

# The Big Red Tool

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"Baaah!" Means "No"

## Our Special Educational Issue!!

### THE WESTERN™ TO USE INTELLIGENT DESIGN AS THE BASIS OF GEN. ED. REQUIREMENTS

The Council of Academic Deans this week adopted the resolution of the Christian Faculty Association (CFA) to use Intelligent Design as the basis for a new core curriculum at The Western™.

"It's simply not American for the word of God to be missing from the classroom," insisted Dr. Photivokker. "If Intelligent Design was good enough for the Founding Fathers, it should be good enough for us," he continued.

In order to undermine lawsuits that may arise to dispute the constitutionality of teaching Christianity at The Western™, a public school, the CFA adopted a list of religion-neutral terms to be used when teaching Christianity. "Seven Dayism" will replace the word creationism, God will be referred to as "Great Whitebeard," "Mr. Love," or "Super-Mad," depending on the context, and the name of the son of God will be pronounced "Hay-Zeus."

Dr. Barbara Burch, Vice President of Academic Affairs, noted that The Western™ will realize tremendous cost savings and personnel streamlining by implementing the Intelligent Design core curriculum.

"Since ID relies on unquestionable, God-given truths, there will be very little need to maintain any research, technical, or applied-sciences departments and colleges that rely on evolutionary theories. I'm planning on merging most of them into University Experience, except for a single faculty line in Biology devoted to researching the intelligent design of fish ears."

"While evolution is both fact—

having been observed in laboratory conditions and in nature—and a theory used to explain and predict certain unobserved phenomenon, Intelligent Design makes better economic sense, while at the same time keeping one very tiny extremist segment of the population happy," she continued.

Other activities and initiatives will be brought on line to complement the new curriculum. The Political Science Department will replace its "Democracy Week" activities with a new "Theocracy Week" festival.

The football team, following a 2-6 start, is designing a new "Hail Mary" offense that features ill-advised, long-bomb passes into triple coverage.

The Geographist and Geologier Department will sponsor a seven-day, seven credit study abroad trip to the Creation Museum in Petersburg, Kentucky.

By 2020 The Western™ plans to enroll more than 30,000 students exclusively in Theatre and Dance and University Experience.

The SGA passed a resolution supporting the plan. Reagan Gilley, SGA Special Education Komissar, pointed out that student GPAs should skyrocket because the new curriculum requires multiple-choice tests with only one possible answer per question.

Not all students are convinced the new curriculum will work. Memphis sophomore Jane Walborne reflected, "The existence of Big Red makes me question this whole Intelligent Design thing. What sort of super-being could have come up with that silly blob? My soul needs to know the answer before I buy into this new curriculum."



#### OFFICIALS IN WETHERBY ANNOUNCE RESTRUCTURING

In a move designed to address current budgetary issues, the Board of Regents unanimously endorsed a plan to shift personnel into areas where they are most needed. VP for Something Richard Miller said that an analysis of the faculty to administrator ratio revealed that The Western™ is too bottom-heavy.

"Think of The Western™ like a body. The Administration is the head and brains of the organization. The faculty is the ass-end of the university, and nobody wants to have a big butt. We've got too much junk in the trunk," said Miller.

When asked about the students' place in his convoluted simile, Miller responded immediately, "Well, they're the wallet. They provide the money, and remain firmly in our back pocket."

To address the problem of a hyper-engorged faculty, the Board of Regents approved what Chair Louis Gray termed a "flowchart liposuction." The Western™'s faculty-to-administration ratio will henceforth be 1:1.



*The University Experience Short-Bus Drops Administrators Off At Wetherby Building*

#### STUDENT "CONCEALED-CARRY" ADVOCATES ENDORSE PLUS-MINUS GRADING

Jeremy Skaggs, a student-leader in The Western™'s concealed-carry advocacy movement, announced Thursday that his gun rights group has endorsed the University Senate's plan to introduce a plus-minus grading system.

In a press release, "Students for Concealed Carry on Campus" argued that introducing plusses to student grades will increase GPAs, but only if the right to carry concealed weapons on campus is introduced at the same time. Several SGA Senators agreed that students need to be equipped with the "weapons to defend their academic right" to higher GPAs.

One unnamed member of the concealed-carry movement concluded, "I can assure you that with a .38 bulging in my front pocket, no Islamic terrorist or crazed sniper-assassin is gonna pull any funny stuff. And no History or Mathematics professor is going to assign me - or any other student in my class - a minus grade."

At 2pm on Tuesday Tool paparazzi spotted Jeremy Skaggs entering Provost Barbara Burch's Wetherby office. Within three to five minutes a smiling Skaggs exited Wetherby with Dr. Burch's signed approval of a new concealed carry/plus-minus policy.

In a related note more than 700 faculty have requested teaching re-assignment to the Harlaxton campus in England, where hand guns are forbidden.

## NEW GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS OUTLINED

On Wednesday the Gen. Ed. Task Force announced the restructuring of Core Curriculum Requirements at The Western™. Engagement- and Service Learning-focused curriculum changes are as follows:

<p><b>CORE CURRICULUM</b></p> <p><b>UC 175:</b> University Experience</p> <p><b>UC 176:</b> Intro to Alumni Athletic Giving</p> <p><b>UC 177:</b> Navigating the Checkbook and Other Methods of Paying The Western™ (Mead)</p> <p><b>REC 106:</b> Required Attendance at Football Games (6)</p> <p><b>SE XU 069:</b> “Knowing” the Opposite Sex: Abstinence and Other Frustrating, Ignored Practices</p> <p><b>Cat A: <u>Diversity Learning</u></b></p> <p><b>UC 099:</b> Drop-Back Advanced Concert Etiquette</p> <p><b>GEOG 108/366/418/645:</b> Study Abroad: San Francisco (8)</p> <p><b>Cat. B: <u>Big Ideas</u></b></p> <p><b>PHIL 115:</b> Tautologies as Critical Thinking (McElroy)</p> <p><b>PHIL 210:</b> Informal Logic</p>	<p><b>Cat. C: <u>Workplace Skills</u></b></p> <p><b>ACCT 476:</b> Adv. Lottery Odds Calc.</p> <p><b>EDU 1000:</b> Required Faculty Inservice: Learn to Teach, Idiots! (SGA Instructors)</p> <p><b>Cat. D: <u>Spirited Learning</u></b></p> <p><b>ACCT 210:</b> Making Worthless Courses Add Up to a Degree</p> <p><b>SOCL 310:</b> Practicum in Greek Life</p> <p><b>COMM 391:</b> Big Red in Broadcast Media</p> <p><b>HIST 467:</b> The World After 1996: The Ransdellian Age</p> <p><b>Cat. E: <u>Student Regeneration and Recuperation Studies</u></b></p> <p><b>EXED 399:</b> Indiv. Study in Tic-Tac-Toe Gaming (SIP Staff)</p> <p><b>REC 355:</b> Advanced Cornholing</p> <p><b>PHIL/THEA 419:</b> Existential Dilemmas of the Study Day – To Wii or Not to Wii</p>
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## COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION RELEASES 2020 GOALS FOR KENTUCKY UNIVERSITIES

The Council on Postsecondary Education has released a list of unfunded mandates for Kentucky’s institutions of higher learning, to be achieved by the year 2020. In an exclusive presentation to Tool reporters, CPE Interim Chair Richard Crofts asserted, “If our students can’t compete, then Kentucky can’t compete. We need to raise the bar.” 2020 goals include:

- To increase retention of quality instructors, faculty salaries must increase by at least double the rate of inflation.
- To enhance economic competitiveness, universities must double the number of undergraduate degrees conferred per year by 2020.
- The KCTCS consortia shall land a Kentucky sports mascot on the moon and return him/it safely to the Earth within the decade.
- To challenge students to achieve more, universities shall raise academic standards.
- In order to increase Kentucky’s birthrate, raise college enrollment and expand the workforce, universities shall add abstinence-only sex education coursework to the core curriculum.

Dr. Crofts concluded his presentation with the words, “We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard.” One unnamed ed. school dean reacted, “Dr. Crofts’ plagiarized remarks are inspiring and visionary.”

## “MEDIOCR-O-SAURUS” INTRODUCED AS NEW ACADEMIC MASCOT

In a highly-choreographed press conference, Provost Barbara Burch introduced the Western™’s new academic mascot, Mediocr-O-Saurus. “Because Big Red has absolutely no relation to anything at The Western™ but sports, we decided that academics needed to take matters into its own hands and develop a distinct brand image.”

Mediocr-O-Saurus is a sixteen-foot-tall, toothless, yellow dinosaur with bloodshot, googly eyes, a small cranium with backwards baseball cap, and polka-dotted rain boots that resembles a combination between a drunken hippopotamus and an obese, couch-bound Nintendo addict.

Mediocr-O-Saurus will be deployed around the region in order to convey Academic Affairs’ vision of The Western™’s academic spirit and scholarly ideals to impressionable high school seniors. According to chief recruiting officer Dean “Dean” Kahler, the new academic mascot will help The Western™ succeed in the competitive recruitment arena. “Mediocr-O-Saurus’ very existence will assure high school recruits that they will not be intellectually pushed, tested, stretched, or transformed in any way. Ka-ching!,” Kahler concluded.

In addition to appearing at recruiting functions, FaCET has trained the Mediocr-O-Saurus to participate in the teaching and learning process. The mascot can lead “what color is your learning?” exercises, create class web pages composed entirely of tic-tac-toe games, and teach University Experience unassisted.

“Some of us were rooting for the ‘B-Minusaur’ concept, but since plus-minus grading doesn’t exist, the idea bottomed out,” explained an SGA senator.

## THE OUTSIDE WORLD

### UNITED NATIONS CERTIFIES FACULTY REGENT ELECTION

UN Special Envoy Joachim Rucker arrived in Bowling Green on Tuesday to confirm the results of the Faculty Regent Election at The Western™.

The UN initially sent observers after some faculty, staff, and students complained that an election with one candidate – Patricia Minter – seemed to indicate a move by the Department of History to further their takeover of The Western™ and institute one-party rule.

At that point the UN decided to send an observer, but also noted that the practice of having only one candidate on a ballot was common in many countries around the world, including North Korea, Zimbabwe, Venezuela, Cuba, Nigeria, Myanmar (Burma) and Kenya.

Still, the UN regularly sends observers to monitor elections where rampant fraud is possible. This was especially true at The Western™ after the infamous Botched Election of 2007.

There was sporadic violence across campus, with UN troops quelling ballot rioting in the College of Education and Psychology’s Dean’s office. Confusion reigned when several members of the Psychology Department tried to set fire to the ballot box, but instead burned a nearby Skinner box, killing several mice. PETA is investigating.

Peacekeepers will continue to monitor the demilitarized zone between Academic Complex and Tate Page Hall.

The UN called on the World Bank to develop a financial aid package for election-ravaged The Western™. The package will include, among other components, grants-in-aid to purchase a fleet of short-busses for the Forensics Team.

World Bank negotiators rejected pleas by President Caesar Ransdell for forgiveness of \$500 million in construction debt.

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