

THE TALKING DONKEY

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MASTERFUL COORDINATION:

Simultaneous flush of all toilets at Hill dormitory ruptures basement piping... half of Custodial Services goes on strike. DEVELOPING...

TOP STORY

9/14/04 11:34 - **Latest Issue of *Cedars* Prints Record Number of Errors**

TYLER - A fresh new school year is here and *Cedars* is fresh off the press once again, much to the chagrin of the student body. Widely known for its bland stories and poor grammar, it appears that the '04-'05 staff have outdone themselves, printing a record 328 errors in the September issue. Most errors were simple misspellings, while others flagrantly violated the fundamentals of syntax.

Senior English major Margaret Fletcher remarked, "I'm offended! And to think that we at the writing center are so friendly and willing to help! Humph!"

Perhaps the most tragic error was forgetting to hide Mark Button's face, causing many crazed individuals to hunt into the wee hours of the morning before breaking down in tears amidst the frustration.

"You... You people are sick," sobbed a junior nursing major.

And some errors were just plain *bizarre*.

"My name only has one 'o' in it," said Bob Gillespie.

The Talking Donkey had the privilege of speaking with Leah Scott, chief editor of *Cedars* via phone.

TD: *Several students, English majors in particular, would like an apology for the blatant lack of proof reading in the September issue of Cedars.*

LS: Well, firstly, calling it the September issue doesn't mean anything, since we print new issues at totally random intervals.

TD: *True.*

LS: Anyway, you make the assumption that our proof-reading staff speaks English.

TD: *Not a safe assumption?*

LS: A lot of them are illegal immigrants.

TD: *The same ones that generate electricity on bikes in the SSC basement?*

LS: I don't think we're supposed to talk about that. Then again, nobody reads your poser e-zine, so who cares.

TD: *Actually, we have a fan base of over 300,000, including, but not limited to, three-fourths of the Bible faculty, Hill sophomores, foreign despots of tea-based economies, and aides to President Bush. And that number is growing exponentially by the minute.*

LS: Whatever. We're still proud of our newspaper. We're even thinking about adding a crossword puzzle.

TD: *Maybe you should tackle comma usage first.*

LS: OK, that's it, this interview is thorough.

TD: *I think you mean "through."*

LS: [5 second pause, then dial tone]

NEWS BRIEFS

10/05/04 9:45 - **SGA Responds to Last Years Theme Dinner Failure With "Community Ramen" Meal**
JEREMIAH CHAPEL - SGA Activities coordinator Jason Abbott has confirmed that the cliché "Italian Night" of last school year will be replaced by an innovative "Ramen Night," in which a gigantic bowl of ramen will feed the whole student body. Commenting on his motivation to hold a feast of ramen:

"Because, like, this one time I read about this old Chinese parable where all these people were in Hell and had long spoons and were hungry, but not in Heaven where they had long spoons too but knew how to feed each other because it was Heaven and, well, you get the idea."

"Not at all, actually. But the whole meal will cost \$20.30, so I'm not complaining," responded Chuck McKinney, who gave the final word to OK the special dinner.

Dr. Brown, immensely pleased with the idea, reminded, "The idea here is unity. We are one body. Why not one bowl?"

The debate over the flavor still persists.

10/02/04 15:12 - **"Thoreau Cabin" A New Addition to Campus, Excites Dramatic Readers**
CEDAR LAKE - In what many might consider an expensive attempt to get attention, the English department has received permission to begin construction of an 1800's era cabin on the shores of the Cedar Lake. Headed by Assistant Professor of English Dr. Calhoun, the \$5000 cabin will be multi-functional, used for studying, praying, relaxation, making out, and dramatic reading---but never at the same time.

"The same time? That would be *nuts!*" said a giddy freshmen.

The thought of dramatic readings in a real rustic cabin has left many English majors in a curiously odd frenzy. States senior Simon Heffner, "Oh boy! Oh boy oh boy oh boy!"

Certain criteria must be met, however.

"The key here is 'dramatic.' If you just want to do a *normal* reading, go to the recital hall. No drama in your voice, no play with my new toy," explained Dr. Calhoun, who is revered for his witty couplets.

Non-English majors hoping to enjoy the cabin need not feel left out, however.

"The more departments that can make use of it, the better," said Dr. Calhoun.*

"I think it's a wonderful idea," commented Dr. Norman of the Mechanical Engineering department. "My statics class would love to test its structural integrity."

"Yo queiro la hacienda!" exclaimed a Spanish professor.

*Actual quote from *Cedars*, Vol. 53, No. 2

9/8/04 8:22 - **Cedarville University Logo Taken Off Cafeteria Napkins to Fund Three New Scholarships**
PRESIDENTIAL DINING ROOM - Chancellor Dr. Paul Dixon answered Friday morning the oft pondered question, Just how much is spent on all those napkin logos?

"Too much! Some unwholesome price tag that could nigh fetch me a Cessna if I so desired!"

"Easy, Paul, you just bought new clubs," said Mrs. Dixon, touching her husband's arm.

"Ha! And that I did. Anyway, over the years, little has brought more joy to my heart than hearing, 'Whoa! They even have their logo on the napkins!' uttered by a prospective student. After much debate and deliberation, however, the administration realized that more practical and benevolent applications are needed."

Dr. Dixon continued with a brief description of each of the three new scholarships:

"The first will provide a modest sum to a missionary child hoping to attend Cedarville, with the exact amount being chosen each year by a random hat drawing. The second scholarship is for philosophy majors only. My intent is to relieve their burden of debt after college, since they most likely will not have a job. And finally, at the request of Dr. Brown, our last scholarship will require an essay on the importance of understanding your world in this post-modern age, and will be entitled the 'Worldview Scholarship.'"

"You have got to be kidding me," mumbled Pastor Rohm, rolling his eyes.

Shortly afterwards, the attendees recessed to cake, tarts, and other dainties.

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