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Guest Article: Primaries Heat Up

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As your probably aware, the long-awaited 2008 presidential election is salted for November 4th, 2007. This years primaries have been closely fought out by all the candidates. The battle for the Republican nomination has been quite a spectacle, with swing voters still trying to choose between Barack Obama (Democrat) and Hillary Clinton (Bitch).

Meanwhile, Mike Huckabee (Ignorant) and advocate Chuck Norris are hanging on by a thread against the favored John McCain (Old and Wrinkly). Mike Huckabee is facing criticism for being a religious fundamentalist who doesn't believe in evolution, science, calculus, or anything else that is generally accepted as true.. Despite support from Chuck Norris, he still can't believe its not butter.



The Statue of Liberty, pictured above, is one of our of greatest symbols of democracy

Quoted a few months ago saying, "I refuse to believe that humans are descendant from primates!" Huckabee was startled to learn that humans are, in fact, primates. Chuck Norris, however, disputed this assertion, claiming that all humans are actually descendant from him.

Finally, presidential hopeful Ron Paul (Who even knows?) is making a last-ditch effort to lure undecided voters to his cause. If elected, Ron Paul now promises to put an end to poverty, income tax, the war in Iraq, and *American Idol*. Who stands the best chance of becoming our next precedent? Take a look in tommorrow's CT to find out!

In the first sentence, "your" should read "you're" and "salted" should be "slated." In the second sentence, "years" should read "year's." The rest of the article should be read - actually please just don't read it at all if possible. The Collegiate Times regrets this entire article. Want to write for the CT? Call 1-800-MISPELL.

Bear Buys Bankrupt Brother's Brokerage in Big Bank Bailout

In response to the looming subprime mortgage crisis, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke announced Tuesday that JPMorgan Cool, the third largest banking institution in the United States, would be purchasing troubled brokerage firm Bear Stearns. In exchange for assuming the risk of Stearns, Cool received a sizable non-recourse loan from the Fed to insure them from certain liabilities in the event of further market downturns. Although this action will lead to staggering losses for employees and stakeholders of Stearns, Bernanke defended this decision, explaining that it was needed to maintain an orderly market for the greater good.

JPMorgan Cool, formerly known as J.P. Morgan & Co., entered the local consciousness when it was acquired by Hillcrest denizen Bear E. Cool in a hostile takeover in 2003. Since then, however, Cool's taut managerial style and his effective positive/negative reinforcement program of bear hugs and maulings has won the respect and awe of analysts nationwide.

However, immediately following the morning press conference, Cool himself was hit with wave after wave of allegations of bias in the merger. Nicholas Chimicles, one of the attorneys working on the class action lawsuit against Cool, decried the deal, citing a perceived close relationship between the CEOs of the two firms. "Bear Cool? Bear Stearns? Come on, people!" ranted Chimicles. "Next

you're going to try to tell me that Larry Bird and Tweety Bird aren't related."

In response to these allegations, freshman *Hillpress* staffer John Hoffman was sent to Cool's residence, Hillcrest CAVE, to investigate. He hasn't been seen since, and is presumed eaten. However, Cool did respond to a message sent to his Facebook profile ("Bear E. Cool"), saying "Sure, Stearns and I are brothers. He never really was any good with money, and this isn't the first time I've had to bail him out. I only hope he doesn't blow it all on something silly like basketball tickets, like he did last time."

At press time, Bear Stearns was seen writing VT Basketball coach Seth Greenberg a check for \$45,000.

Peter Kauffmann can eat more ice cream than Mitch—and he has the flatus to prove it.



Sam Abboud, pictured above, spent many an afternoon with the Bear brothers (Cool, left, and Stearns, right) during their stay in Hillcrest.

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It's not often that an intrepid journalist such as myself finds himself in the situation I currently face. With less than an hour remaining until press time, I was asked by editor-in-chief Brad Shapiro to "crap something out" for the forthcoming issue.

Well, fair reader, I succeeded! I produced a big, smelly wrinkle-necked brown trout with relative ease. And, needless to say, Brad was so impressed, he composed a poem

Mitch's Poop by Brad Shapiro
 In a testament to his excrement
 I pee-yewed at his poo poo.
 I escaped from floor third
 at the sight of his turd
 I was in quite a rush
 to make sure that he flushed
 but I finally quit
 when I got a whiff of his...armpit.

Mitch has to resort to middle-school bathroom humor to get his article written in time for the Hillpress meeting



ERIN RUBIN
 WAS TOO
 BUSY TO
 WRITE AN AR-
 TICLE THIS



WEEK. I KNOW EVERYONE IS VERY
 DISAPPOINTED THAT THEY WON'T
 GET AN ADVERTISEMENT FROM
 RESIDENCE LIFE...

Erin Rubin is not only a tool of Residence Life, but she is also a complete slacker who is known for eating babies

Greenberg Steps Up, Beamer Ups the Ante

Earlier this week, when Virginia Tech was invited to play in the National Invitational Tournament here in Blacksburg, basketball Coach Seth Greenberg, out of the goodness of his heart, decided to purchase 3,000 student tickets for Wednesday's game. He stated, "This is an opportunity to show my appreciation for the energy and enthusiasm that our fans bring to Cassell Coliseum each game."

Upon hearing this news, Coach Frank Beamer, not one to be outdone, took the giving one step further.

Starting Monday at 9:00 in the morning, students can line up outside Virginia Tech's Merryman Athletic Center to receive one of Coach Beamer's donated vouchers. The first 3,000 students in line on Monday morning will have the remainder of their college tuitions paid for by our favorite head coach. In a statement Thursday, Coach Beamer said, "In no way should this wonderful act of magnanimity be construed as an effort for me to be caring or philanthropic. I just can't stand it when Seth's a jerk and puts me to shame. I make more than enough money to pay for these kids' college. Didn't you see the nTelos commercial?"



Sam Abboud, pictured above, made the mistake of siding with Greenberg.

After this interesting financial aid opportunity was announced, officials quickly estimated that students would begin lining up shortly after classes end on Friday. This hypothesis, however, was slightly inaccurate. In fact, a line stretching from Merryman down towards Southgate has already formed, filled with

Hokies with less than adequate budgets.

On a somewhat unrelated note, the entire Honors staff will be out of the office until sometime Monday afternoon.

Will Satterwhite wrote his article BEFORE this issue was published. WOW.

Economics of the Existence of Economics

Berkeley, CA: In light of the recent economic crisis, research from the University of California at Berkeley suggests that economics does not even exist. This goes in the face of research by University of Chicago Nobel Laureate James Heckman. "It is possible that Heckman's results suggesting that economics exists are highly biased. We have recently developed a model that does not rely on the same parametric assumptions as those used by Heckman. Using a behavioral model together with his previous theory of 'Heckman Selection,' we have found that with 95% confidence, there is no such thing as economics."

Heckman was livid, "surely economics exists! Given the current economic crisis, how could it not exist? It is part of the term 'economic crisis.' The field has never been more important than it is right now."

Though the Nobel Laureate is well known in the field, the Berkeley economists are confident

When pressed, Heckman responded, "Berkeley economics knows nothing of the

market system. This 'Behavioral Revolution' is complete and utter nonsense. How many Nobel Prize winners are there in Berkeley?" Berkeley Nobel Prize winner Clive Granger responded, "Even if by that 5% chance that economics exists, it is unclear that this is the most crucial time for the field. If it even existed, our models predict that economics would have been far more important during the Crusades."

Presidential Candidate Ron Paul (R, Texas) weighed in on the issue. "Does the Constitution have mention of the existence of economics? If not, then the federal government has no right to mandate it. Only the free markets in conjunction with the states can make that decision."

As a result of these studies, The University of Chicago has predicted that the unemployment rate will slightly increase over the next few quarters in numbers roughly equal to the number of economics faculty at Berkeley. Berkeley has maintained that there is no economics, but has said that "If it exists, the unemployment rate will surely not exceed that of Indo-

nesia during the Jurassic period."

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke was not available for comment.

Brad Shapiro is sure more than ever that economic models are completely flawless. That being said, we are now both in a recession and not in a recession. You will either lose your job or keep your job. You will either prosper, stagnate or suffer. Chances are, Brad has just predicted the next six quarters for you



James Heckman, pictured to the left, is the third cousin, four times removed from Sam Abboud

Would You Like Some Obscenities With Your New Management?



As I casually walked through the TV lounge glancing over at the quote board to see what clever sayings were showing up under the swanky “New Management” sign, my jaw dropped to the floor. I can only describe my severe, emotional reaction with one word: violation.

There, written in large green letters, was the word “FANNY.” What had become of our pure and safe sanctuary? A pocket of crime has broken out in the beloved halls of Hillcrest in that this is not the first ap-

pearance of pseudo-obscenities on the quote board. Throughout the past week we have seen words such as N*PPLE, P**P, B*TT, and D*NGLEB*RRY, make their respective appearances in the place once held sacred for clever witticisms from the conversations of Hillcrestians.

One resident, who chose to remain anonymous, suggested that the sudden increase in the crime rate might be due to the lack of attention from newly selected overseer Peter LaVigne. When asked if he had anything to say he declined to comment on the grounds that he’s a fanny no-no poo-poo head.

“We’re simply not seeing the security that we had under Shapiro Rule,” says freshman Chris Bushnell. “I know I don’t feel as safe. Please hold me.” I understand Chris, I understand.

Little did the perpetrator know that he had left a clue behind at the crime scene. In my detailed investigations of the board and the surrounding area I found a lone cufflink, and a cigarette ash. Thanks to my lengthy study into the various types of tobacco and their ashes after they are burned, combined with the missing cufflink, I was able to trace the criminal back to someone here in our very own building.

When asked about what inspires his word choice his response was “Today we just drop the f-bomb without thought, but remember when you used to run up to your mom and say “poopie?” All the words we were too scared to say when we were little, it’s time to reclaim those.” ~Actual quote from person writing on quote board.

John Hoffman did not giggle at the words poop, butt, nipple, fanny, or dingleberry... and by did not he means he did... a lot... too much.

Editorial – Gang Involvement on Campus



A bit of background: It was China, 1248. Emperor Zhe-Chai’s evil regime was terrorizing the countryside. They had forcibly seized power in the High Council nine centuries before, just after the completion of the Silk Road and the Beijing IKEA. Corruption and bribery were the currencies of politics. From the shadows arose an elite shadow order, known only by a single letter: PS (but in Chinese letters). Known for their brutal tactics, the PS fought a virtuous guerrilla war before staging a coup on the Ides of March in 1263. However, absolute power corrupts absolute value, and the PS began harassing its own citizens. This once-revered elite organization was now no less a band of robbers than Zhe-Chai’s Immortal swordsmen. Remnants of this organization have survived to this day, expanding their sphere of influence to the global scale. They’ve even got operatives *employed* at Virginia Tech, under an assumed name derived from their organization’s initials. Which brings me to an important question for the University: Can I park?

Granted, my car is big. Really big (about 731.25 ft³). I probably need two or three parking spots if I’m sober. However, I don’t ask for VIP parking. I would just like to walk outside at 6:45 am, see a Parking Services guy camped beside my van, and not wonder to myself if I could beat a murder charge. (*Just kidding, I totally could.*)

I know they use parking fines as a source of revenue. After all, \$40*2 tickets/week/student (has anyone ever paid one on time?) adds up to like \$1.78*10⁹. That’s no small sum – approximately enough to buy ICTAS and do my own nanoprobe research so we can defeat the Borg at the Battle of Wolf 359 in 2367 (look it up). It’s okay – I understand that they need the money generated to print up those orange envelopes on such heavy cardstock.

So, here’s my proposal. Let’s build a parking garage. On the Drillfield. Give me a spare bulldozer, dump truck, and crane – I’ll have one built from the remains of War Memorial Gym faster than you can say pooppy-peupty-pants-ss.

Matt Allen did not write his own tagline.

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