

## Societie of Loyale British Subjekts Seen Counter-Protesting “No Kings” Rally



By Katherine Timm

Amid the recent “No Kings” protests in downtown Chicago were three counter-protesters belonging to the Societie of Loyale British Subjekts, founded in 1772 to counter the influence of the Sons of Liberty. The three demonstrators marched with signs bearing the messages “Olive Branche Petition Nowe,” “Crush the Perfidious Traitores,” and “If It Weren’t for Samuel Adams I’d be Drinking Tea Right Now” while singing “God Save the King.”

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## 10 Things to Do on Campus This Fall That Feel Almost as Good as Being Loved

By Katherine Timm

It’s officially cuffing season! But as we know at the University of Chicago, some things are better in theory than in practice, and it’s hard to maintain a loving relationship when you have a midterm every week. So here are some tips to fill that aching hole in your heart.

### 1. BUY A PIECE OF FOCACCIA

What’s better than carbs and oil? Available at coffee shops across campus, massive hunks of focaccia are the perfect treat as the weather cools down, the leaves start to fall, and your broken heart is torn to shreds and stomped on... After all, Harper Café is for lovers!

### 2. DROP A CLASS

Nothing beats the orgasmic high that comes with setting your progress through the Core back a quarter. It might be too late to drop a class now, but that “Withdraw” button is serenading you. Especially because you don’t have anyone pestering you about your academics anymore...or someone to hold you close at night...

### 3. GO APPLE PICKING

Almost every dorm on campus is hosting a trip to some orchard or another! Gorge yourself on cider, donuts, and fall vibes. I’m at an apple orchard right now, surrounded by couples taking photos and holding hands. But they don’t understand the freedom of—wait, is that... who’s that schmuck with her?

### 4. THROW ROCKS AT TOUR GROUPS

Pick your least favorite tour guide! Maybe they were annoying in class. Maybe they told you they’d love you forever and then started fucking your roommate. Whatever crime they committed, learn their schedule and make their tours a living hell. Maybe you can make a quip about John D. Rockefeller, huh, Jennifer? I bet that’ll crack up the bleeding 11th-graders.

### 5. CRY UNDER HULL GATE IN THE RAIN

Self-explanatory! Nothing more cathartic to do on a Friday night than concern late-night joggers and sit in an echo-chamber of your own anguish.

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### META-DISCLAIMER

Okay, but seriously, we’re all just trying to cut to the core of what’s wrong with society, and specifically, our weird school. We’re genuinely sorry we spelled everything so terribly wrong.

### META-META-DISCLAIMER

To be clear, we still stand by our original comments: God is God, the river is swift, and we don’t give a fuck.

## Air Force Forms Task Force of Skydiving Spiders

By Katherine Reynolds

In a briefing this Tuesday, the United States Air Force announced the formation of a new special unit composed solely of spiders trained to skydive. The Spiders Parachuting into Dangerous Regions Task Force, or SPIDR, aims to utilize the natural skydiving abilities of arachnids to conduct High-Altitude Low-Opening (HALO) jumps in military operations deemed too risky for human personnel.

Entomologists and arthropod rights experts across the nation decried the move, claiming that the redirection of spiders will cause a crisis in the at-home pest management business, the workforce of which has been historically dominated by spiders.

The lawyer Dan Bobbins has been a particularly vocal thread in the opposition web. “Can spiders even

consent to engage in military operations?” Bobbins asked Air Force officials. “How do Air Force recruiters intend to ensure arachnid volunteers have engaged in informed consent?”

Advocates for spider militarization cite the high risk of at-home pest management, with arachnid exterminators facing potentially deadly hazards such as fly swatters and frightened children.

“Sure, some kind person will sometimes scoop ya into a cup and set you gently outside,” expert exterminator Legs McGee told the Dealer. “But nine times out of ten ya just get squashed. Makes my legs curl up just thinking about it.”

McGee has been in the extermination business for thirteen months and plans to volunteer for the unit as soon as applications open. “If I hafta to face mortal peril by existing, I’d prefer to face it in a way that’s objectively kinda badass.”

## First Year accidentally goes to bed before 3 AM, profusely apologizes

By Liam Horton

CAMPUS NORTH, 8AM

First-year Jason Jasonson, majoring in Business Economics, woke up 30 minutes ago with immediate regret. Last night, after finishing five sentences of his HUM essay, he laid down on his bed (something, he explained, that he had never used before) and fell asleep at “fucking midnight.”

He was not able to attend any frat parties that night, did not engage in obnoxiously loud conversation three inches away from a housemate’s dorm room at 2 in the morning, and didn’t even lose any of his father’s hard-earned money at poker.

Jasonson contacted the Dealer immediately, knowing such a horrifying act would require a public apology.

“I swear I won’t let this happen again,” he sobbed. Tragically, at this point in the interview, a ray of sunshine came through the window-blind and fell upon Jasonson’s face, leading him to immediately begin convulsing. Before being dragged out of the room, all our interviewer managed to gather was that Jasonson had never experienced this “phenomenon” before, followed by a request for a coffee chat next Thursday. Jasonson has not been seen during the hours of daylight since, although he can be heard routinely laughing at unparalleled volumes every night in the dorm hallway.

# If It's So Bad Here, JOIN THE MILITARY

## UChicago Tour Guide Fired After Confirming "Where Fun Goes to Die" Culture on Tour

*By Carrie Krummen*

ROSENWALD—A University tour guide was fired Wednesday after confirming the "Where Fun Goes to Die" stereotype was true to a group of twenty prospective students and their parents.

The ex-tour guide, second-year Hugh Mungo, refused to comment unless the Dealer agreed to write an article slamming all ten different business RSOs that rejected him. Prevented by its incomparably scrupulous ethical code from complying with this request, the Dealer instead contacted two prospective students from Mungo's tour.

"Hugh was telling us his social life is so bad he re-reads the SparkNotes summary of The Odyssey every week to reacquaint himself with

his good friend, Odysseus," said high school senior Izzy Gone of Wisconsin. "Then he started talking about how he regularly pulls all-nighters to skim his 200 nightly pages of SOSC, and how he spent all his quarterly Maroon Dollars buying out the mountain of Celsius drinks at the Bart Mart during the second week of classes."

During the tour, Mungo experienced a nervous breakdown while walking by the Reg. Security cameras from Mansueto show Mungo crying, faceplanting on the sidewalk, rolling around for seven minutes, pulling out a canned beverage, shotgunning said canned beverage, projectile vomiting, and running away from his tour group.

Two hours after the tour, high school junior Ivie Leeg

of Massachusetts was walking through the Institute for the Study of Ancient Cultures when she discovered Mungo stroking a Mesopotamian female figurine from the second century.

"During the tour, he was complaining about never having felt the touch of a woman. From what I've heard about UChicago, I think he has another decade or two to go," Leeg said.

"The University does not condone 'Where Fun Goes to Die' language until winter quarter," the UChicago Admissions Office said in an email response to the Dealer. "Mr. Mungo will not be reinstated unless he sends a minimum of 1,000 handwritten postcards to prospective applicants with the words, 'grade deflation is a myth.'"

## Secretary of War Pete Hegseth Announces New Military Uniform Deal

*By Chase Teichholz*

Following his September speech to top military brass at Quantico, Secretary of War Pete Hegseth has announced a partnership with Hugo Boss to design new uniforms.

These outfits are reportedly "sleek," "intimidating," and "super cool, dude." They will be a slimming black color, as Hegseth has realized since his speech that "getting rid of all the fatties" was a taller task than anticipated.

Hegseth chose Hugo Boss for their design choices and a military history he called "deeply intertwined with American values."

Each general's uniform comes with a red, white, and blue marker on the shoulder, meant to designate rank and status in the corps. Hugo Boss' CEO Shirley Natanasi expressed gratitude for the new partnership, saying she hoped it would "continue for the next thousand years."

In addition to making uniforms for generals, the company is also

designing state-of-the-art equipment and gear for the newly formed Strategic Services Division (SSD). Those units, who will be aiding Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the National Guard in US cities, are fitted with specialized helmets meant to withstand signs, posters, and "intense" yelling from protestors.

SSD will have their first deployment in the ravaged, war-torn hellscapes that is Downtown Chicago. And let the Dealer be the first to say: Great job to all! You are very valued! Please don't tear gas us!

Psst... Hey, dorkface. How many popes can you name?

What fucking continent is this mouse from?? Huh???

# PUB TRIVIA

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## Top 5 Places for Dads to Sulk During O Week

By Matilda Robinson

Orientation Week (O-Week) has come and gone, not unlike a high school boyfriend, and has prompted, much like a high school boyfriend, an extraordinary level of fatherly sulking. As a completely non-non-judgmental observer and recent mover-inner (mover-in-nie?), here is my list of the top five most popular, peculiar, and paternal places for dads to sulk during O-Week:

### 5. THE SMALL, HORRIBLE, UPHOLSTERED CHAIR IN EVERY DORM ROOM

Who says sulking needs to be done alone? Now everyone gets to share in the tense aura your dad is bringing to move-in. Is he directly in everyone's way by stuffing his adult man body into a crappy Ikea loveseat? Yes. Should he be helping in some way, any way? Of course. Does your mom, who's been singlehandedly running your move-in, deserve a break? You betcha! But, he's the head of the family, at least in the seething department, and the dude's got an example to set.

### 4. ANY GODDAMN DINING HALL, BECAUSE "AT LEAST SOMETHING HERE IS FUCKING FREE"

You will rue the day your visitor meal swipes run out and your dad goes sicko mode on the credit card reader while making statements about how you're getting a paid internship next summer, because if you got into UChicago, "you should be able to figure that out, Einstein."

### 3. A RANDOM-ASS BENCH™

I don't know if I was the only student who felt person-

ally victimized by Eduroam failing to work on move-in day, but I think my parents' 25-year marriage almost ended when my mom suggested cellular data. I mean, it isn't my mom's, dad's, or even the current UChicago administration's fault that my dorm has the same reception as a CIA black site. But he did need to wander off and sit on a Random-Ass Bench™.

### 2. WHICHEVER BAR IS MOST GEOGRAPHICALLY CLOSE TO MAIN CAMPUS

Fathers, rejoice! The Pub officially reopened on September 15th, and they are stocked with sad dad brands from all the USA's capitals of depression: St. Louis' Budweiser, Boston's Sam Adams, and of course, Chicago's own Old Style. Google's AI summary may say that "Alcohol is not an effective solution for sadness," but Generative AI never anticipated a father's state after three solidly packed days of seeing his life savings go into orientation swag and absolutely nowhere else.

### 1. THE FAMILY RECEPTION AFTER CONVOCATION

After the dust has settled, and the light hors d'oeuvres have been distributed, it is inevitable that your dad has chilled out a bit and accepted this crazy little place called UChicago. To an outsider like himself, it's scary and foreign, but a journey you are undoubtedly prepared for. And that's something he's spent your whole life helping you do, even if you both weren't totally aware of it at the time.

Oh... but then he remembers you're going to have to be a White Sox fan now, and the cycle of sulking begins anew!

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## Op-Ed: My Mom Had One Tylenol, My Dad is Circumcised, and I Really Like Trains

By Vivian Psylos

I've always struggled in life in ways other people can hardly see.

I have a hard time in social settings—it's just so loud and my brain doesn't filter out the noise like everyone else. I also suffer from acute food sensitivities that prevent me from eating any chicken between three months and precisely two years, five months old.

Also, I really like trains! Did you know the initial rolling stock of KTX trains was based on Alstom's TGV Réseau and reached speeds of 219 miles per hour in tests, resulting in the new and upgraded KTX-Sancheon trains that the South Korean railway company Korail operates?

I really love learning about trains, but it also makes me feel lonely. The only friend I have is a girl who's highly opinionated on the debate between Seiko Matsuda and Akina Nakamori for "best Japanese '80s idol."

Anyway, I found out that my mom took one Tylenol when she was pregnant with me. This raised concerns, given that the Department of Health and Human Services has linked Tylenol during pregnancy to autism. I already thought that was enough proof that I'm autistic, but then I learned my dad is circumcised? That settles it.

Now the only thing left unanswered is this: If I also get circumcised, does my autism cancel out? Or do I get double autism? Excuse me, but now I need to go down a Wikipedia rabbit hole while listening to "Program tvog kompjutera" eighteen times in a row.

## Trump Claims to Have Discovered “Constitution 2” Allowing Him to Do Whatever he Wants

By Griffin Bonnin Jones

WASHINGTON, D.C.—In a recent press conference, President Trump stirred considerable controversy with his claim to have discovered a so-called Constitution 2.

“It lets me do whatever I want, basically,” the president said. “Nobody ever talks about it. Constitution 2. It’s an incredible thing.” He described having stumbled upon the document during a recent stroll on the roof of the White House. “It was just sitting there—can you believe that? Sitting right there on that—on that really great, beautiful roof. One of the greatest roofs in the world, believe it or not, anybody will tell you, the White House roof. And I know roofs. Constitution 2. Boy, isn’t that something? Really, it’s something that we’re looking at and something that, frankly, is a very big, beautiful thing.”

Trump told reporters that the newly uncovered Constitution gave the president broad powers—“but only if he’s a Republican”—including deploying the National Guard anywhere in the country, unilaterally setting tariff rates to “numbers you haven’t even heard of,” and

ordering the construction of golf courses on federal lands for any reason.

When asked to comment on whether his administration would be allowing members of Congress, the press, or the American public to see this new Constitution, Trump simply glowered at the CBS News reporter until the journalist said, “Yes, sir. Sorry, sir. I was a naughty boy for asking, sir.”

Legal scholars and historians who spoke with the Dealer greeted Trump’s claims with skepticism, noting that there has never previously been any indication of such a document’s existence. “But if he says he’s got it, idk,” said one anonymous academic. “Lol.”

House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries, a Democrat of New York, frowned emphatically upon learning of the president’s claims. “Let’s just say it’s not every day I frown to this extent,” he said.

In a post on Truth Social Wednesday evening, the president finally shared what he claimed was a photo of Constitution 2 but which was instead a seemingly AI-generated image of a document labeled “Couniision.”

## Karoline Leavitt to Respond to Journalists With More “Yo Mama” Jokes

By Vivian Psylos

In an interview with Fox News, White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt has announced that she will from now on exclusively respond to unfavorable questions with references to journalists’ mothers.

Leavitt debuted the strategy in her response to a HuffPost reporter’s question about a proposed summit between President Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin, but further instances have already appeared. Asked by the Washington Post about the rising price of eggs, for instance, Leavitt responded, “Yo mama so fat, she eats a dozen eggs for breakfast.” Similarly, when asked if she knew the square root of sixteen by an MSNBC reporter, Leavitt responded, “Yo mama so stupid, she thinks roots are square.”

Responses to this strategy have split along party lines. While Democratic politicians have expressed indignation with Leavitt’s remarks, polling by YouGov suggests the strategy appeals to a varied audience, including MAGA voters, Gen Alpha toddlers, and Parry, the talking parrot in the PetSmart in Asheville, North Carolina.

## “Yes, I’m a baller” Says Mamdani After Cuomo Accuses Him of Being LeBron James in Disguise

By Alexa Walsh

During the New York City Mayoral debate, Andrew Cuomo began his remarks with an attack on Zohran Mamdani. He called Mamdani a socialist wizard who gifts menstrual products across the city like a fairy, and then proceeded to go on a 7-minute rant on why he believed Mamdani was 4-time NBA Champion, LeBron James in disguise.

“He has a sense of style and an utterly disgraceful swagger that is befitting of LeBron,” said Cuomo, wagging his finger at Mamdani.

Cuomo, a reported Michael Jordan fan, was adamant about his theory that Zohran Mamdani is, in fact, the NBA’s all-time leading point scorer.

While it was difficult to tame Cuomo in his outspoken hatred for the accused LeBron James shapeshifter, the moderators were able to get him to stop and let Mamdani respond to the attack.

Mamdani, who had been stone-faced the entire tirade, turned his head to face the camera, smirked, smirked, and simply said, “Yes, I’m a baller.”

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## Top 10 Places to Cry on Campus

By Emma Zamansky

### 10. THE B-LEVEL STACKS

They go on forever. You can find a corner and sit down to cry, and nobody will come across you the entire time. Plus, it's kinda dark down there, which adds to the ambiance of despair.

### 9. OFFICE HOURS

One of the most productive uses of crying. You're only showing up if you need help anyways. Plus, maybe your professor will feel bad and give you some extra points on your next exam.

### 8. STUART READING ROOM CUBICLE 9

I'm writing this article here, so I can confirm it's a fantastic crying spot.

### 7. UNDER YOUR ROOMMATE'S BED

Bonus points if they have a guest over! Especially if it's that person they're dating. Honestly, they need to get higher standards.

### 6. HARPER 145 FROM 7 TO 8PM ON SUNDAY

We won't tell anyone, promise ;)

### 5. A STAIRCASE IN YOUR DORM

Built-in seating, nearby bathrooms and drinking fountains, and close enough to your room that you can lie miserably on your bed once you're done.

### 4. THE STAIRS OUTSIDE KENT

Everyone will understand.

### 3. INSIDE MANSUETO

Let's be honest, you're probably not very happy if you're in Mansueto. But hey, at least it's the perfect place for a mid-study mental breakdown!

### 2. IN THE MIDDLE OF YOUR HARDEST CLASS

It's the most likely place for you to start crying, anyhow.

### 1. ANY HALLWAY BETWEEN 10PM AND 6AM

During typical sleeping hours, there probably won't be many people passing by, so bawl your eyes out!

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## House Council Begg First Years to Carry On Legacy

By Shayaan Gandhi

"Please join!" the House Council President begged on his knees at the mandatory house meeting, as students shifted uneasily while waiting to be let out.

First-years report door-knocking at midnight, creepy voices whispering "joiiiiiiii the councillllll," and leaflets shoved under doors via mice.

"I don't have the time," said one anonymous first-year, buried in the stacks at the Reg, "It just seems like so much work."

A particularly mournful and visibly depressed student said he thought the House Council was "always going to be there for me."

However, he has found that they're "always hanging around my dorm at the worst moments. Like 10 pm? And when I actually want advice in the morning they're nowhere to be found!"

"It's honestly pretty chill," said a first-year who had joined House Council, lying down on the couch to do their econ homework, "I just wanted to bond with the council and experience community!"

After further questioning by the Dealer, however, they explained the real reason for their decision. "They offered recommendation letters from the resident heads," they explained. "And could you please let me out of here?! I have a House Council meeting to go to!"

"We REALLY need more members," the House Council President told the Dealer. "There's a lot of bureaucracy, you know? You've got to make a thousand Google forms from scratch, attend once-a-week-half-hour meetings where you get attacked by dogs, and even write the three-page newsletters about UChicago Safe—all that comes from us!"

The House President also encouraged members from outside the house to get involved. "As long as you're not a fourth year, we can fudge the numbers a little. Hey, you're not going to print that part, right?"

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He proceeded to step from behind his podium, take a basketball from one of the moderators, and shoot from his spot on the stage all the way to the other side of the room.

Debate attendants were stunned as the orange ball sank seamlessly into a net that magically appeared in the back of the studio.

A loud buzzer sounded as time ran out on Mamdani's reply. The crowd stood up from their seats and cheered.

An exit poll was taken after the debate. Although the results were unclear on who New Yorkers were going to elect, many did leave convinced that Zohran Mamdani was, indeed, LeBron James in disguise.



## President Alivisatos Found Drunk at Frat Party After US News Report

By Elliot Florack

**FIJI HOUSE**—After the University of Chicago rose to sixth place in the US News & World Report's college rankings, newly re-elected President Paul Alivisatos was found at Phi Gamma Delta's house Thursday morning passed out on the lawn. The frat tasked two pledges to poke the blacked-out president and get him out of his drunken stupor. After failing, they were forced to carry him to

his house near Rockefeller Chapel.

The University administration responded to this news with the following statement: "We are happy to announce the University of Chicago has officially lost its title as 'where fun goes to die' since our president has so much of it."

Upon waking up at 4pm, Alivisatos wrote a 37-page email about the university's mission and his excitement to remain for another four years.

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#### 6. SCHEDULE A COUNSELING APPOINTMENT THROUGH STUDENT WELLNESS

Just one, though. Because apparently emotional connection has a strict limit.

#### 7. GO TO COFFEE SHOPS AND STARE AT THE WALL

Just because you can't afford any more focaccia after spending all your Maroon Dollars on cough syrup and aerosol cheese cans doesn't mean you can't enjoy everything UChicago's coffee shop culture has to offer. Staring into space is even better than therapy—especially if you bring an Owala filled with lean.

#### 8. ENJOY VIEWS OF THE SKYLINE

If a coffee shop doesn't suit your

mood, the fifth floor of the Reg offers an amazing view of the Chicago skyline, and it's filled with people who are just as miserable as you are.

#### 9. SELL YOUR SOUL RE: RECRUITING SEASON

You know what, screw this. This city is filled with people who are alone, abandoned, and miserable but they're different in one key way: they have money. That's right—goodbye Romance Languages, hello Business Economics! I'll show you who doesn't have any drive, Jennifer. You'll see just how successful I can become, Jennifer. Who needs women, anyway? All bitches do is distract you from the grind.

#### 10. IDK, CARVE PUMPKINS OR SOME SHIT

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Asked to explain the Societie's political principles, chapter leader Thomas Galloway responded, "We believe that the American founding was an act of treason against our most benevolent and gracious monarch, King George III. We hope that a reunion with the Mother Country will allow dear old England to forgive us poor colonists for calling King George a tyrant and for refusing to switcheth to the metric system."

According to the Societie's informational leaflet, which Galloway himself painstakingly typeset, the Societie boasts just under 25 members spread throughout the United States, or, as the Societie calls it, "the Most Unhapp'ly Treasonous Colonies Always and Forever of HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF ENGLAND." Their recent projects include sponsoring a water fountain in honor of King George in a small public park in Pikeville, Kentucky and lobbying (unsuccessfully) for Thesaurus.com to take "Benedict Arnold" off of its list of synonyms for "traitor."



## Northwestern University Kidnaps Phil the Phoenix as Revenge for US News Ranking

By Elliot Florack

Tragedy has cast a pall over UChicago's recent rise to #6 on US News' Best Colleges Ranking. Last Tuesday, Phil the Phoenix was reported missing after failing to show up for a photo shoot with the badminton team. The cause of his disappearance was soon revealed to be the vengeful

students of Northwestern University, who published a video showing Phil bound to a chair in a dimly lit room.

"SKREEE! SKREEE! SKREEE!" Phil says in the video. Due to recent budget cuts to the Department of Mythical Avian Languages, the University had to rely on the notoriously unreliable Phoenix-to-English Google Translate to

understand what Phil was saying.

The online tool offered two possibilities: "Tell US News to do a recount before it's too late!" or "I am taking the orange crocodile to the beach!" The University is opting for the second translation and has invited Northwestern's students

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# THANKSGIVING SEASON

## Pumpkin Spice Adderall® Now Available From Your Local Dealer for Your Fall-Themed 9 Hour Cram Session in the Reg



By Jack Segil

**THAT ONE SPOT BEHIND THE LAW SCHOOL**—After two weeks of intense deliberations, representatives from the SCDDU (South Chicago Drug Dealers Union), MESU (Molecular Engineering Students of UChicago), UHCD (United Healthcare Crime Division), and Starbucks (Starbucks) have approved a new, limited-time Adderall® variant for distribution in the Chicago area: Pumpkin Spice! In a press release scavenged from the underside of the Gerald Ratner Athletic Center dumpster, the following product description was written using

stitched-together newspaper clippings:

“Say goodbye to Hot Girl Summer, and hello to Adder-fall! Autumn up your undiagnosed anxiety disorder with new Pumpkin Spice Adderall®, available from your local dealer today! (While supplies last. Do not consume if pregnant, pledging, or having consumed dining hall food within the past 12 hours.)”

To better understand the impact of this historic offering, I interviewed SCDDU representative John Rogers, one of the key negotiators in this deal.

*Note for readers: Before beginning the interview, Mr. Rogers requested that we list his name as “Not Published.”*

The Shady Dealer: “Tell me about this deal. What caused the other seats at the table to give in?”

Not Published: “I honestly thought it would never happen. Our union works with back-alley drug dealers and desperate, drug-addled college students, so working with Starbucks meant lowering our standards tremendously. Their stance towards unions has been... appalling, to say the least. But when I was in that negotiation room, I remembered what my mother told me before my first day of kindergarten: ‘Sometimes, to feed the fishes, you gotta swim with the scum.’”

SD: “That’s..... beautiful.”

NP: “We’re going to help a lot of people. If I have to loosen my standards as a professional to achieve that, so be it.”

SD: “What gave you such a passion for spreading the fall spirit to students?”

NP: “I just feel bad for them. These poor bastards barely see the world outside the library - without us, the only way these guys would know it’s fall is if ChatGPT adopts a Thanksgiving theme.”

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to bring their orange crocodiles to Promontory Point on Saturday to negotiate Phil’s release. At press time, Northwestern has not replied.

The University is urging its students to remain calm. At a Phree Phil vigil Wednesday night, Alivisatos told the crowds, “Rest assured that the University is doing all it can to bring our beloved Phil home.” An unidentified student then interrupted Alivisatos, shouting, “Even if it means letting Northwestern have the #6 spot?”

Alivisatos’s face flushed red in what his office later explained was an act of solidarity with the phoenix community. After stuttering incomprehensibly for a few seconds, he finally replied, “Look, we aren’t sure that’s what Phil was really saying, all right? And even if we’re using the wrong translation, what can Northwestern do to Phil, anyway? Worst case scenario, he’ll just be reborn from his own ashes! They clearly didn’t think this plan through, the pompous little snotballs. But then again, we can’t be too hard on them. They are only the #7 university in the nation, after all.”