

Congress Refuses to Compromise between Parties

BY KIRBY GONG

WASHINGTON — After “non-essential” portions of government were shut down at the beginning of October, congressmen continue to fail to compromise. Any discussions amidst lawmakers, which are occurring between late-night raves and bar-crawls, have made no progress toward restoring the government’s full function.

“Both Republican and Democratic representatives are exhibiting a blatant refusal to compromise between their parties,” said William Middleton, professor of Political Science at the University of Indiana. “I wouldn’t bother either. They’re still getting paid, but don’t have to do shit. I’d just keep on drinking and having fun all damn

day too if I were them. It’s not like they care about the people or anything.”

Bars in the District of Columbia have been filled with congressmen all month, and private parties are held almost daily.



“It’s like I’m in college again,” said Representative Joshua Brolovski (R-CA), beer in hand, “except I’m getting paid with taxpayer dollars to get shitfaced, instead of paying for it. Plus, the cops are on my side!”

Hundreds of complaints have been filed with the police against the barbaric actions of Congress.

“These rowdy congressmen are a horrible nuisance,” said Washington D.C. resident Molly Brighton. “The police won’t arrest them for fear of repercussions, but they keep showing up drunk at night in the neighborhood. I don’t even feel safe going out at night anymore. There’s just congressmen everywhere.”

The nation continues to watch and wait for Congress to reconvene (probably hung over) to discuss the monetary obligations of the federal government.

Meanwhile, rumors are circulating that Rep. Paul Ryan (R-WI) will introduce a bill that will deem Congress a nonessential part of government. Dr. Middleton predicts that should Congress be shutdown, the government would regain its ability to function.

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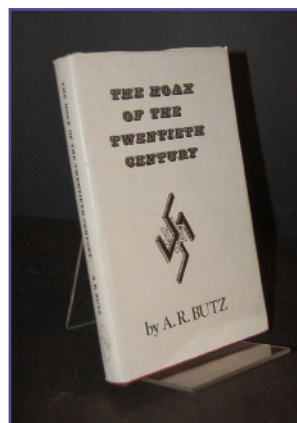
BY ALEX GORDON

EVANSTON — Well-known Jewish Studies Professor Ari Silverman made comments on his Facebook page denying the existence of Professor Arthur Butz. Silverman publicly posted, “It’s absurd how professors at NU aren’t allowed to question the absurd myth of Arthur Butz. Why would a prestigious university in a heavily Jewish area ever have a professor who openly denies the Holocaust? Open your eyes and question the narratives set before you, people.”

Throughout the day Silverman continued to argue that Arthur

Butz does not exist, and that if the man does exist, he certainly does not deny the Holocaust.

Silverman’s comments received strong backlash from many students studying Computer Science and Electrical Engineering. Zoe Goldstein, a junior who took two classes from Professor Butz during her sophomore year, stated, “It’s unbelievable that Northwestern University would have a professor who denies the suffering experienced by me and so many others due to Professor Butz.” Goldstein started a Facebook page titled, “Fire Butz-Denying Professor Ari Silverman,” which had 1072 likes



within 24 hours.

Ten of Silverman’s fellow professors in the Department of Jewish Studies released a public statement condemning Silver-

man’s statements and calling for him to leave the department, declaring, “Silverman’s ignorance and denial of the tragedy of Arthur Butz is condemnable and does not represent our department.” University President Morton Schapiro held a press conference acknowledging Arthur Butz’s professorship as an unfortunate fact, but admitting that Silverman’s tenure prevents the University from taking action against Silverman’s Butz-denying statements.

Professor Arthur Butz could not be reached for comment, but that does not mean that he does not exist.

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Technological Institute Makes Plans to Secede From the University

BY BRIAN CAPELLA

EVANSTON — The Dean of the Robert R. McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science, Dr. Gerald Ottino, recently announced the possible secession of the Technological Institute, more commonly referred to as “Tech.”

“There has always been a fundamental divide between Tech and [Northwestern]. Tech is a building large enough to house several medium sized liberal arts colleges as well as the entire population of Zimbabwe,” said Dr. Ottino. “We have the facilities to support a world class university all on our own, and after the J wing is complete, there will be no real reason to remain associated with Northwestern.”

When asked his opinion about the possible secession of Tech, Billy Stern, a junior theater major in the School of Communication, responded, “Wait, you mean that big building way up north? Isn’t that part of the University of Chicago?”

Dr. Ottino also commented on the direction in which he would like to take Northwestern-Tech. “Our goal will be to provide a top-notch education in the Midwest without our students ever needing to set foot outside. We expect our enrollment to increase exponentially each year and we will eventually expand our facilities by adding wings O through Z, excluding letters R and V for no particular reason.”

There has been some concern regarding the fate of the walkways connecting Tech to other University buildings. Dr. Ottino assured that there was no reason to worry and that “we will burn those bridges when we get to them.”

Freshman Method Acting Class Disrupts Traffic

BY JORDAN SCHERER

EVANSTON — Northwestern students and faculty alike were dismayed Wednesday afternoon to discover a barricade made mainly of desks, chairs, stolen bikes, and Norris at Night giveaway water bottles completely blocking Sheridan Road. The barricade was anywhere between six and eight feet tall and stretched from the library entrance at Deering Meadow to the Weinberg Dean’s administrative offices across Sheridan Road.

Economics major John Wood was annoyed by the barricade. “Instead of walking along Sheridan Road from Kellogg to University Hall, I had to go around the other way. Ugh. Walking through tree-lined pathways with a view of the lakefill sucks.”

The barricade turned out to be the work of a freshman method acting class, currently rehearsing for a production of *Les Misérables*. They were instructed to remain in character twenty-four hours a day for a week, and on the second day, they decided to fight for the rights of the oppressed proletariat—the oppressed proletariat of Northwestern student theatre majors.

When questioned, the students building the barricade refused to explain themselves, and only continued to chant “Down with the Bourgeoisie!” and sing “Black, the

night that ends at last!” in lovely four-part harmony. All the while, the theater majors would stop passersby at random and ask, “Will you join in our crusade, who will be strong and stand with me?”

Several of these students actually dropped what they were doing to stand in solidarity with the rebels at the barricade. One such student, junior Environmental Engineering major Michael Hunt, said, “I never thought I would do something like this. It’s just...something in the melody touched me, you know? Because the beating of my heart really did echo the beating of the drums. It’s interesting that—” Hunt stopped mid-sentence before rushing to the top of the barricade to declare, surprisingly on key, “My place is here, I fight with you!” to the freshmen.

Professor Benjamin Dover, who teaches the acting class, was very pleased to see his students take method acting so seriously. “They’ve really gone above and beyond what I had expected. They got into the minds of their characters.” Professor Dover went on to suggest that all students and faculty come to see the performance of *Les Misérables* next Sunday in Cahn Auditorium at 2 PM. “I can see they’ve truly grown as actors through this experience, and I can’t wait to begin to workshop our upcoming show, *Sweeney Todd*.”



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