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Pope Supports UNK Pay Cut

In an unprecedented announcement, The Vatican announced that Pope Benedict XXX was in favor of a pay cut proposal offered by a group of faculty at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. The proposal describes a pay cut system wherein “the community integrity of UNK” was preserved. The system would require that personnel making a over $150,000 would take a 10% reduction whereas smaller pay cuts would be expected of those who make less.

According to the proposal, “these pay reductions should 1) preserve all employee positions; 2) maintain tuition at the current level; 3) allow UNK the opportunity to offer recently unemployed citizens 6 free hours of tuition,” and 4) provide substantial numbers of indulgences to the faithful.

The Holy Father said that a pay cut was in the spirit of Christian giving and was the only way by which Catholics and others of faith can weather the turbulent times of the recession.

The Vatican also said that Catholics who would not agree to any pay reductions would be subject to immediate excommunication. The mortal sins of personal greed as expressed by refusing to agree to a minor reduction in their own pay while the potential exists for others to lose their jobs will be a major consideration in the rendering of Divine Justice. If greedy faculty accept their current pay level, they will either be smote down by the Hand of God, suffer eternally in hell, or both.

Vatican officials also indicated that the proposal was put forth for discussion purposes only and are willing to hear the sinners’ sides of any proposal that would screw their friends and enrich themselves.

Federal Stimulus Plan Arrives at UNK

The White House announced today that the University of Nebraska would receive the equivalent of $3.75 million in edu-economic development. Several programs will receive an economic boost from the program. 1.3 million academic quality points will be distributed among the academic majors that suffered the most from the economic downturn. The addition of these points will be applied to academically disadvantaged students in order to boost their grade point averages so that they can stay in school and ultimately earn their degrees. These quality points will be distributed by those courses most in need of an academic boost. Interrupted Dean of CSNS, Rob Bycek said, “We have several shovel-ready programs. I see that Organic Chemistry, Anatomy and Physiology, Statistics, Algebra, and Calculus will qualify for an immediate stimulus boost. However, other needy courses will also benefit.” Other colleges are concerned because their students do not qualify for the program. UNK student, Brent Scowl, said “It’s not fair. Not receiving this aid will keep me from making Summa Cum Ladie. How will I tell my parents that I’m only Magma?”

Other federal monies will be used to bail out several programs that have fallen on hard edu-economic times including Economics, Computer Science, Sociology, and Physics. The Chairs of these programs have also been accused of enriching themselves by signing lucrative contracts that increases their salaries by hundreds of dollars.
English Avoids Bankruptcy and Is Bought Out by French Automaker Peugeot

In business news, since the White House delivered its ultimatum “clean up your act or declare bankruptcy,” to the English Department, the Department has been reorganizing its structure by closing several of its courses, reassigning or laying off workers, thinning the management, and actively seeking a buyer for its troubled composition program. Potential buyers included the Department of the Army, Industrial Technology, and Teacher Education. However, many of these suitors intended to fully dismantle the writing program and replace it with morning pushups, welding, and small group discussions, respectively.

In an 11th hour deal, French automaker Peugeot has purchased the writing program and will maintain the integrity of the present program, but reduce its size to one large capacity writing course every other year, and include the manufacture side-curtain air bags for its most popular models. The cost of the purchase is reported to have been three bottles of 2003 Chateau Margaux, and a half of a bottle of a 2002 Bordeaux.

Bruner Hall Update

Much to the dismay of science faculty, slime mold has been found throughout the newly-renovated Bruner Hall. Faculty will be moving their offices to a quonset hut located in the former parking lot next to the former Follett’s Bookstore.

All faculty science faculty from Biology, Chemistry, and Physics will be moving their offices into the new facility by June 1. There will be no parking anywhere on east campus, since all of the remaining parking spots will be used by the slime mold abatement crews.

The science faculty will then be relocated on July 1, to a temporary office structure in a circus tent located in the College of Education parking lot—until the mold abatement is completed on the quonset hut.

The science faculty will then return to the quonset office building by the former Follett’s on August 1. In order to ensure fairness and consistency for all of the faculty involved, office assignments will systematically be made in random fashion with no preferences allowed.

On September 1, the science faculty will again be relocated and quarantined to an undisclosed location, until they meet OSHA and Homeland Security standards for hygiene and safety.

On October 1, the science faculty will form a circle and put their right hand in, their right hand out, put their right hand in and shake it all about.

On November 1, they will form a conga line and move their belongings back to Bruner to the song, Se A Cabo, by Carlos Santana.

On December 1, Bruner Hall will be tested for radon.

General Studies Debate Continues


UNK Mascot Change

Effective in the fall of 2009, the UNK Antelope will become history as the UNK mascot will officially be changed to R1-N9ers. After a lengthy process of negotiation with producers of venison and other game meats, the administration decided that the antelope was a symbol of too great economic value to be held in ridicule and to be possibly associated with the animal plagues that are currently spreading.

Director of Athletics Johann McGroom said that, “We are changing the mascot in order to match the state’s generally preparedness for pandemics of the future. We hope to combine health education with a good football when we unveil our new mascot, which will resemble a large virus, in the traditional blue and gold.”

The UNL Cornhuskers will not change their mascot even though several fatal cases of Husker fever have been reported across the state. The Nebraska Department of Health reports that Husker fever numbers are consistent with years past even though losing seasons have suppressed its spread across the state. NE officials are, however, looking into a recent outbreak of the STD, Maverick warts in Omaha.