



## MOLDY BUILDINGS SET TO RE-OPEN WILL INSTEAD RE-CLOSE

The Western™ this week announced that due to “extremely, extremely, minor air quality issues,” Minton Hall would not reopen for the spring. Follow-up inspections discovered a hazardous fine particulate dust that officials promise “probably won’t” kill humans, regardless of deadly effects on cats, dogs, and gerbils.

Extensive lab testing revealed it to be a mixture of burnt popcorn, Ramen noodle pork seasoning granules, and white squirrel poop, though when pressed the testing agency admitted it was “mostly mold.” Thanks to the relaxation of federal and state regulatory rules, The Western™ will not be required to remediate the human feces and urine bubbling up through dilapidated plumbing systems.

For the spring semester, students will be housed in leftover Fyre Festival tents erected on the South Lawn. To compensate those re-displaced, The

Western™ has generously provided free Big Red IV drips, hospital gowns, and cheese sandwiches charged to their Big Red Dollar accounts, along with season football tickets. For their own safety they will be outfitted with shock collars to prevent them from leaving campus, except to visit Hilligans and Shots.

In an effort to further cultivate a culture of performance and personal responsibility among students, the five remaining able-bodied former Minton residents will be hired as part-time work-study students to twirl Big Red towels at a high rate of speed to run the HVAC system at the DUC.

At a reclosing ceremony, in which the recently cut ribbon was ceremonially stapled back together with the The Western™’s official stapler, officials strenuously denied that any students had been driven insane by alien spores or assaulted by

tentacles from an alternate dimension.

In a related story, President Postponi has tasked Chris Jensen to tackle the ongoing mold problem. “Look, he’s a tall white guy with a deep voice. There’s no problem on this campus that he’s so underqualified to solve that he can’t convince us that he can,” said Postponi. “We plan to give him another 45% pay raise to match the outstanding work he’s already incapable of performing competently.” Reached for comment, Craig Cobane expressed displeasure. “I’m the overpaid white guy on campus! He’s stealing my moves.”



**Hackey the Sentient Black Mold Spore** Eagerly Awaits Move into Freshman Village

### PROGRAMS IMPLEMENT CRAMMP MODEL

In accordance with the “bottom-up” spirit of CRAMMP, The Western’s™ faculty have been granted unfettered freedom to reduce or eliminate their programs or services. Programs have implemented CRAMMP as follows:

- Art Dept. reduces Ceramics major to Ceramic minor
- Library decides books are dumb, draws more students with hot dog stand, Twister marathons
- Theatre Department limits acting classes to Mimes in very small, cheap boxes
- History Department limits scope of history to events that happened since 1987
- CFS 362, “Medical Nutrition Therapy I: Now Brought To You By Sonic”
- Music Dept. to teach Busking as “Workforce Development”
- “Critical Thinking” learning objective now just “Uncritical Acceptance”
- Sociology Department moved into cheaper digs in abandoned Sears in Greenwood Mall
- Beer Certificate Program gains popularity with newly-alcoholic, unemployed professors
- Kentucky Museum rebranded as “Shady Tims' Gold and Silver Pawn Shop”
- Kinesiology faculty proposes online Cockfighting Mgmt. major
- Music practice rooms to charge by the hour, dispense free condoms
- Honors “College” relocated back to double-wide trailer on Hill
- Biology Department Mycology Program sees opportunity for Connections: (Very) Local to Global Course

## DOUBLED OVER WITH CRAMMP

### THE WESTERN™ LAUNCHES NEW INITIATIVE

Given the critical underfunding of The Western™’s athletics programs, President Caboni has launched the Capricious Review of Academic Major and Minor Programs (CRAMMP). The Western™ will slash funding on luxury operations like teaching classes, paying untenured instructors, and supporting student scholarships in order to pay for essential athletics initiatives including the construction of a new Athletic Student Support (ASS) facility. “You have a question about CRAMMP? Take it up (with) the ASS!” cackled Caboni.

At a press release, Provost Ballman said “we don’t have any pre-determined list of programs to be cut, and certainly not a 57-page list of 127 programs that’s in my briefcase right now, I can tell you that. But if there WERE a list, it would start with Canadian Studies.” An advance copy of the Provost’s not pre-determined CRAMMP Program Mergers includes the following:

- Department of Military Theatre (artillery ballet capstone)
- Department of Psychology, Psych-o-logy, Psy-chology, and Psycho-logy
- Department of International CommunicationS Disorders
- Dept. of Student Services separated into Departments of Students, Services
- Department of Library Combustion Science
- Department of Auxiliary English Services

## BIG RED SUSPENDED

The Western™’s beloved mascot, Big Red, has been suspended. Anonymous insiders tell The Tool that nothing in the amorphous red creature’s 100- to 200-word essays convinced CRAMPP reviewers to save it, mostly because Big Red can neither read nor write. Big Red’s suggestion to “transform” itself into Littler Red was met with a stern rejection. Big Red will be replaced with a more appropriate and economical option: **Hackey, the Sentient Black Mold Spore.** “Hackey is a perfect mascot that embodies The Western™’s Administration,” explained VP of Statistical Incompetence Doug McElroy, “It spreads rapidly, makes you sick, and forces you to leave.”

## BALLMAN'S ABOUT-FACE RATE UP 200%

In a semi-reversal of a semi-decision, semi-Provost Terry Ballman told the Senate that she has sent letters to all instructors informing them that they would not be receiving letters explaining the letters discontinuing their employment at WKU. As she explained her end-of-the-semester actions to the Senators, University President Timothy Caboni, seated behind Ballman, was seen making exaggerated finger gestures indicating it was all her fault, as well as spinning his finger around his ear and pointing at the Provost while vigorously rolling his eyes.

Asked to clarify, Caboni claimed "I have no idea what she is talking about; I was out of town for three weeks filming a Christmas sing-along and only just now found out about this terrible decision, which she made on her own with no input from me whatsoever. Also, I have never seen that woman before in my life. Police!"

To keep up appearances, President Caboni ordered the Provost via a memo written in disappearing ink to send letters "admin-splaining" their jobs. The letters will include directions to the nearest restroom, time allowances for bowel movements and/or vomiting as necessary, as well as instructions for implementing a new "Pay Your Parking Fine Now" HEEC for all Colonnade courses.

Reached for comment, Provost Ballman looked nervously over her shoulder, and responded "me donde California." When pressed for an explanation, she responded, "desgraciadamente, de acuerdo con mis obligaciones contractuales, no estoy permitida contestárles en inglés."

"I had a master plan to solve this whole crisis," chuckled Angus G. Emslie to students in his bi-term physics class the next morning.

### FEATURE: COUNTING BUDGET DOLLARS WITH "THE COUNT"

The Board of Regents Online Salary Report shows the following raises as of July 01, 2018 (names redacted, go look it up for yourselves. You should already be doing that anyway):

Employee One	68,664	93,000	+24,336
Employee Two	134,160	174,156	+39,996
Employee Three	85,704	120,000	+34,296
Employee Four	89,940	105,000	+15,060
Employee Five	91,308	106,008	+14,692

(Source: <https://tinyurl.com/ASSCRAMMP>)

Total raises awarded to Employees 1 through 5 (not counting the COLA and merit raises applied Jan. 1, 2019): +128,380.

The Count says that in real world math, that works out to 64 part-time instructors teaching almost 2000 Colonnade student credit hours. Or, three office associates, or one-half of a tenure-track faculty member in Gordon Ford College. The more you know!

Solve the Count's "Funtime Math Problem:" If two trains leave Chicago at the same time, one heading east, and one going to hell in a handbasket, and if salary raises for Employees 1 through 5 total an amount roughly the same as 51 Cornelius A. Martin student scholarships, 43 double ash-urn burial nooks in the WKU Columbarium Wall, or 3,200 BioCide Laboratories "Mold Bomb DIY Mold Remediation Spray Foggers" (\$39.95/unit, qualifies for free shipping on WKU's Amazon Business account!) will the train reach hell before all the clowns exit the clown car?

### PRESIDENT CABONI MISTAKENLY OUTSOURCES ENTIRE UNIVERSITY TO PRIVATE VENDORS

Overwhelmed by a passionate surge of libertarian zeal to redirect public tuition dollars into the hands of another private-sector consulting firm adept at southern charm and competitive suit tailoring, President Caboni outsourced all operations of The Western™ to Superior Consulting (coincidentally headquartered in the next office park over from Huron Consulting).

"This is a great day in our institution's history," Caboni read slowly and mechanically from cue cards shown to him by Chase Guffington, our new consultant for false consciousness. "We are a leaner and meaner institution. We cannot be all things to all people, or even some things to many people. Get to work. Go Tops!" According to new Provost Howard Roark, The Western™ will now pay only half of its employees half their salaries, but give double the salaries to one-quarter of the administrators. (the ones strategists in Chicago deem least troublesome). "We want to nurture a culture of performance," claimed Roark, "which implies with no evidence whatsoever and for crass strategic purposes that further my own vocational future, that there wasn't one before I got here."

Vendors were also brought in to roam the grounds with 50% less powerful leaf-blowers, lose football games quicker, and teach leadership studies. Finally, The Western™'s Faculty Regent was replaced by a vendor-programmed algorithm who repeats talking points to the University Senate as handed to him by our new consultant overlords. "I've been told that education isn't sustainable anymore. We're all toast. We all need to learn hard skills to prepare us to work in the mines. #FriendsofCoalKY Any questions?"



*The Count prepares his presentation on administrator salaries to The Western™'s Bored of Regents.*

## BREAKING NEWS AND UPDATES!

- President Caboni Reportedly Running Dangerously Low on Other Peoples' Ideas
- University to Hire Schroedinger's Instructors; Will Be Hired and Fired at the Same Time
- Drs. Burch and Emslie to launch "We Don't Look So Bad Now, Do We?!?" lecture tour
- 2014 Film Documentary "Race to the Bottom" Astoundingly Prescient
- Jennifer Tougas Exceedingly Happy Nobody Angry About Parking Anymore - "I LOVE this Budget Crisis!," exclaims Parking and Transportation Director
- Upper Administration Pines for the Days When the Craziest Problems were David Keeling, Wieb Van Der Meer
- University Historian to Release Revisionist History, "A People's History of Gary Ransdell"
- SGA unanimously supports resolution asking Caboni to just "be competent"
- The Western™'s Grief Counseling Program Now Fastest-Growing Unit on Campus, Serves Equal Numbers of Faculty and Students
- Faculty/Staff Merit Pay Scheme Unveiled: Employee Performance to be Rated on "Bowtie Scale" of 1 to 5
- Somewhere on a nice cruise ship, Gary Ransdell is getting paid \$100,000 a year to read this