



**Stand Up & Shut Down**

*Lupé Tragedia*  
Former Editor

Salutations and welcome back to our illustrious university! We've no doubt that your holiday season was a productive one, full of between-semester studying and personal meditation on family, community, and the year's events... Bushwa! Most of you probably spent the last four weeks watching *James Cameron's Pocahontas in Space Avatar* until your eyes bled.

That's alright though; traditionally, while students fled Northern for the Christmas / Hanukkah / Give-Athiests-Presents season, the staff and faculty hummed merrily along like industrious little elves (especially John in Student Support Services; we keep trying to catch him making cookies or shoes, but he's too fast).

Not this year, however! In a cost cutting measure, the Administration decided to shut Northern down harder than an underwear-bomber on a Detroit-bound plane. For a full ten days every door was locked, every light was shut off, and every thermostat was set just above freezing. For over a week, the entire campus was as cold and quiet as Donaldson-Crypt Hall.

Less natural gas, less electricity, and mandatory ten day furloughs for all employees is definitely one way to tighten the belt for the last month of the year. Some may grouse that such a drastic shut-down goes too far in the name of saving money. But we say it doesn't go too far enough!

Why stop at lowering the heat for a week? Keep those thermostats at 50 for the rest of the winter; students aren't using their fingers for anything but text messaging. Why stop at shutting down the computers for a week? Keep 'em turned off, and teach those ingrates to use slide-rules and paper again; they need to

get the blood flowing in those now-frozen fingers anyway!

And finally, the best way to keep costs down; no classes, ever! Don't get us wrong, you can keep charging tuition and giving out diplomas, but if you keep those grubby students locked out of the classrooms, you'll never have to pay for heat and electricity again. And since there are no more classes, you can get rid of those irksome professors. The student body will still learn the most important life lesson of all: it's all about the lucre.



**FUI**  
**Farming Under the Influence**  
Please leave your combine at home while celebrating this holiday season!  
*(Filthy Lucre neither endorses drinking, nor driving, nor farming; either one! -ed)*

**MONTANA STATE TROOPER**

In most of the United States there is a policy of checking on any stalled vehicle on the highway when temperatures drop to single digits or below. About 3 am one very cold morning, Montana State Trooper Allan Nixon #658 responded to a call, there was car off the shoulder of the road outside Great Falls. He located the car, stuck in deep snow, and with the engine still running. Pulling in behind the car with his emergency lights on, the trooper walked to the driver's door to find an older man passed out behind the wheel with a nearly empty vodka bottle on the seat beside him. The driver came awake when the trooper tapped on the window. Seeing the rotating lights in his



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rearview mirror, and the state trooper standing next to his car, the man panicked. He jerked the gearshift into 'drive' and hit the gas.

The car's speedometer was showing 20-30-40 and then 50 mph, but it was still stuck in the snow, wheels spinning. Trooper Nixon, having a sense of humor, began running in place next to the speeding (but stationary) car. The driver was totally freaked, thinking the trooper was actually keeping up with him. This goes on for about 30 seconds, then the trooper yelled, "PULL OVER!"

The man nodded, turned his wheel and stopped the engine. Needless to say, the man from North Dakota was arrested and is probably still shaking his head over the state trooper in Montana who could run 50 miles per hour! Who says troopers don't have a sense of humor? -Inbox submission

**Electronic Inbox**  
hay lucer grate to see you bak yer rite its a grate contry you bet!  
*(† See Filthy Lucre Issue X1.3, Maxine on Health Care -ed)*  
so heres an idia fer the pul we kin use it fer wintir sportz like hokie and kirling what the hozers do up north all we hafta do iz open the pul windoze and let nacher take hir cours then in a cupl daz we got ice and kin get are game on see the campis iz gonna tern of the heet anywayz so mabe we woodnt evun hafta open the widoz watcha think?  
plus a litle h2o in the hall an we cud scate to the pul you bet!  
kepe up the gud wrk you lucers!  
Wan keroo

*Sounds like a stellar plan: saves electricity, zero repairs and operations cost. With all the money MSUN saves from utilities, maybe all the students could be given ice skates. That might help with the frozen parking lot issue as well! -ed*

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