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More Obama Cabinet Picks Announced

This past week brought more announcements from President-Elect Barack Obama regarding the final composition of his cabinet. Although his previous selections have brought near-universal acclaim from both sides of the aisle, the announcement made by That One at his most recent press conference have opened the floodgates of criticism from several opposition parties.

Obama had previously announced his renewal of Bush appointee Robert Gates as Secretary of Defense. However, in a surprise move at his usual Tuesday press conference, the senator announced a reversal of this stance, instead nominating Virginia Tech assistant football coach and defensive coordinator Bud Foster to the crucial foreign policy post.



President-Elect Barack Obama (left) introduces his foreign policy team: Secretary of State Hillary Clinton (center) and Secretary of Defense Bud Foster (right)

At the conference, the president-elect praised Foster's past performance as a defensive administrator, citing the numerous coaching awards and conference championships to his credit. "Bud Foster has served his team and his country well in his 28 years of coaching," said Obama, "and I am proud to bring his

experience in running number one defenses to the world's number one Department of Defense."

Despite a particularly enthusiastic response to this new, hard-line stance from such countries as Israel, Albania, and the Hokie Nation, internal groups such as Republicans and Anti-

Footballerists have expressed their displeasure with the nomination modification. While Republicans primarily oppose the change because Foster is set to replace Bush appointee William Gates, local AF representative Will Hutcheson summed up his group's opposition with three words: "We hate sports. Bud Foster has worked with sports all his life, and we don't care if he was the number one sportball winner of last time and achieved such by doing the most points. He is wrong for this country."

Even with this opposition, Obama plans to go forward with the nomination. Already, Foster plans to use his new post at the Pentagon to channel funds into scholarships for new recruits, open a second Foster's restaurant in Crystal City, and switch to running a prevent defense in Afghanistan.

In related news, VT Offensive Coordinator Brian Stinespring was not appointed to be Secretary of Offense. That would just be stupid.

"Peter Kauffmann" is Australian for beer.

Worst of the Worst

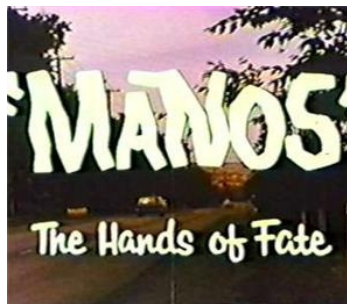
Greetings, gentle reader. As winter break approaches, I am certain that there is one and only one burning question in all of your minds: what movie will make me the most amount of dumber when I return to school in January?

Well, friends, the answer is unclear. Currently there is a dead-lock tie for Worst Movie Ever Made between two worthy combatants. It is up to you to decide who will come out on the bottom, and who will forever be remembered as merely Second Suckiest.

Here is a brief sum-up of the two contestants. Should you undertake to watch these movies, please take the precaution of writing out a living will (in case of a comatose state following the viewing.)

Manos: The Hands of Fate

Yes, this movie is called "Hands: the Hands of Fate." One might think that any movie containing a 20 minute fight scene between 6 models in filmy white dresses has to be a winner. One would be horribly wrong. This movie is so bad that one of the cast members cried upon seeing its release, and another died within two months. I would give you a plot summary, but that would require a plot to sum.



Carnage: The Legend of Quiltface

If you enjoyed the models in Manos, you'll love the gratuitous boobs found in the first 2 minutes of this film. And that's about it. Quiltface, our lovable and misunderstood protagonist, shuffles after several half-naked college students with a machete for 46 minutes. All he wants to do is play some Scrabble, but they just won't stop running away...

Kathleen has unfortunately seen both movies.

Economic Crisis Gift Guide: *Parents Edition*

Since Halloween, we've been continually reminded of the true value of the upcoming holiday season: family, home, and rampant, irresponsible spending. However, the current economic crisis has sucked much excitement from just about everyone. To help you breathe holiday spirit back into your beloved parents, Hillpress has created a special gift guide. Here are just a few ideas to get your imagination on a roll.

Groceries – Most everyone enjoys eating!

Mortgage Payment – They've been harder to come by in recent months, so your parents will really appreciate this gift.



Your mom opening a BRAND NEW JOB!

Jobs – Like Mortgage Payments, Jobs have been a particularly frustrating item this season. Unfortunately retailers grossly underestimated demand and are unlikely to recover in the near future.

College Tuition – Want to spend a little extra on your parents this year? You can be sure this is one gift they won't likely exchange.

Mitch wants your mom for Christmas.

Tips for Surviving Finals

As a self-proclaimed old-fogie in Hillcrest, I feel as though I am well prepared to indulge you with my favorite list of tricks to help survive finals. Senior year has made me a little more lax in my fretting over finals, so be forewarned, this list is subject to my senioritis.

Sleep the entire week of finals: Though the experts will tell you that sleep helps your grades more than anything else, I believe that sleep should be the only thing you do before a final. Forget studying; sleeping is much more beneficial and makes you a happier person all around, especially when 24 hour

quiet hours begin and you can sleep in peace and quiet all day.

Load up on carbs at D2: I appreciate eating a full breakfast before a final exam. However, eating them at D2 could result in a stomach ache rivaled only by the stomach flu that goes around campus every once in a while. I recommend going to a more stomach-friendly establishment if you don't want to ruin your ability to sit for three hours in an exam.

Go sledding instead of studying: This one is my personal favorite. It sometimes snows during finals, and if you were lucky like I was freshman year, your engineering final

will be cancelled due to ice. Pray for bad weather! Sledding is a great way to break bones, twist your wrists, and have fun all at the same time. But beware of snow rugby – if you need to know what happens when snow rugby goes wrong, just see Diana Campbell, she'll tell you all about it.

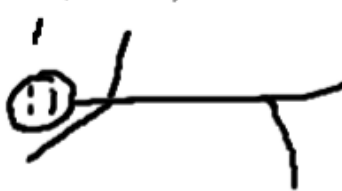
And with this list of useless tips, your final exam week can go as splendidly as mine!

Kari Adkins only has three finals, yippee!

Woohoo, ten days before the exam. Time to play some AO



Get up before dinner?
Muh, still four days until the exam



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