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Like a mighty ocean swell, the entity that is Facebook has crashed against the campus of Lipscomb University with such a great impact that they even had a chapel speaker talk to us last week about the dangers of internet addictions. I seriously do hope this all calms down pretty soon. Oh look, that one guy wants to add me as a friend...

Besides the usual comments, this week's edition of the *Underground* brings a little info on the new prez as well as the winners to last week's Photoshop contest.

And finally, here's a request to all you long-time readers who have never written in: Send us your thoughts! Do you have a beef with someone's previously published opinion? Have a new topic you want to hear discussed? Try it! You might even like it.

E-mail subscriptions are always available; just send me an [e-mail](#) and I'll add you to the list.

The new president, Randy Lowry is an awesome guy. I went to church with him when I lived in CA. He leans more towards academics than sports so it'll definitely be a positive change for this school. They moved the date up when he is supposed to start, it's Sept. 26.

Becca B

(What do you mean, "academics"? I'm here for the sports! GO BISONS! But thanks for the info, Becca. -- Justin)

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Has anyone noticed how much the prices have gone up this semester in Uncle Dave's? They were already high last semester, but the other day I was in there and noticed that a box of pop-tarts is running at \$4.99. Holy crap...five bucks for something you can get at Kroger for \$1.67 (even without your Kroger Plus card). Also, they sell packs of Eclipse gum for \$1.50, drinks for like \$2.25 or something...everything in there has gone significantly up since last semester.

Until a box of pop-tarts is less than a gallon of gas, I am

Chris Brock

(Pop-tarts today. Tomorrow: the WORLD! Actually, I bought a bag of M&M's from Walgreen's the other day for \$5. Are we experiencing a sugar shortage? -- Justin)

Reply

Eric:

You have provided much humor in a couple of issues. I really was beginning to think that the ultra conservatives—the ones who think that they are the only ones who have the chance of going to Heaven—Church of Christ people had died off, but I guess some still exist.

In all technicality, the CoC is actually not the pure line of the Restoration Movement. The pure line is the Disciples of Christ. The CoC is the radical movement that broke off because they were pacifist anarchists. I know this must be hard to believe since it seems that since WWII the denomination has taken the stance of supporting the government and the presidents without question.

Also the CoC interpretation of scripture is much like that of the Catholics. If you don't believe me, I recommend picking up the Catholic Catechism. I believe you will be surprised. Also the interpretation of scripture was instead given to the authority of the whole church body and was by no means left up to the individual, which has led to division.

I am wondering how well you know your history. The Restoration Movement restored nothing. Again, I say nothing. The Restoration Movement was only another faction of Christianity. If it had restored anything, it would have looked a little more Augustinian in thought. Also, education and the study of theology would have been held to a higher standard. In fact, it would be impossible for one to stand in the pulpit without being ordained. I know that much criticism will come from that comment; however, I would like people to just think for a moment. Would one really want a doctor operating on him or her after they said, "Well I have read all the books but I have no formal training." Or a lawyer defending someone else yet saying, "I have read all the laws but have had no formal training."

As for segregating other denominations, I wondered how much you actually studied their theology. Because I assure you the CoC is a denomination that just lacks a central government, which again breeds disunity. I say that God should bless the differences. Good can be found in each and every one of them.

I am also curious as to what makes you believe that the CoC isn't one of those false teachings against which people are warned. I mean obviously you must be an expert in theology with your Master's of Divinity and Ph.D. You must also be fluent in Greek and Hebrew so that you know exactly what the scripture says. You must also be privileged enough to be the only one in the world to see the original canonized manuscripts. Of course, I guess you are aware that certain books are disputed by the earliest accounts. These books include Hebrews, James, 2 John, 3 John, Jude, and Revelation. I also guess that you are well aware that canonization did not take

place until the Council of Nicea in the three hundreds. You must also be aware of the denomination that owns the oldest manuscripts and who helped in writing your Bible. Also don't forget that changes were made to the Bible in some instances during the Reformation. You must also be an expert historian of the two thousand years over which the Bible was written so that you know in what context everything was written. I am disturbed if you have achieved all of this and still believe that the CoC is the only one with a chance.

You have also claimed the authority of knowing the truth. No one can know the truth because absolute truth is God. We are humans and we are not God so we cannot know absolute truth.

If you want to go to the CoC, have fun, but please don't think you are high and mighty with all the answers because I assure you that no denomination is perfect.

One last thing, since you are well aware of church history, you probably already know that according to early first and second century history what you have said can be considered heretical. To each his or her own.

St. Jerome

(Am I the only one that wishes we were still anarchist pacifists? -- Justin)

[Reply](#)



Photoshop Contest Winners

Thanks to everyone who participated! If you didn't try anything in time for this issue, feel free to send in your own submissions in the next few weeks. You can check [last week's issue](#) for the original pic.

From Aimee Wells:

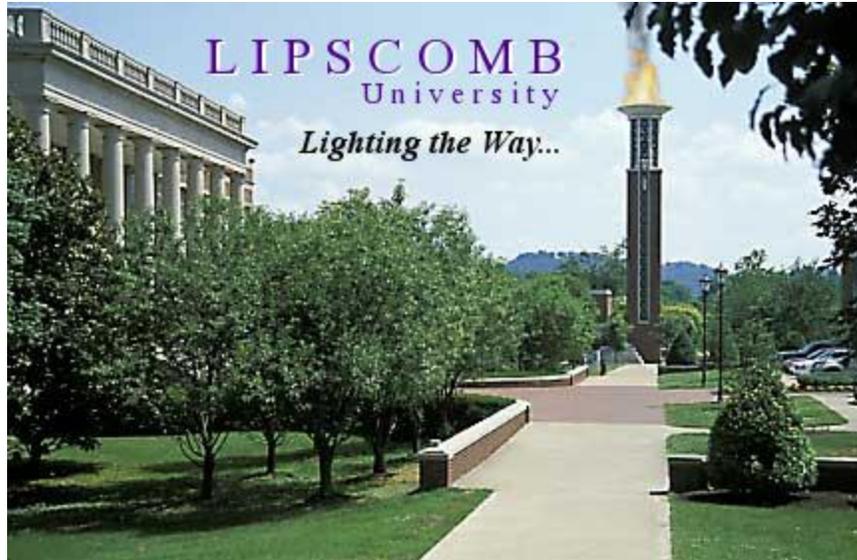


(Is that Hugh Jackman!? He's SO dreamy!)



(Man, I look pretty hot as a balloon! Wait...what are you trying to say here?)

From Los Frijoles Calientes:



(Hey now, don't give them any ideas. They spent enough money on that thing as it is.)

From GSM:



(Sewell Hall's next Hot Topic: If Godzilla fought Trodgor, who would win?)

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