



EVERYBODY ON CAMPUS REALLY TIRED

As the semester draws to a close, the general atmosphere on campus is one of mental and physical exhaustion. The number of students attending classes is dwindling rapidly, and between end-of-semester papers and frantic frat parties, the students on campus look generally haggard. "I'm even too tired to masturbate," complained frustrated Frankfort freshman Dick Johnson.

Likewise, greetings exchanged between professors have recently changed from "Are you going to make it?" to nothing more than a grunt and a nod. Reportedly, some classes in the final week are just an hour and twenty minutes of professors and students gently dozing, or "cogitating," on their desks.

When asked whether he was sympathetic to the plight of The Western™'s students and faculty, a representative from Bowling Green's Union of People Who Work for a Living, Local #342, said, "You gotta be frickin' kidding me." Some faculty and student leaders are calling for a reconsideration of the rejected bi-term calendar. "Hell, we'd be almost done with a second whole session of classes by this point if we were on a bi-term, dude!" moaned an SAE brother.

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A New Flavor of Ransdell:
Introducing the Notorious G.A.R.

PROVOST HIGHLIGHTS "PLUSSES" OF ADDING PLUSSES TO GRADING SYSTEM

Provost Angus G. Emslie recently recommended to the SGA and University Senate chairs that plus marks (+) be added to The Western™'s grading system, giving those students with high B and C grades a little .5 boost to their GPA.

Students and faculty members enthusiastically embraced the suggestion and quickly added other suggestions to boost students' morale and motivation. "I think adding gold stars for students who've made exceptional effort over the course of the semester will really bring the bling to otherwise-drab transcripts," said Kappa Delta Recording Secretary Jenny Jenkins, with all smiles. "I suggested to my Math 116 professor that he throw all the plus award winners an ice cream party," said another Kappa Delta sister. "But he said that there are no plusses in the F scale. Frowny face!"

President Ransdell will recognize all plus award winners with a smack on the ass in addition to the usual lingering, awkward hug he awards to all graduates.

To further the spellbinding impact of a The Western™ transcript, all will be printed on bright red, highly flammable flash paper. "Just waive it near a heat source and -- BAM! -- your academic record bursts in bright, harmless, but dazzling flames!" exclaimed Emslie. (Additional transcripts available for \$10 each, or get a thousand for the super-low price of \$888.)

To further boost student GPAs, faculty members will be encouraged to expand extra-credit opportunities to include not only attendance at cultural and educational events but also attendance on campus. Why shouldn't students get extra points just for showing up? How better to encourage them to enjoy the campus and soak up the atmosphere of lifelong learning with international reach?

As with any proposal, there are some nay-sayers. "This whole thing kind of reminds me of getting a little tongue in your kiss from gramma on Thanksgiving. Kinda nice but you feel dirty afterward," complained a Hopkinsville sophomore.

THE WESTERN™ TO BAN SOMETHING OR OTHER

Social media have revolutionized the way the campus community follows the news. Recently, a student in an African-American studies class ironically tweeted that The Western™ was banning hip-hop. Reading hurriedly, a reporter at the College Height Herald then reported that Gary Ransdell was banning flip-flops on campus, and soon the campus network was aflame with inaccurate but viral rumors that The Western™ was forbidding hip-hop, trip-hop, dubstep, flip-flops, co-ops, bebop, Hanson's "MMM...Bop," lollipops, soda pop, pop rocks, smelly jocks, "D*ck in a Box," gigaflops, flapjacks, and Skrillex.

After a full day of quelling wild rumors on Twitter, Facebook, email, Tumblr, MySpace, AOL, BBS, IRQ, and the Western™'s legacy telegraph line, University Barrister Deborah Wilkins finally exploded, issuing the following furious but truncated, 140-character tweet:

"Acc 2 KY Law ur Acts R Illegal and Punishble By Law, N Serious Fines 4 U May Be Levied By Legally Empwrd Instits Like The Western, So Go Fuc"

To finally put an end to the controversy and show The Western™'s support for hip-hop, President Gary Ransdell dressed up like Flavor Flav and recorded a rap video called "Yo We Luv tha Hip-Hopz Stop tha Tweetz Yo Yo Yo."

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BREAKING NEWS!

Provost Emslie's Boyish Charm, Utter Contempt For Faculty Confound Naysayers, Win Over Skeptics at PCAL Bi-Term Forum

DESIGN PLANS FOR HONORS COLLEGE REVEAL ENHANCED LUXURIES

In addition to being LEED-certified, the new Honors College will incorporate a number of special, exclusive features for its students. Previously announced were the building's technologically-advanced classrooms and international food court, to be built using funds redirected from the closed South Campus Food Court. The menu at the Honors-only "I. Kant Get Enough Grub" Eatatorium is rumored to include such delicacies as Galapagos tortoise stew and fried Orangutan nibbles. Recently revealed plans show that imported Himalayan mountain

air will be pumped in from giant tanks on the roof. Not only will Honors students, staff, and faculty be freed from physically intermingling with the regular campus peons, they also won't have to breathe their used, tainted air.

The compound will be protected by 16-foot high cyclone fence with manned guard towers and an oil-filled moat to prevent the "lesser" students from disturbing the honor students' philosophical musings.

Non-Honors students will, however, be permitted to enter the building at certain hours to wave palm leaf fans for the comfort of their betters. Non-Honors students

may also compete for work-study jobs that would require them to feed Honors Students grapes as they recline in the Honors Chaise Lounge Lounge.

An inside source also reported that extraordinary measures have been taken in case of emergency. Massive, underground turbine engines can lift the entire compound into the air, safely away from any unpleasantness affecting the rest of The Western™, Bowling Green, or Kentucky, transforming the College into a sort of free-roaming intellectual Shangri-La in the clouds.

TOOL UNCOVERS GARY RANSELL'S CHRISTMAS LIST

Following a tip from an anonymous source inside Wetherby, The Big Red Tool has discovered a copy of President Gary Ransdell's Christmas List. Ransdell wants the following items this year:

- Freshmen who return for their sophomore year, and who accidentally double-pay tuition
- More cupolas; less faculty complaining
- Somebody who can explain what "international reach" is supposed to mean
- Fog machine, disco ball to use during graduation monologue
- Lego™ Honors College Building Set
- A Cabbage Patch doll
- Spa day, long walk on beach with Rod Stewart
- Ben & Jerry's Schweddy balls ice cream, Twinkies
- To keep the "stma" in Christmas
- World peace and/or invite to Little Caesar's Pizza Bowl...Wait, what? Really?! Great! Never mind, screw world peace, dude!

RAND PAUL BLASTS DEMS FOR FLINGING NATION OFF "FISCAL CLIFF"

Since the election, debates over how to avoid plummeting the nation over the New Year "Fiscal Cliff" have heated up. Bowling Green's own US Senator, Rand Paul, has come up with a plan to avoid fiscal catastrophe.

After deep consultation with a select group of advisors, theologians, and used-car salesmen, Paul has unveiled a plan that replaces "Democrat job-killing tax increases" with job-killing cuts to government spending and the social safety net. Paul's *Saving Real Americans* proposal eliminates all government expenditures except for "critical spending" and "incentive programs" for "job creators," defined as anyone earning more than \$200K, owning at least two Hummers, or employing more than three household servants.

Spending cuts outlined in Paul's proposal include:

- Air Force One to be replaced by "Greyhound Bus Alpha"
- GSA to switch out Charmin for that brown, scratchy stuff
- Louisiana, New Mexico demoted to protectorate status
- Foreign aid to foreign foreigners
- "Moocher" programs Medicaid, Medicare, and Pell Grants

Reaction among local residents was mixed. 91-year-old Charley Francis Houchens told a Tool reporter, "Well, I guess I'm proud of that Paul boy. First he fixed the wife's cataracts, and the next thing you know he's up in Washington playing in the big leagues. Good for him! On the other hand, he's making me regret all the things I said about Obama back in October."

Dear Gabby

THE BIG RED TOOL'S ADVICE COLUMN FOR MISGUIDED READERS

Dear Gabby,

Remember that lawsuit *The Western*™ brought against the Italian designer who joked that his mascot design copied Big Red? How did that ever turn out? As a textile design student who's thinking about law school, I'm curious about fuzzy copyright in-fringe-ment (get it?).

-- Furry & Legal

Dear Furry,

Leave the puns to the comedians. A confidentiality agreement prevents the parties involved from discussing the case to which you refer. But just between you, me, and our readers, Big Red is totally ripped off from Sid and Marty Krofft's H. R. Puffnstuf (See Exhibit 1 below).

Dear Gabby,

Fourteen weeks of classes and I'm so exhausted that I can't even get up the energy to masturbate. Is this normal?

-- Frustrated Frankforter

Dear Frustrated,

Not unless you're over 65. Given your nom-de-plume, I recommend you watch "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" for inspiration. Perhaps wearing fishnet tights will help you get in the mood. You do know that's the take-away for all those guys wearing high heels on the Hill during those Walk-a-Mile-in-Her-Shoes events, don't you? Cross-dressing is HOT.

Dear Gabby,

Nobody seems to like my Bi-Term plan, but I worked really hard on it! Why is everybody being so mean?

-- Lonely in Wetherby

Dear Provost Emslie,

An analogy: if you're skydiving and the parachute doesn't release, do you keep plummeting and hope the chute will somehow open? Or do you grab for the backup parachute's ripcord? 'Nuff said.



Exhibit 1: All Part of the Same Big, Happy Family