

# The Big Red Tool

Vol. VI, Issue 2, Dec. 2013

Holiday Crap-tacular!!

## RANSELL'S "Q-AND-A" SESSION SETTLES ALL WORRIES DEFINITELY, FOR ALL TIME

Following a wide-ranging question and answer session with President and Maximum Leader Gary A. Ransdell, E.D.D., O.B.E., D.D.S., B.M.F., faculty and students were able to put their baseless fears to rest and understand that all is and will ever continue to be well at The Western™. "Absolutely nothing to see here, especially in terms of financial crises...move along," concluded Provost Angus G. Emslie, waving a pair of orange safety flashlights to emphasize his point. The Tool has distilled the session's highlights for interested readers.

- Ransdell reiterated that "academics is absolutely our top priority. Numero uno." He stressed that administrators will do everything possible to ensure that faculty get a pittance of either salary or benefits. Their choice.

- After David Keeling's suggestion that the athletic budget be increased by 29.3 percent, Ransdell responded, "Athletics is absolutely our number one, top priority. Even some of the non-football sports. We are very proud of what Bobby Petrino has done so far this season, including not fornicating with students or farm animals. But, anyway, yes, athletics is the key to everything, EVERYTHING that happens at The Western™."

- During a discussion of bond debt, Ransdell exclaimed, "Look,

infrastructure is our top priority. T-O-P. You can't have a college without a campus. Plus, who doesn't look at a crane soaring majestically in the sky and think, man, that kinda makes me want to touch myself."

- Dean of Libraries John Dewey asked about plans for libraries, to which Ransdell replied, "I hear what you are saying, and I want to reassure you that library resources are a number one priority with me. My new budget allocates twenty-five dollars PER ANNUM to make sure that we continue providing the library experience our students have come to expect. Which I assume involves books, magazines, or downloading porn."

By the end of the session, Senate Secretary Heidi Alvarez had collected a list fifty-seven "tip top, absolutely critical priorities" expressed by the President, including a long-overdue dry cleaning facility for Big Red suits, new whipped-cream cannons for Smith Stadium's grassy end zone seating, and an expanded deep-frying station for the Red Zone's "Bottomless Endangered Green River Mussel Poppers" menu. At the conclusion of the session, Ransdell received a standing ovation, and was then hoisted onto the shoulders of joyous, grateful faculty and staff and carried on victory laps around the newly-repainted Big Red Planetarium (see photo update, p. 2).

## "RANSELL RUBRIC" STATE FUNDING MODEL TO SAVE THE WESTERN™

In an interview with local media, President Ransdell explained that according to his network of deep-cover moles, Kentucky will adopt a new funding model that rewards state universities for ignoring personnel salaries, underfunding self-insurance schemes, and erecting expensive vanity buildings. "The new scheme will save The Western™!" beamed Ransdell.

Ransdell has lobbied state legislators to adopt the "Ransdell Rubric," a scoring formula that awards universities funding points that can be redeemed for cash or superballs and temporary tattoos at all area Chuck-E-Cheese locations. Universities earn one point, valid for one dollar in state funding for each degree conferred, dollar spent on new construction, and/or child's head playfully eaten by a school mascot.

Emslie added that "every extra penny of new revenue beyond unavoidable recurring fixed-cost obligation increases" like the Confucius Institute's Gary A. Ransdell Olympic Ping Pong Colosseum and Hippodrome will be devoted to "enhancing compensation of mission-critical personnel," such as the newly-hired Vice President for Mascot Advancement and all three Associate Deans for Twitter Feeding and Social Media Mismanagement.

After intense negotiations and a series of sexual favors, state lawmakers agreed to a bonus multiplier for both new and renovated cupolas, and an incentive to impart employable vocational skills to students such as towel twirling, assignment avoidance, advanced excuse making, and the most important skill of all: paying a tithe to The Western™ to cover the junk bonds on our new Alumni Non-Denominational Pilates International Center and Laundromat, to be built amidst the picturesque, still-smoldering ruins of the gutted Psychology Department.

### BREAKING NEWS!!

*Budget Woes Solved with Superhero Spelling: "Super Petrino" Rips "P" From Chest and Turns "Layoffs" to "Playoffs"*

*Provost Emslie Prescribes "Senate-Ectomy" to Cure Governance Woes. Curriculum Issues to be Approved by Shadow Cabal of Hooded, Chanting Figures in Newly-Erected Fruit of the Loom® Torchlit Crypt*

*"Learning Outcomes" on Syllabi to be Replaced by Detailed "Useful Job Skills" and "Pointless Crap" Statements by 2017, Following SACS Mandate.*

*Student Government Association Acquires Final Uranium-Enrichment Centrifuge, Builds Working Nuclear Weapon, Seizes Control of The Western™ in Bloodless Coup*

*"Educational Leadership" Degree Replaced by More Employable "Educational Servitude" Degree Where Students Learn to Take Orders, Appreciate Low Pay, Shut Up, and Not Ask Questions.*

*In Honor of The Western™'s Remarkable Gesture of Inter-Cultural Understanding, Prominent Native American Leaders Release Unified Statement of Support: "Give us back our land!!! Hold on...are those moccasins? Nevermind bro, we good."*

*Unaware of the Importance of Spelling, Recent M.A. in Pubic Administration Jailed for Administrating Pubics.*

*New "Soylent Green Super-Crunch Enchalito" to Debut at Izzy's Mexican Food in Garrett, Made from Surplus Ammoniated Mystery Meat Extruded from Mechanically Separated Bone Marrow of Laid-Off Professors.*

*Navitas High Commissioner Celebrates Saudi Student B-Average in Elementary Modern Standard Arabic. In other news, Saudi Government to Halt Scholarships to Saudi Students Taking Arabic.*



*"Super Petrino" soars over The Western™, ready to save the day with grammar.*

# PETRINO TO HEADLESS QB: "SUCK IT UP AND PLAY!"

Head Football Coach Bobby Petrino has announced that Cal Sacco, The Western™'s talented Junior QB, will start next month's Beef-O-Brady Kudzu Bowl contest in Pikeville against South-by-Southwestern Louisiana despite the fact that he does not, and will not at game time, have a head.

Renowned veterinarian and sports medicine authority Dr. James Andrews, recently hired as the official medic of the football program, strongly discouraged this experiment,

noting simply, "his head is not attached to his body. This young man is dead. Not only is he not fit to play on in the bowl, but his decapitated corpse needs to be returned to his family for burial as soon as possible."

Upon hearing his opinion, Petrino promptly fired Andrews and hired Russellville plastic surgeon Victor Frankenstein, M.D., as the new team physician. Petrino explained that "these doctors are paid to make the players ready to play. These young men need to learn to tough out minor

aches and pains for the sake of the team, and for the sake of my future as a coach somewhere that isn't here. Heads are overrated, especially for quarterbacks."

After a quick trip to Dr. Frankenstein's secret lab, Sacco was back on the practice field, stumbling around and slurring audibles to wide receivers and tight ends. "Mmmmmm. Uuhhh. Bleheheehhhh. Hurrhhhh. Hutt Hutt Hike," intoned Sacco. "And meah STILL get Beeee urm Chineeeese class!! Murrrrrr!!!

## ALSO IN THIS ISSUE!

p. 22 New dorm planned for expected massive influx of pretend student enrollees, paid for with repurposed terminated faculty salaries, organs harvested from Gatton Academy dropouts, cowrie shells, delusions, loose change, pocket lint.

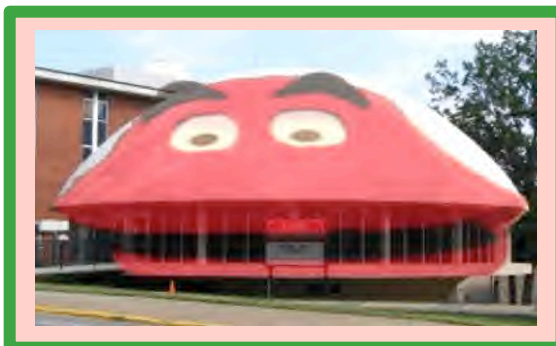
p. 69 The Western™'s Leaf-Blower Chorus and Drill Team Advances to State Finals.

p. 77 The Western™'s Combustion Laboratory revealed to be nothing more than wanna-be Mythbusters fan club.

p. 79 For the 77th straight year, 2014 Homecoming Concert to Feature some doofus in a Cowboy Hat who is not actually a Cowboy.

Back Cover: The Western's retention problems linked to English Professor Cary Grump's strict "no hoop skirts or bloomers and mandatory corset" dress code. When asked to comment, Dr. Grump instead yelled at nearby kids to get off his lawn.

Special Appendix: Talented International Staff flee International Student and Scholar Services Center for more enjoyable careers in "anything but working for the person in charge of the International Student and Scholar Services Center."



From p. 1: The repainted, newly-rechristened "Big Red Planetarium," where campus celebrated recent benefits cuts with Pres. Ransdell

### THE WESTERN IT RESOURCES TERMS OF USE AGREEMENT

By clicking this box, you agree to the following terms of use statement: You agree that we are allowed to monitor all of your online activity, especially the weird stuff, and send it to your parents, your church, your ancestors and/or descendants, the NSA, and/or show it on the Jumbotron in Diddle Arena during basketball games. You further agree that checking Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr, Poopr, MySpace, Prodigy, GeoCities, Compuserve, or AOL is technically grounds for immediate tickling or dismissal, even though we promise maybe not to act on this unless we feel like it. We also reserve the right to change, deface, or delete any department or personal websites at any time, and to filter and replace the word "meeting" with "booger party" in all your email communication. We also also reserve the secret right to install a backdoor on your desktop computer, laptop, smart phone, smart car, Roomba, work and home toasters, manual typewriter, and any and all other personal electronic and non-electronic devices, mainly for the purposes of playing "Never Gonna Give You Up" very, very softly. Furthermore, you agree that you will never denigrate The Western™ or its administration, complain about work conditions, offend students, use the words "pomegranate" or "kerfuffle," wish for better pay/benefits, communicate with friends from high school, inform anyone of this agreement, or make grammer error, or employ Oxford commas, on pain of public humiliation and garnishment of wages and/or garnishes (cocktail and food). If you use our wireless network for anything other than differential calculus or competitive patriotism, we reserve the right to change your browsers privacy settings to "Full On Nigerian Bank Account/Free Toner Cartridge Assault," remotely operate your web cam while you poop, and otherwise send our Honors Toppers Commandos to commandeer your underpants. Honestly, what are you going to do? Not click "agree?" Even if you do, we will still simply announce that you pin shirtless photos of Eric Estrada to your Pinterest page "too often" and make sure you get fired. Oh, are you going to cry? Come on, cry for me, crybaby! Ha-HA!!! WHERE IS YOUR GOD NOW!!!!??? Yeah, thats right, just as desperate to keep your job as we thought. Seriously, are you still reading this? Enjoy our network resources, and have a pleasant day. GO TOPS!

[ ] I agree.  
[ ] ¡Acepto! ¡Si Señor!

## NEW SPECIES DISCOVERY HALTS DEMOLITION OF THOMPSON NORTH COMPLEX

An innocent foray into a long unopened closet by a Biology Department TA in Thompson North Complex has galvanized The Western™'s internationalization efforts. "Dude! There was this orange fungus crust all over a stack of old Penthouses...err, Biology books in the storage room. It was gross as whack!" explained first-year graduate student Cutter Messerschmidt. Internationally renowned mycology experts and Ghostbusters descended on Bowling Green after 36 rare, endangered, and toxic-to-mankind fungi were discovered in the Western™'s dilapidated buildings. After clearing a team of hazmat-suit-clad biologists for an expedition into Tate Page Hall, Vice President for Research Gordon Bayliss offered his thoughts on the potential advantages of this discovery. "Sure, I would prefer that researchers come to The Western™ for our top-notch research laboratories and libraries. But I guess being globally respected as a festering fungus and mold pit is not a bad runner-up." Following a savage bidding war over naming rights, the new center for study of these life forms will be called the Jimmy Diemer Self-Storage and Bar-B-Que Hall of Fuzzy Stuff.

