### THE Filthy Lucre

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# VICTORY

#### FILTHY LUCRE TRIUMPHANT OVER CENSORSHIP

Lupé Tragedia: Editor

that our long struggle against oppression and tyranny is over! You may have noticed during the previous week that issues of our publication have remained unmolested at our usual distribution points throughout the campus, as have the copies legally posted on the public bulletin boards in a number of facilities.

Our operatives have informed us that the perpetrator (whose name we shall withhold, out of respect for his privacy in this difficult time; we *will* admit that he is a highly placed member of the administration) was quietly reprimanded by his superiors, and told not

to take any further action against the Filthy Lucre or its associates. In his zeal to silence our voice, he broke a number of campus policies, creating a potentially legally actionable situation for the University.

Last week we sent this individual a strongly worded electronic letter, asking for a public apology regarding his actions this semester. We have yet to receive any word, and suspect that he has been advised by MSU-Northern's lawyers not to respond.

Now, being the utter bastards that we are, we would be well within our rights to drag this debacle out for another three weeks. However, we have decided to take the high road, and are redefining the terms of the battle. Just as victory in Iraq is now defined

as "not as many car bombs", we choose to accept that no apology will ever be given, but that our publication will remain unencumbered in the future.

We would like to extend a hearty thanks to all our operatives who have assisted us in this difficult time, from the lowly students who distributed copies of the Filthy Lucre by hand for no recompense but a T-shirt, to our allies in all levels of Northern's political ecosystem.

Rest assured, valued reader, our voice will remain a shrill reminder that freedom of the press is a cornerstone of our fair democracy, and that the frequency of courage will forever crackle proudly through the dense airwayes of academia.

## LIBRARY ACQUIRES NEW ESPRESSO MACHINE; CAN THE BOMB BE FAR BEHIND?

Antimony Obfuscation: Field Reporter

he Principality of Van De Bogart, in its ongoing struggle with the surrounding campus completed work on their new espresso machine this week. This development comes after four months of embargo against the sovereign library by the surrounding campus; their previous espresso machine malfunctioned at the beginning of the summer semester.

International arms dealers acquired a new machine for the Libbies, but the embargo made sure that the device was left stranded in Northern's' physical plant for most of the summer. Van De Bogart has been damaged economically by the embargo; espresso was their primary national product, along with xerox services and internet access.

After threatening to blockade a significant piece of the quad's sidewalk with filing cabinets and microfilm viewing machines, Northern's administration finally relented and allowed coffee engineers access to the Library's lobby. While the current crisis has been diffused, political tensions between

Northern and Van De Bogart remain at an all-time high.

Security analysts in Northern's' political sciences college worry that this new move by Van De Bogart to escalate their caffeine production could be just the first step in a coffee-based arms race.

President Gist of Van de Bogart, when asked for a statement regarding the new machine's installation said only, "We appreciate Northern's willingness to work with its sovereign neighbor for the benefit of both our people. Now witness the firepower of this fully armed and *operational* espresso machine!"

Chancellor Capdeville declined to make any official comment, but aids close to the Chancellor say that Northern is pursuing its own espresso production program, including smaller devices capable of producing batches of coffee for individuals and small groups.

#### WHERE HAVE ALL THE TSHIRTS GONE?

Lupé Tragedia: Contest Maestro

Back in issue 2.1, we proudly announced that tshirts had been produced bearing the logo of our own publication; to celebrate, we also initiated a contest in which four readers of the Filthy Lucre could win a garment for their very own. The deadline for entries was September 7, after which the winners would be announced. Unfortunately, we did not receive a single entry! Not one finished

piece of prose, poetry, journalism or photography was submitted by our valued audience, making the contest, tragically, null and void.

However, there are still a number of shirts of various sizes left cluttering our office floor. If any astute readers are interested in acquiring one at no cost to themselves, they should contact us at our electronic mailing address, listed as always at the bottom of this publication.

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