

The Big Red Tool

Holiday Special 2011!! "Baaah!" Means "No"

MORAL VICTORIES PILE UP IN WAKE OF "BOWL TRAVESTY 2011"

Last week, the university community mourned "Bowl Travesty 2011"-- The Western™'s relegation into the 42 percent of NCAA FBS football teams that did not go to a bowl game. Fans were shocked and dismayed. "I can't understand it," wailed Glasgow (KY) senior Clem Kadiddlehopper. "I didn't go to a single game all season. I was really planning on maybe, or not maybe, traveling to the Beef-a-Reeno Bowl in In our Holiday Super-Barstow, California."

In the end, though, it is clear that ending the season "bowl eligible" was some sort of a moral victory for a team that won only three games in the previous two seasons and lost to a Division I-AA team in September. "We've demonstrated that we can run with the big boys!" exclaimed Hopkinsville booster Mack Styles. "As long as the running doesn't involve winning an actual bowl game."

In our Holiday Super-Special Extravagasm Micro-Issue 2011, we present a plethora of previously unknown accomplishments and award eligibilities of which The Western™ can be proud. This holiday season, take solace in the "moral victory" of overblown, unrealistic, illegitimate, and thus unthwartable expectations - it's the The Western™ way!



THIS IS THE WESTERN™... WINNING!

The Western™ continues to accumulate the following Charlie Sheen-like honors.

Despite not winning a bowl invitation, the football program produced one clear winner, coach Willie Taggart, who took home the highly coveted "Regional MA-Granting University Ludicrously Overpaid Football Coach of the Year" award. Taggart waved to the press and threw handfuls of gold coins to onlookers as he rode home on a litter carried by four well-oiled linebackers. Next year Sir William hopes to take down the "Ridiculously Overblown Midyear Contract Supplement Lump-Sum Payment" Award, due if he wins a single consecutive Saturday game against a non-ranked directional university and/or purchases 10 twelve-inch sandwiches at the Subway in DUC (must display fully punched loyalty card).



At the annual Empire Hair Design School of Kentucky's Annual "Campus Crusade for Coiffure," judges awarded a District 3 honorable mention to The Western™ for comb-over excellence...

John All was passed over for the Sir Edmond Hillary Award for self-promotion after it was discovered that he made "inappropriate use" of Sherpa...

The Ayn Rand Institute declined to act on Economics Professor Brian Strow's nomination for the "I Am John Galt-ish" Award when it was discovered that he is tenured and thus cannot be fired except for reason of financial exigency. "Being passed over for such a prestigious an award is quite an honor," beamed President Gary Ransdell.



Coach Sir William Taggart hoists newspaper declaring victory over Div. 1-AA rival Indiana State the morning of The Western's™ triumph at Smith Stadium, Sept. 17, 2011.



President Gary Ransdell accepts Oscar for his performance in *Places of the Heart*, 1985.



Former Governor Ernie Fletcher honors The Western™ for being a university, 2006.

AWARD SHORTS

After learning that the football team is bowl eligible, Institutional Research has discovered that President Gary Ransdell is eligible for a wide variety of prestigious awards, even though he will never win them. Those awards include the Nobel Prize in Educational Leadership, North American Car of the Year, and Mr. Universe 2012. Ransdell mused, "It's not actually about doing anything difficult--being eligible is enough. As the late, great John F. Kennedy once said 'We choose to claim that we are eligible for these awards and the others, not because being eligible is easy, but because it is not hard.'"



President Ransdell will set aside nearly a full hour during Fall Commencement to celebrate the University's bowl eligibility, as well as a detailed list of other awards and honors that faculty, staff, mascots, buildings, and topiary are potentially qualified for. His preliminary notes listed the Miss Universe crown, Rhodes Scholarships, the William Shatner Excellence in Space Travel award, the Institutional Architecture Digest's Sexiest Cupola prize, the coveted Teen Beat Hunky Heartthrob medal (Inappropriately Older Coach category), Norton Simon Most Confusing Campus sculpture award.



President Gary Ransdell had another disappointing year after failing to win the Association of Builders and Contractors "Persistence in Construction" award. "I just don't understand it," commented Ransdell. "We've built, torn up, rebuilt, added on to, razed, raised, constructed and reconstructed pretty much every square inch of this campus. I thought I'd get it this year for sure, especially after I made sure they dynamited the place in the middle of the day. Hell, The Western™ is pretty much a welfare program for construction companies. I get free dumpsters from Scotty's anytime I want. Oh well, we'll do better next year if I have to tear down and rebuild every building on campus with my bare hands and your last tuition dollar. I'll tell you one thing for sure, I'm using twice the dynamite this time around."

