

# The Big Red Tool



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"Baaah!" Means "No!"

## STUDENT ARTIST DESECRATES SACRED POPSICLE STICKS

A late-night confrontation between pro-life activists and an undergraduate art student has scandalized The Western™. The student, Andrea Hwarjolle, placed condoms atop some of the 4000 popsicle-stick crosses erected in the old football stadium to symbolize and solemnize the abortions that occur daily across the nation. The inaction of The Western™ authorities following Hwarjolle's desecration of the popsicle sticks enraged religious conservatives across the nation.

A spokeswoman for the national association of Easily Offended Pro-Lifers With Too Much Time On Their Hands (EOPLWTMTOTH) explained their position: "Historically, popsicle sticks have been used for millennia to represent the significance of Christ's suffering for mankind, so this is just like punching Jesus in the face. And we all know that punching Jesus in the face is not protected anywhere in the Constitution. It's time for a good old-fashioned lawyer fight." The 4000 popsicle sticks had to be

individually re-consecrated in a week-long ceremony involving transmogrified lamb's blood and transubstantiated marshmallow fluff.

While the president of the local EOPLWTMTOTH chapter OK'd the condom draping, the national group declared the act vandalism and demanded that it, not professors, now issue course grades at WKU. The national association also clarified for the local students that anyone who opposes the viewpoints of EOPLWTMTOTH is violating the students' free speech rights and should be immediately imprisoned, as ordained by the US Constitution.

Many were upset by the use of crosses to represent the hypothetical beings that may have resulted had the pregnancies not been aborted. Sally Beckingdale drove all the way from Nevada to take down the cross that represented her vacuumed-out cells. "I knew immediately which cross to take; I'd have known the symbolic representation of my biological cells anywhere."

As a Druid, Beckingdale was upset over the wooden popsicle sticks. "There's no excuse for killing trees to make a political statement." Beckindale also tried to remove the cross representing the abortion of her friend Julie, who is Jewish.

WKU Sustainability Czar Christian Ryan-Downing decried the actions of both sides. "Now we have 4000 holy tongue depressors and another 4000 latex condoms - lubed - clogging up a landfill. Nice job defiling the planet, religious zealots and reproductive radicals." Meanwhile, the Institute for Social Citizenship and Responsibility has announced that they will triple their current faculty based on a decade-long series of seminars they have planned to discuss these issues.

President Ransdell has tasked Math Department chair Peter Hamburger with developing an algorithm to determine which viewpoint's supporters are likely to donate the most to The Western™ before formulating a response to the crisis.

## NAMING RIGHTS EXTENDED BEYOND ALUMNI CENTER

In an effort to offset the drop in state funding, Gary Ransdell has announced a new plan to sell naming rights to university property following the successful pattern used in the Augenstein Alumni Center, "Excuse me, Jim Johnson 2012 Hyundai Elantra Ltd House," corrected the President.

"You don't need to donate a million bucks to get in on the game," explained Ransdell. "Now there's a naming program for The Western's™ major demographic - really cheap people."

Naming rights include:

- Individual desks and/or obese classroom seats; sound baffles
- Writing utensils including chalk
- Mysterious stains, gumspots in outdoor concrete areas
- Bathroom stalls, urinals, faucets; toilet seats\*
- Copier and fax machines, computers\*
- Building windows, which will be replaced by stained-glass iconography of the donor
- Grass, by the square foot
- Honors Director Craig Cobane and staff
- "Will you please, for all that is holy, pay to assign me a gender identity?," Love, Big Red.
- Campus traffic signs
- Smells associated with the campus of The Western™ (Eau de Garrett Cafeteria could be named after you!)
- Future tuition increases
- Full-time faculty and staff members (deluxe leather collars provided to display new names while on campus)
- Menu specials in DUC and Garrett dining areas

The very poor will have the option to purchase individual blades of grass in green spaces around campus at a cost of 50 cents each.

*\*Persons purchasing the naming rights to functional utilities and/or technologies will be required to maintain them in proper working order.*



Big Red's attempt at a middle-of-the-road solution just makes everyone angry

## ART PROFESSOR ISSUES APOLOGY

Following the condom-on-popsicle-stick incident that made national news, the Art Department professor involved in the scandal expressed regret for her actions in a public statement. In her apology, the remorseful, contrite faculty member voiced sorrow for:

- Leaving the seat up
- Biting Jordan Jones at day care that one time
- Handing out healthy fruit to trick-or-treaters
- Cussing and flatulating
- Suggesting lubricated and ribbed
- 1988
- Wearing those shoes I sometimes wear, you know the ones
- Breaking that girl's face a couple weeks back at roller derby

"Standing up in defense of free speech" was conspicuously absent from her list of apologies.

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# ADMINISTRATORS REVEAL STRATEGIC PLAN FOR BOOSTING FACULTY MORALE

Improving faculty morale will be a top priority in The Western's™ 2012-2017 Strategic Plan. In the draft released by Provost Angus G. Emslie to the University Senate in April, the following morale boosters will be implemented, as stipulated in Policy 1.600294885.b3:

1. Faculty who win, place, or show at the World Tiddlywinks Championship will receive \$5,000 (in non-negotiable Monopoly bills) and an engraved WKU mug (\$5.00 per mug to be deducted from recipients' pay).
2. Each faculty member who can document with Form 1.8893 that they devote at least 63 hours weekly on educational activities, and demonstrate outstanding, nationally-recognized research activity will qualify for at least a 0.5% raise, nonrecurring (before

taxes, excluding Faculty Athletic Fee).

3. Major advisors will receive a \$5 bonus at the end of the academic year for any major who successfully graduates within four years (\$85 budgeted for FY 2012-13).
4. One faculty member in each college who successfully racks up the most WKU International Reach miles in 2012 will receive a free airline ticket to Mogadishu, 100 prepaid cell-phone minutes, and a copy of "Let's Go Somalia 1988."
5. Establishment of The Western™ Credibility and Responsible Administrator Pacesetter (CRAP) award. CRAP will be awarded to administrator responsible for best mid-stream rule change that screws faculty out of compensation. CRAP award winner will receive 100% salary bonus (Only administrators earning zero

salary are eligible for award).

6. University Distinguished Professors to receive free parking (Christmas week only).
7. Faculty salaries may be supplemented by "extraordinary enrollment" (over 500 students per section, Navitas excluded) - professors who most successfully pack warm bodies into an auditorium will receive 10% commission on tuition collected. Suggested venues are Diddle Arena, Van Meter Auditorium, the football stadium, and the local airport (Megaphones not provided).
8. The Provost will offer faculty a choice between two exciting options: 20% pay cut plus the chance to hire 3 new faculty over the next 10 years, or 0.20% pay raise over the next 2 decades, no new hires, and cutting off a pinky toe.

## COMIC SANS CALLS BLACKBOARD "FUGLY"

Reporters at the Tool confirm that the much-maligned font Comic Sans publicly dissed Blackboard as "fugly" and changed its Facebook status to "single." Sources close to the course management system say Blackboard is mortified, having never seen the attack coming, especially after that really romantic dinner in April. Things have been somewhat rocky for Comic Sans and Blackboard for several months now. Blackboard has in the past denied being attracted to TopNet or worrying about competing course management systems and open-source software.

Critics, however, point out that after achieving a virtual monopoly in the nation's universities, Blackboard grew cocky and insensitive to Comic Sans' emotional needs, ignored users' requests and even provided corporate content under the guise of educational materials. Even Blackboard's buddies acknowledge cringing at its drunken, mean-spirited jabs at Digital Measures' recent weight gain following an educational technology convention a few years ago.

*\*The editors acknowledge that this article was originally composed in Comic Sans, but we're not taking sides.*

## UNGRATEFUL MALCONTENTS SLANDER GLORIOUS LEADERS

In a recent article in the notoriously liberal-leaning and unreliable College Heights Herald, perennially dissatisfied History Department faculty complained loudly about the meager level of remuneration offered by The Western™. Through underhanded manipulation of information and unfair comparisons to the bloated salaries of unpatriotic, overeducated, fat-cat professors outside of the great region of Warren County, these bellyachers made it seem as if The Western™ were somehow ungenerous to its hired help.

Other, more loyal employees were quick to support The Western™'s administration, and praised existing compensation. "We should be happy to have jobs in the current economic climate," commented one untutored Dental Hygiene instructor. "I am certainly thankful for the pittance I am granted each month. I can catch plenty of possum outside my ramshackle lean-to as a supplement

to the powdered potatoes I feed my infant." She added quickly, "Go Toppers! Hail Caesar! Thank You Big Red! **THANK YOU!**"

Commented Provost In the Scottish Sense Angus Gordon Emslie, "These poor wee souls have nowhere else to turn. On the outside, they'd surely starve to death due to their lack of survival instincts. We make sure that they have at least one healthy meal a day, a weatherproof classroom to teach in, and plenty of non-academic construction activity to gaze at out the windows. Yet there are some, I am saddened to say, who have ideas above their station and are intent on driving a wedge between the shepherds and their sheep, as it were."

Nervous discussion of this issue among faculty in the FAC building was quickly broken up by a visit from Richard "The Enforcer" Miller and his Motivate-O-Tronic 6000 cattle prod.

## NEWS UPDATES

The Tool™ previously reported on the reward system for faculty productivity. It has now been informed that the policy has been revised. Faculty members are not to be rewarded with money, ever. The Tool apologizes for this inaccuracy.

All full-time instructor lines will be canceled, effective May 15, 2012, because hiring the same people as part-time instructors is cheaper.

The CDC officially rules the recent mad cow incident unrelated to Big Red's visit to the dairy farm in California. "I didn't touch that cow, man, and she said she was 19!" explained Big. Biology Professor Hank Silver elaborated, "Hey, they had to run the tests; at this point, there's no telling what's living in that red fur, but that thing really reeks."

The Provost and President proudly announce at University Senate meeting that in five years WKU will be only five years behind average faculty pay at benchmark institutions. Their projections for faculty and staff pay also assume no increase in the cost of living and that all benchmark salaries will decline by 63 percent, and are contingent upon a 33 percent increase in state funding.

Breaking news: Student pro-life demonstrators dismantle sacred art installation, toss popsicle stick crosses in holy trash receptacle.

Poor budget outlook forces change in Strategic Plan: Honor College/Navitas Learningplex Center plans reduced to only 27 stories on 3 acres, not including football weightroom annex, to be funded by mandatory fee on single mothers.

Internationally recognized artist Andres Serrano, creator of "Piss Christ," suffers serious internal injury after fit of laughter caused by reading about artistic freedom scandal at WKU.

