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BUSH NOMINATES SOCK PUPPET TO SUPREME COURT

By Mr. Clark '06

MISUNDERESTIMATION DEPT.

(WASHINGTON, DC) In a move described by supporters as "par for the course" and detractors as "[expletive deleted]", President Bush unveiled his newest nominee for the Supreme court: a sock puppet he referred to as "Ms. Featherbottom."

"Ms. Featherbottom has all the qualities I want in a Supreme Court Justice," Bush announced to a baffled press corps.

"She has 34 years of judicial experience, providing the late Justice Rehnquist with warmth and arch support. Her strength of character is reflected in her makeup: a durable, prudent, stretchy cotton-nylon blend. If she had a heart, I know it would be a... darned...you get it, darned?---good one."

Bush giggled at his witticism for 53.62 seconds, then added. "I should know. I made her myself, yesterday before nap time."

Bush later stated, "I am confident that Ms. Featherbottom will strictly interpret the
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If her nomination is confirmed, Ms. Featherbottom (above) will be the first Sock-American on the United States Supreme Court.

COLLEGE DEMANDS SACRIFICE TO HAMILTON STATUE

By Mr. Siskind '06

WHERE'S YOUR MESSIAH NOW? DEPT.

(CLINTON, NY) In an attempt to ensure the continuing favor of Alexander Hamilton's spirit, the administration has implemented a policy of mandatory sacrifices to his recently rededicated statue.

"It is because of the legacy of Alexander Hamilton that our college has attained the position it enjoys today," newly-ordained High Priestess Joan Hinde Stewart told the *Duel Observer*. "But at any time, he could choose to withdraw his benevolent protection, dooming us to mediocrity and decay. That is why it is necessary for us to placate his spirit with offerings of burnt flesh and other valuables."

Starting next semester, students will have to make sacrifices to the Alexander Hamilton statue in front of the Chapel at least twice per year in order to graduate. Acceptable offerings include alcoholic drinks, ten-dollar bills, freshmen, or small animals such as squirrels. The devotees will present the sacrifice upon a golden altar to be constructed before the Chapel and circle the statue three times while chanting appropriate passages from the *Federalist Papers*. Prayers for a favorable harvest will be encouraged.

Most students, such as Peter Arskhire '09, are taking the new requirement in
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GREEN CAFÉ: UNFAIR TO CANNIBALS?

LOTION IN THE BASKET DEPT.

By Mr. Orlando '08 and Mr. Clark '06 (CLINTON, NY) Bon Appétit has been ignoring the dietary concerns of the students, according to a pamphlet published by CARN (Citizens Anxious for Raw Nuggets), a Cannibal Rights organization that is pushing Hamilton to create a separate "Red Café" to suit their dietary needs.

CARN has expressed outrage over Bon Appétit's false advertising of dishes. "Chicken noodle soup has chicken and noodles," the pamphlet says. "So why should Jamaican pumpkin soup not have Jamaicans as well as pumpkin? Italian dressing, black eyed peas, elbow macaroni...same problem. The only things on the Green Café's menu are filthy lies!"

CARN's demands include the creation of a "Red Café" section in Commons, the elimination of Bon Appétit's employee knife safety training program, and \$1850 from student assembly for a chainsaw, forty custom-made bibs with embroidered CARN logos, and ten two-gallon tubs of OxiClean™. CARN's past demands have met with little success, however. Their efforts to get the Senate to overturn the 1973 Metacarpal Impurity Law, which mandates that the percentage of finger in "chicken fingers" be no higher than 20%, were defeated 98-2, only receiving votes from Trent Lott (R-MS) and Hillary Clinton (D-NY).

CARN is hoping that their new motto, "Food Is Friends", and newly-hired celebrity spokesman Anthony Hopkins will earn public support for their cause. CARN and the Samuel Kirkland Film Society will also be co-sponsoring the film Ravenous in KJ Aud. this upcoming

2 Saturday night at 8PM

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Constitution and will not legislate from the bench or from my feet when the Oval Office gets a little drafty."

After donning the black dress sock on his hand for a question and answer session with the press, Ms. Featherbottom addressed journalists in a comforting and vaguely British falsetto. A short time later, the President and Ms. Featherbottom abruptly left after one of Ms. Featherbottom's googly eyes came unglued.

Ms. Featherbottom's nomination has been criticized by partisan groups on both sides of the aisle. Some conservative groups that claim a white cotton tube sock would better represent American family values, and several liberal watchdog groups have criticized the nominee's special interests because of her ties to the textile industry.

The Bush administration has claimed that if Ms. Featherbottom's nomination falls through that she will be given a cabinet position as Secretary of Arts and Crafts.

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HOROSCOPES

Aries: (March 21—April 19)

Although you do possess the necessary properties of hawk-like talons, twisted horns, and a hideously disfigured countenance, you are NOT the Dread Lord Xa'Pherios.

Taurus: (April. 20—May 20)

Admittedly your fascination with James Bond is really cool, but it will nonetheless be your undoing when you order a gasoline and gunpowder cocktail “shaken, not stirred.”

Gemini: (May 21—June 21)

It has always been your desire to bathe in the blood of the innocent, but failing this, you can at least bathe in the spaghetti sauce of Gino's Pizzeria.

Cancer: (June 22—July 22)

You've always wondered exactly what “quid pro quo” meant, but when you finally find out, you will curse the day you were born into this terrible world of pain and treachery.

Leo: (July 23—Aug. 22)

Although enlisting in the Mongol Horde might have seemed like a good idea at the time, all that horseback riding and archery is starting to take a toll on your social life.

Virgo: (Aug. 23—Sept. 22)

You've always had a fondness for natural foods, but perhaps you should have looked more closely at what that particular box defined as “natural.”

Libra: (Sept. 23—Oct. 23)

It is a clinically proven scientific fact that anyone who finishes reading this sentence will die within the hour. Haha! Just kidding. It also applies to people who don't finish reading the sentence.

Scorpio: (Oct. 24—Nov. 21)

Although it may be acceptable on the internet, the word “pwned” should not be used in everyday conversation, especially at the Geneva Convention, you idiot.

Sagittarius: (Nov. 22—Dec. 21)

The world has tested your resolve throughout the years, but you never expected that it would kick you out if you failed.

Capricorn: (Dec. 22—Jan. 19)

There have been many times you've longed to escape from this hateful world of pain and suffering, but see-

ing as how you're in Hell for eternity, you really can't.

Aquarius: (Jan. 20—Feb. 18)

Ancient philosophers believed that everything in the universe was made up of some single substance, known as the arche. Some believed it to be fire, some air, others fire. None of them, however, went so far as to suggest that it might be yogurt. Another difference between you and these philosophers is that they were not brutally murdered.

Pisces: (Feb. 19—March 20)

You've always obeyed the rules of grammar out of habit, and with good reason. Little Johnny Seaweed once ended a sentence with a preposition, and he was hit by a bus the next day.

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stride. “I suppose this is just one more pointless ritual of college life that we have to get through before graduation, kinda like the Freshman Forum,” Arkshire said.

However, some representatives of the Christian community are upset. “Our religion exhorts us against sacrificing to graven images,” complains Nick Rassin '07, Vice-President of Hamilton's Christian Fellowship.

High Priestess Stewart was quick to condemn the “unbelievers” saying that “it was in punishment for their pride and intransigence that Hamilton's spirit called down the great email server failure upon us.”

She added, “Either they shall repent of their ways and bow to Hamilton's spirit, or we shall place them upon the altar themselves that their worthless lives shall satiate our first Treasury Secretary's thirst for souls. Alexander Hamilton demands the blood of the unrighteous!”

“Despite the objections, I generally support this new policy,” Professor Barmeso, who recently published a book on Hamilton, said. “Not only will these sacrifices earn us Hamilton's goodwill, but they will keep his soul strong for the Battle of Ragnarok, when according to legend it shall return to earth to do battle with a colossal avatar of Thomas Jefferson.” **3**

WALDO MISSING, FEARED DEAD

By Mr. Lee '07

BOONDOGGLE DEPT.

(LONDON) Waldo, the famed world traveler and staple of children's literature, was confirmed missing by the State Department today. Repeated searches have yielded no trace of the beloved, bestripped, and bespectacled explorer.

"At this time, we cannot locate Waldo," Frank Malloy, the State Department's Undersecretary of Triviality announced. "We are determined to find him, even if it means diverting resources from our searches for Natalie Holloway and the answer to 31-across from yesterday's New York Times crossword. Do you guys know a 10-letter word for a wasteful activity?"

This is not the first time that Waldo has gone missing. In one notorious trip to Africa, Waldo was declared dead after two months. It was only after a state funeral in Arlington National Cemetery that he crawled out from a bush. He had been standing behind a lion all along.

Waldo's biographer Henry Stanton believes that Waldo's overwhelming desire to travel has complex origins. "Some think it's wanderlust, others troubles at home...there always were persistent rumors about a lady friend," Stanton said. "Myself, I always wondered what it was that Waldo did, given his lack of stated profession. Not for nothing, but I can put Waldo in Dallas on November 22nd, 1963. Coincidence? I think not."

Waldo could not be reached for comment. We thought we had him, but it was just a red and white blanket.

BUSH DEFEATS AL QAEDA, LEVELS UP

By Mr. Millhauser '08

TWO-HANDED +3 BROADSWORD DEPT.

(TRISTRAM) Just yesterday, President Bush finally defeated Al Qaeda, the Stage 3 boss, gaining 296 experience points and consequently leveling up. The battle was a difficult one, and he had to take a portal back to town to heal a couple of times, but in the end, Bush emerged victorious.

Equipped with a Claymore of Righteousness (+50% damage to Muslims, Jews, and Undead), an Amulet of Poison (-10 health per second to the American economy and fire demons), and Boots of Brutality (+5 to strength but -15 to international political support), Bush attacked Al Qaeda, casting Lightning Bolts, Meteor Storms, and Huge Flaming Balls of the American Taxpayers' Money.

Now that Bush has leveled up, there is much speculation as to what he is going to do with his newly acquired skill and stat points. When asked about his plans, Bush answered, "I'll probably put a couple of points into Strength or Vitality, but I'm gonna avoid wasting my points on crappy stats like Economy or Public Opinion. Who needs those anyway?"

"In terms of skill points, though, I intend to invest heavily in Righteous Strike and Divine Aura," Bush added. "Maybe one more point in Huge Flaming Balls of the American Taxpayers' Money. I can never get enough of those"

Al Qaeda could not be reached for comment because they have not respawned yet.

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