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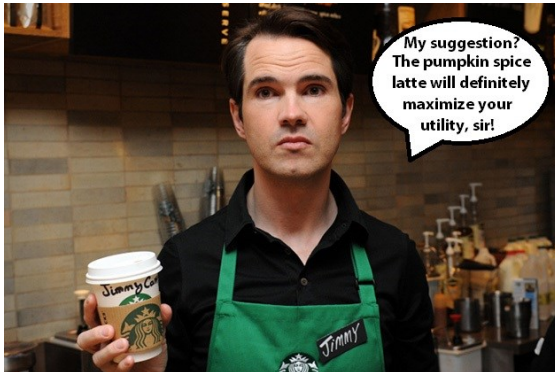
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Econ Department Touts 150% Job Offer Increase

"This is a prime example of an efficiency gain," declared Dr. Barry Ickes. Ickes, the head of the Penn State Department of Economics, marveled this week at newly unveiled statistics revealing that graduates of the Class of 2017 received 150% more job offers than last year's graduates. "It's amazing," Ickes remarked, "Last year a record 16 students earned jobs using their economics degree, and this year 40 students somehow managed to survive this job market with such an over-generalized degree."



Ickes attributed this sudden increase to the new job placement program the department created for undergraduates. "We tenured faculty are infamously overly-concerned with our undergraduates, so we reached out to a few alumni who could help get jobs for tens of our students," said Ickes.

Dr. Dave Brown, the director of undergraduate studies, echoed Ickes's sentiments. "A Penn State economics degree really is the best you can get. Nowhere else will you repetitively learn how to calculate equilibrium price and quantity, and we don't stress out our students by not requiring calculus as a pre-requisite for courses using calculus-based models," said Brown. "Our lecturers also provide ample office hours for their hundreds of students to get every question answered. How employers wouldn't want our graduates, who have an average 2.5 cumulative GPA because of our militant efforts against grade inflation, is beyond me!" he exclaimed.

At press time, no other faculty could comment because of the weekly departmental Tuesday golf break. Meanwhile, hundreds of economics majors were seen desperately begging for jobs from campus recruiters, who simply ignored them. — BF

Unruly Neighbor Concerns HOA

While meeting on April 30th for a summit in Sao Paulo to discuss emerging market growth, the governments of Latin America made a joint statement condemning market-threatening attitudes from the unstable North. "The populist rhetoric and nationalist wave could pose a domino effect on this politically-stable region," stated President Mauricio Macri of Argentina. The Trump administration's protectionist measures have created an unwelcomed climate of uncertainty for historically-capitalist Latin America.

Transparency is another concern threatening to derail diplomatic avenues between the South and its northern neighbor. "The lack of certainty and shadows in the national discourse make the United States a regional threat," said President Horacio Cartes of Paraguay. "What's more," Cartes continued, "when the United States sends its people here every 'Spring Break,' they're not sending their best. They're bringing drugs. They're bringing crime. And some, I assume, are good students."

The summit concluded with a joint declaration of concern for the Latin America's longtime democratic institutions. The countries fear that they'll be subjected to undue influence from a rogue actor in Washington "that lies, that cheats." — NG



Announcements

- Praise be unto Glorious Leader Surabhi Ghai.

Dig the Economy Into a Hole

OP-ED The Trump administration recently asked for the first \$1 billion to build 62 miles of the planned 1,951 mile border wall. Personally, I believe the border wall is ridiculous. Here are just four ideas that are more economically beneficial than building the wall alone.

1— Dig the World's Biggest Hole

Remember when you were a kid and you took a plastic shovel and said you were going to dig a hole to 'Gina... I mean China? That's impossible, but it doesn't mean we cannot try. In addition to the jobs created by the meaningless project, we can also have the greatest hole in the world. The hole also creates a great place to hide things like tax returns showing financial interests with foreign dictators. Who needs a 2,000 mile long wall when we have the giant hole?



Artist's depiction of the giant hole. Why the battleship? When you blow over 50% of discretionary spending on the military, you have to be creative. Does China's hole have a battleship in it?

2 — Fill in Lake Huron

Let's be honest. There not five Great Lakes. They are four Great Lakes and one mediocre, sad lake. If we are going to make America great how can we have a lake that is not great? A fantastic idea, though, is to fill in Lake Huron. This "great" lake is so fake news no one would even notice if you filled it in. (Maybe the Canadians would notice, but who cares? They're not great.)

3 — Build a Trump Mar-a-Lago in Washington D.C.

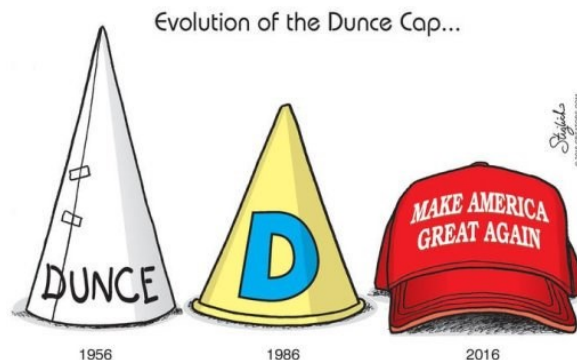
I know what you are thinking. This sounds like a major violation of the law. But even if there are major conflict of interest violations, we should just ignore them. Forget ethics! This will benefit the American people. It will help keep our president in Washington D.C. so he is not flying to Florida every other day.

4 — That failing infrastructure thing

It may not be a golf resort in a national capital or a hole to 'Gina, but hey, roads are cool. — PS

Cryin' Paul Ryan Put in Time-Out

Clashes over health care reform have been heated in the past few weeks as Republicans and Democrats alike try to piece together a plan for all Ameri-



cans. Although the two seemingly got along earlier this year, President Trump has recently put Speaker Ryan into a time-out. "I make the best health care suggestions and that's something that Paulie needs to understand. When he's ready to apologize he can come back and join us." The president was also quoted threatening to call Ryan's parents if this sort of behavior were to continue. As for Speaker Ryan, there has been no comment because the media was not allowed to speak with him during this time, but reporters have stated seeing him in a "Dunce" cap. More information will be presented to the public as it becomes available, but for now it's safe to say Speaker Ryan has learned his lesson. — MW

VW Totally Does Not Obscure Anything

The Volkswagen emission scandal has, at last, brought consequences for the company this week. The scandal, which began in September of 2015, started when the EPA discovered that the company fraudulently altered their emissions testing results to appear to be more eco-friendly and in compliance with federal regulations. Former CEO Ferdinand Piech has agreed to sell almost his entire 15 percent stake in the German company, which rounds out to nearly \$1 billion of his assets. Piech, often regarded as somewhat of an automaker king and genius, is under much scrutiny. The former CEO, however, defended the company in an interview with *The Oniony Bundle*. "VW is a trustworthy and transparent company. Our company definitely was not founded by the Nazis, and this emissions 'scandal' certainly was not another cover up of our history or business practices," Piech declared. He continued to invite our reporters into the back of a windowless, '68 VW T2 van for a "pleasant ride" back to campus. — AC