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Mr. Pibb Earns PhD

OSHKOSH, WISCONSIN—Thirty-year-old soft drink Mr. Pibb received his PhD in a special commencement ceremony on Friday. Pibb successfully defended his doctoral dissertation and was awarded the Doctorate of Philosophy in Liquid Refreshment from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, but not without some criticism from longtime beverage rival, Dr Pepper.

Mr. Pibb was born in 1972 in Texas when the Coca-Cola Company decided to create a soft drink that could rival the highly successful Dr Pepper. When it came to choosing a level of education for the newly born beverage, Coca Cola kept in mind that Pibb would be competing against Pepper, who earned his PhD decades earlier. "Dr Pepper was around since the 1800s. We knew that we couldn't compete head-on with the Dr, at least in the same consumer demographics. You see, Dr Pepper was popular among the snobby doctors and lawyers, the men and women of so-called higher education, the aristocrats who were born rich and grew up rich, sipping Dr Pepper with the silver straw in their mouths they were born with. These white-collar snobs wouldn't be seen drinking a non-PhD beverage. Mr. Pibb wasn't for them," said Jeffrey Dunn, CEO and Executive Vice President of The Coca Cola Company, who was present at Pibb's ceremony.

Instead Coca Cola wanted Pibb to appeal to the blue-collar consumer. "Mr. Pibb was for the factory worker, the bricklayer, the farmer. Mr. Pibb was for the blue-collar men and women of America who understood the value of a hard day's work. These people had enough doctors

and lawyers in their everyday lives; they didn't want one in their world of refreshment," said Dunn.

For twenty years Mr. Pibb remained popular among lower and middle class America, but sales began to fall steadily during the '90s. "When I began in the early '70s I was cool and refreshing, in contrast to the flat and boring Dr (Pepper). I said 'Down with higher learning!' But times have changed. With the technological revolution came the realization for many that education is vital. It used to be that reading and learning was for squares, but now it's cool to further one's education. I think it's time that I end my exclusively blue-collar appeal and pour out a nice tall glass of liquid refreshment for any American who appreciates hard work, whether it be at the workplace or in the classroom," said Pibb.

The news of Pibb's PhD drew widespread support from Americans who enjoy refreshing soft drinks. "I think it's great. I've enjoyed Mr. Pibb's bold blue-collar taste my whole life, but I'm ready for a change. We can all use a little sophistication in our lives," said Dean Versteegen of Tucson.

Teachers and learning-advocacy groups echoed similar praise. "Mr. Pibb is a great role model for our children. He's sending the message that you can be cool and refreshing, but at the same time have an unquenchable thirst for knowledge," said Lauren Robertson, Director of National Educational Research and Development (NERD).

But there has been one boisterous critic since Pibb successfully defended his dissertation in



Pibb's new look will be out in October

Oshkosh this past July—the longtime nemesis of Mr. Pibb, Dr Pepper. "Everybody knows that I'm the real doctor of carbonated beverages. Who does this guy think he's fooling? Only I am qualified to write out a strong prescription for cold, crisp liquid refreshment," said Pepper.

Pepper even hinted that Pibb's PhD is meaningless, considering the source. "I got my PhD at Harvard. Where is Pibb getting his? The University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. Let's see, Harvard or UW-Zero? Which would you prefer?" said Pepper. UW-Oshkosh last made national headlines in the mid '90s during a period of student violence and rioting.

Many soda consumers are pleading with Pepper to end the criticism and work with his fellow doctor of drink. "Imagine if Pibb and Pepper would join forces for good. They could provide liquid refreshment for everybody in America, because I don't believe that there isn't a man, woman, or child alive who does not enjoy a tasty beverage," said David Letterman.

The revised packaging for Pibb will be unveiled in October. In the meanwhile bottling workers at Coca Cola are currently updating inventory by cleverly crossing out the "M" of "Mr." and painting a "D" above it.

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Heyer Hired for Financial Reasons Alone

MLC—An internal investigation by *The Cabbage* reveals that Professor Kurt Heyer was called to replace Professor Edward Meyer simply for financial reasons. According to the investigation, MLC college financial officers (CFOs) estimated that the school would save at least \$64 by simply changing the "M" to an "H" on the door to now-vacant Meyer's office. The CFOs reportedly revealed this information to the Board of Control and urged them strongly to "keep these savings in mind as you call the next music professor, you stewardship-minded guys." Dr. Eugene Leinenkugelzannerblauserheinenkopf, a music teacher at St. Croix Lutheran, was apparently

overlooked for the call, despite having 7 PhDs and being regarded as the nation's foremost authority on all things music. A wiretap transcript of an undisclosed CFO gives the apparent reason why: "Man, (Leinenkugelzannerblauserheinenkopf) would be perfect, but we can't recommend him. Do you know how much it would cost to make this guy's nametag alone? Let alone changing the name on Ed Dawg's door!" Other examples of alleged frugality-minded calls to MLC include trying to replace Professor Hartwig with his great-grandson and the call of Professor Drew Buck, who obviously was not called because of his coaching ability.

Gore Loses Tennis Match in Three Sets

Scoring system “in need of reform” says Gore

ARLINGTON, VA—Former Vice President Al Gore lost a tennis match to son-in-law Drew Schiff on Tuesday in what Gore called a “highly controversial outcome.” Schiff won the grueling match in three sets: 7-5, 2-6, 7-6 (7-4), despite losing more overall games.

Gore claims that he should have been declared the winner since he won more games than his son-in-law. “If you do the math, you see that I won 17 games and (Schiff) only won 16,” said Gore. The winner in a three set match, according to the International Tennis Federation (ITF), is the player who first wins two sets. A set is won by the player “who first wins six games...by a margin of two games,” according to the ITF. A tiebreaker is played when the set score reaches 6-6. The player who first reaches 7 points by a margin of two points wins the tiebreaker.

Despite officially losing to Schiff playing by these rules, Gore was quick to claim to victory. “Anybody who watched the match knows who the real winner is,” gasped a sweat-soaked Gore.

“(Schiff) has more holes in his game than the ozone layer.”

Gore explained his claim, “In sports you always are told to take it one game at a time. That’s what I did, and I won more games than my opponent. What kind of stupid-a** scoring system would declare that I lost? I peacefully concede the match, but the score speaks for itself. I was the real winner.”

Gore spent the hours after the match heavily criticizing the scoring system used in tennis. “The system has long been in need of reform,” said Gore. “The system is an anachronism of the modern sporting world. It needs to be changed. My losing today is like saying that Dallas really won Super Bowl V because they outscored Baltimore 2 quarters to 1, despite the fact that they scored fewer points overall. It’s absurd!”

Gore then went into an obscenity-laced tirade of which Schiff was the target. “Look at my son-in-law! Look at his [deleted] smug-a** face! He won on a [deleted] techni-[deleted]-cality! People



Is there enough “love” in Al’s game?

have the right to know the real outcome! I beat his a** fair and square!” screamed Gore.

Schiff later responded to Gore’s tirade, “When you enter a contest, you agree to play by the rules. He knew what the rules were and now he wants to change them to benefit himself. Hey, I didn’t make them up. A rule is a rule. Who am I to

break them? I think he’s still upset about Tipper kicking his butt in paper football.”

Possible actions by Gore include more obscenity-laced tirades, whiny New York Times op-ed pieces, and legal action. “Talk about fuzzy math! We will face each other again and I will win again,” vowed Gore.

Sophomore Claims to Have Thought up Ted Williams Joke Prior to Hearing It on Letterman

CONCORD HALL—Allen Zahn, a 2000 graduate of Fox Valley Lutheran, claimed on Wednesday to have come up with a joke about Ted Williams’ body long before seeing it on “The Late Show” over the summer.

Zahn told the joke to a roomful of Concord residents when a homerun statistic of baseball great Ted Williams was mentioned on Sportscenter. “Speaking of Ted Williams, did you guys hear about the controversy over Ted Williams’ body? Apparently his daughter wants him cremated and his son wants him cryogenically frozen. Well, thank goodness, they came up with a

compromise—room temperature,” quipped Guy.

Guy’s roommate, Mark Ebbens, immediately interjected, “Zahn, I heard that one already on Letterman.” Zahn insisted that, despite also hearing the joke on *The Late Show*, he surmised the joke two days before Letterman. “I know, I saw it on Letterman too, but I thought of that joke like two days before I saw it. Honest. I was like, ‘Hey, there goes Dave stealing my jokes again,’” said Zahn.

Zahn’s remarks were followed by several semi-audible “sure”s and “whatever”s, along with an occasional groan.

Boy Discovers Dishonest Use of “LOL” Online Buddy “certainly not laughing out loud,” says 13-year-old

JACKSON, WI—Thirteen-year-old Jonathon Newbridge discovered on Thursday that his online buddy and “potential prospect of romance”—Becky Trass—has been dishonest in her use of the common online abbreviation “lol.” Newbridge made the discovery at Trass’ house as she was communicating with another person online and “was most certainly not laughing out loud” as she typed the abbreviation.

Newbridge reportedly has been on Trass’s AOL buddy list for over four months. The two thirteen-year-olds, who will be in eighth grade this fall, communicate approximately three to four times a week, according to Newbridge. The online conversations are usually lighthearted and include some amount of humor. “We talk about school and who likes who and sometimes the Packers and other sports. Plus I always make her laugh...or at least I thought she was laughing. Now I don’t know for sure,” said Newbridge.

The adolescent now questions the veracity of his online buddy’s remarks due to his discovery

on Thursday. “I mean, she would always say ‘lol’ after I would make a witty remark, but when I saw her type ‘lol’ when she was talking to this other friend of hers and she was barely cracking a smile, well, I don’t know anymore,” said Newbridge.

The abbreviation “lol” has long been used by internet and chatroom users to denote that the speaker is “laughing out loud,” which is idiomatic for “laughing aloud.” Other online abbreviations currently under fire are: “brb” (be right back) when the person in reality never returns to the conversation, “imho” (in my honest/humble opinion) when the opinion is nothing but full of bias or haughtiness.

Newbridge has been “thinking about asking (Trass) out ever since summer vacation started” but is now reconsidering. “I mean, I thought she liked me because she was supposedly laughing at all my jokes. I’m not sure, but I think I might confront her next time she uses ‘lol’ and then tell her my true feelings. But who can say whether or not she’ll be honest with me when I do?”

Mr. Trite

Conversation Starter of the Week

“Clever ideas to break the ice and make that great first impression”



“Man, what do you think of Professor (insert name)? I think (he/she) is going to be (easy/hard). How ‘bout you?”

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