

THE Filthy Lucre

Gives a Hoot.

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GENOCIDE AT VAN DE BOGART!

Lupé Tragedia: Editor

A recent article† in our rival publication, the Havre Daily News, noted the significant decline in enrollment at Northern recently. Apparently enrollment is only 1,027 this semester, a nearly 30% drop from only three years ago.

Despite the fact that Montana's university system increased its budget by \$60 million this year, the article in question quotes Chancellor Capdeville as saying that he has made "deep cuts" in Northern's budget, and plans to make more, as well as faculty and staff cuts.

Perhaps the most disturbing cut comes from Van De Bogart Library, which has seen its budget slashed by 10% since last semester. The Principality of Van De Bogart, you'll recall, declared its sovereign independence from Northern and these United States in the spring, over issues of poor water drainage and the destruction of its surrounding territories.

Clearly, this terrible budget cut is administrative retribution for the Libby's insolence. It is only the beginning of a concentrated effort at eradicating the noble Librarians and Librators, a small-scale genocide in our own back yard.

The library has responded to these cuts as best as it can, closing an hour earlier each day, and cancelling subscriptions to the less popular magazines in its collection. While no workers have been sacked, staff hours have been reduced dramatically.

But the most tragic result of this genocidal effort by the university has to be the Espresso Cart. Previously open until 4pm, it now closes at 1pm, depriving many patrons

of a critical afternoon caffeine boost, not to mention one of Van De Bogart's only sources of economic production.

We at the Filthy Lucre are heartbroken over the terrible plight of the Principality of Van De Bogart and its inhabitants, and feel the need to take action. ...as long as that action isn't too strenuous and inconvenient.

That's why we are declaring October Genocide Awareness Month! We encourage everyone to observe this observance by wearing a grey ribbon in support of the Library and its impending demise.

Sure, you could voice your opinion to the Student Senate, and encourage them to take the matter up with the administration. Or you could speak to the Library faculty with any creative ideas for cutting costs without cutting services. Or you could talk to your friends and teachers, and spread the word about the funding crisis.

Or you could wear a ribbon, and feel like you're doing something important without any work. That's the American way!

A NORTHERN LIMERICK

Sir William Onan: Contributor

When a college upon the Hi-Line
Suffered an enrollment decline,
They asked Chancellor Cappy
Why he looked so damn happy,
He replied, "Twas our plan all the time!"

*-Sir William Onan
Dean of "Hands On" Education*

VOID UNIVERSITY

The Unknown Contributor: Contributor

We recently came into possession of a piece of paper containing this handwritten note. It is written on the back of a Student Support Services document, so we assume that is the origin. The intended recipient is unknown, as is the date of its writing but the content may be of interest to our readers, so we present a complete and unedited transcription. -ed.

Void University

Loses (Services & Amenities for Students)

1. Day Care Center
2. Snack Bar
3. Student Excellence Luncheon and number of students honored
4. Outdoor Recreation Activities (OAR Office)
5. Pin & Cue
6. Outdoor Team Building Course
7. The Northern Grill
8. Loss of Workers (~~professionals~~) to serve students
9. Loss of Foreign Languages Offered (Down to One - Spanish)
10. Student Sauna
11. Meal Plan Choices
12. Reduction of Professional Positions which give quality direct service to the student

* Student Support Services offers: Tutoring, Counseling, Cultural/Social Activities, Transitional Studies Courses, TRST 102 - Study Skills and TRST 103 Transitional Life and Career Exploration

* All of these losses over the years, but an increase in student fees.

† Havre Daily News, September 24, 2007, Page A3



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