



## RANDELL UNVEILS BUDGET AND SPEECH POLICY, DISAPPEARS TO PIKE COUNTY

In order to avoid misinterpretation, rioting, looting, and pitchfork wielding over The Western's™ current budget "realignment," President Ransdell released a new policy to guide any and all communications related to university finances.

According to this policy, massive budget shortfalls exceeding \$1.5 million are to be called "creative revenue generation opportunities." Likewise, sales of current employees to Johannesburg-based slave merchants during the "Year of South Africa" will be known as "parallel transfers," while the diversion of tuition funds from basic academic support to parking lot construction and football scholarships is categorized as "strategic budget reallocation." Wealthy, haughty, and attractive male honors students who pay no tuition are to be branded "unfunded MAN-DATES."

Furthermore, Ransdell's unexpected announcement that employees will be required to rely on faith healing instead of prescription drugs for

diabetes and cancer care is described in this policy as the "Holistic Wellness Rationalization Plan." Perhaps the most surprising item in the president's budget policy was the renewal of the "WKU LEEDs from the Terlet" initiative, in which heated water and bathroom tissue and paper towel replenishment in restrooms will be phased out, in favor of recycled student papers of "B" grades or lower. In a personal communication, Ransdell described this initiative as "scratchy yet satisfying. Functional, you know?" Officials are considering a plan to make mulch from "Free Toner Cartridges" email printouts and thousands of discarded swim team season tickets.

The Western™ plans to send video podcasts of the Foottoppers' exciting Trinidad and Tobago Bowl Victory over Southeastern New Hampshire Community College and Phlebotomy Institute to prospective students in order to fix plummeting enrollment. According to Ransdell, "If only we'd made the Beef O'Brady Bowl, we'd be No. 42 in the

nation - boy oh boy, would we be rolling in new students!"

Later, Ransdell convened a "retreat" with a select team of advisors in a remote Pike County cabin to brainstorm emergency budget ideas. Honors Emperor Craig Cobane argued for sending the entire Music Department to busk on Music Row in Nashville. Former Regent Jim Johnson suggested that attractive, amoral faculty "turn tricks" for travel money to attend conferences, and that fake, pre-soiled beards and travel suits be issued to non-whorable faculty members in order to pose as homeless panhandlers at intersections and parks around Bowling Green. Ransdell concluded, "If that fails, I'll do what all the other Chamber of Commerce lackeys do and blame Obamacare." There is no indication that Ransdell has any plans to cease fellating elected officials who slash funding for higher education yet faithfully attend university commencements for photo ops and pretend they give a plop.

### MEMBERS OF WKU FACULTY OFFERED AS HUMAN SACRIFICES TO APPEASE ANGRY GODS OF CONSTRUCTION

"Build BUILD Build BUILD Build BUILD Build BUILD Build BUILD!!!" intoned a frantic, wild-eyed President Ransdell as he gestured to a tumultuous, stormy sky above the torchlit cupola of his Educational Building and Mortuary Complex. Changing tone, Ransdell observed "Professor Jerry Daday has been an indispensable member of our university family, a favorite professor of many of our students, and a tireless advocate for our new Study Away initiatives." Ransdell then lowered his High Priest Mask over his eyes and continued in a stentorian voice, "But today we must convert his faculty line, flesh, blood, and bones into a worthy sacrifice for MORGATH THE CONSTRUCTOR!!"

Whisking a velvet cloth from a stone altar, Ransdell revealed the bound form of the sociology professor, who struggled and shrieked in terror. Ransdell slowly raised a sacrificial dagger and uttered an incantation in Neo-Sumerian, while hooded members of the Board of Regents clad in red towel loincloths and marked with ritual tattoos danced in a circle and brandished replicas of the The Western's Formidable Commencement Battle Mace above their heads while ululating wildly. "LIFE, MORE LIFE," screamed Phillip Bale, "MORGATH DEMANDS MORE LIFE!!!" Ransdell, turning his cold, calculating eye towards the fresh faculty meat in FAC, calmly responded: "Morgath has spoken. He desires a state-of-the-art Forensics-only Lavatory Building. Call the WKU Foundation. Empty the coffers. Slash more lines. Morgath must be appeased. The Spirit Makes the Master. THE SPIRIT MAKES THE MASTER!"

### THE TOOL DISCOVERS SECRET RANDELL CONSTRUCTION "WISH LIST" IN DISCARDED BURRITO WRAPPER

While downing a slushie in DUC, a Tool reporter on lunch break noticed President Ransdell toss a half-eaten bean-cheese-and-tofu burrito and a hastily-scribbled list of "wish" construction projects into a nearby trashcan as he strode purposefully towards a meeting with a local bulldozer sales representative. Projects on the list include:

- "Honors Canyon" for Professor John All to fall in, trap self
- Giant white squirrel treehouse
- Half-Acre ball pit and trampoline racetrack under Wetherby
- Private zeppelin airport on top of Wetherby
- Heisman QB breeding facility
- Lost River Cave submarine base and pearl oyster fishery
- Fraternity "Rule-free Haze-atorium"
- Add "Blind Obedience," "Capitulation," and "Some Pig," to Virtues on DUC steps
- Building in shape of cupola, studded with mini-cupolas, with micro-cupolas on inside ceilings and as water-fountain buttons
- Turf Grass and Smoking Grass Management Program
- Retention-boosting guillotine
- Wrecking ball/bulldozer operator training academy
- H.H. Cherry Memorial Giant Mountain of Dirt next to huge open pit, to be alternately filled in and dug out endlessly
- Saudi Dance Academy
- Profitable athletics program
- Giant hamster-wheel-powered, LEED-certified HVAC delivery nexus
- Four-story smokehouse to make "Ole Kentucky Long Pig Hams" of "retired" faculty
- Another bronze statue of a towel, only way bigger
- Giant serving trough in Fresh Food for all-u-can-eat Translucent Bacon for all STEM Students



Bill Powell trains for Thursday night with beer helmet and "Stanky," the team mascot-goat

## CARL FOX TO RUN GRAD SCHOOL FROM UNDISCLOSED LOCATION

After receiving death threats following the allocation of most of the graduate research fellowships to the Biology and Chemistry departments, Graduate Dean Carl Fox has “gone rogue” and announced he will now manage graduate school academic and extra-marital affairs “off the grid.” While at time of press he has not been seen in person for nearly two months, Dean Fox has nevertheless continued to issue vague, conflicting orders to his agents throughout campus through a variety of surreptitious communications mechanisms.

In a note recovered from a “dead drop” location by the Big Red Tool, Fox explained that while sequestered, he is catching up on chopping wood, pickling green beans, making pipe bombs, skinning possums, growing out his “salt-n-pepa” beard, and developing his claw-hammer banjo picking technique. He has also been spending time typing out his manifesto, “Why Shared Governance is a Liberal Satanist Lie, and I Don't Understand Why You Don't Understand That.”

In a potentially related development, a mysterious new wireless network named “WKU-G Branch Davidian Skynet” has appeared in the vicinity of the recently demolished Thompson Complex.

What does the Fox say? No one from the Tool--not even our deep cover moles in the STEM world--has yet been able to discern.



*Gary Ransdell's Official Commemorative Trinidad and Tobago Bowl Dollar Bill, worth 16¢.*

### SPORTS NEWS: FORMER COACH DERIDES SWIM TEAM “DEATH PENALTY”

In an interview with Tool reporters, former coach Bill Powell criticized President Ransdell's decision to eliminate the swim program at the Western™. Powell explained that swim team culture and his specialized training regimen promote “manly development, even for the gals.” The retired swimming don explained, “Are you kidding me? These kids deserve a frickin' award! Just look at Seamus “Mad Dog” Murphy -- that freestylin' backstroker could shoot the official team beer bong, down a fifth of Jack, smash the bottle over his head while having sex with a goat, then jump in the pool, beat everyone else by half a length, jump out, and then, and only then, vomit, pantsless, in the softball team's champagne-filled jacuzzi.”

Male swimmers remaining at The Western™ after the team's demise will be required to attend mandatory “How to Treat a Woman Right” seminars taught by The Western™ alum and gubernatorial candidate James “Slap N' Punch” Comer.

Powell continued, “Look, until I retired more than a decade ago I had been an award-winning swim coach for a quarter-century, and I know that the ONLY way to get these kids to medal status is the “Lord of the Flies” approach - create a mob mentality where hooting, jeering, and physical abuse by peers forces each athlete to break through his own limits. I'm not doing my job right if there aren't at least five girls and guys with serious muscle pulls or rotator cuff injuries, and at least seven or eight in substance abuse rehab. Besides, do you really think sober team members are going to be up for “extra practice” time with the ex-basketball coach in Parking Structure One?”

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### RANSELL ACCIDENTALLY SPENDS MONEY ON USEFUL THINGS

While signing a budget intended to increase funding to Athletics and the Big Red Institute for Cupola Architecture, a visibly intoxicated Provost Emslie stumbled into President Ransdell's elbow, causing him to accidentally sign a funding order for a three percent faculty/staff raise and 200 scholarships for poor and underprivileged students. In the scrum that followed, three gunshots were heard, five assorted vice presidents suffered minor scrapes and contusions, and two College Heights photographers somehow trampled each other. Meanwhile, the funding order was whisked away by gleeful Faculty Regent Barbara Burch, who sprinted from the scene shouting “No Backsies! No Backsies!” Provost Emslie was discovered snoring under the table some hours later.

A tearful Ransdell held a press conference the following day, pleading with University Senate and Board of Regents members to “think of the men and women in engineering firms and construction-related businesses across this great state who will be unable to provide their children with backup ski boats or tuition for Swiss boarding schools.”

Following the surprise pay increase, faculty immediately began complaining that they hadn't had a substantial raise in the past five minutes.

**Breaking News! STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE RELEASED: CONSTRUCTION OF GIANT TOWER TO THE HEAVENS PROGRESSING AS EXPECTED**