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Launch of Hipster Protection Programs Receives Mixed Reactions

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WASHINGTON D.C. – Today, President Barack Obama made history when he signed the “Obscure Bill No One Has Ever Heard Of” (OBNOHEHO), making him the first president to protect the growing hipster minority. Under the bill, those who classify themselves as hipsters will finally have full legal rights, including freedom of speech and freedom to assemble in unknown coffee shops and bookstores. OBNOHEHO also provides welfare support so they will no longer have to waste their parents' money to look impoverished, homeless, etc, as well as free optometry for their lens-less glasses.

Reactions have indeed been as mixed as Lady Gaga's wardrobe.

“Well, I'm obviously NOT a schlurping hipster,” says the 23 year-old who goes by “Val Taire,” alto tambourinist of the Plaid Chinooks. “But OBNOHEHO is just, like, an utter trabesty! This is some sort of validation for all those wannabes who just schlurp off my way of life.”

Equally adamant was Fox's Glenn Beck. “OBNOHEHO is all part of the liberal progressive terrorist conspiracy,” he stated on the March 21st airing of the Glenn Beck Program. “It goes against all the values our founding fathers had in mind when they formed this great country. To say nothing of national security! Does Obama want another 9/11?”

But not all reception has been negative.

“It's a big forgetting deal,” proclaims Vice President Joe Biden. “I have been pushing for HOBNOWEWE since I was just little Joey Nobody in Scranton. I guess you could say I've been Biden my time, eh! In fact, I had my own band, Biden and the Bidettes. Because the last top-secret bunker is located in my pants... No, not really. It's actually in the middle of the \\Appalachian Desert.”

The ACLU's Anthony Romero is equally pleased with the OBNOHEHO'S success. “We have oppressed the hipster people like we oppressed our Native American brothers. Hipsters have been subjected to bullying, selling-out, hygiene and other terrible things.

I think it's taken an African American president to see that.”

Other prominent figures of society focused on different aspects of OBNOHEHO.

“The increased bike-riding population will do wonders for our Mother Earth,” related Al Gore.

The New York Time's Paul Krugman predicts that OBNOHEHO may actually boost the economy.

“I'm sure we'll see an increase in small businesses, such as amateur film festivals and obscure record stores,” he speculated.

There is however, still debate as to when OBNOHEHO will actually take effect.

“It seems that most of our options are just too mainstream,” explains President Obama. “We're so close, but I would hate to damage the hipster's pristine reputation of true individuality by choosing just another conformist date.”

“Friday” Removed from Youtube after Political Undertones Revealed

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SAN BRUNO, CAL. – Rebecca Black's controversial music video “Friday” was pulled from Youtube this June, three months after its original posting. The song gained 160 million views before its removal, largely due to its combination of unparalleled vocal skills and relatable lyrics. Before the official announcement, there had been much speculation as to whether the song was in fact socio-political commentary but it remained unconfirmed.

In her public statement, Rebecca Black admitted the song did, in fact, have a communist political agenda. In retrospect, reviewing the lyrics makes it all too clear that the singer was trying to spread the doctrine of a collection ownership. One message that pervades the song is the breakdown of capitalist institutions. Rebecca Black implies that consumer freedom is actually just the illusion of choice. Does she have to eat cereal or catch her bus? Couldn't she have oatmeal or waffles? No, she gotta have cereal, because capitalist subjugation has stripped society of its free will.

The song also takes stabs at the school system, as well as law enforcement. In the music video, the featured male artist implies that he is speeding (“cruisin' so fast”) and is under the influence of illegal sub-

stances (“I want time to fly”); however, he continues to drive on the highway without ramifications. At the same time that he is recklessly driving, Rebecca is also a passenger on the freeway. The rhetoric of the song (“we we we so excited and “everybody's looking forward to the weekend”) make the association between a collective state identity and a utopian future (the weekend). She describes a timeline—Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday—as a continuum for governmental state. Thursday is representational of our archaic capitalist nation; Friday, the subject of the song, represents a transitional period between what she considers to be our outdated system of government, while Saturday and Sunday symbolize our socialist future. The lyric “kickin' in the front seat” alludes to the wealth disparity in our nation and corruption among those with political power.

Since its removal in June, the controversial singer has continued to involve herself in musical projects that make political statements. Most notably she has appeared in Katy Perry's music video, “Last Friday Night,” an equally controversial song about societal deviance and modern housing reform.

Summer Review

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Summertime is over, and just as always, students have taken the time off to not pay attention to current events. But that's what beginning-of-semester-editions-of-newspapers are for. The summer of 2011 was an important one, full of shocking and record-breaking news in the US, the world, entertainment, and sports.

National News

Frankly, you really didn't miss much if you weren't paying attention to U.S. news over the summer. Obama gave a couple of speeches, troops stayed where troops are, and some person with two first names had a trial or something.

New York became one of the latest states to allow gay marriage. Both of the main political parties were happy with this decision: Democrats were proud, considering this a leap for human rights, while Republicans remarked "that oughta shut 'em up for a while."

Clearly bored with all this nonsense, the weather or God or Ororo Munroe or whatever decided to send a mase, earth-shattering, shelf-rumbling earthquake to the Washington D.C. area. Tremors of the earthquake were felt in many other cities, such as Philadelphia, Toronto, and even Pittsburgh. Republicans are being blamed for the disaster. There's also a hurricane hitting the coast or something. She's being called "Irene", though, so there's really nothing to worry about.

International News

The biggest highlight in other countries was the progress of the rebels in Libya. Honestly, you didn't miss too much over the summer. It was sort of like a mid-season hiatus. It was going on when school ended; it's still going on. Tripoli, the capital, did fall to rebel forces, but if there's anything that we've learned from Star Wars, it's that it ain't over until Gadhafi has been thrown

into a giant shaft by his once-loyal, asthmatic henchman.

Entertainment

Because getting gay marriage legalized in New York wasn't enough, a large group of people asked that Sesame Street make their classic characters Bert and Ernie come out of the closet. If you have a roommate, expect these people to come knocking at your door soon, making similar demands.

Pixar, once revered in the film-making and animation world, completely sold out by making a sequel that wasn't a Toy Story movie. Rather, they released Cars 2, a film that wasn't a re-hash of the first one's plot, threw in some amazing action sequences, topped it off with stellar animation, and wide-eyed, bubbly children. Tools. Christopher Nolan's Batman trilogy filmed its final entry, The Dark Knight Rises, in Pittsburgh over the summer, causing more problems for public transportation

than when Batman blew up the whole freaking train system in the first entry. Filming also took place at Heinz Field, although details are being kept to a minimum. Our guess is that new-baddie Bane wants to blow the place up to get back at the Steelers for losing the Superbowl.

And speaking of Pittsburgh sports...

Sports

Amazingly, the Pittsburgh Pirates have actually done pretty well throughout the season. Just a heads up that if you secretly liked them but were too embarrassed to say anything, you can come out. It's okay.

And finally...

Economics

Do you seriously need this info? You're in college. Either your parents are paying for everything or you're screwed.



Hyla Wallis, *Staff Photographer*

Pitt Community Watch has noticed the growing presence of large gangs of freshman students. Members claim that they are all walking in formation to get to the same party, but officials suspect otherwise.

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