

Fall 2013

Government Unveils Economic Stimulant Plan

The Re-branded National Office of Drug Abuse Promotion Will Market Newly Legalized Drugs



Government drug peddling: your tax dollars at work.

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The Lighter Side of Things

The press continues to cover the more terrifying aspects of post-Incidental life, yet not all of the Incident's effects have been nefarious. Overcrowding has been alleviated almost overnight. With the supply of labor down and so much to rebuild, wages have increased by a magnitude not seen since shortly after the plague. The person you hate the most in the entire world? He's probably dead. And most amusingly, the radiation is producing squirrels with both the size and the listlessness of housecats, providing easy and entertaining hunting opportunities for the survivors. So, mourn for your dead family, mourn for our ruined earth, but hey—don't forget to laugh. BB

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Learning from the Past

This summer, while other Obies were winning music festivals, publishing papers in peer-reviewed journals and teaching English in foreign countries, I was busy watching History International, the MTV-2 of The History Channel. I'll never forget the experience, but what I'll never forget the most is how sweet ancient Rome was.

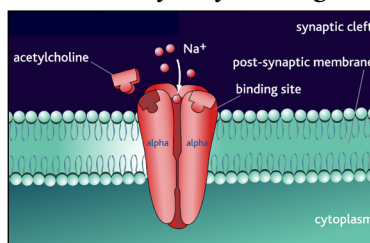
Have you ever seen the cash registers at fast food restaurants that have pictures of menu items instead of words? It's a pretty genius idea, but ancient Rome had something even better. What could be better than illiteracy and a minimum wage job? Sex! In ancient Rome, brothels had pictorial "menus" so patrons could simply point to the

act they wished to purchase. Oberlin doesn't have any brothels yet, but at the very least I'd like pictures used for my next multiple choice test.

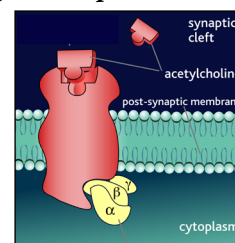
But what Oberlin really needs is a coliseum. Oberlin's activist community already crucifies its enemies—cf. climate change skeptics, or the hosts of the "Mexican party"—so why not do it on Friday nights and charge ad-

mission? Public executions and gladiatorial deathmatches would generate revenue for the college, provide an alternative to high risk weekend activities such as drugs and sex, and would finally get the student body interested in college sports. To fund the project, just eliminate a single academic department—one of the silly ones, like dance, or physics. BB

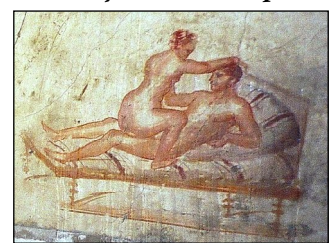
(13) Which of the following diagrams depicts the nicotinic acetylcholine receptor?



(A)



(B)



(C)



An Oberlin College Republican

While not willing to discuss specifics, administration officials have mentioned a number of possible alternative energy sources, including not only locally produced bullshit but also windpower, clean coal, and the pent-up sexual energy of Oberlin's student population.

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Oberlin Becomes First College to Admit Fault in Climate Change

While announcing a new plan to end the use of coal by the Service Building, college officials acknowledged the harmful effects of burning coal as a fuel source and expressed regret over Oberlin's years of coal use. The statement is believed to be the first time a college has officially admitted responsibility for contributing to manmade global climate change.

Asked to comment on their own roles in climate change, Oberlin's peers were reticent. Bard mumbled something about being late for a screening before shuffling off, while Amherst offered that it "didn't know Obies were such eco-fags." Reed was little more helpful, taking the opportunity to brag about its student-operated nuclear reactor. "Don't look at me--the clean power of nuclear fission keeps me warm at night."

"That, and heroin," added Amherst, at which point a slap-fight broke out between the two colleges and the interview was over. *BB*



Without our help these majestic creatures might soon be gone forever.

THE DANGERS TO COME

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What unexpected threats should we plan for and why?



“Feline impotence is on the rise, with basically the same effects as feline indolence. If cats can’t breed, there won’t be any cats to control the rodent or bird populations.”

Caroline Adams, animal therapist

“Remember the nuclear waste we stored under Yucca Mountain? Not many people do. Someone with a security clearance and the right knowledge could smuggle out enough waste to make a dirty bomb, right in his own government-sponsored laboratory.”

Dr. Vladimir Pushkov, Defense Department contractor and nuclear weapons expert



“Saudi Arabia might decide that it wants to be paid for its oil in euros instead of dollars. The euro is a much more valuable currency. The American stock exchange would collapse, the dollar would become useless and we would be in the same position as Germany in 1923, China in 1948 and Argentina in 2001.”

Charlotte Johnson, model



“Space aliens.”

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