



## UNIVERSITY SENATE TO THROW PARADE FOR HIS ROLE IN SNYDER AFFAIR

In an abrupt turnaround, the University Senate this week voted almost unanimously to throw a parade for still-President "Teflon Tim" Caboni for his role in approving former-Provost Ballman's firing of once-again-Dean Lawrence "Aw Shucks" Snyder. "We just feel that despite his signing off on, and therefore complicity in, the entire Snyder affair, as well as being the source of the 'we're going to fire-but-not-fire all the instructors' letters, that he's just such a nice guy and so deserving of something," gushed one senator who asked not to be named for fear of having his/her program

eliminated in the coming budget cuts. "Plus, Caboni approved all those thousands of dollars of bonuses to administrators last summer, and then he also somehow managed to retain in prominent positions all those people who got us into financial trouble in the first place," s/he continued. "That's a real accomplishment." The parade is scheduled to take place at fall Convocation and will feature the Army Golden Knights simulating combat conditions by parachuting into mold infested dormitories, as well as a cage match between Gabibbo, Big Red, and Provost Cheryl

Stevens. The Huron Group will also host a "find the hidden \$7 million debt we weren't told about when we built the RAMP budget models" treasure hunt that will span the entirety of Potter Hall 4th Floor, and a "spot the new toilet" contest to be held in the newly-renovated office suite of one of the administrators who recently got a raise. "Oh my god, this is great!" commented a relieved Athletic Director. "I need to get a bit of his mojo so that when all the attention comes back to our outrageous budget demands, we'll know what to do."

## CABONI REVEALS NEW PERSONAL BRANDING GIMMICK, SCHTICK

The Western™ President Tim Caboni unveiled his new personal branding gimmick to a rapt Board of Regents last week. "The bowtie was getting old, and clearly it was too easy to parody on Twitter," explained Caboni. "It was time to bring on a younger, edgy image - Pirate Tim!"

A Presidential Branding Steering Committee considered and rejected the following alternative gimmicks:

- Monicle and tophat
- Bolo ties
- Sexy nurse
- Blackface
- 10-gallon hat, dueling scar
- Chaw and spittoon
- Bullet bandolier
- Gen. Macarthur peaked hat, Ray Bans, corncob pipe

Former Confucius Institute Director Terrill Martin been engaged as Special Assistant to the President ("SAP") for Pirate Branding Initiatives to develop a new schtick for the President to pair with his eye patch gimmick. SAP Martin's efforts have been stymied by Caboni's inability to dance with a peg-leg, correctly honk a foghorn, or sing "Blow the Man Down" or other sea shanties in a gravelly voice.



Dr. Caboni unveiled his "Pirate Tim" brand at the April BOR meeting. The President also submitted to the Regents his annual self-evaluation: "Nothing to see here, move along, move along."



## COLONNADE COMMITTEE DESIGNATES FOOTBALL GAME ATTENDANCE AS FIFTH CONNECTIONS CATEGORY

In a move intended to lubricate students' passage through the lower intestinal tract of the Colon-aid Program, The Western's™ General Education Knesset has approved a plan to make football games count as a Connections Category alongside the existing categories of (a) Yokel to Global, (b) Cultural Sociopaths, (C) Dagobah Systems, and (D) Study a Broad. "Football games build a sense of community and encourage loyalty to our university, or at least the Hilltopper Athletic Foundation. They're the same thing, right?" declared a flush-faced, quasi-baked, dread-locked Gary Ransdell, freshly returned from his journey of self-discovery aboard the Pacific Princess.

Overcome with Stendhal Syndrome in the presence of his old mentor, President Zamboni immediately named Ransdell an Emeritus Executive Vice Special Associate of Imaginary Provosts and granted him a salary of 20 gold ducats & two bota-bags of mead per annum and an office near Debbie Bilkins' bathroom with its brand new two-thousand dollar Quiet-Flush 3000™.

"We need to build up a stable of highly-paid but more or less worthless administrators before we claim financial exigency. Then, we use that as an excuse to stop teaching all major programs that require students to study anything unrelated to the unbearable, underpaid, unfilled, and unwanted jobs our wealthy overlords need our desperate graduates to fill. BOOM! WINNING!! AAIIEEEEE!!!," exclaimed a wild-eyed, zealous Zamboni. "If we can dangle free balls, free towels, free spinning bow-tie selfies with yours truly, and not-free-at-all academic credits to bribe students to get hypnotized by the razzle-dazzle excitement of athletic spectacles, no one will question our diabolical plans. Now HAIL HAIL HAIL College Heights like your grade depends on it! Because it does!!"

At last check, only three students were registered for the 3-credit showdown between The Western™ and the South-Central Louisiana Plastics Institute, while Professor Eric Kondratieff's HIST 421: Olfactory Environments of Ancient Roman Bath-House Latrines class was overflowing.

## FOLLOW US ON TWITTER!! @THEBIGREDTOOL We'll be tweeting about these breaking stories:

- Caboni unveils new tagline: "The Buck Stops Somewhere Else, But It Doesn't Matter Because We Don't Have any Bucks Anyway."
- Hackey the Mold Spore Awarded Tenure in Department of Biology
- Exotic Toilets \*Definitely Not\* a Line-Item Budget Under RAMP Model, According to Presidential Spokesperson

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# The Endowed Column

This column comes to you thanks to a donation to this publication by the \$#@ Department. The \$#@ Department is the finest at The Western™, and its faculty and staff are stunningly brilliant, gorgeous human beings. You know, we Toolsters always dreamed of majoring in \$#@, but we just weren't smart or pretty enough, like the \$#@ faculty. We would never kick one of them out of bed. Here's to you, \$#@ Department, we are not worthy! PS: For larger donations, we will write funnier stories.

## THE WESTERN™ UNVEILS UPDATED "COMFORT ANIMAL" POLICY

In a Tuesday email, Human Resources chief Tony "Big G" Glisson released an updated "comfort animal" policy to The Western's™ campus. Policy 4.117, "Comfort Animals and other Elephants in the Room," clarifies several outstanding contradictions in animal-related practices and policies:

- Comfort animals will count as full-time-equivalent students who will be charged out-of-state tuition and are eligible for Cherry Presidential Scholarships for academic excellence.
- Comfort goats may only be petted or otherwise touched between 10am and 1pm in the Houchins Industries Goat Lounge, DSU 3025, under supervision of WKU Police Officer Jenny McBane. Goat touchers must pass criminal background check.
- The new policy clarifies that "consensual relations (e.g. dating, sexual) between faculty and barnyard creatures with whom they also have an academic, advisory, supervisory, or evaluative relationship are fraught with the potential for exploitation, and therefore are strongly discouraged."
- Big Red is formally categorized as a "The Western™-branded genderqueer cheer entity"

Other clauses in the policy address elephants in the room, including "confirmed bachelor" Uncle Jack's "roommate," Miguel.



The Western™ faculty practice for this fall's Caboni Celebration Parade.

## Meet the New Provost!

Ogden College Dean Cheryl Stevens took the helm of the **USS The Western™** this month following the promotion of Dr. Terry Ballman to the rank of Special Assistant to the President. Do you know anything about Provost Stevens? We didn't, either, so we asked her.

Favorite Animals: Dung Beetles, Zebra Fish

Favorite Bands: Popkum, Seabird Island

Favorite Tree: The Larch, The Mighty Oak

Guilty Pleasure: Enjoys Washing Hair, Mostly Other Peoples'

Childhood Heroes: H.R. Puff n' Stuff, Sigmund and the Sea Monsters

Favorite Deans: Rusk, Martin, Cain

Most Recent Book Read: *Fight Club* by Chuck Palahniuk

## BEST OF TWITTER



In case you didn't know, the Big Red Tool is on Twitter. Follow us! Here are some of the highlights from our Snyder Affair Tweets:

27 Mar: Provost Machiavelli makes quite the splash in her first year! Next week, all disloyal faculty will be sent to re-education camps in Frankfort. #ClimbWithUs til your program is cut, your dean is fired without cause, and you are fed to carnivorous fungi in @MintonWKU. #Snacks

28 Mar: Faking News! Final CREPE recommendations change The Western's (tm) tagline from "A Leading American University With International Reach" to "Still Technically A University." #ClimbWithUs

29 Mar: Activity Report News: @WKUPcal Phrenology Department Head Dr. Trent Artichoker faces dilemma over whether to list his "protest the provost" stuff under "university service" in his 2019 Digital Measures report. #Snacks

30 Mar: Breaking News! New budget model to require 2 minutes of each academic class period be devoted to sponsored programming for Trent Bedding, Griff's Deli, and whatever the hell it is that Houchens does. #GoTops! #trentbedding #wku #BreakingNews

30 Mar: First Choice for the Dean of @CHHS\_WKU. "Well, I have job offers from The Western (tm) and the Doofenschmertz School of Guano Mining." <looks at the news, reads about our stable, competent leadership> "Guano it is!"

1 Apr: Breaking News! Cleaning Crews power-wash "Tell Us Why" chalk from campus, but leave everything related to "Keg Party at Bennie's House on State, 9PM, OH YEAH" unblemished by brushes and scrubby bubbles. But "I love the first amendment!" I doubt @WKUSGA is fooled.

4 Apr: News!!!! The Western (tm) faculty use extended-duration hand-vote to test confidence in underarm deodorant. @BigRedInsights @wkuherald @SecretDeodorant @AXE @OldSpice @PepeLePew

19 Apr: News! Rick Stansbury named new Acting Provost of The Western (tm), 50% of faculty and at least a half-dozen troublesome white squirrels immediately declare intent to transfer from campus. Budget Problems solved! @BigRedInsights @wkuheraldsports @BarstoolWestern

26 Apr: News! Giant 10-inch Crayfish escapes captors, mistakenly enrolls in COMM 145 course, uses newly-developed powers of persuasion & sharp pincers to win election to @WKUSGA on "Why Not Zoidberg?" ticket.