensed to carry a state-of-the-art motion-capture camera that automatically snaps a photo of any would-be criminal's face. The photo will then be sent to a campus database, which will look up the criminal's favorite campus organization or, barring that, their Social Security number and ID photo. But the fun doesn't stop there.

Undergraduate Student Government (USG) has approved the request to then have a stalker painted with the criminal's information and then let loose across campus. Coincidentally, this can also serve as community service for anyone requiring punishment for a first offense. The ridicule will be far less than expected if the stalker is brave enough to actually run across campus naked instead of bundling themselves in hipster gear.

## Who said it? Mitt Romney, or Ernie, the Local Gas Station Hobo?

- \_\_\_ 1. "I believe that the richest 1% deserve a tax break."
- \_\_\_ 2. "Hey, can you give me some money? Whatever you can spare. It's for a good cause."
- \_\_\_ 3. "I like being able to fire people who provide services to me."
- \_\_\_ 4. "Corporations are people too, my friend. That money's gotta go somewhere."
- \_\_\_ 5. "I'm not concerned about the very poor. We have a safety net there."
- \_\_\_ 6. "I have some friends who run a bumfighting operation. We need to encourage more capitalism and entrepreneurship like that."
- \_\_\_ 7. "Who let the dogs out? Who, who."
- \_\_\_ 8. "I like those fancy raincoats you bought. Really sprang for the big bucks."
- \_\_\_ 9. "I should tell my story. I'm also unemployed."
- \_\_\_ 10. "Well, this person shouldn't have had any kind of weapons and bombs and other devices and it was illegal for him to have many of those things already. But he had them."
- \_\_\_ 11. "How would I know about movies? I'm fucking homeless!"
- \_\_\_ 12. "I love this state. The trees are the right height."
- \_\_\_ 13. "Can you see that one of those righteous bottles of liquor falls into my lap?"

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## Top 5 Obscure Case Majors

5. Wireless internet installation
4. Ninjitsu
3. Maldovian Studies
2. Interpretive Dance
1. Communications

## Top 5 Things Lost Due to Recent Budget Cuts

5. Anything that was even remotely interesting during orientation
4. All the furniture in your common room
3. Plans for comprehensible artwork
2. The open grassy field behind Thwing
1. Any semblance of respect we had for copyright around here

## New bike program to save millions of microseconds in commute

*as reported by: Fred J. McGillicutty*

In the wake of their successful “Bike Lanes on the Quad” program, Case administrators announced that they will be adding additional stripes to the quad to denote space for carpool vehicles. Intended to provide incentives for carpooling, the lanes are expected to take up an additional 15 feet of space in order to allow for high-capacity Hummers and other sport utility vehicles (along with more traditional 5-6 person unicycles and bicycles carrying up to 10 people). The plan would increase the throughput of Case commuters and help to unclog congested campus pathways by providing direct routes to most academic buildings.

“When we first unveiled the bike lanes initiative, there were concerns that the new lanes wouldn’t hold up to the amount of bike commuters carrying more than 3 or 4 people at once,” said Case’s Director of Campus Planning & Facilities Management, Ben Roethlisberger (no relation to the famous folk singer). “Honestly, we weren’t expecting such a high turnout, especially given the low utilization of Case’s athletic facilities. We didn’t think more than 4 or 5 students even owned bikes, but as usual our students have broken all expectations.”

Roethlisberger went on to detail details of the plan, such as trimming low-hanging tree branches to make room for the increased height of carpool bikes, and placing ladders at key points on the quad to facilitate easy loading and unloading. He also mentioned a future campus initiative to build a bypass across

campus, starting from Thwing Center and travelling along an elevated bridge to cross Euclid Avenue before ending at Crawford Hall. The skybridge would feature a moving walkway, similar to those found in large airports; a Brookstone; a Max & Erma’s; and a 15-minute massage kiosk. It’s expected to save at least 2 minutes for commutes to the quad, as well as numerous traffic accidents per year due to pedestrians who still haven’t mastered walk/don’t-walk signs at this point in their lives.

However, the plan was not met without criticism. Three undergraduate students protested the announcement at its press conference, citing safety and increased cost to pedestrians. Paris Hilton (no relation to the famous theoretical physicist), the sophomore leader of the protest, said that she found numerous faults with the plan, including the clause that would add a \$200 increase to tuition to pay for portable turn signals for pedestrians and hovercycle police officers as well as the fact that it leaves no room for actual pedestrians.

“I understand that safety is one of the administration’s concerns, but the cost of these head-mounted turn signals is far too high for our student body to accept,” Hilton stated in a far smaller and much less awesome press conference. “I think that finding cheaper units, such as non-electronic, 3-foot foam fingers, would be a top concern for Case staff, especially given our commitment to sustainability.” The Athenian refused a comment from Hilton on the grounds that she was being a total buzzkill.

## Funny things heard on campus

“I don’t like my girlfriend; can we do a u-substitution?”

“So if I visit Amazon, and then Playboy, Amazon won’t know I’m interested in Playboy!”

“What about this new private mode in Safari and the other browsers?”

“That’s actually a very good thing. If you ever go to pornography sites I would encourage you to use it.”

“The main thing I’ve learned in this course is that slicing fruit with a sword is messy, but fun.”

“One day soon, this campus will be mine!”

“This class sucks, Beavis.”

“Can we just arbitrarily declare our projected income to be a gazillion dollars?”

[waiting in line at Chipotle]

Guy: “Hey, what’s that kid got?”

Me: “Looks like a violin case”

Guy: “What the fuck is a violin?”

Me: “...it’s an instrument.”

Guy: “Really?”

“Huh. Blue hoodie. That’s different.”

Did you hear something around campus that sounded totally absurd and/or hilarious? Send it in! These submissions were as close to the actual phrasing as possible. As with any submission, please email your entry [Athenian@case.edu](mailto:Athenian@case.edu).

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# New Arizona contraception bill gives birth to new controversy

as reported by: Bob Khatz

Earlier today in Phoenix, Arizona Governor Jan Brewer (R) signed a bill that declares a woman legally pregnant at the moment that her significant other purchases sexual lubricant and whipped cream within 24 hours of each other. The bill is designed to further limit the period of time where a woman can legally have an abortion performed.

“Late term abortions are a barbaric practice that has no place in civilized society – or in uncivilized society, for that matter,” said Brewer, in a press conference immediately after the signing. “Now in Arizona, pregnancy will legally begin at the correct time, when a woman’s husband, boyfriend, or lover purchases sexual lubricant along with whipped cream, pre-made frosting, or any other sweet, viscous material used in the act of love making.”

Similar efforts to limit abortion in other states have already occurred. For example, last month in Michigan the state government passed a law that begins pregnancy at the moment that a male utters the words “let’s get to down to

business,” (or some variant thereof), in the presence of a female with whom he has had sexual relations.

Predictably, the bill faced stiff Democratic opposition. “There is no evidence to suggest that whipped cream is always used sexually,” said Matthew McJohnson, a practicing physician in Tucson. “Occasionally, people eat it with real food. Like angel food cake. That shit is boss.” Former president Bill Clinton also chimed in, saying “That depends on what the meaning of the word ‘is’ is...oh, wait, I thought we were talking about something else. Never mind.”

However, Republicans have not wavered in their support for the bill. “We are committed to protecting human life,” said Brewer. “Those who purchase whipped cream and K-Y Jelly must accept the risks that they are taking, and if a pregnancy occurs, they have no one to blame but themselves. “

“Plus,” Brewer concluded, “If you need whipped cream to get it up, you probably shouldn’t be having kids in the first place.”



# A CONVERSATION with the Sock Puppet

**Athenian:** I'm here today with the Editor-in-Chief of *The Athenian*: a living, breathing sock puppet! Mr. EIC, good to be with you today.

**Sock Puppet:** The pleasure is all mine.

**Athenian:** So...how exactly did you end up in the position of editor-in-chief?

**SP:** No one else stepped forward and applied. Speaking of, we might be in a similar position next year, so get involved with *The Athenian*, kids!

**Athenian:** Right. Get involved. Do you have any references?

**SP:** I was endorsed by the "He Will do Better than the Last Guy" party. In fact, they hand-picked me.

**Athenian:** I see what you did there. So, I'm sure many of my readers are wondering, what's it like being a sock puppet?

**SP:** Ever had a colonoscopy?

**Athenian:** No...

**SP:** It's like that. Seriously though: it's pretty nice. I just spend the day lounging on the bedroom floor. And because I'm a puppet, I don't even have to suffer the indignity of having some idiot put his stinky feet right next to my nasal cavities. Though the dog does run off with me sometimes. Once I ended up buried in the front yard for about a week. That was...fun.

**Athenian:** I can imagine. What did you do to fill the time?

**SP:** Thought up some new ideas for articles. That, and screamed for help.

**Athenian:** So that reminds me: how did a sock puppet get interested in writing?

**SP:** Well, normally my interests lean more toward promoting world peace. In this case, however, I happened to land on a copy of *The Athenian* a couple of years ago and thought "I could do better than this."

**Athenian:** Fascinating. And a worthy message to those reading this interview. Now, besides promoting world peace and writing for *The Athenian*, what does a sock puppet do in his free time?

**SP:** Well, I usually like to lounge in the sun spot on the floor or under the paws of the cat if I can manage it. Otherwise, I like long walks on sandy beaches and defending stupid posts on internet forums.

**Athenian:** What about entertaining children?

**SP:** God no. I hate kids.

**Athenian:** But you're a puppet...

**SP:** I refuse to be pigeon-holed.

**Athenian:** One last question: how did you become sentient in the first place?

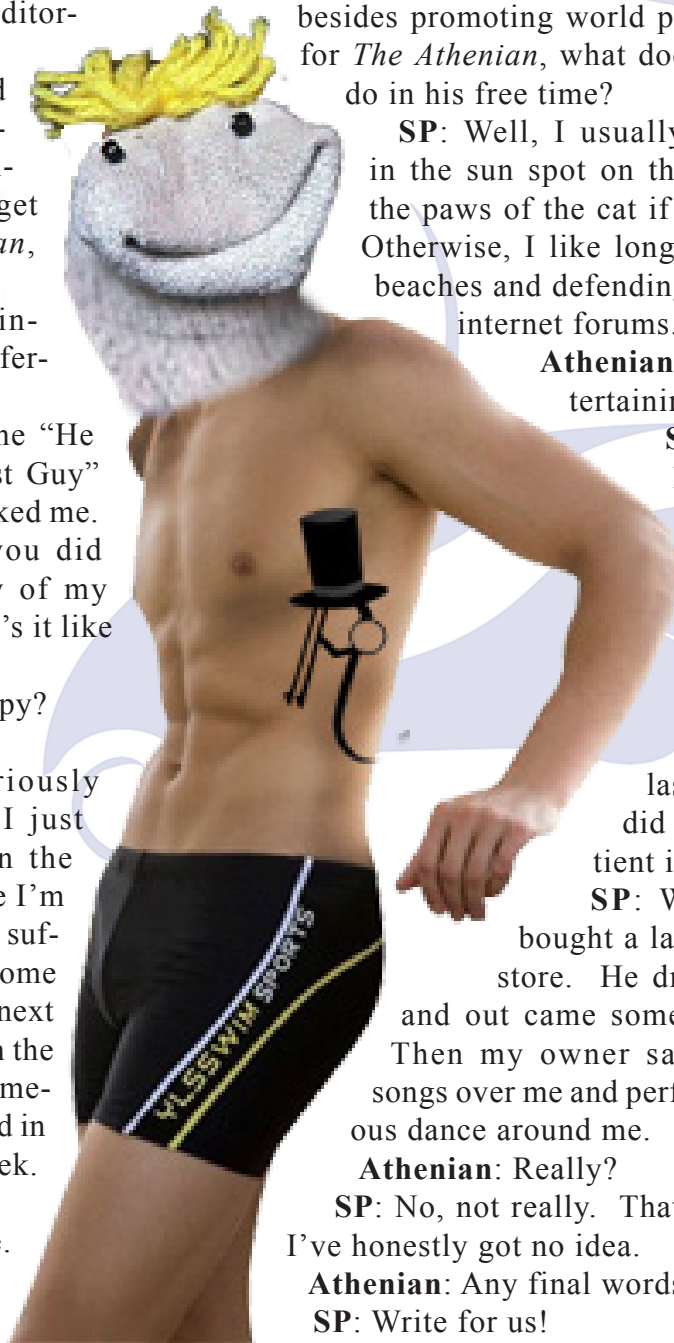
**SP:** Well, my owner bought a lamp at an antique store. He dropped it on me, and out came some magic powder. Then my owner sang some magic songs over me and performed a mysterious dance around me.

**Athenian:** Really?

**SP:** No, not really. That's such a cliché. I've honestly got no idea.

**Athenian:** Any final words?

**SP:** Write for us!



**Athenian:** I'm joined today by award-winning film and television actress Megan Fox. Megan, thank you for sitting down with me.

**Megan Fox:** I'm glad to be here.

**Athenian:** Now, I'd like to start off with one of your more controversial announcements in recent history: that you're running for the Presidency of the United States.

**MF:** That's correct.

**Athenian:** What caused this sudden intense interest in politics?

**MF:** Well, it's really not a new interest. My term as a US senator from Tennessee was overlooked by most of the general public, and while I was filming Transformers I spent a brief stint as governor of California.

**Athenian:** I had no idea! Why was this so low key?

**MF:** Well, I'm very well-versed in public policy and I have a JD from Yale, but I knew that despite the precedent set by former governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, the public wouldn't be very accepting of an actress running for public office. So, I did a few well-timed photo shoots and was able to successfully focus



## A CONVERSATION with *Megan Fox*

on my campaign while the media was focused on my assets, so to speak.

**Athenian:** Could you give us some of the highlights from your platform?

**MF:** Certainly! I'd like to focus my energy on reforming the tax code, continued government involvement in public healthcare, full withdrawal of troops from the Middle East, massive cuts to the military budget, and integration of immigrants into American society.

**Athenian:** Those seem to be closely aligned with much of what President Obama has been trying to accomplish.

**MF:** I think that Mr. Obama has done a great job in his term, but given the current political climate I don't believe there's much more he can accomplish without being deadlocked by Congress.

**Athenian:** Presumably you have a solution to that problem?

**MF:** Absolutely. Every member of Congress supporting my initiatives will get an autographed nude photo of me.

**Athenian:** You're serious?

**MF:** Completely. It's an easy way to get the vote from all of the sleazy, corrupt men in Congress. I'm to understand that some Congresswomen would be appreciative as well, although I'm already polling very well with female voters in general. In order to fix the rampant problems in this country, you have to take drastic measures.

**Athenian:** So is that why you're in the swimsuit?

**MF:** Yup. That's what's known as a "free sample."

**Athenian:** Well, that's an interesting campaign strategy, Megan, and I imagine that you'll have the support of many of our readers as well. Thank you for speaking with us today!

**MF:** Thank you, Claudius.

## Ryan and Akin announce union, declare “No Homo”

*as reported by: Grover D. Rover*

This past Sunday, vice-presidential candidate Paul Ryan made an announcement to the world at large that engendered no small amount of surprise. Although he and Missouri representative/certified douche Todd Akin have been planning to marry for several months, the two of them have decided to not only set a date, but inform the public. The two politicians have given what Akin’s publicist terms “a very sound and logical reason” for leaving their wives and marrying each other: both of them hate women.

“No homo, but the two of them are perfect for each other,” Mitt Romney was quoted as saying on the campaign trail yesterday. “I’m sure their wives understand – I mean, really, what’s better? Being the ex-wife of a guy who’s married to Paul freaking Ryan, or not being famous?” A poll given to Romney’s constituents after his speech revealed that 87% were for Paul freaking Ryan, and a mere 13% were for not being famous.

Ryan and Akin have made it very clear that, although they are indeed marrying each other (in Massachusetts, no less), they are emphatically straight. It simply makes sense, given that they have both proven to America that they hate, despise, detest, abhor, and also really, really don’t like women. In that case, it’s only logical that the two guys who can’t stand the gender to whom their wives belong should choose each other as a reasonable alternative.

However, the sex question is still unanswered. When asked, Ryan and Akin only shrugged and said that sex is a commanded and vital part of a marriage, but since they’re not gay, they’ll discuss beforehand whether or not to do it. Both of them have children from their previous marriages, and find it unnecessary to attempt to procreate, as a) they have fulfilled the Biblical commandment to be fruitful and multiply already, and b) having sex while using birth control is a sin in both their sets of religious beliefs.

President Barack Obama released a press statement yesterday announcing that he “hope[s] they will both be very happy, since they deserve each other,” but that he thinks it might come across as slightly offensive to have their wedding on the first day of Ramadan. Akin replied several hours after the press release, via Twitter, “Duh.”

The happy couple intends to cohabit either in the White House (providing Ryan’s running mate/partner-no-homo gets his way) or in central Oklahoma. They are registered at Marshall’s under the name “Paul’n’Todd.”



*Akin and Ryan entering a new era of harmony - so to speak. What will this lead to in the imminent future?*

# Recent polls show empty chair continues to gain in swing states

*as reported by: Dusty Rhodes*

As the race for the presidency continues, recent polls show challenger Mitt Romney falling behind an empty chair in the key swing states: Ohio, Virginia, and Florida. The incumbent (and recumbent) chair also made strong gains in national polls, widening its leads to 6%.

Many analysts attribute this change in the mostly-static campaign to a rousing dialogue between the chair and Hollywood legend Clint Eastwood that was met with a standing ovation at the Republican National Convention. The RNC appearance was followed by a somewhat more tempered but still inspiring trademark speech at the Democratic National Convention. One critic of the recent polls, Romney pollster Neil “In Da House” Newhouse, said that “while some voters will feel a bit of a sugar high from the conventions, the basic structure of the race has not changed significantly. The reality of the chair economy will reassert itself as the ultimate downfall of the chair’s presidency, and Mitt Romney will win this race.”

Romney has stated doubts about the accuracy of the polls in earlier comments, stating that “[he] will not let [his] campaign be dictated by the fact checkers,” while holding a ménage a

trois with Fox News personality Mike Huckabee and former U.S. Senator Rick Santorum.

In single issue polls, the chair still continues to trail in economic issues as Americans express dissatisfaction with the rate of recovery after the Great Recession of ’08. White House Spokesman Jay Carney, in a rare “topless” press conference, responded to the criticisms leveled by the Romney campaign: “The chair’s Recovery Act is widely recognized to have broken the back of the recession, not unlike some chairs are wonton to do to regular human backs. Let me remind you all that the economy was already in free fall when the chair was placed behind the desk in the Oval Office, and if not for its presence Americans would have been flooded. We cannot forget that the weight of the American people was put fully on an inanimate object, which it recognizes as no small burden.”

Despite this newfound lead in the chair’s race to remain the seat of the presidency, allegations continue to come out of states such as Kansas and Arizona that the chair was not made in the United States, and constitutionally this piece of furnished wood is not eligible to be president.

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# No adorable things are safe from Romney's

*as reported by: Tiffany Truffles*

Support for Mitt Romney crossed party lines this summer when the story of Seamus the dog leaked onto the internet. During a twelve-hour family trip, Romney strapped the family dog to the roof of the car. When confronted with the issue, Romney said that the dog enjoyed speeding down the highway at 60 miles per hour, feeling the wind in his hair and the bugs in his teeth. "Like how your dog likes sticking his head out the window, except in a cage. Going really fast." Romney said. Democrats and Republicans alike were outraged to hear of this cruelty. Apparently animal abuse is not a red or blue issue, but a rather soft shade of purple.

Now new stories are leaking of Romney's dark past. On a diplomatic trip to China, Romney surprised the local statesman with a gift of adorable baby pandas. Unfortunately, Romney's lack of foreign experience and basic common sense led to a horrible reaction when he pulled up to the embassy with the panda cubs strapped to the roof

of his car. Romney apparently thought that it the story could be turned into a dramatized true-story Disney movie "Pandas in the Big City." Instead, he ended up simply promising never to mention foreign policy in his campaign ads.

It is also coming to light that this is not a new trend in Romney's behavior. When a young Mitt Romney was giving his grandparents a ride to the community center for bingo, he strapped the cute old couple to the roof of his car. Allegedly, Romney thought that the trip would "put some life back into them."

Family photos have also been uncovered as evidence of more of Romney's cruelty to adorable things. Polaroids and home videos show evidence of a strapped down girl scout with a missing front tooth and a box of Thin Mints, a baby in a polka-dot onesie, and a Salvation Army Santa on various road trips throughout his life.

Is there any end to this man's road-trip political gaffes? What inarguably likable victim will he choose next? Let's just hope he doesn't discover Americans favor Obama.



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# WORLD NEWS



## Leaders of radical Libyan militia confused by attack on headquarters

*as reported by: E. Cole Ayi*

Members of the radical group Ansar al-Sharia were left scratching their heads Tuesday as their fellow Libyan citizens abruptly turned against them and burned their headquarters to the ground. Ansar al-Sharia is reportedly responsible for the death of US Ambassador Christopher Stevens, who was killed in an attack on the US Embassy in Benghazi earlier last month. Muhammad al-Zahawi, leader of the group, spoke with Athenian reporters earlier this week while dodging AK-47 fire directed at his office from his own family's house across the street.

"Look, I'm not saying that we killed that ambassador," al-Zahawi yelled to *The Athenian* over gunshots in the background. "But if we had, I don't see why anyone would be that angry about it. It's not like he did anything for this country anyway." In the heat of the battle, this reporter was unable to communicate to al-Zahawi that Stevens was strongly involved in the citizen-led revolution that overthrew violent dictator Muammar Gaddafi during 2011, or that al-Zahawi's own group had been working towards the same goal alongside Stevens.

"I was under the impression that the rest of the country wanted us to enforce Sharia law," al-Zahawi continued, with no indications of sarcasm present in his voice. "We help overthrow Gaddafi, and what do we get? Shot at, that's what. There's no respect from these people. All we want to do is put homosexuals to death, keep

women in the kitchen, and kill all those who insult the Prophet Muhammad. I really don't see what the problem is, but apparently they don't want to base a legal system on religion like I thought they did. Crazy, right?"

On the other side of the conflict, Libyans carrying signs in remembrance of Ambassador Stevens continued to fire any and all available weapons at the building housing Ansar al-Sharia. Members of Congress reportedly have no problems with this, as it "saves money on the ammo [the U.S.] would be buying for the same reason" according to Republican representative John McCain. Dejected employees at Raytheon and Boeing Defense, Space, and Security declined comment earlier today, reportedly due to disappointment that the military cancelled an order for 100 Tomahawk cruise missiles. An anonymous source at Raytheon stated that the order's "comments" section contained the text "...to be used in blowing the living shit out of Muhammad al-Zahawi's house."

At press time, President Obama was reportedly enjoying a glass of Lagavulin single-malt whiskey and a large bowl of popcorn while watching a live video feed of the burning remnants of Ansar al-Sharia's headquarters.

Answers to "Who Said It," page 6:  
Mitt Romney: 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12  
Ernie: 1, 4, 6, 11, 13

## More scandalous photos of the Royal Family found

*as reported by: Mary Jane Watson*

It hasn't been too long now since topless photos of Kate Middleton appeared in French magazine *Closer*. It's been even less time since the Royal Family filed a lawsuit to try to stop the publication of the photos, thereby drawing far more attention than the story would have otherwise received. When a court ruled to block publication of the photos, it appeared that the matter was closed. Today, however, *Closer* announced that it has acquired more indecent photos of the British Royal Family.

The magazine claims to have obtained "totally legitimate" photos of the entire Royal Family, past and present. Among them include Prince William topless, reportedly taken at the same time as Kate Middleton's; Prince Harry in his underwear; The Duke of Edinburgh in a Speedo, though we were unaware that the Duke of Edinburgh had a white head on a black body; Queen Victoria showing off one of her ankles; and Queen Elizabeth doing the same. Jean-Pierre du Tabloide, editor for *Closer*, also claims to have a topless photo of Queen Elizabeth II, taken about a year or two ago, but "for the sake of everyone's sanity, we're not going to run that one."

Reactions from the Royal Family have been negative. William has gone on record as saying "These photos crossed the line of decency, as they were taken at our private residence without our consent. Couldn't you have just gone online?"

I'm sure there are plenty of topless photos there you could have used." Prince Harry admits that the picture is legitimate but offered an excuse, "I had just woken up at the time. Look how groggy I am in the shot." The Duke of Edinburgh offered the following statement: "I say, these pictures are most illegitimate, old chap! The riff-raff over in France have gotten involved with Photoshop again." Neither Queen Victoria nor Queen Elizabeth ever returned our calls, and when we went to Buckingham Palace to speak to them in person, the guards just gave us strange looks and suggested that we were perhaps a bit unwell.

Du Tabloide, when interviewed, had this to say: "These photos are completely legitimate! We got them off of the internet! When has anyone ever put fake goods up on the internet?" When asked why *Closer* didn't do more useful things like look into the validity of government claims or find Amelia Earhart, du Tabloide replied "Eh. It's what the people want. Not everyone can be as naturally good at love as we French, you know. Sometimes they need a little help." The interview immediately concluded at that point as *The Athenian* wanted to get out of there before we made any lame jokes regarding French stereotypes.

The Royal Family plans to file a lawsuit to stop the publication of these photos as well. This will no doubt take away energy from their initiatives to give the Buckingham Palace guards cattle prods, tear gas, and armor-plated bearskin caps.



*That was my face exactly, Prince Harry. Thanks for understanding.*

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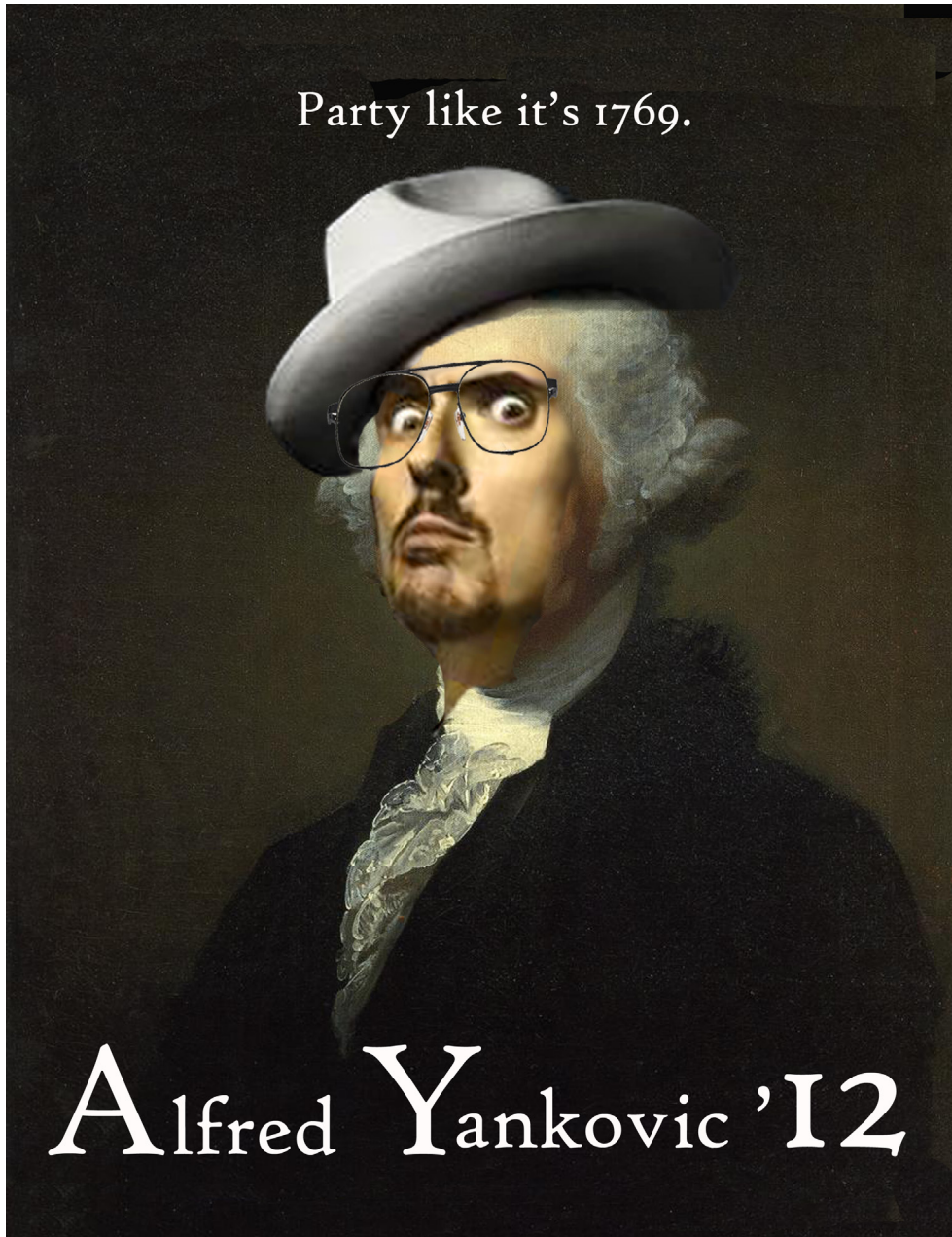
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– submitted by Stephano Hong

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