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I have learned to use the word 'impossible' with the greatest caution.

~ Wernher von Braun

## International Procrastination Conference Postponed

By Samantha Schall

~ Daily Bull ~

We have just received news from Washington D.C. that the 2nd Annual International Procrastination Conference (IPC) has been postponed for the fourth time in the past year. The conference has been postponed because planners have been getting low numbers of registration applications from prospective attendees and patients from their doctors. Other unreported causes were noted but not revealed to the public. The first time the IPC was postponed was this January, and postponed from January 10th to May 10th. The reasons here were similar to those listed above. The second time was in May and pushed off till August 21st. The causes were un-

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## Warning: Being a Woman is Hazardous to Your Health

By Lauren Allen ~ Daily Bull

Just in- being a woman is a bad choice. That's right, according to Rep. Pete Sessions (R-TX), a woman paying more for insurance is just like a smoker paying more for insurance. Specifically, he sees no problem with insurance companies charging more to treat female medical problems. This could include menopause, breast exams, pregnancy, etc.

Insurance companies often deny coverage to pregnant women, because if there is one thing that you should be punished for, it is pregnancy. C-sections, where the offspring is surgically removed, are considered pre-existing conditions, with one of the larger companies rejecting any woman who has had one.

Insurance companies also charge more for smokers, because they have more health problems. But guess what? Smokers choose to smoke. Unless you are fairly old, you were informed that it was a bad choice before you started. So no one complains too much when smokers are charged more. It may be unfair, but it's not punishing someone

for something they couldn't help.

So, following Pete Sessions logic to the extreme, if charging a woman more for health coverage is the same as charging a smoker more, and if smokers are charged more for making bad choices, then being a woman must be a bad choice. This means we can change it at will without thousands of dollars worth of surgery. Right?

Well, no one has done it yet to my knowledge. However, as everyone who's read the Jurassic Park series knows, frogs do it. Surely we're smarter than frogs. Since the frogs apparently change due to uneven gender distribution, we need to get all the girls who want to change and stick them in a room together with no male for miles around. Hopefully this will have few enough Y-chromosomes that a quarter of the X chromosomes will break apart to become Y.

If it doesn't work, check to make sure there aren't any guys around. I've heard of some male-oriented films with

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Does anything rhyme with zebra?



## My Carbon Boot-print

By Richard McClaughry ~ Guest Writer

While procrastinating recently, I happened across a friend's Facebook update. It included this link [www.earthday.net/footprint/flash.html](http://www.earthday.net/footprint/flash.html), so in the spirit of procrastination I clicked it. Basically, it is a flash program to simulate your ecological footprint. Well, I decided I would take the survey in an unbiased and truthful manner. The survey had other plans.

The very first question was "Do you eat meat, or any processed foods?" In order to get a "good" score on this question you have to be a vegan. No meat, no eggs, no processed foods, only plant matter. Forget that. Well, I answered slightly less than the default (half way across the slider bar). The only reason I couldn't go any lower than "slightly less" than default was because anymore was "strictly vegetarian."

The second question was "How much of the processed food is grown/packaged locally (within 200 mi.)?" This is Houghton. Who is growing food at this time of year? So, in the spirit of truthfulness I answered "all of it."

Third question: "Compared to the typical American how much trash do you generate?" Well being a poor college student I don't have the much excess, mostly food packaging and odds and ends. I answered "somewhat less."

Fourth question was a composite question. "What describes your home?" I live in a duplex, so I chose that. "Do you have electricity in your home?" This one blew my mind...how can they even ask this question? I live in AMERICA, in the 21st century. I better have electricity, internet, and running water. If I didn't I'd be on the streets. I answered "yes." "People in your house?" well

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a very similar plot, at least as far as the “bunch of girls in a room” bit, and there’s probably a few lurking around wanting to get in. Also remember to check for males of other species. This is probably a very delicate operation; even a male gnat could screw it up. Otherwise female Catholic schools would be full of female-turned-male students.

If this doesn’t work, we’ll have to get to them before they’re even conceived. We’ll have to go to the before-life and talk to all the little baby souls selecting their gender and parents and such, and warn all of them to be boys. And not to be born to OctoMom. But mostly to be boys.

If that STILL doesn’t work, then I say we have done all we can to prove that being female is not a choice, and Pete Sessions can shove it where the sun don’t shine. ☹



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## ...Laterer from front

notice at this point. The August conference was postponed again til November 16.

With the date coming up very soon, and because of reason from above, the IPC chairmen motioned for a fourth postponement. The motion was seconded and the decision was unanimous among the 15-person council of planners. The only person that argued – though only for a minute – was Dr. Puall, who studies the severe cases of procrastination and the physiology behind the mental disorder. The doctor is the one who originally proposed the idea of the IPC to be held annually in Washington D.C. The IPC is for a five-day, weeklong event.



The most severe cases of procrastination, usually noted by physiologists in several cities and countries around the world, are invited to the conference in D.C. along with their doctors. Other physiologists are encouraged to apply for attendance to study the procrastinators in attendance. These subjects are always volunteers and are not bribed to attend the conference.

The first IPC was postponed no fewer than 39 times, though the postponements were only a month each. The 1st annual IPC was actually held in August 2004 in Washington D.C. The planning started in March of 1997 and a total of 35 patients and 70 doctors were in attendance. Doors were open to the public for a fee of \$5 to attend the 15 panels and 4 debates held during the IPC of 2004.

The next IPC started planning in September of 2004 and has been in planning ever since. The current numbers of panels is 18 and 5 planned debates for the public to view. The public attendance will be \$6 per person for a day pass and \$20 for a five-day pass to enter freely.

At the current time, the conference starts on Monday November 16, 2009 and the final panel will take place on November 20 at 10 pm in Ballroom A. ☹

### Author’s Note:

1. The IPC has been postponed again till December 29th.
2. The IPC has been postponed again till February 25th, 2009.
3. The IPC has been postponed again till April 14th, 2009.
4. The IPC has been postponed again till June 9th, 2009.
5. The IPC has been postponed again till August 4th, 2009.
6. The IPC has been postponed again till October 27th, 2009.
7. The IPC has been postponed again till ... Awww, forget it!

## ...EARTHS! from front

4 on my side, 4 on the other...”4” was my answer. The next part of this question I used the more detailed info portion. “What is the size of your home, what is it constructed with, and what % of your electricity is from renewable resources?” 550-1050, brick (because they didn’t have “paper” as an option), and 0%. “Water and gas bill/mo” was the next. Both of my answers were about ¼ the way down the slider.

Fifth question set, another composite question: “Your mobility.” “How often do you drive per week?” Once more, this is Houghton. Averaging it out over the months that I’m here at school I put “1-50 mi/wk”. “How far do you drive a motorcycle?” Overly presumptuous of them, eh? “0.” “Car’s MPG” My Ass-kick gets ~20MPG, “15-30MPG” was the best range I could get. “How often do you drive with someone else?” Houghton etcetera, etcetera. “Often.” “How often do you use public transit?” Does Houghton even know that exists? “Never.” “How often do you fly per year?” on average “NEVER.”

HOORAH! It’s over! Results time! Before I unveil them, let me say this. I don’t consider myself excessive or a polluter, but ecology is not a guiding institution for my decisions either.

According to my results, if everyone were like me we would need 4.9 plan-

et earths to provide enough resources. BULL. SHIT. There are plenty of people out there that are much worse, much more wasteful than me. There have been plenty of people who have been much more wasteful than me for CENTURIES nonetheless. Planet Earth is doing just fine, thank you very much.

If Marty Smith has taught me anything it is that I need to know “How this data was collected.” By that, I mean how do they turn my answers into numbers. Being unable to know for certain, I must make some obvious assumptions. First off, the data is most likely biased towards excess “earths,” since it is being presented by the Earth Day Network. Second, the questions asked, and the possible choices asked don’t offer nearly enough information or options. For example, with the “garbage” question, what is the average garbage output of an American? How can I properly estimate my output?

I recommend you take the survey, especially if you think you are an ecologically minded person. Or even just to humor yourself, and as proof that I’m not just a crazy person (which I may be anyways) ranting about “THEM DAMN HIPPIES!”

In short, this survey was a waste of my time, and only makes me want to waste more...I mean, if they expect me to use up 4.9 Earths, then I’ll be damned if I don’t do my part. ☹

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