

Professors Break Silence: “University Run by Aliens”

IDRISI implicated in bizarre press conference



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Earlier this week, a press conference was held by five Clark University professors.

Charles Agosta, Linda Kennedy, John Davies, Justin Thackeray, and Ken Basye admitted that they had been working on top-secret government projects involving aliens for over two decades. Present were reporters from many local papers, including the *Boston Globe*, *Worcester Phoenix*, and the *Telegram & Gazette*.

“They landed in 1969, right over the president’s [old] house. The cover-up began immediately,” commented Charles Agosta, the spokesperson for the group.

Following his courageous speech was Linda Kennedy. “I was put on some alien mind-control drug,” said Kennedy as she tried to hold back her tears, “it was horrible, absolutely horrible.”

John Davies was more composed and was able to suppress his fears and emotions enough to speak bluntly. “We went through truck-loads of animals for our experiments. There used to be a Crystal Park Zoo, did you know that? All the animals were mutilated by us,” admitted Davies in a cold monotone, apparently hardened by years of psychological abuse. “Several escaped. Sometimes, at night, you can hear their cries.”

Professor Justin Thackeray confirmed the story. Many expressed doubt and disbelief, as Thackeray has only been working at Clark since this fall.

“I’ve been here since 1965,” assured Thackeray, “I remember the library landing over the president’s house. You can’t trust anyone or anything. They’ve wiped many people out of existence completely, and created others out of thin air. Forging contracts and other such documents is as simple as pinching the heads of ants.”

At this point many reporters were standing up to leave, and a *WheatBread* reporter was shouting insults at Thackeray.

Andy Albrecht, a Ph.D. student, interrupted the chaos. “It’s all true!” he shouted, “And I’ve got proof!” He then whipped out

a photo of what appeared to be a hovercraft. A loud murmur swept through the room, and everyone returned to their seats. Jim Collins was seen whispering something to Jack Foley, who quickly left the room. From here on, the atmosphere was, albeit somewhat skeptical, very inquisitive and everyone seemed willing to listen to the allegations.

“I’ve been a Ph.D. student for almost two decades now. I know more than all the professors combined,” Albrecht later said. When asked about his young age, he explained that “they have incredible drugs. They can cure cancer, aging, the cold, AIDS, hemorrhoids, you name it. It’s tragic that all this power is being used only for the nefarious goals of the administration and aliens.”

Albrecht was also used to spy on his brethren. “That’s why they kept me young. They wanted a student, someone on the inside. I’ve turned in hundreds of inquisitive students,” he explained. Tears began streaming down his cheeks onto his pristine white shirt. “Many of them were my friends. They’re probably all dead or brain-washed by now... or worse. Transferred, maybe.”

The press conference continued as the five professors detailed their work for the aliens.

“In 1969, the library landed. I remember I was drinking tea,” explained John Davies, “I even remember it was Twinings Earl Grey, back when it was not in bags like the kak they sell these days. Anyway, the cover-up was so quick, I hadn’t even finished my tea before someone was knocking at my door.”

Apparently the aliens used various mind-control drugs on almost all the nearby residents.

“Well, that was mostly just to calm people. I think they only used mind-control on very few people. Most of us joined out of fear. Of course the money helped, too,” commented Charles Agosta.

“I was recruited by the government to learn from the alien technology,” explained Davies. “The aliens didn’t share much of their information, but they didn’t mind us poking around their engines and technology.”

“The research was so interesting that I immersed myself in it twenty-four hours a day. I forgot about the outside world,” commented Linda Kennedy, who performed autopsies and neurological research on some aliens which had died during the trip to Earth.

“I think that’s why most of us kept quiet,” agreed Basye, “the thrilling research, the money, the fear... They were very good at separating us from the rest of the world. Many of us began to feel so alienated that we felt closer to the aliens than anyone else.”

John Davies tried hard to hold his composure when he made the most controversial accusation that evening. “They stole children,” he said. A silence fell over the room. Davies, apparently unable to continue, left the room. Linda Kennedy approached the podium, her hands shaking.

“It’s true. They stole children. They would brain-wash the child’s friends and relatives, so the child wouldn’t be missed. The children were usually brain-washed also and recruited into the aliens’ elite forces. President Traina is one of them. His parents won’t remember he ever existed, but he was actually the daughter of a couple who lived in Main South,” Kennedy explained in a quavering voice.

“Some of the children were used for research, to improve the aliens’ mind-control technology,” added Ken Basye. “I was researching the navigational computers used in the library at the time. In 1974 I was able to produce the NavCom Mark I. It was primitive, but it worked. The aliens explained I couldn’t use conventional energy supplies in faster-than-light travel. I had to use children. Sixty of them, genetically altered to have no heads or hands, and they would just pedal a small generator for hours on end.”

The reporters were shocked. Some refused to believe it and referred to the professors as “two tacos short of a combo platter” and “fucking bonkers.” Others were shouting out questions, demanding more information.

Ken Basye ended his speech soon after. “There is so much more to tell. So many more horrendous atrocities. Many of the children died in stupid mistakes, such stupid mistakes,” Basye said, tears welling up in his eyes, “I once tripped down some stairs holding a child. He miraculously survived that. Then I was hit by a car on my way out, still with the child. He survived that, too. In fact, never mind, he didn’t die after all. But it was troubling nonetheless.”

The professors pleaded with the press present to probe Clark’s past and prevailed on pioneering publishers to penetrate the previously-pristine pretense.

“Look under ‘IDRISI,’ they said before filing quickly from the room.



Dean of the Graduate School Fred Greenaway attempts to hide IDRISI Project model after being surprised by reporters

University denies all IDRISI reportedly “pissed”



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Earlier this week, a press conference was held in the Lurie Conference Room concerning the recent allegations of alien presence at Clark University. The main speaker was President Richard Traina, flanked by Michael Dennis, Business Manager, and Tom Dolan, Senior Vice President. The conference was well-attended.

“There are no aliens at Clark University. Not in Jack Foley’s moustache, not anywhere,” asserted Richard Traina as cameras flashed.

When Tom Dolan’s turn came, he commented, “All the rumors concerning the library are hog-wash. Simply because it was designed by a creative architect influenced by late sixties ideas does not prove any alien involvement.”

Unfortunately for Charles Agosta, Linda Kennedy, and the other professors who accused Clark University of cooperating with aliens, Richard Traina announced that “we are considering pressing charges against the libelous faculty.” He accused Charles Agosta, Linda Kennedy, John Davies, Justin Thackeray and Ken Basye of “damaging Clark’s reputation as an institution devoted to academic excellence and social responsibility.”

Present at the conference were representatives from many local papers, such as the *Boston Globe*, the *Telegram & Gazette*, and *Worcester Phoenix*. Some *WheatBread* reporters were present for the first half of the conference, after which they were thrown out by men in black for asking too many questions. Ironically, the *Scarlet* reporters were asked to leave for not asking enough questions.

“If I had seen a space-ship land in the middle of campus, I would’ve run. Obviously, I’m still here, so no such occurrence ever happened. I remember watching, and even photographing, the building of the library,” commented Michael Dennis. A brief but heated argument erupted when a *Boston Globe* reporter pointed out that Dennis was “probably a zygote” in 1969, when the library was allegedly built. The reporter accused

Dennis of lying. Dennis responded with, “It was just a figure of speech. It’s true I wasn’t here, but I know many people who were, and they assure me it’s a real library.”

The conference was over by three in the afternoon, after which coffee and bagels were served, courtesy of Bon Appetit catering.

After the conference, Jack Foley, Executive Assistant to the President, expressed anger at the allegations. “Charles Agosta’s allegations are ludicrous. If aliens had landed here, wouldn’t there be a crater, crop-circles, mutilated cows or something?” commented Foley as he nervously twirled his moustache.

Agosta was unable to comment, as he was, according to physics student Mark Hokanson, “In the Far East somewhere, researching something high-tech, I think. He fears for his safety at Clark now.”

“There is no way aliens could be here at Clark. How could they possibly have invented faster-than-light travel before the U.S.A.?” said Senior Research Assistant to the IDRISI project John Auble. He appeared dismayed to learn the Japanese had invented a supersonic hovercraft a number of years before IDRISI.

Fred Regan, Vice-President in charge of University Resources, was reluctant to comment, but did say that “I am not working with aliens. Even if I wanted to, my wife would never let me.”

Fred Greenaway, Dean of the Graduate School, felt that the accusations were implausible for other reasons. “What would aliens want from Clark? If they wanted technology, they’d surely choose M.I.T. For psychology and drug experiments, probably the University of Vermont. For everything else, probably Harvard. Clark has nothing to offer aliens.” However, an observant photographer noticed Greenaway trying to hide a model of a hovercraft behind a fern.

Greenaway also pointed out that Clark prides itself on its cultural diversity, and would probably be quite eager to “enroll a few aliens.” The International Students Association issued a statement of general dismay.

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project, as he watched one of the scale models of an IDRISI project float by.

Professor Arthur Chou expressed mild surprise at the success of the demonstration.

After the demonstration, Professor Lee Rudolph, Chair of Math and Computer Science, said, “I’m very proud to have been a part of this event. I believe this represents

a milestone in not only the IDRISI project, but also in the furthering of Clark’s academic excellence and social responsibilities. The people gathered here today have proven to me once again that we are an institution based on the common motive of helping and educating our fellow humans. I really liked the elderberry muffins, too.”