

## RANSELL "WOWS" FACULTY WITH CONVOCAATION 2014 EXTRAVAGANZA

Critics are raving about President Gary Ransdell's tour-de-force faculty and staff Convocation. After a rousing intro of The Western™ alma mater, "College Heights," played by a 300-banjo orchestra and punctuated by fireworks, Ransdell skateboarded down the aisle, kickflipped onto the stage, landed in the splits position without mussing his hair and caught his skateboard, and then slowly rose to his full height to thunderous recorded applause and whistles and the accompaniment of a thrash metal version of "My Old Kentucky Home."

Smoothly catching a mic thrown from offstage, Ransdell greeted the audience with a hearty "Good morning! You are all looking beautiful today! Are you rockin', Bowling Greeeeeen!?" before jumping down from the stage once more to sing a solo medley of "You Are So Beautiful/ White Room/ Get Lucky" while gazing deeply into the eyes of random faculty members.

Once he made his way back to the podium, Ransdell snapped his finger guns to the stage crew, cueing the unfurling of a projection screen displaying an enormous pie chart, one-quarter of which was highlighted with the label "The Western™ Don't Care 'bout Me" and a frowny face (a smaller 1/87<sup>th</sup> section was labeled in miniscule type with "Maybe I could have turned in an assignment.")

Ransdell leaned conspiratorially toward the crowd and said, "Now, we gotta lotta braggin' to do about our high-achieving Honors rock stars and our high-paying Saudi sugar daddies! But we need to have a little chat about the 800-pound gorilla in the room. Actually...why have a chat when we can have a song!?" He then caught a cane and top hat apparently dropped from the ceiling, and launched into a Broadway-style show tune called "Why Don't You Care About Our Students?," complete with a chorus line of leggy Spirit Masters dancing and

singing the refrain, "Retain, Retain, Retain!"

A succession of equally spectacular vignettes followed, including Distinguished University Professor Beverly Siegrist's chainsaw-and-cat juggling routine and a rhythmic gymnastics performance by G. Gordon Baylis. A rousing tuba and water jug duet rendition of Journey's "Don't Stop Believin'" by Provost Angus Emslie and Head Coach Jeff "Da Bomb" Brohm closed out the event.

Faculty and staff filed out, toes tapping and hearts filled with song. Tool reporters conducted brief interviews, and the results were nearly unanimous. "Wow, I expected this to be exciting, but I just can't get over how empowered I feel! I really DO have the power to save my students, and to save the school!" enthused Diversity and Community Studies professor Hedwig Schweingrubber. Optional retiree Sadie Johnson put it more succinctly: "I give a sh\*# for the first time since 1993."

**FUTURE FORETOLD!!** Noted fortuneteller Boo-Boo Kamali Gamelan Brunnhilda, the "Mystic Seer of Bowling Green," has issued her predictions for the 2014-15 academic year. Among her wondrous revelations are:

- Motörhead to play surprise Java City noon concert
- Top hats, monocles back in style
- SGA rocked by hallucinogenic toad scandal
- Roommate will masturbate when s/he thinks you're sleeping
- Jeff Brohm crashes motorcycle, hides accident and affair with student from police; hired by UK
- Faculty encouraged to host weekly tickle parties with students to improve morale, retention
- Guy in back of Econ class will snore in mid-lecture
- When you're walking by PFT, that's not rain
- Facebook outage leads to student riots, 30 deaths
- 4,675 students to ask professor if they "missed anything important" following absence
- President Ransdell pens Top 40 song, "If You Like It Then You Better Put a Cupola On It"
- The Western™ sued into oblivion by McDonalds over resemblance of Big Red statue to Grimace



Lost DUC.



The Western™ police practice minority free speech response tactics as Constitution Week approaches. Story on p. 2.

### RETENTION SPOTLIGHT: PROFESSOR ENGAGES IN "INTRUSIVE ADVISING"

Inspired by the retention crisis, Professor Seymour Butts of the Psychology (not the Science one) Department has embarked on a one-man crusade. "I finally get it. I don't just teach these students in the class - they are like my children. I can mold them and retain them, whether they know they need my help or not." With this in mind, Dr. Butts has made it his personal mission to guide every single one of his students all the way to graduation.

Muhlenberg County junior Jeff Tinker was surprised to run into Dr. Butts at the local Starbucks, and then again at the Greenwood Mall, and Lost River Pizza, and finally at last call at Tidballs on Thursday night. "Wow, Butts seems like he really cares, though I gotta be honest, when I catch a glimpse of his face pressed up against the window of the place where I'm buying shoes, well, um, that's pretty creepy."

As part of his "intrusive advising", last Friday, Dr. Butts crouched behind a bush and observed through a window as his student, freshman Emily Brashears, showered in her McCormack Hall dorm room. "I wanted to make sure that Emmy Boo, as I call her, didn't slip on a soapy floor and bruise her apple-shaped bottom," explained Dr. Butts.

Dr. Butts worried that he just doesn't have enough time to give these young minds the advising attention they deserve. "I'm up until 3 am most nights checking their Facebook pages for warning signs of dropping out - like that time I pretended to be Tanya's cousin and got her to say she thought school was 'kinda lame' - but even I need a little sleep before I get up at 5 am to stop by all of their dorm rooms for our morning cocoa and chat."

Student evaluations of his efforts have been positive, if cryptic, according to Butts. "One student wrote, 'This professor makes pedagogy a dirty word.' Yep, I'm making teaching sexy again!"

Wetherby sources offered cautious approval of Dr. Butts' initiative. "Well, the final tally was 35 students who are still on track for degrees, and only 21 restraining orders, so we're going to count that as an overall win," noted one anonymous administrator, "though I'm not clear that his approach is really in line with our concurrent Title IX no-sexual-harassment initiative. And I guess we'll have to wait until the statute of limitations expires before we decide if it was worth it."

Inspired by Butts, Dr. Minnie Kuntz will offer a new Pop Culture course on the comedy of Amy Schumer.

# ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL SPENDS NIGHT AT LOCAL HOTEL BEFORE BIG FRIDAY MEETING

Citing concerns that some members might stay out late drinking at Froggy's or Hilligans, President Ransdell decided to put up the Administrative Council at the Hilton Garden Inn off Scottsville Road.

"This way we can keep tabs on em. Enforce curfew," beamed a confident Ransdell. "If left in their own homes, who knows what sort of trouble they might get into? There's some suspicious stuff that goes down on Thursday nights. Soirees! Cotillions! Weenie Roasts! I don't want ol' Debbie stumblin' into the meeting Friday morning more hungover than a November Sunflower after a cold fall rain. Or Brian 'Mad Dog' Meredith blowing a .02 after drag racing his 1977 Ford Pinto 19 m.p.h. down University."

But other members of the council voiced concerns. "Eeeh, I'm 50 years old, me lad," slurred a sloshed Angus Emslie. "I'm not so wee anymore and too bloody rich to be treated like a 21 year old man-child student athlete! \*Burp!\*"

By the following morning, administrative council members had run up an extra \$365.99 in pay-per-view pornography charges and emptied every vending machine in the hotel of Cheetos. When pressed as to whether or not these expenses were justified, Ransdell angrily defended the practice: "Aw come on, there are only 10 people on Administrative Council. And they're all short and stumpy! It's not like we put up the whole dang football team in a local hotel! Because, um...we'd never do that. Honest."

## CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE DAY 2014 SCHEDULE RELEASED

In an effort to "further the penetration of Chinese democratic ideology into the bastions of capitalist academics," the Confucius Institute is hosting a series of academic lectures to commemorate Constitution Week 2014 at The Western™.

Students and faculty may attend the following presentations, although speaking and any gestures other than applause are forbidden:

- Lessons of Tiananmen Square 1989: Beating Freedom into Ungrateful Minorities in Ferguson, MO, 2014. (H. Bailey)
- Manufacturing iPhones - and Stock Dividends! - in China: Why American Capitalism Should Rethink its Antiquated Attitudes Toward Conscript Indentured Labor (B. Strow)
- Why You Should Exercise Regularly Your Academic Freedom to Serve the Needs of Your Ruling Authorities (A. G. Emslie)

A proposed presentation entitled "Tibet: Please Could We Have a Tiny Morsel of Freedom?" was unexpectedly canceled at the last minute.



*International Reach:  
The Western™  
celebrates New  
Zealand's "National  
Penis Day 2014"  
(Sept. 4) by erecting  
anatomically-  
appropriate statue  
near front door of the  
alumni center.*

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## TOP REASONS FOR LEAVING THE WESTERN™

In response to President Ransdell's challenge to figure out how to retain students, The Tool's staff has polled the student body to learn why anyone would want to leave this august institution of higher learning. The results, in order of importance, are as follows:

- Not enough shrimp in Panda Express rice bowls
- Too much BPA in free SGA-issued condoms
- Apparently you can't spend over 8 years here without earning a degree
- Trapped in roundabout, couldn't ever make it to classes
- Reading suggested in classes/syllabi one too many times
- Flatulent aroma of Garrett burritos in Bates-Runner
- Overly aggressive use of zip ties in retention policies
- DUC gone, nothing here for me anymore
- Moat full of crocodiles around DSU hurts morale instead of building self-reliance and daring
- Supercollider access I was promised as a high-testing high school senior turns out to be a cardboard tube and rubber band
- Really freaked out by rabbit statue
- Parking
- Creepy Ransdell "gladhanding," forearm grabs, shoulder squeezes
- Low-quality steroids (athletes); Low-quality weed (Herald staff)
- Not enough cupolas
- Disappointed to learn that campus discourages sexual assault on farm animals (AGR)
- Turfgrass Management major a scam: takes 36 credit hours to learn turfgrass is nearly unmanageable
- Demoralized to discover Einstein Brothers Bagels guys are neither brothers nor geniuses

***BREAKING NEWS!*** Emslie and Administrative Council Release Budget Outlook.  
***"We're getting Brazilians, and we're looking great!"*** Declares Provost.