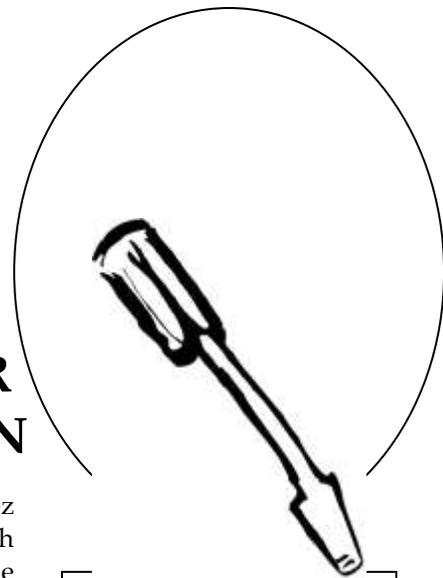


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"Baaah!" Means "No"



THE WESTERN™ PROCLAIMS SUPPORT FOR LOWER DRINKING AGE, LEGALIZED HEROIN

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As more than one hundred university presidents around the country announced their support for lowering the drinking age to 18, The Western™ joined in the call to allow fresh-faced, hormonally charged, near-clinically-insane teenagers greater access to alcohol.

"I've personally checked all the legal angles—this is totally sound," stated The Western™'s attorney Deborah "Hutz" Wilkins.

In its role as a university that strives to be a national leader on important issues, The Western™ will also go a step further and advocate for the legalization of marijuana, crack cocaine, methamphetamines, the entire family of hallucinogenic opiates, and various forms of opiate-derived painkillers and anti-depressants. The Spirit Masters have further endorsed a plan to

raise money by selling Pez dispensers filled with Quaaludes to students in the Gattton Academy.

"Imagine the possibilities with regard to student engagement," commented the Provost. "I can see related applications in the Chemistry and Biology departments, while the folks in Agriculture ought to be able to become fully self-funded within a year or so."

In related news, and further befitting The Western™'s place as a university with international reach, a The Western™ spokesperson announced a trade deal with Colombia, and the Geology and A Geographer department will conduct a study abroad trip to Bolivia during the 2009 T-Term.

RECORD-SETTING DONATION CARRIES NAMING RIGHTS

Officials at The Western™ announced the largest donation in its history—\$25 million to establish a First Amendment Studies Center. The Western™'s president confirmed that this donation would push The Western™ to the forefront of alumni giving.

The donor—*Hustler* editor Larry Flynt—stated that the donation is conditional upon naming rights, a practice becoming more common for large donations. In this case Mr. Flynt will rename The Western™'s president, who was only too happy to comply.

"Look, what's in a name anyway? We really need that money," President "Barely Legal Gary" said.

TERRACOTTA ARMY TO PROTECT "BELOVED MAXIMUM LEADER" IN AFTERLIFE

In a press release last Friday, the College Heights Foundation announced that it has enough money to muster the much-anticipated Big Red Terracotta Warrior Army into service in order to accompany The Western™ President and "Maximum Leader" Gary Ransdell into the afterlife, should he ever die.

The army, which will be composed of artisan-crafted, life-sized clay replicas of Big Red holding spears, swords, and Big Red Towels, will reside in the Big Red Necropolis, to be built in the orchard below Van Meter Auditorium.

"Kentucky's red clay soil provides excellent raw materials for this project," opined a The Western™ construction manager, "We can provide our beloved Maximum Leader with all the protection he'll need in the afterlife, and at bargain-basement prices." Affluent alumni may join President Ransdell in the afterlife by purchasing repository chambers

in the "Maximum Mausoleum," to be located at the heart of the necropolis.

Phases II and III of the project will involve the erection of a "Forbidden Alumni Center," accessible only to alumni athletic donors, and the "Great Wall of The Western™," to be built on an east-west axis between the Ohio River and Somerset to prevent U of L from poaching football recruits.

To commemorate the project's groundbreaking, the College Heights Foundation shall ignite a large pyre of cypress trees, upon which will be tossed the athletic director and one live virgin—if such can be found—for each year of the Maximum Leader's reign.

The Western™ lawyer Deborah "Ironsides" Wilkins stated that regular donors having their ashes interred in the chapel will have to provide their own guards.



Big Red Terracotta Army



(seriously, this is a real coupon)

“CLAYMATION GARY” TO PRESIDE OVER 2009 GRADUATION CEREMONY

The Western™ President Gary Ransdell has announced that he will not participate in The Western™’s commencement ceremonies in May, 2009.

Instead, a ClayMation likeness of the President, broadcast on the Diddle Arena JumboTron, will act as the master of ceremonies. “I suspect that ClayMation Gary will be more interesting and insightful than the real Gary Ransdell,” surmised an unnamed member of the commencement organizing committee.

During the graduation ceremony, the committee plans to air a stirring tribute to The

Western’s™ accomplishments over the previous school year.

The Western™ has commissioned Steve-O, star of MTV’s *Jackass*, to create a 23-minute animated film featuring “ClayMation Gary” signing checks to construction contractors, cheering on the football team to a 1-11 record, stopping for coffee at The Box while driving back empty-handed from Frankfurt, and ushering donors into the new “Lincoln Bedroom” addition to the President’s official residence.

Actor Christopher Walken has signed on to voice “ClayMation Gary” in the film.

BIG RED TOOL WINS PRESTIGIOUS JOURNALISM AWARD

The Collegiate Press today announced that the Big Red Tool, one of The Western™’s newest publications, has won an award for being the “highest quality non-daily, semi-monthly, black-and-white publication at a west central Kentucky college that begins with the letter ‘W.’”

The Professional Journalists Society stated that the competition between the two leading news publications on campus—The Big Red Tool and Rise Over Run—was stiff, with Rise Over Run placing a close second behind The Tool. No third place was awarded. And while the College Heights Herald placed fourth, the Herald was nearly disqualified for being written mostly by gerbils.

The announcement came as a surprise to many working at the Tool, but not to some readers. “One thing that stands out is their ability to spell, and the fact that in the course of one issue they’ve only had two spelling and/or grammatical errors.”

In fact, that’s what initially drew the attention of the awards committee, who praised the Tool for “not just trying to fill space with any news they could dredge up, untrained opinion columnists, people who ramble on and on about nothing, and staff with all the writing skills of a syphilitic baboon.”

The Big Red Tool is the only newspaper at The Western™ without spelling errors. If you find one, e-mail us at: TheWestern.BigRedTool@gmail.com

Or visit our website at <http://www.bigredtool.com>

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THE OUTSIDE WORLD

BLACK HERITAGE MONTH TO BE CELEBRATED BY RAZING AFRICAN- AMERICAN NEIGHBORHOOD

At a special ceremony Mayor Elaine Walker declared June 19th Bowling Green Black Urban Renewal Day and asked residents to recognize the contributions of African-Americans to the city’s heritage.

The ceremony followed the condemnation under urban blight statutes of a large part of the historically-black Shake Rag district.

Mayor Walker commented, “We’re proud to celebrate Bowling Green’s African-American heritage. By declaring the Shake Rag district an ‘economic or social liability’, as required by Kentucky’s urban redevelopment statues, our community can move forward together by obliterating any physical evidence of Shake Rag and replacing it with shopping venues, parking lots, a stadium, and a historic marker.”

“There’s no better way that the historic Shake Rag community can enhance our city’s evolving structure and culture than by being bulldozed,” explained city commissioner Brian Strow.

D.W. Griffith IV, who chronicles the history of African-American communities in Warren County, explained that blacks have traditionally performed such services for Bowling Green.

He described to Tool reporters how the city declared Jonesville—a thriving, primarily African-American community adjacent to the southern border of The Western™—an urban renewal site in 1964.

Subsequently, Jonesville was condemned and destroyed and the land donated to the University, which completed construction of L.T. Smith football stadium on the site in 1968.

Cheryl Blaine, director of Bowling Green’s Downtown Redevelopment Authority, lauded the city’s progress to date and indicated that the city is exploring celebrating “Little Mexico Urban Renewal Day” in the near future.

CAESAR RANSELL’S SEPTEMBER DECREES *New Policies and Initiatives at The Western™*



- 13th Amendment to apply to ISCET
- The Western™ Beef Herd Slaughtered to Fund Alumni Center
- SGA Abolished, Replaced by Infinite Number of Monkeys on Typewriters
- It’s Academics’ Turn

Tool Activity: Coupon Clip “Get Out of Graduation Free” Card!!

For personal reasons, President Ransdell has changed graduation from Saturday to Sunday in May, 2009. If you cannot attend, use this coupon to let him know why.

Dear Gary,

I cannot attend the May graduation for the following reason:

- _____ I have a restraining order on file against Big Red
- _____ The Lord will smite me if I attend Sunday graduation
- _____ I’ve Been Away With the Forensics Team Since It Went I-A
- _____ Who Knows Where That Hand Has Been
- _____ Not Enough Parking
- _____ (Make One Up, E-mail Us. We’ll Print the Best.)