

# StudCo fails to free Lizard People despite student protest

*Minority activists vow to continue struggle for equal rights*

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At last week's Student Council meeting, Bill Evans ('97) put forth a motion to release the Lizard People from their long period of bondage at this University. This is the first time in seven years that such a motion has actually made it onto the table at a Council meeting. In a tense roll call vote, the motion was defeated by only one vote; later, setting a new precedent, the motion was voted to be stricken from the record.

Over the past three years, an underground student organization, headed in part by Council President Chris Condon and General Manager of Grind Central Forest Lee, has embarked on many efforts to educate the Clark student body on the Lizard People and their heritage. This

year's freshman may remember a week in early September that Condon and Lee spent at a table in the UC shouting slogans like, "Free the Lizard People!" and circulating a petition. A record-breaking seven students signed that petition during the week-long drive, putting to shame last year's petition to install then-senior Michael Dennis as Grand Poobah of Food Service at Clark.

As some students know, the proud Lizard People have been suffering in bondage here at the University for many decades. Jonas Clark himself is known to have introduced the first Lizard People into Worcester, and Robert Goddard may have, at one time, had Lizard People children as test subjects in his rocketry experiments. Even today, Physical Plant uses Lizard People in its more dangerous jobs (for instance, their operations in Nica-

ragua, the plumbing repairs in the subbasement below Goddard (where the IDRISI Project is based), and test-piloting the Jefferson Hovercraft).

What students of Clark may not know is that the Lizard People have a long and proud heritage dating far before the time they were introduced into this part of the country. Lizard People were instrumental in the decisive battles of the Civil War, such as the great Battle of Hollywood. They were also a big part in the construction of the Transcontinental Railroad, most often as the guy who lit the fuse and then screamed, "RUN!" when blasting through the Rocky Mountains. During the Boxer Rebellion in China several centuries ago, Lizard People tails were used as spears, and it is a little known fact that Lizard People incisors are a popular aphrodi-

siac in Abu Dhabi.

When Jonas Clark introduced the Lizard People into Worcester in 1878, their fate at the University was sealed almost instantly. Clark brought them first to a now long-closed pub near Leiram's is. The large Irish population of the pub, and that section of the city, was shocked and angered at the appearance of Lizard People. This began to cause the first true problems that they would encounter here in Worcester. After several riots that threatened to destroy the factory/classroom building now known as Jonas Clark Hall, the Lizard People were relegated to the complex that was being constructed in the crater over which the Goddard Library now stands, and were hidden away for decades.

Thus began the long and shameful history of their bond-

age to Clark University. It wasn't until the 1950s that the University publicly acknowledged that it did indeed hold Lizard People captive as bonded workers.

Over the past few decades, the sight of Lizard People scurrying in and around the Library and Atwood has become common, and as Condon lamented, students here have apparently become so used to the fact of their bondage that they are insensitive to it. Said Lee, the fact that they have been so big a part of our University's history is, in itself, an argument for their release from bondage, and it is unfortunate that Council has again decided to put them down. "Just because they are Lizard People doesn't mean they're not people."

Amnesty International issued a statement of general approval.

## Authorities baffled over weekend occurrence

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Students and local area residents were shocked and disturbed this weekend in reaction to an incident which can only be adequately described as an act of God, or possibly the Internal Revenue Service. A steady stream of emergency medical technicians, law enforcement officers, and sales representatives flooded the area, while onlookers could only look on in stunned silence and, as the hours passed, mild boredom.

This reporter managed to get close enough to the scene to sneak in a few words with Clark EMT Jan Zukowski, who wishes to remain anonymous. "I've never seen anything like this before," he told me, "Clark EMS just isn't trained for anything this bizarre. We could do little besides watch the chaos unfold. The whole situation boggles the mind. I still don't understand how they managed to get their legs up like that."

Dilemmas notwithstanding, the incident has had a profound impact on the community. Local business in particular has taken the brunt of the tragedy. As one local Dunkin' Donuts clerk close to *WheatBread* sadly noted,

"Ummm, I dunno, no one seems to be buying any of our special Halloween pastries."

President Traina was unavailable for comment as the events of the weekend prompted him to a soul purging visit to Spooky World.

But in the end, it is the children who will be most affected by that dark, dark Saturday brunch. It is they who will suffer the nightmares. They who will cower in their beds before running to mommy screaming and frantically attempting to escape the scarred visions of a tortured psyche.

Jumping up and down in terror, running from shadows, crying, "Dear God, why can't I have a new Barbie? I've been such a good little girl and all I want is a doll and some trail mix. Why does Grandpa have a minivan?! NO BREAKFAST AFTER 10:30? FUCK YOU! FUCK YOU AND YOUR WHOLE CRAZY FLOCK OF NARROW-MINDED LACKEYS!!!" Yes, the children will be most affected and let us remember them in our prayers.

[Please note that, at press time, neither SPOC nor the BSU nor the Lizard people have been blamed for any of this]

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"Besides, they have no personality, anyway," she continued, "Even the weird little Worcester kids are cooler than this class!" Sallad's feelings were echoed

repeatedly throughout campus, with ghost supporters barely visible among the sea of confusion.

It is not certain what will become of the ghost in light of the recent revelations, but it is likely that it will not be seen again, mostly as a result of the over-

taxation of this author's mind, and the fact that this was a stupid idea in the first place.

University President Dick Traina thought so, too, and told this reporter, "Really, it was a dumb thing to ever think up. The people at the *Scarlet* are so nice,

why can't you all get along? Now, if you will excuse me, the livestock needs to be fed."

So, it is with a not-so-heavy heart that I say good-bye to the Poking Ghost. Anyone wishing a private appointment with the ghost should really think twice,

as the damned thing never existed. Besides, no one ever really read these articles, anyway. I'm a bitter, jaded son of a bitch, and I hope you all contract a serious case of something ridiculous.