

# The Big Red Tool

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Baaaah!! Means Nooo!!

## FACULTY TO BE CULLED, COOKED, EATEN IN INNOVATIVE COST-SAVING MEASURE

Inspired by an old Tool article joking that Columbarium corpses will be processed into soylent green (*December 2008*), Provost Angus G. Emslie introduced a new initiative at a morning press conference on Tuesday. His "Delicious Operating Efficiencies Optimization Program" will round up 17 underpaid, overworked, and sickly-looking professors for the first annual Big Red Faculty Roast. "We need to reduce the number of faculty. Coincidentally, we also require nourishment," beamed a hungry-looking Emslie with a toothy grin. "When you boil up fine milled Scottish oats in the stomach of a freshly butchered adjunct philosophy instructor, it makes some

mighty good haggis!"

Plans are in the works to integrate faculty meat into the "steak" and "chicken" served at Izzi's Quasi-Semi-Pseudo-Mexican-Esque-Ish Cuisine locations on campus. Wetherby meat-packing enthusiasts noted that these measures remove considerable salary and benefit expenditures from The Western's™ books and drive down operational costs for food services while slightly improving the taste and quality of Aramark's "food" products.

In other news, instructors will assign 2014 MASTER Plan students a common reading, Upton Sinclair's "The Jungle." "I loved The Jungle Book!," exclaimed Class of 2018 incoming student Marcus McSwain.



Faculty are prepped, char-broiled to "crispy delicious," and served at 1st Annual Big Red Faculty Roast



## THE WESTERN™ APPROVES NEW \$22 MILLION BOND ISSUE 'OUT OF PURE HABIT'

The Western's™ Board of Regents enthusiastically approved President Ransdell's most recent request for an expensive new bond issue for something or other with great fanfare and enthusiasm, despite being unsure exactly what it was for. "Look, he specifically asked us to," according to Board Chair and Ransdell's personal chef, ex-bodyguard, second cousin, SAE fraternity brother, and cribbage partner Alan Hale, Jr. "We don't know what the money is going to buy, but we approve approximately 100% of everything else he shows us. Look here! This borrowing, spending, and repayment-with-crippling interest plan is comprised of words printed on sheets of paper, just like the others! What could possibly go wrong?"

Rumor has it the additional incurred debt will be used for one or more of the following unavoidable fixed costs: a new dorm with special bars, cells, heavy locks, and individual instruction laboratories to help faculty retain and graduate The Western's™ growing student-criminal population; a sleek and lethal "Robo-Cop" speed-writing parking enforcement officer; a private masseuse and jai alai court for the Honors College; seventeen new directors of coordination services, coordinators of directives, and servers of directed coordination; cupolas; shrubberies; shrubberies in the shape of cupolas; and a solid gold codpiece imprinted with an image of Big Red, to become part of the crown jewel collection worn by the President at graduation.

### **BREAKING NEWS!!**

PFT becomes hot new LGBTQ student hangout thanks to antiquated, poorly-worded opposite-sex visitor sleepover restrictions.

College Heights Herald garners international acclaim after provocative "thumbs up" for sunshine, Thursday night parties, "thumbs down" for reading, waking up in morning, paying money for things.

Lack of funds for air conditioning allows enterprising Philosophy and Religion Professor to offer "Hot Yoga Logical Positivism" as Colonnade "Connections" course

Single, lonely faculty member desperate for a date sadly misunderstands "I'll be on campus buying books tomorrow" as a suave pick-up line.

Library replaces costly database subscriptions with link that informs students: "We're broke. Just Google it."

Provost Emslie still unable to land better job

New "Al-Excusehullah-shee-aht" terrorist organization announces plan to kill all grandmas everywhere the week term papers are due.

Automated building climate controls upgraded to inform occupants that they are enjoying "optimal temperature range" in hilarious robotic voice. Actual settings to remain randomized.

The Western combines DELO and SETI programs in desperate gambit to increase revenue.

### **MIXED RESPONSE TO EXODUS OF EMPLOYEES FROM BOOKSTORE**

Resignations, firings, and hush-hush executions will mean fewer employees at the BookSTORE next fall. While Woods Hellford and Jimmy-Dean Shears are leaving under their own power, according to rumors, Shayna Crawfish has been escorted from the premises by armed guards. Their boss, George Messianicopolos, announced he would take over all their responsibilities - "and still win the golf tournament, suckas!" He then hurried off "to an important meeting," leaving reporters' follow-up questions unanswered.

Faculty were downright giddy. "I mean, can you imagine the possibilities?" asked philology professor Boris Bohringer. "What if the bookstore started ordering the textbooks we requested for some of our classes?"

Students were surprisingly unconcerned about the loss of staff and uninterested in the prospect of actual books in the bookstore. "I mean, when's the last time I bought or read a book?" observed Greenville junior Steve O'Hantsey.

Beaver Dam Freshman John Radcliffe seemed confused by the news of the changes. "There's a bookstore? Do they have good High Fructose Slushachinos?"

# FEWER PARKING SPACES SOUNDS DEATH-KNELL FOR THE WESTERN™ RECRUITING, RETENTION

A mass depression fell upon the The Western™ community as faculty, staff, and students learned that there will be 250 fewer parking spaces next year. The College Heights Herald reporter who broke the story asked to remain unnamed, saying, "I mean, as a journalist, I was excited to expose Parking and Transportation's cover-up of their sale of gravel lots to force more money into the parking structure. But when I saw students wailing, convulsing, and gnashing their teeth by Guthrie Tower, the

emotional impact of the news hit me. And then my editor started getting death threats." Kinesiology major Suzy Summers, however, remained optimistic. "I like, always find parking. And if it's not near my class, I just go for a tanning session at my salon, or maybe a froyo." Tad R. Thigton represented a more common view. "I'm just in shock. I've spent thousands of dollars and hours deckin' out my truck, and I like to drive it around campus and park it where chicks can see it. If I were willing to bus in from a commuter lot,

I could have gone to a real university." Advisors report to The Tool that transfer requests to other schools are spiking.

Administrators are worried about the dramatic rise in suicide attempts among students overwrought with sadness due to the loss of their beloved parking. With the recent dismantling of WKU Health Services, grief counseling has been outsourced to Jerry's Death, Whining, and Bikini Waxing Happitorium next to the hooka lounge across the railroad tracks.

## The Last Words of Professor J.Q. Frostbyte

*Day 5: It is very cold once again. Even so, I can hear the air conditioning unit outside starting up, though I see the stiffened corpse of a white squirrel frozen to the tree outside my office window. Cruel winter of pleasure and pain! The mindless AC cools, because my thermostat measures 84.5 degrees despite the rime on the sill. Scooter, the kindly facilities management guy who answered my plea, regretfully informed me that he could do nothing about the situation -- "No can do," shrugged he. O thermostat, how you mock me with your meaningless numbers and inaccessible rheostat! Thou who find my frozen remains, I beseech thee, gift my insufficient parka to the needy, and submit my book orders by The Fools' Day of April! O frosty grave, take me now!*

*Emergency redesign for Tate-Page Hall forthcoming*



## CORPORATE HELP SOUGHT FOR BUDGET WOES "EMSLIE COEFFICIENT" TO REDUCE FACULTY COST 82.4%

The Tool has recently obtained an audio recording of a secret emergency meeting between high-level Wetherby staff and a highly-paid consultant from Foxconn held this past November to address projected enrollment and budget shortfalls.

After a quick review of the situation, the consultant pointed out that paying faculty to teach students appeared to be the most significant obstacle to balancing the budget and safeguarding critical athletic and construction operations.

"If I understand this right," suggested efficiency expert Mack Dorkelsen, "you can convert just about any at-will, benefit-and rights-encumbered position to an indentured/no-rights one. I know this might seem difficult, but you should try to stay positive -- it is really a lot of fun if you spring it on 'em, make it a surprise. Be creative!"

Provost A. Gordon Emslie responded, "hmm... so could we, say [sounds of whiteboard writing] transmogrify this faculty member, let's call her language professor X, into a mix of 13.9 part-time instructors and unpaid interns, and then increase our exploitation coefficient for our international students to both address labor and revenue issues?"

"If that means axing some expensive workers and replacing them with cheap and free labor, then your answer is three thumbs up," shot back Dorkelsen.

The voice of President Gary Ransdell then broke in: "Since we're throwing around ideas, what do you all think about cutting health benefits in half and blaming it on Obamacare?" Laughter ensued.

Dorkelson interjected, "I guess you can't shackle faculty to their workstations, like we can in our Chinese iPhone plants. But you can make them so impoverished that they have no choice but to teach 'Otter Memes in the Fiction of Cervantes' for \$1400 in the winter term. Really drive home that message of domination, so the rest don't get too uppity. Hey, is that a microphone sticking out of that plant?" The recording then ended abruptly.

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\*Out of college football teams in Warren County.

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