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Huckabee's act finally wearing thin

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Mike Huckabee thought he was. In a country where 19 million people watch *American Idol* each week, yet only slightly more than 8 million people tuned in for ABC's January debates, Huckabee was banking on the assumption that Americans care more about being entertained than they do about hearing talk of platforms and policy.

Luckily for America, his campaign strategy, like his platform, was more ideological than practical.

Huckabee made headlines this week for his appearance on *Saturday Night Live's* "Weekend Update" segment. During the show Huckabee

exchanged banter with host Seth Myers regarding Huckabee's chances of winning the Republican nomination.

Myers informed Huckabee that even if he won every remaining delegate, he would still be 200 short of front-runner John McCain. Huckabee's response- stating that he doesn't understand the meaning of the word "mathematical impossibility."

The moment was so funny that for a moment I overlooked the fact that there is a man running for president who doesn't know what a "mathematical impossibility" is.

Huckabee has had this effect on people for quite some time.

Last fall when Mitt Romney attacked Huckabee for

excessive pardoning of criminals, Huckabee countered by getting a celebrity endorsement from Chuck Norris.

How could a man be soft on crime with Chuck Norris at his back? The only way the endorsement could have been any stronger was if Huckabee had gotten the vote of confidence from Steven Seagal and Charles Bronson as well, thus giving him the Holy Trinity of cinema bad-asses in his corner.

Throughout his campaign, Huckabee has dodged important issues, vying to be the coolest candidate rather than the most qualified one.

Luckily for the future of the free world, however it appears

as if Huckabee's gig is up. Somewhere along the line, Americans realized that while they hear Huckabee, he is still an under qualified governor from a state whose biggest contribution to the union was Jed Clampett.

Even if Huckabee doesn't know that it is impossible for him to win, most Americans not educated by the Arkansas public school system do. And that's a good thing. Now we can stop worrying over the possibility that this man might actually become president, and just be entertained by him.

And hey, there are plenty more elections that Huckabee could win. Most likely one where the votes come in to FOX via text message.

Campus protesters: Stick to your guns

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Over the past two weeks, everybody on campus seems to be up in arms over the college denying First Amendment rights to the distributors of an underground publication.

Although the criticism of college policy is valid, students need to be wary of being biased with their protest. After all, the same week that "The Pupil's Underground" was published, a student was arrested for having a gun on campus.

Need we remind you that the Bill of Rights features ten amendments and not just one? We cannot pick and choose the rights that we lobby for; it's all or nothing.

The Second Amendment reads, "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be

infringed."

It is without a doubt the most important part of the Bill of Rights, and yet we are willing to let campus life deny us this right because of some vague notion of "campus security."

This is ludicrous.

In fact, the only way to truly secure a campus is to have a well armed Militia of

students patrolling the campus at all hours.

While some of you anti-gun nutjobs may look upon an armed student militia as being a tad over the top, we disagree. You may even go so far as to say that protecting

our campus is Stan Jacobsen and campus security's job. However, they merely address campus safety issues such as breaking up fights, silencing loud parties after quiet hours, and investigating possible

alcohol and drug violations, not more pressing issues such as the possibility of outside threats to our campus.



Presumably it would even be possible to form such a Militia on the BC campus (but only as a sanctioned organization with a faculty advisor, of course,) yet it would be impossible to accomplish anything as a Militia without the

most important of aspect of our Second Amendment rights, the right to bear arms.

What is even the point of having Student Government if we are denied the means necessary to overthrow them?

We are not the only people who feel this way. According to the NRA, the gun-free policy that exists on most campuses is putting students in more danger than it is protecting them from. They even went so far as to help a group sponsor an "Empty Holster Day," where students carried an empty holster around to protest the gun-free status of most colleges.

Upon reading this, we had an epiphany.

If an "Empty Holster Day" can affect college policy on weapons on campus, a "Full Holster Day" could go even further. So, get with your friends and organize. Nobody wants to be stuck carrying an air-soft gun while all your friends are packing AK's.