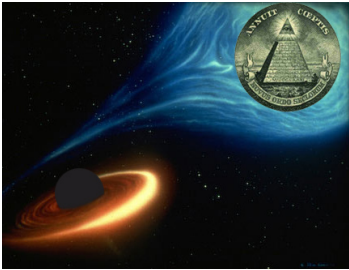


EYE ON THE ECONOMY

Black Hole Out-sucked By Economy



GENEVA — After months of inspection, scientists now claim that the unintended appearance of a small black hole was responsible for the recent failure of the Large Hadron Collider (LHC), CERN's fancy new particle accelerator located below Geneva, Switzerland.

The long-feared event which created the miniature black hole would have destroyed the entire facility had it not unexpectedly been out-sucked by the U.S. economy.

CERN Head scientist Marcus Andover explained, "We all thought the infinite gravitational pull of a black hole was the suckiest entity in the universe. No one could have foreseen that the American economy would be even suckier this year. Now we have to add all these negative pressure terms into our equations. That really sucks." Despite this, Andover remains confident that the accelerator will soon be back up and running. "Just like the U.S. banks, the LHC is simply too big to fail. And that's exactly why we have to use all these big words to justify still playing with billion dollar toys in this economy. Needless to say, a healthy amount of scientific jargon is needed to explain why we're trying to blow up the universe in a 30 kilometer underground tunnel."

Although the main consequences of the economic crisis have extended outside the realm of high energy particle physics, many big businesses are still looking to take advantage of the recent catastrophe at CERN. U.S. Chief Financial Consultant Lawrence Carrington, who advocates a novel economic bailout strategy, is confident that, "outsourcing the unemployment would relieve many current problems. And I can't think of a better place to outsource all that nasty unemployment than through the event horizon of LHC's newly created black hole." Carrington also suggested outsourcing the national debt, industrial pollution, and athlete's foot.

Former Clinton administration financial consultant, and one time physics major, Ralph Courier, explained that, "The unemployment problem is very complex, and besides, the LHC black hole was quite small and evaporated via Hawking radiation in a fraction of a second. Carrington clearly lacks the expertise needed to properly outsource insoluble economic problems into gravitational singularities." To which Carrington replied, "I grant that it is possible that I personally don't know how to outsource things into black holes, but that is exactly why I am going to take this problem and outsource it to someone else; done. Bring on the next problem!"

After the CERN unemployment office laid off its entire staff in January, office manager Ryan Commins sadly stated, "It is hard to be a manager without employees, but I just couldn't bring myself to fire me." Commins secretly hopes the LHC will create a bigger black hole when it comes back online later this year. "Until then, I don't see anything else sucking more than my shitty job."



HARVARD NEWS

HSP Finally Lampoons Drew Faust



HARVARD — With the Harvard endowment declining over 30% in the past year, HSP decided the time was finally ripe to make fun of Harvard's first female president. With the endowment serving as an accurate proxy for Faust's approval ratings, numbers for the new Harvard president have finally dropped into Larry Summers like territory. "With Summers, it was such easy pickings, seeing as

he spent most of his time choking on his penny loafers," explained Harvard Presidential scholar Chet Huntington, III. "Faust would never suggest something as controversial as 'Late Decision Admissions For Lazy Harvard Applicants', or 'The Larry Summers Science Helmet for Girls.' Christ, up until now, it's been easier to make fun of Obama! As if one mistake-free, barrier breaking president wasn't enough."

Huntington further elucidated the difficulty of lampooning Faust. "When she was promoted from her previous job, Faust was a relative unknown, as most students still thought that Radcliffe was that cartoon cat that ripped off Garfield. Also, she's just so much less of a douchebag than Larry Summers." Although he conceded that she was, "clearly, much more likely to use one."

Faust has taken drastic steps to guide the Harvard community through the economic crisis, subjecting students to reduced university services, an indefinite faculty hiring freeze, and a flurry of long-winded e-mails which reportedly caused Faust to exceed her own FAS e-mail quota. Harvard IT staffers attributed the excess gigabytes to subject lines that often included the text of all previous e-mails and several thousand repetitions of the words 'courage', 'sacrifice', and 'uncertainty.' Some financial strategies advocated in her e-mails included a Chemistry department meth lab, investing heavily in wheelbarrows, and a campus-wide bake sale. She also advocates broader American policies like selling the Louisiana purchase (and most of the flyover states) back to France, hocking Alaska back to Sarah Palin for oil and deer, and leasing a 5% stake in the Statue of Liberty to China. Due to budget cuts, Faust also reluctantly announced that Bill Gates will only be speaking at Harvard twice this year.

Ever the diplomat, Faust posted some prepared comments online, describing herself as someone who, "loves studying history, promoting female equality, and having a first name normally reserved for dudes." She added that she loved those things so much that she'd even be willing to, "compromise the very depths of her soul" in order to continue those pursuits. Faust added, "Some days, I actually can't believe all the dark bargains I had to make to become the president of Harvard. Thank God Larry Summers made it impossible for Harvard to *not* hire a woman."

