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THE PANTS ISSUE!

RANDELL ADDRESSES BUDGET CRISIS NEW FEES TO BRIDGE FUNDING GAP

With a new budget crisis looming, The Western™'s President Gary Ransdell has developed bold new strategies to maintain financing of critical strategic initiatives.

Retroactively from 1973, students and alumni who have or will participate or have thought about participating in study abroad will be charged a \$150 per credit hour Technical Assistance and Planning Abroad Studying Students (TAP-ASS) Fee. Study Abroad Head Dilettante Craig Cobane beamed, "The proceeds from TAP-ASS will stimulate a ten-fold increase in study abroad participation and/or fee collection, pay for much-needed 'Solitaire'® expansion packs on the Study Abroad office's computers,

and allow us to hire a *feng shui* consultant for the Confucius Institute."

"Let me get this straight," mused E-Town junior Franklin Showalter. "You're going to tap my ass for a bunch of money, and then give me a chance at winning it back as a scholarship? Can I have that application back, please?"

In related news, the University Senate will consider whether to endorse President Randell's proposed \$6-per-entree "Wellness Remediation Fee" for all Grande Double Queso Carne Asada Supreme BurritosSM purchased at the Garrett Food Court and the proposed 3000% surcharge on Scantron® sheets (retroactive to 1985).

PETRINO'S VEGAS ODDS RELEASED, BET PLACED

With spring practices approaching, Vegas bookmakers have released Coach Bobby Petrino's odds for the 2013 football season. Bets are currently being taken on the following odds:

- 69-1: Dies during earthquake drill; Petrino's "Pants of Excellence" interred in Chandler Chapel Columbarium;
- 3.14159-1: Fired after fifth game for crashing his motorcycle on 68-80 while riding with imaginary girlfriend "Lennay Kukua;"
- Even odds: Exercises buyout clause, leaves in second quarter of Arkansas State game;
- 1,000-1: Coaches entire football season without any major indictments, extramarital affairs, or crashes, signs contract extension, retires after long career at The Western™;
- 5-2: Performs "Statue of Liberty," "End-Around," and "Kneel-Down" with grad assistant in Parking Structure 1;
- 8-6-7-5-3-0-9: Leads Hilltoppers to undefeated season, berth in Sure-Flo Catheter Bowl;
- 6m-1: Resigns, elected by Vatican Conclave as Pope Not-So-Innocent X.

As odds were released, Provost Angus G. Emslie approved a new, retroactive "Bet on Learning" student fee. President Ransdell then used the \$6.2 million revenue to place a bet (4:1 odds) that Craig "Three Yards and a Cloud of Dust" Cobane will coach the last seven games of the 2013 season. "Easy money," chuckled the President.

HELP WANTED: CHAIR, PSYCHO DEPT.

Collegial campus department seeks new leader to replace beloved, outgoing chair. Successful candidate must have qualities the Psycho faculty has come to expect in its leadership: unwavering collegiality; loyalty to college and department faculty; ability to fashion useful private deals with Provost; warm, trusting relationship with Dean. Psycho Dept. tenure-track faculty is humble, dynamic, comfortable with group hugs, loves surprises, does not mind being unexpectedly locked out of office, and possesses unified, rational sense of purpose. Must exhibit willingness to contribute selflessly to university's mission of providing best possible education to all The Western's™ undergraduates. Candidates must possess or be working toward terminal-ish degree in any non-tenurable endeavor taught above the high-school level (please, no plumbers/airline pilots/Scott Stroot).

Send resume and cover letter to Robert Dean, Chief of Campus Police.

AT MARDI GRAS FEAST, SGA DEVOURS ANOTHER HELPING OF STUDENT FEES

Despite warnings from its girlfriend to slow down, take small bites, and let its stomach digest a little, the Student Government Association reached across the table and helped itself to another heaping serving of student fees at a recent Mardi Gras smorgasbord.

After slurping a steaming bowl of ever-rising in-state tuition bills, the SGA eyed a tureen of Schedule Change and Study Abroad Fees garnished with a Graduation Fee.

"We can guzzle this DUC renovation debt bond levy and still choke down the entire Student Athletic Fee, you just watch," grunted SGA President Cory Dodds, panting, with beads of sweat on his brow.

After gorging itself on a full plate of meaningless plus-minus grading resolutions, SGA gazed hungrily at a chafing dish overflowing with warm Vehicle Registration Fee hikes. "And this HEPI increase to the Student Health Fee is delicious, especially when served with a side of WKU Store price gouging!" emoted SGA Admin. Vice President Cain Alvey. "I can't wait to inhale that delectable Honors College bond debt fee. Keep sloppin' those fees on, baby!"

"Just stay clear of my bathroom in the morning," quipped the SGA, reposing on a chaise after dinner.



SGA hits the pool after gorging on new student fees.

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"EXCELLENCE OF AMERICA'S INSTRUMENTS" EXHIBIT DEEMED TOO INTENSE FOR FEMALE AUDIENCES, SHUT DOWN INDEFINITELY

On Tuesday, state health officials shut down the new "Excellence of America's Instruments" exhibition at The Western™ Museum after widespread reports of fainting, heart palpitations, and glossolalia among female visitors. "This is too much," declared Dr. Julius Hibbert, chief neurosurgeon and proctologist at The Western™'s Student Health Clinic. "Women afflicted with catatonia, dilated pupils, and fizzy knickers have been staggering in here all week!"

"I went to the museum as a requirement for LEAD 516: Wealthy Donor Dilettante Appreciation," recalled Hart County sophomore Theresa Avila. "Suddenly I was overcome by the gravitas of Fred "Rerun" Berry's trousers. Woozy with

glee, the musk from clown-physician Patch Adams' underpants aroused me. The last thing I remember before losing consciousness was gazing at Jack LaLanne's workout tights. Suddenly, I felt as if LaLanne's withered, 96-year-old disembodied clenched fist plunged into my heart repeatedly, until it tickled my febrile entrails...let's just say I passed out a happy woman that day. I don't know if I should go back. If I get within ten yards of those virile underpants again, I may walk out of there pregnant." After receiving a bevy of similar reports, the Kentucky Health Department has demanded that The Western™ Museum bar all female visitors from the exhibit.

Tool reporters attempted to reach museum officials for a reaction but were

stymied by a student intern wielding a bat that may or may not have been used by Dustin Pedroia. In a press release, curators declared, "Now BOW before the aura of this handkerchief once sneezed upon by Scatman Carrothers!! His snot has magical properties, you uncouth buffoon!" Provost Emslie has implemented Policy 3.091.84: Museum Trousers Donation Guidelines, in response to the crisis.

One Sugar Grove sophomore attempted to sum up the show's message. "Sometimes great people wear great pants. And it is the duty of the university community to celebrate those pants, plus all the other random crap that famous people have used. Can I have my degree now, please?"

NEWS IN BRIEFS

The Western™ revises spousal hiring policy, adds 'mistress corollary' to promote better work-life-fantasy-life balance among male employees in Athletic Department. "We want to avoid the appearance of discrimination against adulterers," warns University Counsel.

New tagline for updated General Education policy approved by University Senate: "When life gives you colons, make Colon-ade!"

False emergency text message about earthquake goes unappreciated due to trouser-soiling distractions and mayhem caused by an actual earthquake; students urged to rush outside, crushed by falling debris. Only student on campus without cell phone trapped inside Panda Express, survives 3 days on cold Kung Pao Chicken.

Leadership Studies graduate shocked, delighted to be offered job as Taco Bell sous chef.

New DELO "Passive Retention Program" offers at-risk freshman general education courses via telekinesis. "We can now retain students by sending content directly into students' brains while they lie passed out on the couch," beams Provost Emslie.

FIVE DAY NOTICE!!!

In compliance with a recent change in university policy ("Student Production Policy"), this notice, which we are 100 percent certain will neither be removed by janitorial staff nor covered over with lucrative textbook buyback opportunities at some point over the next five days, provides fair warning that on March 5th, 2013, a student production will take place that may disrupt the learning environment of this location.

At precisely 8:14 pm, a sophomore theater major dressed as an aroused bull hippopotamus (complete with appropriate prosthesis) shall saunter about the second floor of Grise Hall while reciting Allen Ginsberg's "Howl" and playing the accordion. To reassure the public of our wholesome objectives, the horny howling hippo shall be accompanied by a second student bedecked in a confederate flag and a cowboy hat who will hand out pictures of aborted fetuses. Because we recognize the possibility that this performance may nevertheless threaten life safety and incite violence and mayhem, we have notified the WKU Police Department about the accordion.



New additions to "Excellence of America's Instruments" announced: 1. WWF star "Ravishing" Rick Rude's wrestling tights, worn during 1988 Madison Square Garden bout against Jake "The Snake" Roberts and featuring air-brushed crotch image of Roberts' wife, Cheryl. 2. Nicholas Cage's hairpiece. 3. WKU football coach Bobby Petrino's neck brace.

"STUDENT PRODUCTION POLICY" PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

As a public service the Big Red Tool has reached out to The Western™ community and compiled a public notice board of upcoming campus events:

- Mandatory PFT Resident Flash Mob (Monday, March 11, 11:30pm). All PFT students required to swipe ID cards at mandatory flash mob event in Gary Ransell's office, WAB 125. SGA to provide free pizza, condoms (1 and 3 per student, respectively).
- Panhellenic "Ides of March" Parade of Goats and Farm Animals (Friday, March 15, 3am, Old Mall). Public not invited.
- Free surprise duct-tape hair removal workshop outside EST to benefit Turfgrass Management Club (week of March 18-22, hours TBA).
- Freshman Jim Stallings of Utica, NY, to have sexual intercourse with girlfriend-to-be-named-later in Cherry Hall elevator (4:15-4:16 am, April 11).

Provost Angus G. Emslie has clarified to the Tool that the following activities are not allowed under the new policy:

- Robbing Red Barn Liquors, forging checks to The Western™ to protest "big capitalism"
- "Poop Art," kilt lifting, cockfighting
- Molotov cocktails, bare-knuckle sack punches
- Dumb stuff that might get The Western™ sued