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Castro Resigns, Seeks New Post

Long serving Cuban President Fidel Castro announced last Monday that he would not be returning to his position in the Council of State as Commander in Chief when the island nation's legislature reconvenes Sunday. In a letter written to the state-run newspaper, Castro stated that he could not continue in a job "that requires mobility and total devotion, that I am not in a physical condition to offer."

Around the world, the media ponders the future of post-Castro Cuba. Will his successor institute democratic reforms? Will the 1962 trade embargo finally be lifted? Will the bay still be full of pigs? However, this reporter is more concerned with the future of post-Cuba Castro. Specifically, what is the man planning to do with his time now?

In recent days, *Hillpress* has learned that Castro's main reason for leaving Cuba is to apply to be the new director of University Honors at Virginia Tech. An unnamed source said that Castro,

who insists on being called "Fidel," has been conferring with Jack Dudley via long-distance phone calls for several weeks now before making the announcement public. Said the source, "Oh yeah, our phone bill has been outrageous recently. However, if we can land Fidel, it'll all be worth it. I mean, think about how much money he milked from the Soviets back in the 80s. Those donors don't stand a

chance. Now if you'll excuse me, I have to go back to printing out Honors applications and sending out repetitive email reminders about housing contracts."

Community reaction to this revelation was mixed. While some of the more pinko residents welcomed the announcement, others feared the changes it would bring. Said local killjoy Mallory Brangan, "Isn't this Castro fellow a prolific smoker? Because if he imitates Jack and starts smoking on the porch every morning I am so totally going to dump pot of boiling water out of the window on him."

As for Cuba, inside sources say that Castro's estranged son, David Choquette, is a shoo-in for the presidency. The final selection occurs Sunday.

Peter Kauffmann is Cuban Pete; he's the king of the Rumba beat. When he plays the Maracas he goes "Chick chicky boom, chick chicky boom."



"Bamana" Visit Goes Awry

At 10:50AM last Thursday morning, the drill field became a showcase of riotous anger and unprovoked rage. Upon the site of a 6'7" banana leaving War Memorial Chapel, over a hundred irate students screamed and chased the poor fruit all the way to Sandy Hall. In an effort to better understand his plight, I caught up with him afterwards and was allowed a short interview.

HP: Hello, Mr. Banana. How are you doing?

BM: Well, I'm doing alright, considering the circumstances. And please, call me Banana Man.

HP: Alright, Banana Man. Can you take us back to the

beginning of this whole mess? How did this all start?

BM: Several weeks ago my manager was contacted by Virginia Tech's "Banana's Are My Favorite" club. I was invited to speak at one of their meetings, and gladly accepted the invitation. I showed up today and... [starts sobbing]

HP: I didn't realize the BAMF club was behind your visit!

BM: [still sniffling] Yeah, they're great, those BAMFs.

HP: So why did a mob form against you?

BM: To be honest,

prejudice against "bananas" is still surprisingly prevalent in our society. All you have to do is peel back someone's skin and you can find those icky brown spots of hate.

HP: What do you mean?

BM: Well, I can't walk into a grocery store without someone trying to throw me onto a scale, and every time I'm in public all I hear are sexual innuendos.

HP: I'd imagine that is hard. I mean really, *really* hard.

BM: Wait. What?

HP: Well, Banana Man. I think I'm out of time. I hope you won't ever have to deal with this again and that you'll live a long and fruitful life.

BM: Not cool, dude.

Mitch hears that there are a lot of bananas in Aruba.



Banana Man Poses with an adoring BAMF club member

Hillcrest Resident Declares Candidacy

In an announcement late last night, 3rd floor resident and tycoon Peter LaVigne confirmed rumors that he would, indeed, be seeking the office of the Quote Board Keeper as an Independent in 2008. He has been a quiet yet vocal critic of the current options, Representative John Hoffman of the 2nd floor, the Reverend Chris Bushnell, and Senator Will Satterwhite of the 2.5th floor, and he believes that the American people deserve a better option.

“Our country has difficult issues to deal with that the existing candidates have flat out ignored. The issues of the replacement of MacGyver and DS9 on Spike TV with Extreme Police Videos, the discontent over the quality of quotes and the growing insurgency among the freshmen residents are important to my constituency. I will not let their concerns go unheard,” Peter said during a rally in El Paso on Wednesday night.

Peter announced his candidacy in Texas’ 6th largest city which boasts the country’s highest concentration of Latino voters. “I believe that I have good taste in humor, and thus would be able to discriminate between a ‘good quote’ and a ‘bad quote.’ I have also actually taken the time to read the recorded quotes on the



unofficial Hillcrest webpage. If Representative Hoffman thinks he can win on name recognition alone, he has something else coming. The people want a proven leader with good judgment. How can Mr. Hoffman claim any sort of judgment after leading the Jack of Diamonds on a ‘Nil’ bid in spades?”

When asked about the other candidates, LaVigne responded, “Our campaign is working under the assumption that the presumptive competition will be Mr. Hoffman. Reverend Bushnell and Senator Satterwhite just haven’t shown the same potential for popular support.”

The purpose of the rally and the reference to popular support were curious, however, as the position is selected autocratically with no election whatsoever (In contrast to Presidential Primaries, which at least give voters the illusion that their opinion counts). In fact, early this morning, current Quote Board Dictator Brad Shapiro endorsed LaVigne’s bid for the position. As his endorsement is the only one that actually counts, LaVigne will be starting on Monday, March 10th.

In his old age, Brad Shapiro has said that he will not aspire nor accept – the post of Quote Board Keeper. He said that it would betray his conscience to take up a responsibility that requires mobility and total devotion that he is not in a physical condition to offer.

WHILE YOU WERE OUT: HILLCREST ADDITION

As you may know, the VTPD currently wanders buildings on campus and issues “courtesy tickets” to those individuals who leave their belongings in the hall. This program has worked well in most buildings, but for some reason, Hillcrest residents haven’t really gotten the hang of not leaving their crap all over the hallways. This may be due to the fact that the only thing that has ever been stolen was a fire-orange N64 controller (which was later returned). But, the VTPD is adamant that Hillcrest residents need to learn how to secure their belongings. And, with the help of HGTV, they’ve finally found a solution!

Over Spring break, HGTV, along with the VTPD will be inspecting the entire building and searching out belonging in hallways and unlocked doors. With the help of Home Depot, VTPD will “renovate” all those unlocked rooms. Did you have a futon that matched your bedding and illegal curtains? Not any more! Oh, you really liked that tubular chair from the surplus auction? Too bad!

Don’t worry too much though, VTPD won’t be taking your belongings, they’ll just be redecorating them. So, as long as you love Cav-man and a blue and orange color scheme, this room makeover will be right up your alley.

The Hillpress asked resident Dylan Greenwood how he felt about the renovations. “I think it’s a great idea. I know I’ve left my skis, grill, and whatever’s out there now in the hall- but times have changed. It’s time that

residents learned what can happen when someone breaks in... I only wish they were decorating with a Duke color palate instead.

So, before you leave, please lock your doors and take your stuff out of the hallway... or else!

Erin Rubin, a complete Res Life tool, wants to make sure that everyone knows that there actually will be a slight redecoration over break- they’re replacing mattresses. When you leave, please take your sheets off of your bed!



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NOT Grand Tetons Brad Shapiro
Taxes Peter Kauffmann

GGW Jeremy Henry

Grandma’s Birthday David Choquette

Virgin Daiquiri Tory Smith

Beach Bumming Kari Adkins

Becoming a Carnie Erin Rubin

Gotham City Kathleen Cooperstein

ARUBA Mitch Daniels

Babysitting Will Satterwhite

Mitchell’s Sister Matt Allen

Ryan Luck (Sorry Erin) John Hoffman