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SGA Election Special!!

BAILEY DECLARES BOKA SGA PRESIDENT

Following Vice President for Student Life Howard "The Hammer" Bailey's decision to declare Honors Student Keyana Boka the SGA President, The Western's™ campus reacted.

"As university educators, we model values and behavior for the young minds in our charge," opined Bailey. "The lesson our students must learn is: When the outcome of cumbersome, annoying democratic processes like voting and following rules is unappealing, authority figures must seize power for themselves arbitrarily. Then usurpers can wield their stolen might to circumvent due process and dictate an outcome that those in power can swallow more easily."

Bailey continued. "Besides, we investigated the matter thoroughly by asking President Ransdell what he wanted us to do," Bailey said. "But once

we discovered that one of the candidates was a student in the Honors College who will back whatever crazy schemes we cook up, our job was easy-squeezy. At one point, we had considered dispensing with the whole facade and declaring Craig Cobane SGA President. But we settled on Boka because - let's face it - it's pretty much the same thing."

In accordance with another Bailey diktat, Honors Program Director Craig Cobane shall punch SGA Executive Vice President-elect Mark Reeves in the testicles repeatedly for comic effect and until Reeves endorses Boka.

"We all know that students are too stupid to solve their own problems," concluded "Alabama" Angus Emslie, "And surely they should not be encouraged to learn how."

NOTED ETHICIST OFFERS OPINION ON SGA PROBLEMS

The Tool contacted internationally-renowned Harvard Professor of Ethics Rawlence Gissel to ask his opinion on the recent SGA election fiasco. After summarizing the story, the Tool correspondent asked Gissel whether Vice-President for Student Affairs Howard Bailey's decision was an ethical one. His response was: "Heh heh ha... ahahahahaha HAHAHAHA AAAH ha ha ha hee hee AAAH HA HA HAW HAW HO HO Ho hoo hoo hee hee hee hee ha ha...[fart]... heh heh hah ha ha... Oh, God...HA HA HA AAAH HA HAHAHAHAHHA ha ha ha hooo hooo hoo... Whew! Whew! No."



With nuisance rebel-leader Cain Alvey safely defenestrated from Cloud City, newly "selected" SGA members stand ready to serve Lord Cobane and the Galactic Administration.

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SELF-PROCLAIMED LEADING UNIVERSITY DECIDES TO LEAD; RANSELL HOSPITALIZED

In what he called a "Eureka moment," President Ransdell revealed that he was struck "like a bolt of lightning" by a bold "vision" to make The Western™ an actual leading university. "This will be a school that students and parents envy! Everyone will want to work here!" enthused Ransdell, shaking. "People will drool just thinking of the possibility they might someday be part of this community." After a 20-minute digression about "actualizing potentialities," Ransdell finally explained what he planned to do.

"It's simple, really," the President declaimed. "We will do something no other school has ever done: instead of pursuing usual policy of aggressive mediocrity, we will actually prioritize people and spend boatloads of money on academics!"

Using colored crayons and a ruled pad, Ransdell hastily scribbled for the stunned audience what he termed "Sure-fire, reverse-engineered, synergistic points of light:"

- For all full- and part-time employees, a top-shelf insurance plan - including dental - that will rival that of the US Supreme Court
- Canceling the contract with Arafart and providing local, organic, healthy food on campus
- To increase affordability and student access, tuition henceforth reduced by 23%
- Student Athletic Fee eliminated, football to compete at Div. III level
- To encourage transparency, The Western's™ account books now open for public inspection

While faculty stared agape, Chief of Staff Deborah Wilkins suddenly half-nelsoned Ransdell, wrestled him into a black van, and whisked him away. The ailing President will spend the summer in the Leona Helmsley Aggressive Reeducation Center for Overly Progressive Thinkers located in the basement safe room of the new Frankenstein Alumni Center.

April 26, 2013

To: University of Alabama Provost Selection Committee
Re: Letter of Recommendation for Augustus Caesar Emslie

Dear Committee,

I write to recommend highly our kilted leader for the position of Provost and Thai Massage Therapist at the University of Alabama. We would REALLY, REALLY HATE to lose our Gordo, but he has dreamed of being a Provost at an SEC School ever since his father force-fed him pork rinds behind an unregulated fish n' chip shack in Glasgow in 1967. His cameo in 1984's "Breakin' 2: Electric Boogaloo" was recently named "The Most Epic Scottish Breakdancing Scene in the History of Cinema," and is currently all the rage among the parachute-pants-wearing in-crowd that frequents the Lids Superstore at the Greater Tuscaloosa Mall. A remarkable ability to score millions of points on "The Last Starfighter" video game resulted in Angus's abduction by a talking space lizard and led to a brief career as a Russian Cosmonaut. Like all truly great administrators, he's able to speak a language no one can understand. A talented astrophysicist, Dr. E. is fully aware that the Earth revolves around the Sun - information that will prove valuable to vast multitudes of Alabamians who remain convinced that such "facts" fly in the face of revealed truth.

Our biggest regret is that Gordo won't be around to enact his plan to turn The Western™ into a revenue-generating bi-term v-tech school cash-cow that will train students to be mindless robots that obediently follow the wishes of Kentucky industrialists. I'm sure he'll have the time to do it at 'Bama. Roll Tide!

Sincerely, Gabibbo

PS: He'll fit in great down there: he already has "Sweet Home Alabama" and Red Elephant tattoos on his left-lower buttock. Trust me, I know.

RANSELL LETS SELF GO IN TWILIGHT YEARS OF PRESIDENCY

After five years of poor budget forecasts, President Ransdell appears to have stopped making any real effort. He has retreated to the Presidential Barcalounger at his Olde Stone single-wide, donned the Ceremonial Wife-Beater and Boxers, ordered in a dozen bags of Kenny Perry-endorsed pork rinds, and commandeered the remote to surf the 1,285 channels available on the Presidential 50-inch plasma TV.

When approached by Tool reporters for a statement about impending faculty layoffs due to budget shortfalls, Ransdell replied "meh," and gulped down a swig of the Presidential stash of Brew 102.

"Faculty and students are like a wife to me," explained Ransdell. "You know, tell 'em you love 'em, that they're the 'heartbeat of The Western™' or some crap like that, then punch 'em in the face with 'we'll have to layoff faculty' to keep 'em in their place when they ask for more money."

"Seriously, I've been telling them we're broke, and all I get back is 'football wah wah wah' and 'raises boo-hooo-hoo,'" griped Ransdell, scratching himself. "It's enough to drive you to drink. Actually, I guess it has," concluded the President with a deep burp.

"Now if you'll excuse me, this episode of 'Honey Boo Boo' ain't gonna watch itself."



Ransdell in his Olde Stone single-wide

NEWS BRIEF

The following budget adjustments have been announced by the Administrative Council:

International and non-resident student tuition on the ten students in those categories raised to \$107,844 per credit hour to cover bond float for Honors Building;

Students will pay tuition in Chinese Yuan, a currency accepted as legal tender on President Ransdell's Pacific retirement island;

Faculty and staff salaries raised 316% and paid in Bitcoins, an Internet currency different from Bitcoins and spendable only at the WKU Store and football stadium concessions.

NEW RECRUITING PROGRAM UNVEILED

In a press release, The Western™ announced that it will establish a program next year aimed at recruiting and retaining amoebas, paramecia, and other unicellular organisms.

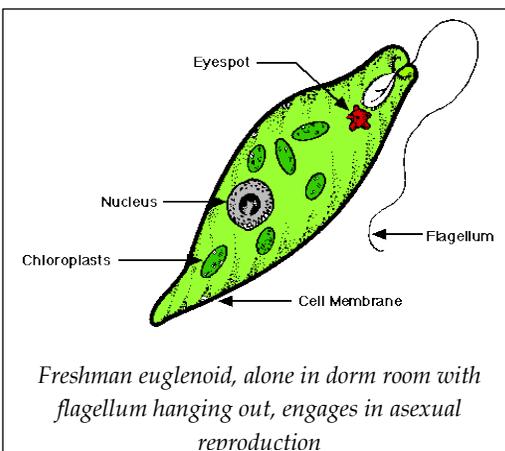
"According to the strict definition of The Western's new slightly-modified-for-sinister-reasons Mission Statement, we are obliged to serve 'students' of all backgrounds and body types," Provost "Alabama" Angus Emslie proudly declared as he peered through a microscope in the bowels of Thompson Complex. "We can no longer discriminate against life forms whose only drawback is a lack of multiple cells."

The Tool has learned that a new "Prepare Unicellulars to Succeed in Kentucky (PUS-KY)" program has been initiated by the Office of Student Disability Services. To support its rollout, faculty will attend mandatory FaCET seminars on how to instruct students who lack arms, legs, kidneys, livers, or any way of moving about their environments without wiggling their measly cilla and flagella. FaCET initially planned a follow-up "Teaching Students without Brains" breakout session, but then realized instructors are already experienced in that discipline.

All PUS-KY students will be required to complete University Experience seminars that impart necessary skills, including a four-week unit, "How to Write a Tuition Check When All You Have is a Smooth Endoplasmic Reticulum."

At Senate, faculty expressed concern that PUS-KY students can do little but infect others with cholera and dysentery. The Provost reassured the Faculty Senate that PUS-KY students are perfectly able to assimilate content via both pinocytosis and phagocytosis. Blob King, Chair of the KY Council for Post-Secessionary Education, endorsed the curriculum but warned, "If The Western™ is unable to retain these disease-causing microscopic life-forms, it's their own damn fault."

In a related announcement, Athletics Director Todd Steward forecast that next year's football attendance will exceed 20 quadrillion per game, given that it is possible to fit eight billion freshman paramecia into a single stadium seat.



BREAKING STORY!! Provost Spotted at Scottsville Road Olive Garden Commiserating with Imaginary Journalism Professors