

## Post-traumatic Hippie Syndrome:

## Real or Imagined?

Trailer 34 news agency reported today that a recent study shows past and present Omega Institute seasonal staff rank far beyond the national average in lifetime achievement. The study, funded by the Dyson Foundation, took a random analysis of the approximately 6000 seasonal staff who worked as seasonal staff at Omega during the past 15 years, and catalogued their accomplishments.

"We were encouraged by the findings of the study," said Staff Programs Coordinator Brett Bevell. "Staff often succumb to the propaganda that they aren't doing anything with their lives...what some people call post-traumatic Hippie Syndrome, but the study shows that just isn't the case."

The study revealed what some already knew, but put it into statistical perspective. "Present and ex-Omega staff include musicians topping the chart of Billboard Magazine, literary award winners for both fiction and poetry, yoga teachers galore, successful artists who have shown in museums and galleries in major cities around the world, photographers and documentary film makers, and even the executive producer and script writer for the hit television series Grey's Anatomy," Bevell continued. "For people to think we are suffering from any form of post-



traumatic Hippie syndrome is ridiculous!"

Post-traumatic Hippie Syndrome, or PTHS as it is called my the Center for Disease Control is a lethargic form of disease with the following symptoms: red eyes, a consistent lack of memory, and an occasional rebellious attitude towards authority. "Not all of those are indicators of poor health," argues psychologist and former Harvard professor Buddie Goldfinger. "In fact, questioning the status quo is part of any healthy evolutionary condition, be it biological, psychological or spiritual. But to say that Omega staff as a whole suffer from PTHS is simply not true."

Some sources say that the rumor of a PTHS epidemic at Omega is being intentionally engineered as a scare tactic to prevent freedom of thought, spontaneous artistic expression, and a general loss of spiritual or creative appetite. But who then would be the culprit of such an evil scheme?

"We are investigating the matter," said Omega's Psychic Scene Investigator Gale Gristle. "And though we have no direct leads on who is creating the rumor, we can say the rumor itself is has no evidence to support it. And, as we all know, the evidence never lies."



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