The Faculty Senate Welfare committee met this afternoon, just before the current Senate meeting. The subject of the meeting was the article which appeared in the Richmond Register last January 19, outlining the purchase, by the University, of three buildings on Lancaster Avenue.

Such purchases, according to sources quoted in the article, were conducted during the past year, totaling an amount of $800,000 (the article in question, should you have missed it, can be found at the following web address: http://www.richmondregister.com/religioneducation/local_story_019102540.html).

One of EKU’s sources stated that these purchases were the result of the university’s long-range acquisition plan. Another EKU source pointed to the south side of the Eastern Bypass as the preferred venue for expansion of the University, with the desirability of not encroaching on adjacent neighborhoods. These point to what seems to be a contradiction.

The use of these three building has not been decided yet. This committee would like to know if the purchase has been discussed in the newly created Strategic planning council, as it seems an issue very germane to the mission statement of said council.

Respectfully submitted,
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