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Humor(?): Notes and Queries

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(Humor Department: This sign has been displayed in the office of an instructor at a local university, and might interest others)

You never know

When you work at this university, you celebrate a normal day, and you celebrate when activities work out as you want them to, because:

You never know...:

...whether, when you come to work in the morning, the temperature in the building will be too hot or cold, for the HVAC people turn the AC and heat on and off arbitrarily.

...whether someone will be parked illegally in your expensive, reserved, space.

...whether the custodian will have collected the trash from your wastebasket

(But you can be sure that no-one has swept your floor)

...whether any particular student will show up for class

...whether any students that come to class have actually read the text or done the assignment due that day

...whether, when you come to class, there will be a new student who has just been signed into the class (even 1/3 or more of the way through the semester!). You can, however, be sure that the student will expect to get special favors (such as doing makeups on missed exams) to get him/her up to speed in the class.

...whether the article/book you sent the students to read in the library is still there

...whether the group that was listed to do an oral report today ever got together and hence have anything to say (or even if they will all be there, even though they signed up for the report).

...whether the students will have any of the textbook(s) assigned for the course; you can be almost certain, however, that the bookstore didn't order enough copies.

...whether there will be an available and working VCR and TV for the video you special ordered for the next class.

...whether there will be an available and working LCD projector and computer for the major presentation that you just spent the last week preparing.