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SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS — Katie Sebesta (top photo) and Kelsey Swonke (bottom) were presented Doris and L.J. Rinn Memorial Scholarships by President David Gohlke during the Fall Fundrasier.

A note from the President



Happy New Year Members:

Well, it happened again! A small working group of volunteers met for months to plan the annual Fundraiser and then everyone scattered like the covey of quail we used to have around these parts. I can report that the event was a success from the financial perspective and that we had some great speakers and were able to award the Doris and L.J. Rinn Memorial Scholarships in person and meet the families of these fine young women. We also met our new biologists that cover most of our area and some of the sponsors made their products available for test rides and information. We thank all of them for taking the time to meet with you.



The outdoor experience was very pleasant for the second year in a row and we are still searching for an indoor venue as you never know about the weather. Colton Lilie shared some of his experience and knowledge gained from his summer camp in the Buckskin Brigade. He was sponsored by TSA and did a great job giving back. Thanks, Colton!

Also, Carey Dietzman is a wonderful speaker and has always been willing to volunteer his time and we can't thank him enough. This year he gave an informative talk on trophy management of the deer herd based on years of proven research. For the most part, we currently manage the numbers to meet the carrying capacity of our property and use the antler restrictions to make it possible for more bucks to reach maturity.

Carey demonstrated with antlers from several bucks and how they increased antler size through their maturity, which is best at 6-½ years for most areas. We don't see many of these. Please contact Carey for more information and thanks, Carey!

There are too many volunteers and sponsors to thank without someone feeling neglected, so we will thank the volunteers who worked hard planning, soliciting, and setting up the event as a group. As for sponsors, this event would not be successful with-

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Looking Down From the Saddle

By HERMAN W. BRUNE

Christmas 2012

In the tradition of Christmas Tales from the Lost Rider, which began in 1993:

The dogs jerked from a sound sleep, poked their noses into the air, and shrieked surprised yelps. For a moment all was still. The night world was silent. Then, with a hectic scramble they bailed off the back porch and charged to the edge of the hill overlooking Yaupon Creek. The hollow thunder of their race across the wooden boards echoed into the dark recesses of my slumber. Their incessant barking argued with the shadows in my dreams. Nothing was going to pull me out of this much-needed rest and my conscious burrowed deeper into the blackness.

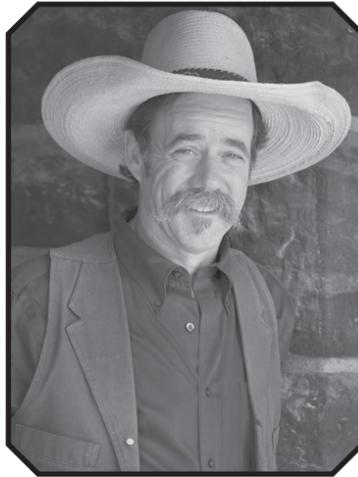
Then Wally bayed. The deep, bellowing call resonated across the yard and lifted upwards towards the stars. It moaned three desperate times and ended in a series of yawning groans that were plain words to me. A voice in my head said, "There's someone here and Ol' Wally knows who it is."

The digital clock glared 12:10. My mind wallowed, mired in a foggy trance. All I needed to do was close my eyes. But that same pestering voice that wakes me to go hunting fussed, "The clock says 12:10 and its fast. So, that means it's really midnight. Wally says somebody is here and you need to go look. Who are you expecting at midnight? Come on ... think ... you know who it is." That did it. My senses were dull but I began to move, and the two-toned kitten on the pillow next to me revved its purring motor. Deftly, my hand reached from beneath the covers and switched on the lamp beside the clock. Me and the cat exchanged dumb stares and then it half-raised itself and stretched.

"Well hell ..." I said, and fumbled from my nest. My knee popped and both shoulders creaked. The aches brought an instant of recognition. Fond remembrances of broncs and days-gone-by. Then I smiled, and the smile turned into a chuckle, "Okay, time to go!"

At once my actions had purpose. Sleepy dreams were forgotten and life was restored. My own stretching rattled-out combinations of snapping and crackling but now the motions were hurried. Yesterday's Wranglers and red flannel shirt hung over the arm of a chair. Beneath them was my vest. A fresh pair of socks was dug from a drawer and then a decision had to be made, moccasins or riding boots.

"Hmm, riding boots are appropriate for this meeting," I said. And a grin broke my face when my spurs jangled. Stomping from the bedroom, the reflection in a mirror stopped me. "Boy, this don't look good." My hair was tousled but mostly gone, a hole from a missing tooth showed on my bottom jaw, creases marred what should have been a youthful complexion, and my mustache was pointing north and south rather than east and west. A quick combing with fingers rectified the situation. Then I clamped on a wide-brimmed straw hat, pulled on a Carhart,



and strode out the door.

The porch dogs sat watching towards the creek and huffing an occasional woof. A campfire flickered in the bottom. "Come on guys, y'all need to meet the company. But hang on, better load some pockets with range cubes," I said. The mutts followed me to the barn and then as a pack we trotted down the slope. A growing moon lit our way.

"Hey cowboy!" our guest hollered as we approached. "Are those your hog dogs?"

"They're hog dogs when we're hog hunting. The rest of the time they're worthless," I answered.

Then he grabbed my hand to shake and finished it by sweeping me up in a bear hug. A pot of coffee bubbled on the coals and his team grazed loose in the pasture. His beard spread broad and full over his chest and his eyes sparkled in the firelight. His pants were tucked into high-top black boots and his felt hat was crimped and sweat-stained. A trophy buckle highlighted the middle of his wide girth.

"You still wearing that All-Aggie bronc-riding buckle I gave you?" I asked.

"Yep, it's been keeping my britches up for almost 20 years," he said.

"Well I ... Hey, dad gummit! Durn critter 'bout freight trained ..."

One of his team plowed into my back and began stuffing its nose into my jacket.

"Here, I've got cookies you rotten mooch."

More of the team hustled near and I doled out the range cubes.

"Hey cowboy, how's that little daughter of yours doing?" he asked.

"Oh man, between her and Oma we should all be doing that well. Little Sam is married, bought a house, and is living north of Austin. And Oma comes over pert near every day to see if I'm behaving. They're living the good life like normal folks."

He scuffed his toe in the dirt and studied. "That's good, glad to hear they're doing well." Then he shook his head. "You know normal ... ain't the same normal, as what we always expected. I suppose this country has seen worse episodes but there's strange business afoot. I don't believe folks like us are even welcome everywhere anymore. Do you still have ideas about getting elected?"

"Aw no, the Capitol ain't made for me. Maybe I'm wrong but it seems that my purpose may be in writing and reporting ... trying to sort reality and getting the story straight for folks. There's some screwy notions floating across the land and there's some answers that people aren't seeing. I'm naïve but I still believe that people will do what's right if they have good information."

"You think you're a better influence with media than running for office?"

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Scenes from
the 2012
Fall
Fundraiser
Sept. 23rd
at
Mentz



An Occidental College acquaintance speaks out

By HERMAN W. BRUNE

(Editor's note: John Drew helped initiate the Political Awareness Fellowship at Occidental College. It was a club that promoted Marxist and Socialist views. It later became the Democratic Socialist Alliance. Barack Obama was a member and shared many conversations with Drew. This edited transcript comes from a radio interview on KULM 98.3 FM "News from the Camp-house" with Herman Brune.)

Drew: I'm shell-shocked by the last election. And I want to bring attention to Obama's radicalism as I saw it face-to-face when he was a sophomore at Occidental College.

Brune: Yes, the public's perception is that we know nothing about Obama's college years. Donald Trump wants to see his transcripts. But you knew him.

Drew: That's right. I actually left Occidental the same year he started. But I had a girlfriend, Caroline Boss, who was running the Democratic Socialist Alliance. She met Obama and had two classes with him, an "international relations class" and a "political theory" class. I was in graduate school at Cornell but I'd fly back to be with her and her family at Spring Break, Christmas, and in the summer. While I was visiting I met Obama and his roommate Mohammed Hason Chandoo.

Brune: Where did you grow up?

Drew: I grew up in the Los Angeles metropolitan area. But I was nearer to New Hall, which was a ranching community. I got a scholarship to go to Occidental, but I had a chip on my shoulder. I was one of the highest scoring students in high school and did well in track and cross country, but I thought it was a disadvantage to grow up poor in America. And

instead of thinking that I could write a good business plan or trust in God for my future, I got very cynical and decided that a socialist society would serve us best. Now, I don't believe that anymore. I stopped being a Marxist in the fall of 1983. But the time I met Obama, during the Christmas of 1980, I was a dyed-in-the-wool neo-Marxist. I was a political science grad student and had written my Honors Thesis at Occidental on Marxist economics. I went on, at Cornell, to get my PHD in political science and won an award from the Political Science Association for my Doctoral Dissertation in 1989. So if there's anybody in the world who would be better trained to identify the exact ideology of the young Barack Obama, I don't see who else it could be. When I say Obama was a Marxist Socialist, I mean it!

Brune: You say by '83 you'd changed your stance?

Drew: I became a strong anti-communist. I created a non-Marxist theory for why welfare programs developed in the U.S.

Brune: What did you see in Obama? How strong were his Marxist Socialist beliefs?

Drew: My girlfriend, Caroline, was running the Democratic Socialist Alliance. He was definitely in her inner circle of friends. I would say that he was anticipating a communist revolution in the U.S. similar to what happened in China or the Soviet Union. And in this anticipation he felt it necessary that Caroline, Chandoo, and himself should prepare themselves to be leaders of this movement. Of course, it was vague about what the actual steps would be but it was evident that he was certain there would be a communist revolution and that it would be a good thing. It would lead to more to equality, prosperity, and have positive

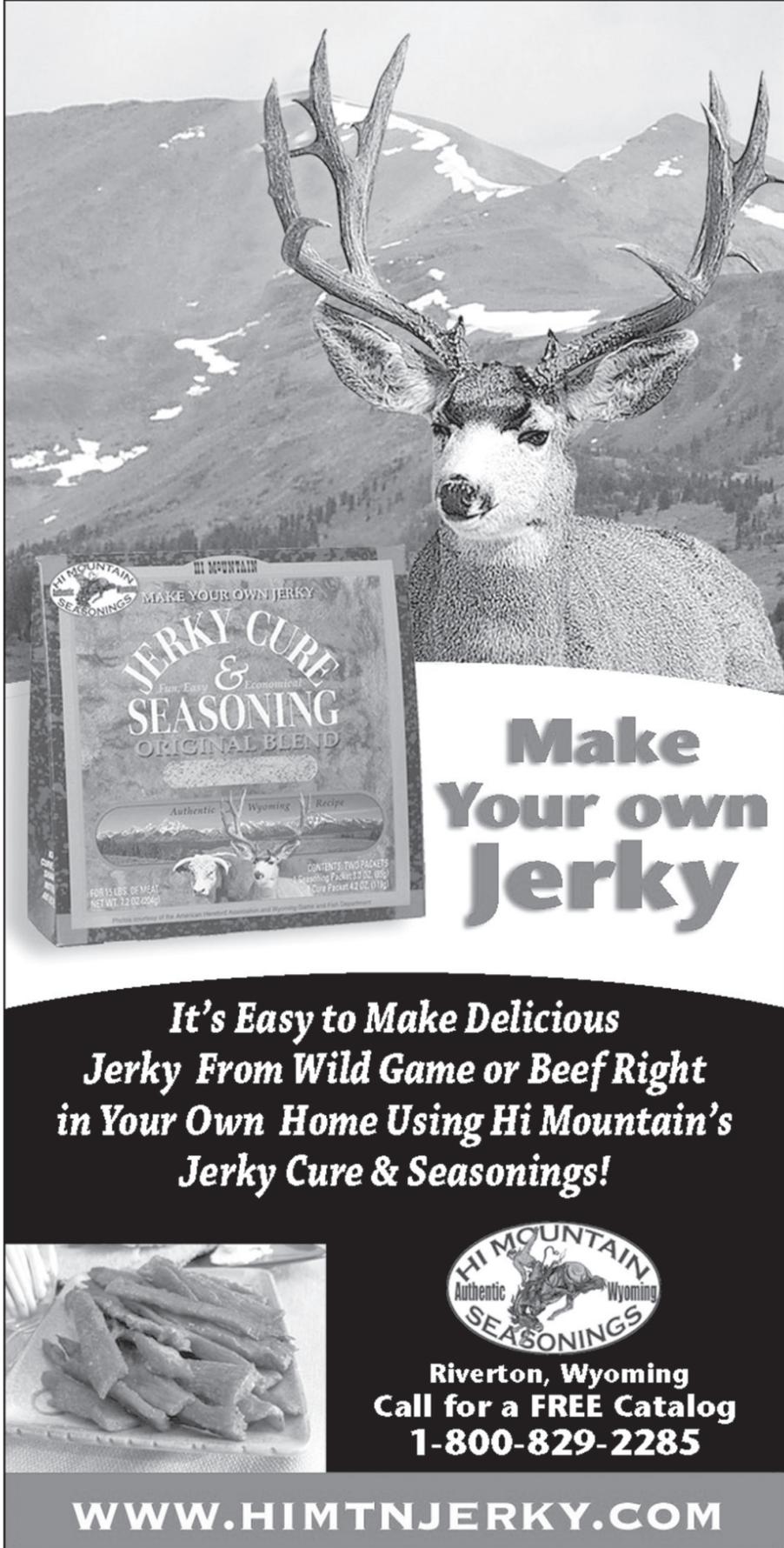
favorable outcomes.

Brune: Could this come from his up-bringing or the naiveté of youth?

Drew: I believe his thinking comes from naiveté, a lack of information concerning the dangers of state-ism, and how communist ideals never work out in real life. Another thing that was unusual was to have

someone of Obama's age, as a sophomore, to be such a committed Marxist. In the case of Obama, he probably grew up in a family where a Marxist point of view was accepted. His Marxism was so extreme that it indicates Frank Marshall Davis was a powerful mentor.

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FIRST DEER — Cutter Morin of Schulenburg, son of Frank and Janet Morin, shot his first deer six miles south of Weimar on Bill Goldsmith's Ranch. The 8-point rack had a 17-1/2 inch inside spread.

Father, son indicted after assault of game warden

An Upshur County grand jury has returned multiple felony indictments, including two first degree counts of aggravated assault on a police officer, naming a father and son accused of holding a Texas game warden at gunpoint last October.

All the indictments stem from an Oct. 6 incident in which Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. Game Warden Shane Bailey was disarmed and detained by two armed men while the officer was making a routine check for hunting law violations on private property in Upshur County.

The warden used his cell phone to call for help, and soon numerous local and state officers came to his assistance and ended the situation with no shots fired.

Lloyd Allen Crabtree, 51, a former county commissioner, was named in five felony indictments, including three counts of aggravated assault on a peace officer (first-degree felony); one count of taking a weapon from a peace officer (third-degree felony) and one count of unlawful restraint with a deadly weapon (third-degree felony).

Crabtree's son, Todd A. Crabtree, 28, was indicted on three felony charges: one count of aggravated assault on a peace officer (first-degree felony), one count of taking a weapon from a peace officer (third-degree felony) and one count of unlawful restraint with a deadly weapon (third-degree felony).

The attorney for the two men notified them that arrest warrants had been issued and they turned themselves in at the Upshur County Jail a short time later. Bond was set at \$1.5 million bond each.

The incident last fall was investigated by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Internal Affairs Unit and the Texas Rangers.

"We really appreciate the hard work on the part of our Internal Affairs officers, the Texas Rangers and Upshur County District Attorney's Office that went into this investigation," said Col. Craig Hunter, TPWD's Law Enforcement Division director.

"We hope these indictments will send a strong message that incidents such as this one will not be tolerated by law-abiding Texans."

TSA welcomes new members

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COLTON LILIE related his experiences at the Bucskin Brigade Camp to members at last September's Fall Fundraiser. Colton was sponsored by the TSA.

Black bear activity on the rise in portions of Texas

Black bear activity in the Hill Country and South Texas along the Rio Grande from Del Rio to below Laredo is increasing, according to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department biologists.

Though historically it has been very rare for bears to be sighted south or east of Val Verde County, through November, 2012 there were a dozen such sightings.

"This is likely a result of a growing number of bears in Mexico dispersing and searching for food after severe droughts and wildfires," says TPWD biologist Jonah Evans of Alpine, the department's bear coordinator. "Whether these sightings signify a permanent recolonization of Central and South Texas remains to be seen."

While black bears are native to all of Texas, in the early 1900s, heavy hunting and trapping completely eliminated them from the state. Currently, the only established breeding populations are in the Big Bend area of West Texas.

"Black bears are generally not a risk to humans," Evans says. "But they can become a nuisance if they gain a taste for human food, pet food, or trash. We've recently received several reports of bears tipping over and damaging deer feeders and a few raiding trash cans along the border."

Evans says the department's goal is for people and bears to coexist peacefully.

"By eliminating food rewards, we eliminate most of the problems," he says. "Many communities in bear country have effectively adapted to live with bears, but it takes everyone working together and doing their part."

The most effective strategy

is for residents along the border to secure their trash, bird feeders, and pet food, so bears don't become habituated to easy meals, Evans notes.

"This cannot be overstated," he continues. "The saying 'A fed bear is a dead bear' is absolutely true. If a bear becomes habituated and food-conditioned, there is little we can do to save it. It will likely have to be destroyed."

The public is being asked to report all bear sightings. If a bear is causing a nuisance, TPWD will work with residents to secure attractants and may attempt to haze the bear. In extreme situations, the bear may be relocated. Biologists are also available to give talks and educational programs on living with bears. Since black bears are a threatened species in Texas, they cannot be legally hunted or harmed.

Bear sightings should be reported to Jonah Evans at (432) 837-2051, ext. 228.

Bear activity reported in 2012 includes:

- Maverick County, Jan. 26 — Sighting
- Starr County, July 30 — Relocated
- Kimble County, Aug. 6 — Sighting
- Menard County, Aug. 8 — Sighting
- Schleicher County, Aug. 8 — Sighting
- Sutton County, Aug. 12 — Sighting
- Webb County, Aug. 27 — Killed on road by vehicle
- Uvalde County, Aug. 31 — Sighting
- Kinney County, Sept. 25 — Sighting
- Maverick County, Oct. 14 — Relocated
- Val Verde County, Nov. 3 — Sighting
- Edwards County, Nov. 5 — Sighting

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President's Message

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out your support and we thank you for your years of contributions to our organization.

I hope you will do as I do and remember these people when making your next purchase. A list of prize donors and winners are included in this issue as well as some pictures taken at the event. I have to thank Brad, who had the pictures in my email, before the pavilion was cleaned up. Newfangled iPhone!

Now we can talk about the current hunting season for the elusive and nocturnal whitetail buck. I began September 29 with visions of some of the beautiful bucks that were frequenting the food plots taken by trail cameras. Well, the new biologists at the Fundraiser told me they had many reports of an early rut. With those annoying acorns falling on me all day and the full moon and mosquitoes, I started thinking there were no deer in Colorado or Lavaca counties. I would go back and forth and have never been shut out so many times in archery season.

The reports are the same across the area and the contest numbers are down. So, we can expect to have many more mature deer in the next season. I am starting to have a pretty nice herd back in the yard now that we have had a couple of frosts and the acorns are gone. I hope you have had a more successful season.

My bright spot was taking my six-year-old grandson out with the single shot one morning and watching him harvest a fine mature doe. It is our responsibility to ethically promote our outdoor activities by teaching our youth how to safely and respectfully enjoy the sport we love.

Enforcement Officer Kerry Peterson stopped by the camp when I had two youngsters

hunting and he confirmed the fact that the season had been real slow in our area. He visited with us for a while and the youngsters were very impressed. Yes, their deer were properly tagged.

Please stress the proper care and safe handling of their firearms and the responsibility of possession and consequences associated. Remember the school victims and families in your thoughts and prayers. We all have been affected.

We held our first 2013 meeting on Thursday, Jan. 10, 2013, at 7 p.m. at the Columbus EMS building. Our next meeting will be Thursday Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. We have to finalize the plan for the March business meeting, so please attend. We must have five board members present to plan the March agenda. We need nominations for Vice President and Treasurer.

Important dates to remember:

1. Annual TSA Business Meeting with Stew lunch, March 10, 2013 at Mentz Parish Hall.

2. TSA Scholarship Application Deadline April 15, 2013.

David Gohlke

Herman Brune

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"Yes sir."

"Well shoot, keep pedaling cowboy! ... Hey put some cold water in that coffee pot to settle the grounds. Did little Sam marry that tall galoot?"

"Oh lord yes and I pick on him just horrible!"

"That's good. Let's get some hot coffee before I drift back north to the Pole. It's sorta frosty up there. Want to ride along?"

"Oh yeah, let's go!"

Roommate speaks out

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Brune: How much time did Obama spend with Davis?

Drew: My understanding is that he was mentored by Davis for eight to nine years in Hawaii while he was growing up. Apparently his grandfather was a friend of Davis and perceived Davis to be an appropriate African-American role model. In addition, Frank Marshal Davis met for the last time with Obama about five months before I met Obama.

Brune: What made you change from being a Marxist Socialist?

Drew: I had experiences where it became obvious that God was looking out for me. I couldn't square the personal experiences with Marxism and an atheist point of view. So it may sound corny but it was my spiritual experiences that put me on the path of conservatism. It also increased the accuracy of my academic work. Going from a Marxist to a conservative was painful. I left behind my girlfriend, many friends, mentors, and the Marxist professors at Cornell that I hung out with. Eventually I made new friends and left the academic world to go into business. What bothers me is that we never hear Obama's conversion story. He never explains how he went from being a radical Marxist Socialist looking forward to a communist revolution to where he's at today. My theory is that there is no evidence of him undergoing a conversion experience. If

you look at his relationships it looks like a straight line of Marxist extremism going from Frank Marshal Davis to Alice Palmer, a socialist politician in Chicago, to Reverend Wright, and to Bill Ayers, our nation's number one unrepentant terrorist.

Brune: What about his political record?

Drew: Look at his healthcare reforms. It's a big government takeover of health insurance. Obama is using the EPA to take over commerce with Cap and Trade. He's appointing people to the Supreme Court with radical backgrounds. His last appointment wrote her graduate thesis on Marxist social movements in New York State. My fear is that they will render the Constitution meaningless. If you listen to his interviews in early 2000 he speaks about the Constitution being an impediment to his ideas of redistributing the wealth.

Brune: The biggest injustice from the past year of political campaigns is that Obamacare was not dissected and we weren't presented with a reasonable and understandable tax plan.

Drew: In time people will find that Obama is no genius. He had an average IQ for an Occidental graduate. He wasn't close to the African American students and was closer to the foreign socialist students, and I'm saddened our country has chosen a difficult and painful future.

Mark your calendars ...
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