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## CONCLAVE OF CARDINALS NAMES NEXT POPE: JOHN PAUL II

By Mr. Clark '06  
*DÉJÀ VU DEPT.*

(VATICAN CITY) After days of deliberation in the Sistine Chapel, the conclave of Cardinals has finally decided on the next Pope of the Catholic Church: John Paul II.

The move surprised theologians and pundits alike, who were quick to point out at that the late pontiff had died just a few weeks earlier on April 2nd.

Cardinal Edward Egan, the Archbishop of New York, clarified the conclave's decision at a press conference Thursday morning. "Catholic sentiment has never been stronger than it was in the days leading up to the Pope's passing. The outpouring of faith and appreciation for the Church was staggering. We wanted our choice of the next pontiff to recapture those feelings.

So we figured: 'Why not just go with what works?' And a not-quite-dead John Paul II worked. It was a pretty easy decision – we can just keep him in a state of near death, only

on the other side. Besides, there's nothing in Church doctrine that says we *can't* have a zombie Pope. And this way he can be near-death for all eternity, or at least until Armageddon."

Cardinal Egan declined to elaborate on how exactly the Church reanimated the late Pope, but several Italian media outlets reported that Vatican officials sub-contracted the reanimation process to BillyWitch-Doctor.com, a web-based Voodoo consulting firm.

Similar reports claim that the original plan was to carry the Pope's worldly body around and pretend that he was still alive, but the idea was not well received because "Weekend at Bernie's sucked."

Cardinal Egan went on to address the public's concerns with having an undead pope: "While the pontiff does hunger for succulent man-flesh, he can get by on communion

wafers. We're working on transubstantiating macaroni and cheese into the Brains of Christ. And all of his ailments are gone! So is his pulse, *See Zombie Pope, page 2*



*Recently reelected and reanimated Pope John Paul IIA, either addressing the people from the balcony of St. Peter's or ravenously pursuing human flesh. We can't tell.*

# CHINA CLINCHES HOME FIELD IN WORLD WAR III

By Mr. Clark '06

*DUBIOUS HONORS DEPT.*

(BEIJING) Despite tough competition from rival nations such as the United States, North Korea, Pakistan, and Iraq, China's unspectacular but consistent approach to irritating and intimidating other nations finally paid off this week.

The IIC (International Incitement Committee) awarded the People's Republic of China home-field advantage for the upcoming World War III, tentatively scheduled for 2013.

Ever since an incident in 2001 in which they refused to return a downed American surveillance plane, China has been a favorite to host World War III. The United States has kept in the running with its occupation of Iraq and general disdain for the diplomatic process, but it was not enough to surpass China.

China's threats to Taiwan, exile of the Tibetan government, and most recently, its hostilities with Japan clearly impressed IIC officials enough to secure home turf in World War III. China's budding rivalry with fellow rising superpower India was also a determining factor in the IIC's decision.

Li Zhaoxing, China's Minister of Foreign Affairs and veteran leader, looked tired but content when he addressed the media Wednesday morning. "I'm just glad that all of our hard work has finally paid off. Bush, Kim, Hussein, Musharraf -- they all put up a good fight, and we wouldn't have been able to do this without them pushing us.

Having an event as big as WWII on your home court is key. The support of your fans -- we have 1.2 billion, I might add -- really

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but it's still an improvement. His health hasn't been this good in years."

Cardinal Angelo Sodano, the chief administrator of the Vatican, also weighed in on the zombie pope. "We've kinda grown attached to the guy. We missed having him around. It just didn't seem right to have him stuffed."

The new old pope, who will now be referred to as John Paul IIA, has already issued his first Papal Bull, which simply read "Braaaa aaaaaaaaaiiiiinnnnnnnnnnssssss! Amen."

The Pope could not be reached for comment because he was hospitalized after spilling holy water on himself.

## EXXON-MOBIL TO ACCEPT NEW PAYMENT METHODS: ARMS, LEGS, HUMAN SOUL

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# PHYSICAL PLANT ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR ANOTHER PATH BETWEEN MILBANK AND KJ

By Mr. Walker '05

*CONCRETE JUNGLE DEPT.*

(CLINTON, NY) In an all-campus email sent Wednesday, Physical Plant administrator John Paulsen II made public a plan for a sixth asphalt walkway to connect Milbank Residence Hall to the Kirner-Johnson Complex.

“We don’t know exactly where it’s going to go yet,” Paulsen said. “We’re probably just gonna take a truckload of blacktop over there and wing it.” Cheech Murphy '07 welcomed the news. “The existing paths lead to Milbank 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 18, 19...well, I guess pretty much all the suites. But when I want to sneak up to my friend’s window in 13d and surprise him, or press my junk against the glass, there’s no path for that. So I guess a new one would be good.”

Other reactions were less positive. Folk singer Joni Mitchell voiced indignation: “Don’t it always seem to go that you don’t know what you’ve got ‘til it’s gone/They paved paradise and put up a parking lot.”

Paulsen defended the project, citing two expected benefits. First, he points out that more pavement would make outdoor travel safer 80% of the time, when rain turns Hamilton’s soil into icky mud. “That dirt turns into bona fide quicksand sometimes,” Paulsen observed. “Actually, the whole South Side of campus is sinking. Literally.”

Forsooth, Milbank has sunk some six inches into the ground since it was first built, along with several other South Side buildings. This may be due to Hamilton’s use of the site as a leach field in the late 1950s, around the time it

became known that a women’s college would be built there.

Secondly, the project is expected to improve Hamilton’s image. “If we do it right, the paving itself will allow us to create a long-term obstruction involving large vehicles and hard hats,” Paulsen said. “That’s important, because it demonstrates that Hamilton is a place of progress and vitality. Once we finish the Science Building, we plan to needlessly park the heavy earth-moving equipment outside Milbank for three weeks.”

Furthermore, the College administration believes that more pavement will promote diversity. “We’ve been trying to reach out to urban students, and we feel that many of them probably aren’t comfortable with grass,” & (The Administrator Formerly Known as the Dean of Multicultural Affairs) said. “Eventually, we hope to convert the entire KJ quad into a large basketball court, complete with graffiti.”

President Stewart could not be reached for comment because she was dumping out used motor oil on her lawn.

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gets you psyched up. It definitely gives you an advantage.”

Zhaoxing then donned a red Under-Armor shirt with Chairman Mao’s face on the back and screamed, “WE MUST PROTECT THIS HOUSE!”

Beijing, which will also host the 2008 Summer Olympics, has already begun preparations for World War III, building airstrips, bunkers, a monorail, and a 100,000 seat stadium designed for public executions and soccer.

George W. Bush could not be reached for comment because the White House has Caller ID and will no longer take our calls.

## SUBSTANCE-FREE FORCES RAID MINOR QUAD: FREE-SUBSTANCE FORCES STUMBLE AWAY

By Mr. Lee '07

*ALL QUIET ON THE SOUTHERN FRONT DEPT.* (MINOR QUAD) There was a major shift in momentum in The Great Booze Wars today, as an early morning raid by Substance-Free forces captured Minor Quad. The hungover Free-Substance forces were in no condition to fight, and quickly retreated to safe ground in Milbank chanting "Milbank Late-Night!" Sticking to their "trashed earth" strategy, the Free-Substance forces left a trail of empty cans and bottles in their wake.

Despite the instability the Booze War has caused on campus, the Office of Residential Life has not asked Campus Safety or the United Nations Security Council to intervene in the matter. An official statement issued by Res Life yesterday read: "Our policy is to wait three weeks and see how everything is going."

Substance-Free leaders attributed their strategic success to long Saturday nights spent playing Risk and drinking soda-pops. "This is like controlling Australia," Substance-Free High (On Life) Commander Patricia Denholm '05 said. "We can't be stopped now!"

"Substance-Free aggression must be checked," Major Harold Franklin, a junior pre-med who commands the 3rd Mobile Booze-tillery division ("The Iron Livers"), said to Free-Substance sympathizers. "We shall return to the Dark Side, but we need your help!"

Franklin put up an "Uncle Slammed" recruiting poster, then continued: "We need everything you have. Your handles, your personal stash, even your hip-flasks, and we need them today." He also sent an all-campus email advising the campus to "drink heavily and frequently."

The Red Cross has established a refugee camp on the Dunham quad, providing tents, blankets, and thirty racks.

Winston Churchill, history's greatest alcoholic, could not be reached for comment because he had other commitments he couldn't avoid, such as being dead for 40 years.

## HUNS, GOTHS SACK ROME, APOLOGIZE

By Mr. Millhauser '08

*WARM FUZZIES AND COLD STEEL DEPT.*

(ROME) In accordance with their annual custom, the Huns, Visigoths, Ostrogoths, and several other barbarian tribes of the northlands sacked Rome this past Thursday.

The barbarian raiders left much of Rome as a smoking ruin, running off with countless priceless artifacts and Vespa scooters.

With the recent death of Pope John Paul II, Roman morale was very low, and millions of Catholics around the world have spoken out in support of Italian authorities' call for the end of the yearly Rome-sacking tradition.

Barnuda the Hun, commander-in-chief of the barbarian horde, has publicly apologized for his "cruel and callous actions" in light of the Pope's passing.

At a press conference held on Monday, Barnuda looked shaken and ashamed, saying, "I'm so sorry! I didn't know about your loss. Gosh, I feel terrible."

Barnuda then presented Italian prime minister Silvio Berlusconi with a conciliatory ice cream cake and a greeting card with a picture of a kitten on it.

Although Barnuda has stated that he wishes to continue the tradition of raping and pillaging Rome in the future, he has promised to refrain from sacking Rome in years when the Pope dies.

Rome's citizens could not be reached for comment because they have been sacked.

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