

UGA AND YALE SHARE A COMMON HISTORY, BUT NOT MUCH ELSE

You may not know this, but the University of Georgia, the oldest state-chartered university in the nation, located in Athens, the Classic City of the South, enjoys a common bond with Yale University. Abraham Baldwin, a Yale graduate, helped establish Franklin College (today's University of Georgia), and served as the institution's first president. The North Campus of UGA, the single most beautiful spot in the free world — with the possible exception of Ireland and Scotland — is modeled after the Yale campus in New Haven. In 1929, the Georgia Bulldogs invited the Yale Bulldogs, a major power at the time, to Athens — their first trip South — to inaugurate Sanford Stadium. UGA beat Yale 15-0, and not surprisingly, Yale never came back.

There — I earnestly pray — the similarity between the two institutions ends. In the ensuing years, UGA and Yale seem to have gone in opposite directions. In Athens, you will see a lot of earnest kids, sharper than a tack, trying to get a good education and a lot of earnest faculty members trying to ensure that they do. After all, the graduates have to survive in the real world that awaits them. Yale, on the other hand, seems to have abandoned the real world and floated into La-La Land.

Yale was a part of a recent consortium of liberal universities that discouraged letting the U.S. military recruit on campus. A bunch of law professors took their case to the U.S. Supreme Court and got their cans kicked by the Supremes. The vote was 8-0, which qualifies as a judicial romp. No liberal vs. conservative ideology on this one. The Court gave the universities a choice: Either allow military recruiters the same access to students that you afford other recruiters or give up certain federal funds. Of course, there is no way these leeches are going to give up slurping from the federal spigot. Otherwise, they might have to go get jobs.

In addition to thumbing their noses at military recruiters, Yale has gone out of its way to make the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) unwelcome on campus. Why all of this antipathy toward the U.S. military? Yale's specious argument is that they are taking the moral high ground because of the military's "Don't ask, don't tell" policies regarding gays.

That would seem like the kind of liberal cause that academia loves, except that at the same time that they were dissing the military, Yale proudly announced that it has granted admission to a former official of the Taliban. Sayed Rahmatullah Hashemi is a one-time deputy foreign secretary of one of the most evil organizations on God's Green Earth, and gained entrance into Yale despite having only a fourth-grade education and a high school equivalency degree.

Yale officials excuse this inexcusable action by saying they want to increase diversity. They want diversity? They got it. Every campus needs a representative of an organization that oppresses women, non-Muslims and — are you ready? — gays. How much more diverse can you be than that?

Yale University does not want the American military around campus because of its policy on gays, but has sought out and welcomed a former official of a group that willingly stones homosexuals to death. Granted, I only have a degree from a plebeian Southern university so I may be missing something, but this sounds so abjectly stupid that it can only be a matter of time before Yale's actions get a ringing endorsement from President Peanut.

Sayed, the Talibandido, told the New York Times, "In some ways, I'm the luckiest person in the world. I could have ended up in Guantanamo Bay. Instead I ended up at Yale."

Thankfully, Sayed ended up at Yale and not at UGA. Down here, we appreciate the men and women of the military, and we don't like people who stone those with whom they disagree. Maybe it's time that we reciprocate for all the help Yale was to us in the early days. Maybe we should ship them a barrel of common sense and suggest they take a deep whiff. I think they've even embarrassed Abraham Baldwin.