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## Ex-Tennis Coach Selected as New CON U Provost

CON U President Iosif Vissarionovich Dzhugashvilli Trickle-Down announced the appointment of Bubba "Dean" Dumb as Provost of the University. In making his announcement Trickle-Down highlighted Dumb's extensive administrative experience at the University as one of the key factors that he considered. "Anyone who has mastered the intricacies of scheduling tennis matches can easily run the academic programs of a fine institution like CON U," stated Trickle-Down. In addition, Trickle-Down noted that he always wanted a "Gentlemen's Gentlemen," like Mr. French of the TV program *Family Affair*, one of his favorite childhood programs. "Dumb's distinguished grey beard and his extraordinary ability to say 'Yes,' to whatever I say really sealed my decision to appoint him Provost," stated Trickle-Down. "What I need in a Provost is someone who does what I tell them, not someone who can think independently. Professor Dumb has, throughout his career at CON U, distinguished himself as lacking in independent thought," concluded Trickle-Down.

## Computer Center announces new homepage for employees

Mac Russell-Kansas, head of CON U's computer center proudly announced the launching of a new homepage for CON U employees. The new homepage can be accessed at <http://www.conu.edu/~youve/been/fired.html>. Employees are asked to log onto the homepage each working day to see if they still have a job. "This will save staff from having to drive all the way to campus just to find out they've been fired," stated Russell-Kansas. "We think it represents the best in telecommuting technology." According to Russell-Kansas the homepage is fully interactive. For female employees who've been fired they can choose one of three options for their personal belongings. Option one is to have Richmond Commercial Services pack up their personal belongings and then dump them at the front door of their home.

Option two is to have CON U police escort them to their ex-office at midnight and they will be given two hours to pack their personal belongings.

Option three is to have Z-1 janitorial services just dump everything in the trash.

For male employees who have been released they will also have several options. Depending on their years of service to the university and their position, they will select either a bronze, silver, or golden parachute. Ex-presidents are offered the option of a platinum parachute.

## President Declares CON U a Place of Learning

CON U president Iosif Trickle-Down announced that under his leadership CON U would be known as a place of learning. At the opening meeting of the semester before an assembled gathering of faculty and staff, the President made the following statement. "Everyone at this fine institution will be a learner, not just the students. Beginning with the Office of the President, learning will trickle-down to our students. I'm learning how to be President of a University. Provost Dumb is learning how to be a Provost. Many of our fine former employees are learning how to be unemployed. Our remaining staff is learning how to be fearful for job security. Finally, our esteemed and respected faculty are learning two things. First, to kowtow to the President and second, that what is most cherished at this gem of a school is that FTEs, not student learning, is our most important mission."

## Professor Removed from Classroom

Professor of Modern Languages, Sally St. Ontology removed herself from her French 000 course during the first week of classes. Citing a new regulation in the CON U handbook prohibiting profanity in the classroom, Professor St. Ontology said, "I had no fucking choice but to kick my ass out of the classroom for using profanity." When it was pointed out to her that the ruling in the handbook seemed only to apply to students and not to faculty, and when questioned as to whether her action was in fact some form of political protest, Professor St.



Ontology replied, "You're god-damn right." "This is fucking hypocritical," she went on to state. "The administration says we can't say fuck in the classroom but they sure as hell continue to fuck the students over. That's the real profanity on this campus. It's the god-damn delegitimization of the educational process into some form of marketing claptrap by those morons Twiddle Dee and Twiddle Dumb (an apparent reference to CON U President Iosif Trickle-Down and Provost Bubba Dumb), that's really profane. Students are not fucking customers, they are learners," she concluded.

### Dean Purple Rumored to be Sent to the Gulog

Carolina Purple, the former Dean of the former College of Social Sciences, Professional Studies, and Lazy Tenured White Male Professors, was purged during the summer after an early morning meeting of the CON U Politburo. It has been rumored that she was sent into exile in the Gulog Outback. Long time CON U-ologists suspected that with the rise to power of President Iosif Trickle-Down and Provost Bubba Dumb that smart, intelligent, independent and outspoken women in the CON U administration would be among the first to be purged from high level positions. CON U-ologists cite President Trickle-Down's own college experience at the exclusive *Rich White Boys College*, as well as his service in other bastions of male dominance such as the U.S. Senate, as dooming Carolina Purple. In addition, these long time CON U-ologists noted that Bubba Dumb and Purple had a long standing feud dating back to Purple's first days at CON-U. These CON U-ologists state that upon her arrival, Carolina Purple was alarmed at the lack of academic standards in then Professor Dumb's courses, particularly the exclusive use of True-False test questions on all examinations. Thus it comes as no surprise to these CON U-ologists that upon assuming the position of Provost that Bubba Dumb would engineer the purging of Carolina Purple and her exile to the Gulog Outback.

### Enrollment Up? Enrollment Down?

Top CON U administrators were in a major dilemma this year regarding enrollment statistics. First, top administrators wanted enrollments to be

at or below last year's fall enrollment so that they could continue to argue that the University was in a major financial crisis and hence more faculty and staff positions could be eliminated. That would provide them with the justification for firing more women and other outspoken employees. However, they also wanted to make a statement that they had turned around the declining enrollments they inherited the previous administration. But this was further complicated by the fact that if they released figures that showed an increase in enrollment it would be harder to justify why their budget allocations to individual departments are only at 50% of last year's allocations. Provost Dumb, however, indicted that his decision to provide departments with only 50% of their budget was because he only just recently learned how to balance his own checkbook and that it would take him a while to understand the University's budget. The Administration's dilemma was even further complicated by the fact that neither Senator-President-Governor Trickle-Down, nor Provost Dumb knew anything about how to compute FTEs or other enrollment statistics, much less manipulate them to their advantage. Said Provost Dumb, "I sat in on Joe Healey's statistics course one semester and it looked really easy, but Joe never did get to the chapter in his textbook, 'How to Lie with Statistics,' and I couldn't figure it out for myself." Senator-President-Governor Trickle-Down indicated that another problem they had in determining enrollment statistics was that neither of them really knows how to interpret a calendar. Trickle-Down demonstrated this earlier in the semester when he miscalculated the new millennium by one year. According to Trickle-Down last year the first day of classes was on August 28th. However, this year the first day of classes was on August 26th. "We didn't know how to make the adjustment to the fact that the start of the semester wasn't on the same numbered date," stated Trickle-Down. After an intense internal debate it was finally decided to release figures indicating that enrollment had increased. It is unknown if this represents the actual enrollment this fall or a number they drew out of a hat.

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