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Lambasting the Liberals

Conservative Conference Leaves the Left Behind

By Dustin Lee

IT WAS HISTORY in the making. Here, on the University of Michigan campus this past weekend December 1st and 2nd, ideas, philosophies and vignettes were espoused the likes of which the students, faculty and residence of this quaint town might never be exposed to again for some time: the case against racial preferences, the jargon of mock ethnicity, the monopoly of the academic Left, how Mumia Abu-Jamal conned millions into believing he was framed, how the study of Western Civilization is the "true, original multiculturalism," and how the rise of technology and prosperity has led to a concurrent decline in cultural and social values.

The two-day conference entitled "Uncovering the Campus Diversity Fraud: How Intellectual Intolerance Masquerades as 'Diversity' " was sponsored by the Washington D.C. based Accuracy in Academia and various campus conservative organizations including Young Americans for Freedom, The Michigan Review, and Voice. Dan

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If a bigot is a conservative that's winning an argument with a liberal, then Dinesh D'Souza must be the biggest bigot around. (Yes, the fish was that big)

Striking A Blow for Peace

Curtin Ousted as P & J Commission Chair

By Mike Austin

For years, Jessica Curtin has ruled The Michigan Student Assemble (MSA) from her throne as the Peace and Justice Commission (P&J) Chair. As co-chairperson, she has had the final word on every resolution regarding campus activism. Curtin, who is also the leader of the Coalition to Defend Affirmative Action By Any Means Necessary (BAMN), has consistently abused her position as the P&J chair to serve as a front for her own little personal revolution.

The MSA code describes the Peace and Justice Commission as the "Commission responsible for addressing issues of peace and justice on campus, and serves as a resource and clearinghouse for activist groups on campus." Yet during Curtin's reign, she has primarily addressed the issue of the "Militant Civil Rights movement" advocated by BAMN along with other leftist agendas. Peace, for her, involved filling the Union Study Lounge with artwork created by militant Islamic schoolchildren depicting Israelis shooting Palestinians.

As for Justice, Curtin has been her own judge, jury, and executioner. She subscribes to her own form of justice; A justice where anyone who doesn't agree with her is branded guilty – guilty

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Too all of you who have been leaving us death voice mail threats, we'd like to remind you to start talking AFTER the beep. Thanks.

The Review has been accused by Luke Massie of being "racist" because we're a publication that makes a point of regularly using the racist slur 'ch*nk' in its pages. Newsflash, snowflake, the "chink" (yes, you can say it) is being used by the resident Chinaman, the editor, to describe himself in a humorous way, thus, the only person that he's being racist toward is himself. Now, hypothetically, if we were to call you a dirty white trash cracker, yeah, that would be racist, but we're not racist, so we won't.

The Michigan Review would like to congratulate Senator-elect Mel Carnahan on his post-humus victory in Missouri. This is the first time that dead voters have been able to elect a representative who is truly capable of representing their interests. The first item on Senator-elect Carnahans agenda is to address the housing shortage for the dead in our nation's cemeteries.

In keeping with the diversity theme that is so strongly stressed here at the University of Michigan, Serpents would like to do our part in the fight against segregation. We hereby call for an end to the segregation that runs rampant in our nation's washing-machines and laundromats. All Laundry is equal, and should be washed together! Stop of the separation of whites and colors! We must rise up and create a new millitant laundry rights movement to let the oppressors know that colors are cloths too.

Seeing as Al Gore has convened a transition team for his doomed bid at swindling his way into the White House, a number of other presidential candidates, including Pat Buchanan, Ralph Nader, and Monica Morehead of the Workers World Party, have begun the transition process in hopes that they may too win the presidential lottery. Mr. Nader commented, that despite recieving only 2% of the vote, he is confident that the Florida recount will net him the remaining 2.9 million votes he needs for victory.

With the Florida recount and Luke Massie's recount of the ballots removing Jessica Curtin from her Peace and Justice chair, Serpent's has come to the following conclusion: liberals can't count.

This year Michigan State's Recruiting Trends Survey predicted that liberal arts degree earners will have more jobs available and earn higher wages. In related news, Denny's has announced plans to add over 300 new locations and give all wage earning employees a $0.25/hr raise over the coming year.

For a long time, Affirmative Action proponents have denounced the SAT and ACT as being a racist tests geared towards rich white people. Ask yourself, when you took the tests, did you think to yourself: This test looks like it was written by the KKK.

Given the current election situation in Florida, Serpents has developed a new technique for helping students on the SAT and ACT. Maybe if they hand counted the SATs, all the check marks, "X's," dots, and other marks that are explicitly warned against could be counted, then everyone could get 1600s.

With the recent upset vicroty of Mel Carnahan in the US Senate, a dead man, the Dems. have already nominated Franklin Delano Roosevelt/Bobby Kennedy for the 2004 ticket.

■ *SERPENTS ROVING PHOTOGRAPHER*



J. Wilson/Review

Evidently Ulrichs hasn't gotten around to changing its display since the 1860's.



J. Wilson/Review

This is the bathroom outside of the LGBT office in the Union. Apparently they just didn't want anyone getting confused by that "unisex" sign.



Serpents has devised a new and improved unisex symbol for bathrooms. We hope we've covered everybody.

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Ok, Al, be a man, give it up. Real men would've conceded graciously weeks ago, but no, you have to be Mr. I-have-to-win-by-any-means-necessary. Speaking of which, I heard the Iron Curtin was really pissed. I would certainly hope so. To be beaten out by the publisher and managing editor of a "third-rate rag?" What does that make you?

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■ ***LETTERS TO THE EDITOR***

Readers Respond to Encounters

Reader Thanks
Review

I am a first year student here at the University of Michigan, and I just wanted to say...thank you.

I come from the upper peninsula. I think that I personally knew a total of maybe half a dozen non-white people. But racism was never an issue with me because there were so few minorities. I didn't make the connection that my parents were alive in the '60's when Dr. King was a prominent figure, and Vietnam protests were commonplace until high school. I considered the civil rights movement ancient history, and I never thought that inequality was any sort of a problem. Well, after coming to the "U" I've realized that there really is discrimination in the modern world. It may not be terrible, but it exists nevertheless. But what really irks me is that literally every 100 yards I walk I can pass dozens of posters, chalkings, and other sorts of media telling me to "Support Affirmative Action!" and shirts telling me "Don't Hate, Participate." For a while I thought that the University of Michigan was going to have a reverse effect on me and make me an ultra-conservative out of my spite for what I describe as liberal propaganda. But the *Review* has helped me realize that there are some people who have an alternative view. I'm not by any means saying that I agree with all the *Review* has to offer, but it's a relief to hear another view. I don't think that the *Review* is the epitome of un biased literature, but I really liked the article from Nov. 22 in the Creature from the Liberal Lagoon section. Proof that some of the holier-than-thou leftists are not-so-holy indeed. Although it's often used as a joke now, I agree with the "can't we all just get along" philosophy. I say equality of opportunity through education, not "by any means necessary." So thank you for saving my sanity.

Allan Mathie
LSA freshman

Praise for Ruben and *Encounters*

I am a graduate student soon to defend his dissertation. I have been here since my freshman year, totalling 8.5 years. This is my first response to any of the U of M papers that I have read over my academic attendance here.

Mr. Duran, I have recently read your article, "The Creature from the Liberal Lagoon," and found it very refreshing. I am assuming you are a minority by your words in the article. I would like to congratulate you on exposing the truth about Agnes Aleobua, and possibly most/all of BAMN and DAAP, about how violent they actually can get.

Being a veteran, I'm a pseudo minority. I feel I was admitted to the U of M because of being a veteran. My grades in high school were not good at all (3.2 GPA). However, being a veteran is a merit based minority, being indiscriminant of race, color, sex, etc. The reason it is easier to get accepted into U of M as a veteran is because of the Vietnam conflict. When soldiers and sailors returned from their tour of duty and were discharged, some sought out academic paths. With all the liberalism Ann Arbor had at the time, and God knows it's getting worse, these veterans were denied acceptance into the U of M. Some were even beaten and driven off by students. That is why there is a spot on the application form for Michigan colleges and universities that inquires about military experience.

I fully and wholeheartedly agree with your interpretation of Dr. King's messages, saying a person should be judged on merit and character, not the color of their skin. I fully support Equal Opportunity, but disagree to Affirmative Action. What Ms. Aleobua fails to recognize is that equality can only be enacted when the playing field is level. I'm sure General Colin Powell didn't get where he is today because of his race. He is an outstanding man. I wish more minorities would look to him as a role model than as the enemy (conservatives). If he ever decides to run for President of the United States, I will surely vote for him (and I'm a 'Whitey').

It scares me Ms. Aleobua has so much hatred against whites that she is organizing a militant movement. I believe that happened here at U of M before. It sounds to me like she is judging a person by the color of her skin, which could be construed as hypocritical. Heck, I never met the person.

If Ms. Aleobua feels she's been so 'mistreated' because of being a minority, let her talk to a Vietnam veteran who tried to go to school. I'm sure she won't change her opinion, but maybe, just maybe, she'll find out what the true meaning of 'minority' is.

Thank you for writing such an eye-opening article.

Chris Peters
Graduate Student

Alaska Writes the *Review* – Go Figure

I recently read your article "The Creature from the Liberal Lagoon." Good article!

You'll be please to know I read it in Anchorage, Alaska! You words are far-reaching, an accomplishment for any author. Getting on with it, I, personally, am considered a 'minority'. Or would be by some standards.

I'm a 25 year old 'Mexican American.' Well, half white, half mexican anyway. I prefer to think of myself as an American! I was born here and love this country and would die for it. But even being a 'minority,' I can NOT understand how other minorities can be so LEFT WING! I mean - they want 'equal rights,' but the liberals want to take 'equal rights' away. "WHAT?!?!" the libs will say? Well, here's how it works. Liberals come in and say "you're being opressed, we need to make a special program to provide you with these things you can't get for yourselves, like jobs! Lets FORCE companies to choose you over other qualified applicants!" Okay - so I'm ad libbing a little. But is there any difference in THAT than what something like Affirmative Action is, or any so called 'program' that gives preference to a certain race or sex? I mean, in this country today I could get greedy and get all kinds of things for FREE just because I have some ancestors that once lived in Mexico. WOW. Unfortunately, I feel I have to take RESPONSIBILITY FOR MYSELF, and get the education and show people I'm a better WORKER (not a better race) than other applicants, and get that job on my OWN merits. I mean, I feel so good that I got my current job through hard work and education, and not because the company I work for needed to fill a quota. What I hear when the liberals say "we need to make a special program so that women and minorities can have 'more rights'" is basically "I know you're minorities, I know you're women, I know you can't do anything for yourselves, so lets make some special programs to spotlight our differences and give you more 'rights' because we feel sorry for you and you're too inferior to do it yourself. "That's exactly what they are saying. As a minority I don't want or need ANYONE to give me ANYTHING. I want the SAME chance any other person has, regardless of race, and Affirmative Action destroys actually gives me an unfair advantage. Affirmative Action is the Tonya Harding of racism. It's a WHACK in the knee to people just because they are white males, to give anyone whos 'disadvantaged' the upper hand. Instead of requiring companies to ask what your race is on an application lets look at actual skills and education! Lets call programs like Affirmative Action by a more correctly descriptive name: "Mandatory Discrimination Action".

Marcus V. Cresap
Anchorage, Alaska

So somehow the Review ended up in Alaska. Weird. It pains us to inform the three of you that your names are now probably on some BAMN list now, and that when the revolution comes, the big bad "leader of a NEW MASS MILITANT CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT" will hunt you guys down. Ooooh, we know we're shakin'...

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■ FROM SUITE ONE

May G-d bless and keep you this X-mas

WITH A FLIP of the calendar, we are reminded that the "holiday" season is upon us, and, ergo, we sincerely love our fellow man. It is a time of special significance and great excitement. A time when reindeer with luminescent snouts are prone to take flight and certain exotic plants, properly hung, are said to spark romance. Most importantly, it is the time when well-meaning grown-ups tell innocent lies to their children concerning an overgrown elf/man and of his propensity for sliding down chimneys with large parcels in tow.

Yes, the holidays are a time of virtue. Out of the goodness of their hearts, indeed, as a public service, retailers remind the public (and, perhaps, themselves) of the value of giving. As a curiosity of the season, in which most every citizen rekindles an otherwise dormant generosity, gift-givers may occasionally receive gifts in return. And when these potentialities occur, and one wonders whether one has given merely to receive, the engines of commerce are swift to sooth the guilty conscience with incessant radio and T.V. jingles, softly reminding the consumer that although it is better to give than to receive, it is certainly no shame to invest in oneself as well.

Yuletide takes place during one of the mildest months of the Northern year, when, in Michigan, the sky is a reassuring shade of gray and the temperatures reach well into the upper teens. Fortunately, in recent years the beauty of the snow has seldom inconvenienced the wide dilation of Michigan eyes. Residents of this latitude pass the time in exquisite darkness. For, the sun sets at 5pm and if one is lucky, one might fail to encounter the light of day entirely. One happy consequence of this phenomenon is to offer Caucasians respite from the sun's cancerous rays. By shading themselves, whites can maintain their "whiteness," and thus carry on the work of oppressing the rest of the world.

Some argue that the root of the very word "holiday" implies an outdated notion of "holiness," inherent to the festivities therein.

But fear not, gentle reader: these jolly days equally benefit all races. For, as the open-minded will attest, it is only if the white man can maintain his "whiteness" that he can continue his job of oppression, and it is only if minorities are oppressed that selected non-whites benefit from the sweet justice of Affirmative Action programs. Indeed, these programs, far superior to "judging people on the content of their character," have nearly eradicated racial animosities in the thirty years since their implementation. It is, after all, because of the fundamental goodness of the white oppressor's heart that race-based preferences fail to enflame racial hatred.

The inherent beauty of the season, founded on consumer spending, Arctic myths, and the invention of new holidays like Kwanzaa, is only possible when one maintains a godless season (the framers of the African holiday are to be congratulated, since Asians have yet to nail down the specifics of their holiday celebrating yellowness; similar efforts by Native Americans, Hispanics, and the indigenous peoples of Kuala Lumpur have also failed to produce significant results).

Now, many religious fanatics (of the two previous words, remember, you can't have one without the other!) may maintain that there is a spiritual component to the holidays. Some argue that the root of the very word "holiday" implies an outdated notion of "holiness," inherent to the festivities therein. But don't let these religious elitists confuse you with their sound reason. Their schemes have resulted in numerous crimes upon our nation. One will not help but notice their incessant attacks upon our shopping populace during the holiday season. Their minions descend upon our malls with red bells and tin buckets, soliciting money in the name of "salvation" for the sick and poor. These are the same rabble that left Europe some 400 years ago to found a country based on the dangerous principle of religious freedom, implementing such hair-brained ideals as public education, representative democracy, and a mysterious work ethic. The descendants of these religious fugitives will complain that we have sold the soul of the season, contending that the real reason for our holiday was the birth of Jesus Christ.

Oh godless people, we must not allow these fundamentalists to steal our holiday from its rightful secular roots. Shouldn't Jews and Arabs also be allowed to fully participate in what some call "Christmas" (for the children, X-mas)? The very name these right-wing fanatics use to describe this holiday (remember, not holy, but "holi-") is exclusive, suggesting that they have some special right to celebrate the birth of the Messiah. Why do these people feel the need to exclude the pious Hindu from celebrating His birth as well, even if they don't believe he was the son of G-d?

As you celebrate the season this year, remember to remain true to the eternal truths we find particularly fashionable at the present time. Above all else, it is the desire of the society to allow every citizen of every race, religion and creed to celebrate the holiday. To truly partake of the season, it is imperative that the people of this great land hold to the timeless truths we've amassed over the past 3 illustrious decades of broken homes, increased drug use, and violent crime: true peace, love, and happiness in this season is only possible if you remove G-d from our public conscience (again, sorry for the G-word, kids). The fundamentalists will contend that sending one's Son to die for the sins of the world is tantamount to the highest expression of love. How can this love, which was the basis for Western law and justice for 2 millennia, possibly supercede the "cross your heart, hope to die" promise of love from men who continually oppress each other? As an enlightened society we must hold to the truth that good-will springs from the heart of every white oppressor and oppressed minority in this land, not from some heavenly Father who sends his son to save mankind from eternal hell. For the sake of our sacred truths, we must maintain a godless holiday. Only then can we ensure that a fat Elf in boots will sail the December skies of the children we have found convenient not to abort, and for all non-aborted posterity.

May the sacred gods of secularism, greed, and diversity rule now and forever. Amen. MR

Written by Assistant Editor Brad Sprecher

An Easy Solution : Keep It In Your Pants

NOVEMBER 28-DECEMBER 8 is "Wake Up! AIDS in Black and Brown." This two-week event includes guest speakers and seminars on protecting oneself from the threats of STDs. While this has the right premise, the method is all wrong. The only defense being promoted is the use of artificial contraceptives. Nowhere does anyone talk about the use of abstinence. Abstinence is the only surefire way to prevent the spread of Sexually Transmitted Diseases and avoid pregnancy.

This is not to say that abstinence should have been the only solution to stopping the spread of STDs; instead, it should have been at least presented during the period. The preclusion of this option suggests that abstinence is not even an alternative. While the Liberated Left searches for better condoms, more effective sponges and better pills to pop, the sexual morality of this country is going down the tubes.

Without the teaching of abstinence, the University and this country as a whole will be degraded. This is not to say that if abstinence is taught that it will be followed. We are realists; we acknowledge that most young people will have fornicated. However, when the option of abstaining is not even presented, students would not even realize the option was open to them. While wonton pre-marital sex does occur, there are more than a few who choose to wait. For this small group, there is an air of certainty; they will never have to worry about waking up on a Saturday morning, wondering what those bumps are, or why it burns when they pee.

These recent attacks on social morality need to stop. This is especially true on our overly-liberal campus. It seems every weekend night, thousands of University students venture out onto Frat Row to drink copius amounts of alcohol in the hopes of "getting laid." These purveyors of lust are, of course, not alone in their promiscuity. They forget the notion that they are effectively having relations with every person their partner has. Therefore, unless he plans on interviewing all of the aforementioned, our friend Mr. Frat boy has no idea what he's getting into (pun intended). The University should actively promote abstinance in order to prevent the spread of STDs. This will also lead to a reduction of pregnancy among students. If the University were to encourage abstinance over contraceptives, this campus would be a more morally-friendly environment.MR

■ ***A CHINK IN THE ARMOR***

The Worst of Winter

Classes to avoid at all costs!

IT'S TIME FOR our annual tradition, the "Worst of Winter." It's a pretty easy column to do, I admit. The hardest part is just going through all the stupid course listings, like racist this and racist that. Anyway, I'm proud to present, the following courses bad enough to be counted in the ranks of the "Woest of Winter."



James Y. Yeh

AMCULT 204. Themes in American Culture.

Section 001 – History of Childbirth in America: Early Republic to the Present. Meets with Women's Studies 253.007

"This course will explore the history of childbirth in the U.S. from two different perspectives: the mother; and the person assisting with the birth. By exploring these two very different perspectives we will learn a great deal about the issues that have been, and continue to be, important to women giving birth. We will also focus on the factors that have influenced who has assisted birthing women over the past two hundred years. In addition, we will look at the medical, social, and cultural aspects of childbirth and how they intersect and influence one another. We will also explore gender and power dynamics in the birthing room and how socioeconomic factors and race influence childbirth practices and experiences. The class format will focus primarily on discussion of weekly reading assignments. There will be weekly journals and two papers (3-5pp. in length). Students will also have a group project followed by a group presentation. There will also be a final exam."

An entire course dedicated to women pushing, sweating and screaming. I think childbirth that is one thing that transcends all cultural barriers. What, do babies come out of the woman's nostrils in other cultures?

GERMAN 449. Special Topics in English Translation.
German Literature and Culture in English
Section 001 – Sports and Culture in Advanced Industrial Democracies.

"Few things have characterized mass culture in the 20th century more consistently and thoroughly than sports. Particularly in their team variety, there is not one industrial country in the world that does not possess at least one major team sport which has attained hegemonic dimensions in that country's culture in the course of this passing century.

There can simply be no doubt that team sports as a form of mass culture have been among the most essential ingredients of public life in the 20th century. Why has this been the case? And how did this happen? Moreover, why did the United States deviate from the rest of the industrial world not in terms of the presence of such sports, but in their number and kind? Briefly put, why are baseball, football and basketball (as well as hockey to a certain extent) the hegemonic team sports that defined American mass culture throughout the 20th century, whereas no other industrial country has more than two such hegemonic team sports, most often indeed only one – soccer. Why has this sports map remained so stable throughout a highly volatile and ever-changing century? Will this stability persist into the new millennium or will new forces challenge these hegemonic sports and contest them in their respective cultural space?

Readings and discussion will cover such topics as definitions of racism and prejudice, white privilege, institutional racism, teaching and learning styles encouraged by different cultures,

In answering these questions, the course will proceed in the following manner: In the first section, we will look at the phenomenon ubiquitous to all advanced industrial societies where disorganized contests, competitions and games mutated into what we have come to know as modern team sports. In this segment, we will see how this transformation was identical in every industrial society and should thus be seen as a fine gauge of modernity: These disorganized games become bureaucratized, ordered, codified, rule-bound by the elites and upper middle class segments of industrial societies between 1860 and 1900. However, these games, though now codified and routinized, still remain part of leisure activities of a small privileged group in society. Once, however, they become embraced by the male, industrial working class, they enter the realm of professionalism, of vocation, of commodification. The industrial working class is the subject that leads these amateur games towards professional sports and thus to an integral part of modern mass culture.

In the second part, we will look at how similar and congruous the development in the United States was with this trajectory, yet how the content emerged so differently. We will dwell briefly on what makes the United States similar and what renders it different vis-à-vis other advanced industrial democracies.

The third segment will look in detail at the four North American culturally hegemonic team sports: baseball, football, basketball in the United States; ice hockey in Canada.

The fourth part will analyze the development of soccer – tellingly called "football" by the rest of the world – in England.

The last section will look at the world in the context of globalization and ask whether new structures might be emerging that will challenge the old; or whether these new developments will exist alongside the old in a much less significant and culturally powerful manner."

An analysis of sports around the world, maybe, but in German? An analysis of the rise of soccer in England? In German? Are people willing to pay thousands of dollars to learn why baseball, basketball and football made it big in America?

HISTART 394. Special Topics. Section 004 – Whores, Lepers and the Ugly: Outcasts in Art..

"Harlots and ogres, murderers and liars, randies and one-legged bumpkins, Moslems and Jews.... All of these outcast figures – Christendom's perpetual pariahs – played an important role in Western European art, appearing in all manner of public, private, secular, and religious art. Modern textbooks, though, have often pushed these figures to the margins of history, relegating them to footnotes or explaining them away with moralist arguments. This course examines both the nature of these outcasts and their role in art (primarily Medieval and Renaissance art, with some considerations for Baroque and early Modern art), as well as their marginal treatment by modern art history. For this last, we will delve into theories of marginality. Feminism, the folklore of Bahktin, the semiotics of Marin, the psychoanalysis of Freud, and the diverse romanticist and modernist influences of W. Benjamin, L. Aragon and V. Hugo will receive our special critical attention.

Shouldn't art history be teaching what WAS painted and WHY, rather than what wasn't and why those things weren't? It's like taking a course on the role Norwegians in the Vietnam War.

AMCULT 222. Elementary Ojibwa. Courses in Ojibwa

I must observe Foulest of Fall and Worst of Winter tradition by mentioning Ojibwa. I think everything to be said about the course has been said.

WOMENSTD 342. Gender and Society: Hierarchies in Social Organization.
Section 004 – Women in Prison. Meets with American Culture 310.003.

Shouldn't this course be in Film and Video studies? Who can forgot the classic portrayals of female prison life like Amazon Jail, Chained Heat II and Bad Girls: Prisoners in Cellblock 69.

AMCULT 490/Film-Video 451. American Film Genres.
Section 001 – FILM SCREENINGS TUES 7-9 P.M.

"This class focuses on two American film genres that still exist today: the horror film and the teenage sex comedy....Films may include: Carrie, Halloween, Prom Night, Last House on the Left, Nightmare on Elm Street, Scream, Disturbing Behavior, American Graffiti, Cooley High, Porky's, Fast Times at Ridgemont High, The Last American Virgin, American Pie, and 10 Things I Hate About You."

You have to question the legimately of a course that includes watching American Pie and Porky's. The only thing I learned from watching American Pie was that A) I must've been doing something wrong in high school because even though I got straight As in history no hot European exchange students came over, and B) always check the contents of the cup you're about to drink out of at a party.

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Notes on MIM Notes

IF YOU HAVEN'T heard of *MIM Notes*, it's The Official Newsletter of the Maoist International Movement (MIM). That's right, communists galore, decrying Amerikan (sometimes Amerikkkan) Imperialism, prison Gulags, and the oppression of the Third-World proletariat in every issue. The tone of MIM Notes is dead serious, which makes for some of the funniest reading on campus, especially the movie reviews.



Michael Austin

Even though MIM Notes continues to be a campus joke with no real influence, they press on with their Marxist-Leninist-Maoist propaganda year after year. But despite their persistence, communism hasn't quite taken off as the government of choice. The reason is that communism simply does not work. Don't take my word for it though; let me show how backwards communism is through the words of MIM Notes.

Let me first take the time to note that the general quality of MIM Notes has vastly improved since I first arrived in Ann Arbor, so hats off to Comrade "N-Doggg" Woomer and his associates for their accomplishments. Without further ado, however, let us move on to the analysis. First subject: freedom of speech. MIM Notes frequently claims that speech will be substantially more "free" under communism, which is an outright lie. The next few quotes are from " 'Free speech' under the dictatorship of the proletariat: Resolution passes at the 1999 MIM Party Congress" as published in MIM Notes 216. All other quotes are cited.

"*The dictatorship of the proletariat is defined as a stage of struggle between capitalism and communism. The final goal of communism is the classless and stateless society .... When the last imperialist power has been defeated, the party will permit the beginning of discussion of challenges to the need for party rule. When such party rule is open to challenge, the party will take stock of the challenges to the dictatorship of the proletariat to see how much progress has been in instilling belief in survival rights and harmonious economic and cultural behavior. If the party judges this progress sufficient and dissolves itself into the people, then the people will have the duty of protecting survival rights directly. If a new threat to survival rights arises...the people will be obliged to form a new proletarian party to guide the use of organized force against the enemy.*"

So basically this "classless" society will always have a ruling class determined by the party. Oh yeah, it says that it can be dissolved into the people, but only after the party has determined that the people can rule themselves. Even then common rule is only considered possible after imperialism (capitalism to you and me, which is to say it's not really imperialism) has been defeated, as if that would ever happen. Suppose some fluke wiped out all the enemies of communism. The party still reserves the right to recapture control in the event of a threat to "survival."

Yes, we can all see the "flourishing of racism" all around us. I can remember fondly the class I took in my junior year in high school on why we should look down on people who look different than us. What a bunch of crap. I'll admit it, it's pretty much impossible for communism to switch from the "dictatorship of the proletariat" to popular rule, and that's before you consider the sheer scope of controlling every aspect of a society in the interest of "survival rights." In practice, the initial stages of communism require such a huge government that it becomes self-serving and will never seek to abolish itself. Take Russia as an example: not once during it many years under communism was common rule even considered. Then again I guess Russia isn't that good of an example, seeing as they did such a boffo job of wiping out capitalism.

"*Repression under the dictatorship of the proletariat will take three main forms – execution, prison, or re-education camp. Execution will be reserved for murder and services to military enemies. At the other extreme, casual mistaken expression of bourgeois thoughts will not result in being sent to re-education camp, but organized and active expression will.*"

If I understand this correctly, freedom according to communism means silencing all opposition to communism. In other words, you are free to say whatever you want as long as it's what the party wants you to think. Bring on the thought police! Oh, and please take special note of the ironic fact that an anti-government publication such as MIM Notes (although in this case it would be anti-communist) would not be allowed under the "dictatorship of the proletariat."

"*Arrests for vocal discussion will be limited to places where there is a need for meetings and orderly work. Cafeterias, outdoor sidewalks and most indoor hallways will be legally required to allow vocal discussion.*"

That's just great! Imagine the joy of living in a society so free that you can only be arrested for vocal discussion in meeting and work areas! This passage pretty much speaks for itself. Seriously, it says right there that free speech is limited to certain areas. How "free" is that?

"*Those advocating opposition to the dictatorship of the proletariat as defined at the top of the document will go to prison or re-education camp and thereby not enjoy all full public citizenship rights.*"

Once again, I'd like to point out the hypocrisy here. People opposed to our government and its policies frequently protest with no consequences. That's a good thing, because it allows us the freedom to question and even disagree with the way our government is running. Obviously this is not an option under communism, unless of course you are willing to attend re-education camp.

"*MIM holds that after the proletariat seizes power in socialist revolution, the potential exists for capitalist restoration under the leadership of a new bourgeoisie within the communist party itself.*" ("What is MIM?", every issue)

First of all, why and how would a socialist revolution make any effort to restore capitalism? Capitalism is what they just overthrew! Oh, wait, I forgot the second part of the sentence. That basically says that the communist party will be running things, which means things would never get close to capitalism. Take note that when the government is in charge of the economy, it is not a free market.

I uphold that the running over of student protestors by military tanks in Tianamen Square in 1989 as one of the worst human rights abuses in history. The Chinese Communists obviously disagree.

"*MIM upholds the Chinese Cultural Revolution as the farthest advance of communism in humyn history.*" ("What is MIM?", every issue)

I uphold that the running over of student protestors by military tanks in Tianamen Square in 1989 as one of the worst human rights abuses in history. The Chinese Communists obviously disagree. Authorities assigned engineer Peng Cheng to 3 years of labor camp for collecting signatures in support of an investigation into the incident. According to Amnesty International, there are 213 people connected to the protests that are still imprisoned or on medical parole.

"*...imperialism extracts super-profits from the Third World and in part uses this wealth to buy off whole populations of oppressor nation so-called workers. These so-called workers bought off by imperialism form a new petty-bourgeoisie called the labor aristocracy. These classes are not the principal vehicles to advance Maoism within those countries because their standards of living depend on imperialism. At this time, imperialist super-profits create this situation in the Canada, Quebec, the Unites $tates, England, France, Belgium, Germany, Japan, Italy, Switzerland, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Israel, Sweden and Denmark.*" ("What is MIM?", every issue)

Or basically the entire industrialized world. Boy that sure leaves a lot of places left to advance communism, especially considering that as a whole these countries are responsible for the welfare of the world economy. Stop right now if you're thinking that the "oppressed" third world countries will convert to communism and take over the world. If that were true, both Cuba and North Korea would be superpowers by now. Oh, and in case you didn't know, Quebec is NOT a country!

"*The first step toward a peaceful world of non-violence requires violent non-toleration of people like the Firestone executives. After a prolonged period of violent non-toleration of Firestone-type behavior, akin to the violent non-toleration of slave-owners that has been necessary in history, the idea of letting others die for profit or career will become unthinkable. Such a state of affairs where tolerating such killing is unthinkable is a prerequisite for the accomplishment of communism. ... Very simply, those who lead will be serving the people, risking their lives for the people's benefit. Those who do not want to risk execution for massive Firestone-like bungling should not volunteer for leadership. ... Leaders who are not moving things forward or at least maintaining safe standards will be punished. Those responsible for mass deaths above and beyond the norm as in the Firestone situation, whether through incompetence, laxness or intention will be executed. That is what it really mean to serve one's country – taking the risk to lead in such a way as to benefit the people and eliminate leadership in the long run.*" ("U.S. Government passes instant reform on Firestone," MIM Notes 222)

This last passage does a pretty good job of summing up the blunder that is communism. Serving the country is the ultimate priority in communism, and defying that is dangerous, even fatal. Self-accomplishment, personal goals, even family become secondary. Moreover, instead of rewarding accomplishments, trying to advance one's career goes hand in hand with the risk of losing your life.

As I've said numerous times before, communism is a failed experiment. No country under communism has improved the overall welfare of its people; instead, all of the people are brought down to the lowest common denominator. Furthermore, no country under communism has ever achieved true rule by the people.

Capitalism, as you might have noticed, is all the rage lately. That's because it works both economically and in terms of personal freedom. So I encourage you to celebrate your freedom under capitalism by listening to as many different opinions as possible. That doesn't mean you have to agree with them, but at least respect the right of other people to hold ideas that might conflict with yours. And that could even include reading MIM Notes from time to time, but only when you need a good laugh. MR

WOMEN'S REVIEW

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Online Editor Rabeh Soofi is determined to prove that even conservative gals just wanna have fun -- and Dubya in office.

Photo courtesy of John Pratt

Being Female *and* Conservative Is it Possible?

Of course it is!

Although it may sound like an oxymoron, make no mistake, there are conservative women in every nook and cranny of this campus, many of whom are too classy to make their voices heard over loud feminists.

For many people, the idea of any rational woman identifying herself with a conservative, Republican, or otherwise right-wing group seems to be both nonsensical and irrational. After all, why would anyone want to be affiliated with, dare we say, those Pat Buchanan type wackos?!

But not all of us are Southern Belles who are snooty, uneducated and eager for women's place in society to revert to that of the Victorian era. Nor does the thought of barefoot pregnancy in the kitchen make us giggle with delight. These popular misconceptions are nothing but pure drivel.

As every run-of-the-mill conservative man will tell you, his female couterparts are fun, fearless, intelligent, and above all, proud to be women. We are fighters who strongly believe in the values that we support and stand even more firmly behind the men in our lives. While we have enjoyed health and happiness, what we conservative women have lacked is a medium to express ourselves.

This year, right-wing gals have become a force in *The Michigan Review* not to be reckoned with. The result of this has been the first-ever production of the Women's Review. We wanted to create an issue that featured our humor, ideas and thoughts, all while trying our hands at the "girl-power" thing.

We hope that you enjoy this women's issue and all it has to offer — the ideas of women unabashed to say they'll never be anything but "Right."

Need Similarly-Minded Friends? Get Involved!

by Rabeh Soofi

With so many left-wing organizations that cater to more liberal women, the conservative gal may feel somtimes that she has few friends who share or support her mindset. Certainly, being pro-life makes you and your opinions incomprehensible to a large number of women who believe that they have the right to "their bodies."

Don't be afraid! If you find yourself seeking the company of women who feel the same way you do about important issues, the best way to make friends is to get involved.

With the convenience of the internet at your fingertips, there are numerous venues for you to explore in search of an organization that will help support your beliefs when you feel that you're the only cashew in the peanut gallery.

If you consider yourself a pretty right-wing conservative, you should drop the John Birch society a line. Although not very many women frequent their meetings, the JBS is a well-known organization with a network of chapters across the country.

Pro-life women can go to a number of groups, both non-partisan and right-leaning. One very solid foundation is the Susan B. Anthony List. This group celebrates the independence and strength of Susan B. Anthony in conjunction with her opposition to abortion, which she called "child murder."

Although most women abhor guns and guns-rights, if you find yourself a proponent of firearms, the NRA is obviously the most widely known organization to join. For $35 a year, you can obtain a one-year subscription, which will entitle you to monthly issues of "American Guardian," bi-weekly mailings on current legislation and news, and a cute decal sticker to put on your car window.

If you simply want to catch up on your issues, don't try go to the traditional outlets for obtaining information. TV and the major newspapers are all slightly left of socialist and only offer one-sided opinions. For the *truth*, go to Town Hall, the Cato institute, or the Heritage foundation, all networks of conservative news and information. GOP.gov, run by J.C. Watts is also a daily-updated site that features recent political goings-on.

Lastly, for classical right-wing entertainment and blatant left-bashing, there are a number of sites that will make you smirk and chuckle at "their" stupidity and "our" cleverness. G. Gordon Liddy's site, which aims to "look through the night of nitwittery" is certainly one of the best; so is Rush Limbaugh's.

It doesn't matter which group you take part in. Being a part of the NFRW's Bulletin Board is just as fun as College Republican meetings. Just remember that nothing limits conservatism to being a spectator sport.

start surfing

National Republican Federation of Women
www.nfrw.org
Susan B. Anthony List
www.sba-list.org
GOP.gov
www.gop.gov
Cato Institute
www.cato.org
Heritage Foundation
www.heritage.org
G. Gordon Liddy
www.gordonliddy.com

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campus composure

True Embarrasing Stories from 'U' Students

compiled by Margaret Hope Allen

One night, my crush and I were talking and lounging on a porch swing. Hours passed, and as the evening became later, we moved closer and closer together. But just about when he was moving in to kiss me, the swing broke and we tumbled onto the ground! Nothing has made me feel fatter or more embarrassed in my entire life.

M.T., LSA Senior

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I was at a party in a duplex with a bunch of my peeps. We watched this hilarious video that showed some clumsy guy fall down the front stairs. But when we were leaving, I slipped and fell down the same flight of stairs too!!! My friends still insist on holding my hand at parties when I go down steps.

A.D., RC Junior

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I had this huge crush on this guy who was totally oblivious to my existence. One night at a bar I ran into him and we talked for awhile. It was really hot in there, and he asked me if I wanted to go outside. I was like, "Sure!" So we sat out on South U for awhile, and eventually decided to go our separate ways. As we were doing the awkward goodbye thing, he went to shake my hand. In a fit of intoxicated courage, I went in to kiss him, but I missed and nailed him on the side of his mouth—too close to be confused with a cheek kiss. He immediately exclaimed, "Whoa," but it was a bad "whoa." I left totally humiliated. He never called.

M.A., LSA Senior

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When I was a freshman, I met this cute guy at a house party on South Forest. We really hit if off and decided to go back to his dorm room on north campus. It was really late and we were the only people on the bus. We started getting hot and heavy, and the bus driver turned out the lights for us. We got it on right in the back of the bus! But when we finally got to our stop and were walking out the bus door, the driver quipped, "Thanks for the show." I've never ridden the North Campus route since.

I went in to kiss him, but I missed and nailed him on the side of his mouth — too close to be confused with a cheek kiss. He immediately exclaimed, "Whoa," but it was a bad "whoa."

J.S., Nursing Senior

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One time I walked late into lecture. It was one of those lecture halls where the door is up front, so I had to walk right in front of the professor. There was a stack of papers by the overhead projector, so I figured they were handouts and took one. But when I tried to walk to a seat, my leg got caught up in the overhead projector's cord and I tripped, fell, and crashed the entire projector onto the ground with me. All the students started laughing at me, and the professor gave me an evil stare o' death. I was never late again.

C.M. LSA Sophomore

buy it . . .



One Hot Shoe

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WOMEN'S REVIEW

Finally, the women have come to the Review.

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The Women's Review is the late-night brainchild of a Review staff meeting populated with an astonishing (and record setting) number of women – three. The writers of the Women's Review would not mind soliciting or accepting monetary donations to buy clothes, jewelry, and make-up with, or to be invited to expensive dinners in large cities.

The Women's Review will not accept opinions, comments, criticisms, or suggestions because it will never publish again. If you would like to see a Women's Review stick around, send a letter to the Review and maybe they will come around.

q & a Fashion Emergency!

Q. **Help! Winter is here and I have nothing to wear. What are some good styles that I can wear around to class? I don't want to look too much like a New Yorker!**

Appreciate it!

— Fashion-conscious on Forest Ct.

A. We're glad you asked. NOBODY wants that ugly dark-blue jeans/sweater-robe New York Look.

Go for knit sweaters and cardigans for the winter months. Textured fabrics were huge last winter and are rumored to stick around for this one. Big, cozy turtlenecks will keep you warm too.

cook it up

Aunt Rabeh-Jo's Best-Ever Blueberry Muffin Recipe

2 cups flour
1/2 cup flour (set aside)
1 1/4 cups sugar
1/4 cup sugar (set aside)
1/2 tablespoon Vanilla
1 teaspoon salt
2 large eggs
1 pint fresh blueberries
1/4 stick of melted butter
1 1/2 cups milk
Vegetable shortening



1. Combine flour, sugar, vanilla, and salt in large bowl.
2. Mix milk and eggs in separate bowl, add to dry mixture. Stir up real good.
3. Preheat oven to 325 degrees.
4. Grease muffin pans with shortening, and dust with flour after so muffins don't stick.
5. In a separate small bowl, combine flour and sugar that was set aside with the butter to make crumbly mixture.
6. Spoon muffin batter into greased and floured pans until 3/4 way full.
7. With a butter knife, take 10-12 medium-sized blueberries and stuff into each muffin hole filled with batter. Do NOT stir, the muffins will turn purple if blueberries burst.
8. After blueberries have been engulfed into batter, drop 3 or 4 onto top of batter.
9. Take a teaspoon full of the crumble mixture made earlier and sprinkle onto each muffin hole.
10. Bake 15 minutes at 325 degrees, 10 minutes at 350. Allow for cooling before removing from pan.
11. Share with friends and family!

look what we found

HOT Conservative

With all the eligible bachelors in Hollywood admitting their association with the DNC and contributing millions of dollars into the Sore-Loserman fund, there's one thing missing from the lives of us conservative women — attractive men!

No, unfortunately, our "type" of guys aren't typically known for their handsome good looks or boyish charm. Instead, they are the Trent Lotts, the Jerry Falwells, and the Rush Limbaughs — great to listen to, not that great to make posters of to put above our beds. While other girls had the Baldwin brothers, we had, well, the Bush brothers. They have had Robin Williams as the crackpot funnyman, we have been stuck with Pat Buchanan to keep us laughing.

But despite these setbacks, we still found them! The hottest, most eligible, honest-to-goodness men this side of the Mason-Dixon. The icing on the cake? They are all conservative beefcakes. Without further ado, let's look at our hunks:



Casper Van Dien

This gorgeous actor is now on the set of Titans. With a last name like "Van Dien"and those blue eyes he is simply-put, the cat's meow.



G. Prescott Bush

He's 24 and marriage material! As the newest partisan in the Bush clan, this "little brown" lusty latino has wooed many a Floridian with his charm.



Sean Hannity

As the sane half of the Hannity & Colmes duo on Fox News, Sean is a devout Irish Catholic as well as a radio/tv celebrity. Yes, he's married, but who can resist those dimples?

. . .avoid getting red in the face

Dating Diaries

I was supposed to meet this guy to go out on a date; I mean he wasn't even going to pick me up. From that point on, I knew the night was doomed. After looking at my watch for ten minutes hoping I was being stood up, he meandered into the room. So I was a little overdressed? We headed out to find a place to eat dinner.

On the way to dinner, we began to talk. I had nothing in common with this guy. It seemed like everything I said he had the opposite opinion. I am surprised that we even settled on a place to eat dinner. Once at the restaurant, which I didn't really care to eat at, we small talked about food service. Could it have taken any longer to get out food? Dinner seemed like an eternity.

I was happy to see the food arrive, since it meant I didn't have to talk. I insisted on paying for myself, so I wouldn't have any commitment afterwards. I made up some lame excuse and went home early. Not even offering to walk with me back, I headed in peace from the worst date ever.

When I thought the night couldn't get any better, a sweet boy called me on the phone. He knew about the date, and wanted to see how things went. I complained about how crappy he treated me and that I thought he was gay. I was not even going to try and be mature about the situation. It was his fault he was not a gentlemen.

We decided to go rent a movie and hang out at his place. I felt bad because the two guys were friends, but I was only looking out for my interest. Needless to say, he made me feel much better about the night.

I later learned that he had liked me the whole time, and was hoping that my date would go bad so he could catch me after the fall. I would usually find this incredibly obnoxious, but I have let him make up for it ever since. Besides, isn't college about having fun anyway? Until next time....

— Betty

that will make you scream . . .

Hunks!! "Thank God I'm not a Liberal!"



Mel Gibson

A loving family man in Hollywood? For many years, Mel has kept himself out of Tinseltown circles because of his personal convictions. He'll always be our Braveheart!



Steve Largent

As the 6-year House M.C. from Oklahoma, Steve is best known as the record-setting pass receiver for the Seattle Seahawks. Old enough to be our father, yes, but still hotter than ever!

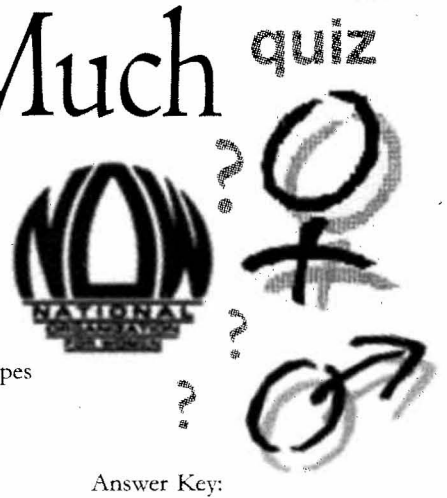


James H. Yeh

As the editor of the *Review*, Jim is a diamond in the rough. With a strict military upbringing and deeply-held beliefs, Jim is a gentleman and a scholar — with a heart of gold.

Girls Rock

Are You Too Much of a Feminist? quiz



1. Your principle on women in the workforce:
A) Equal pay for equal work
B) Power and pesos don't justify latch-key kids
C) No women past middle-management = gender-discrimmination lawsuit

2. The undoing of (wo)mankind has been:
A) Guns B) Butter C) Neither

3. It's Wednesday night and you're ready for the bar. You wear:
A) A snug sweater and a knee-length skirt, showing off some shape, not too much skin.
B) A cute top and a miniskirt, after all, women are supposed to deck themselves out.
C) A shirt and jeans, who has the patience to dress nice for men when it's under 50 degrees outside?

4. When you were young, you always wanted to grow up to have:
A) A six-figure career, and a gargantuan house full of cats to keep you company
B) A big family to love with lots of kids that you could spoil rotten
C) A loving husband and a few kids after you both secured your careers

5. You like your men:
A) Tall, dark, and handsome
B) Your-height, preppie, with a compulsion for ironing — the self-sufficient single man
C) Skinny, unemployed, and European — Momma gets the big piece of chicken!

6. Your favorite book:
A) The Feminine Mystique
B) Betty Crocker's 1001 Recipes
C) Great Expectations

7. Your hair is:
A) A shoulder-lengt h bob
B) Shaved off with a "DYKES RULE" emblem tattooed into the side of your scalp.
C) Past the middle of your back so Og can drag you around with it without having to put down the club in his other hand.

8. You are on a date with Prince Charming and the check arrives. Do you:
A) Glare at him until he lets you split it so he knows that you don't owe him any nookie.
B) Ask to split it, accept the "No, it's okay," but cover the ice cream cones after dinner.
C) Let him impress you with his generosity, charm, and financial security by treating you out, and giving him an extra kiss on the cheek for his heroic behavior.

9. Number of courses you have taken that include either the words "women" or "gender."
A) 0 B) 1-2 C) 3+

10. Your favorite genetically-spliced female celebrity would be:
:
A) Gwyneth Paltrow and Ally
B) Martha Stewart and Pam Anderson
C) Hillary Clinton and Ellen Degeneres

Answer Key:
Give yourself the following points:

1. a-1, b-0, c-2	6. a-2, b-0, c-1
2. a-2, b-0, c-1	7. a-1, b-2, c-0
3. a-1, b-0, c-2	8. a-2, b-1, c-0
4. a-2, b-0, c-1	9. a-0, b-1, c-2
5. a-0, b-1, c-2	10. a-1, b-0, c-2

14+ — Ferocious Feminist
Girlfriend, we are supposed to complement men, not try to squash them out of existence! Your anti-male vibes turn off potential beaus from coming near you and your Jaws personality. Lose the attitude, show some softness and you might find yourself happily pleased!

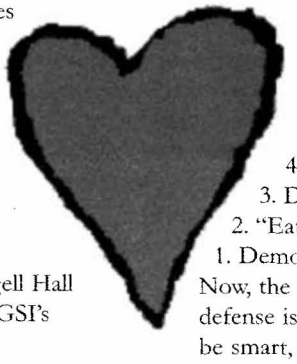
6-13 – Independent Woman
You can take very good care of yourself, but you are sensitive enough to accept the kindness of men when they offer it without tearing an ear off. Although you place yourself and your career interests as first priority, just remember that love stoops for no one!

5 or Less–Conservative Chica
Stay away NOW, because there is not even an inkling of feminist blood in your veins. You are of sound political mind and judgment, and would make a wonderful wife and mother. Pray, then, that you don't have any evil feminist girls.

dishing out the stats

Top Ten Places to Take Your Man

If you couldn't already tell, there's very few places to get any sort of privacy on campus, that is, aside from the dorm room you share with your looney-toon roommate. So if you and your beau have been looking for a place to get cozy, rest assured that the Women's Review has been working hard to pull through for you. To spice up your love life, put your feminine wiles to magic when you:



10. Enjoy a slice of heaven pie on the roof of Angell Hall
9. Study physiological reactions in any unknowing GSI's library cubicle
8. Take a "dive" in the Fish Bowl
7. Go natural in the Arb
6. Finally "get something done" on an Ugli study room table
5. "Ring the bell" in the Burton Tower
4. Get "wet" in the crazy fish fountain near the MLB.
3. Do some research on the 4th floor, S. Hatcher stacks
2. "Eat out in" the cow booth in the League Underground
1. Demonstrate your school spirit on the 'M'

Now, the good women of the Review say that the best defense is abstinence, but if you're hell-bent on action, be smart, pack some protection.

viewpoints

RU-486 Makes Abortion Easier to Swallow



Warning:
Liberal Ideas Ahead!
Proceed With Caution

by Margaret Hope Allen

The refusal of University Health Service to offer RU-486 is a travesty for female reproductive rights on this campus. Back in the sixties, U of M was one of the first universities to offer birth control pills to its students. Today, the ban on RU-486 points to a nation-wide conservative prejudice against women.

It is understandable that UHS does not offer surgical abortion, but RU-486 only requires guidance and return visits, not surgery. University Health Service may argue that patients may not return for the follow up appointments or that UHS do not have the counseling services equal to that of Planned Parenthood. But most undergraduate students do not have the means to easily get to a clinic. In addition, University students are motivated and dedicated enough to progress through the RU-486 program, and UHS should be able to attain qualified counselors from the University Hospital or from Planned Parenthood.

> When a women's sexual drug emerges that improves her sexual health, it takes 10 years to be considered for FDA testing, is not covered by insurance, and called the horrible, alien-like, and inhuman name "RU-486."

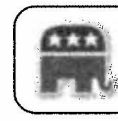
By deciding not to offer RU-486, the university has given into sexist pressure. Its action—or inaction—proves that the University's priorities are based in public opinion and alumni dollars, not the health of their students. Unarguably, RU-486 is safer than a surgical abortion; the pills preserve a woman's future fertility and reproductive health better than regular abortion.

The entire situation points to the sexism that permeates sexual health in this country. When a man's sexual drug is discovered that increases his sexual pleasure, it is immediately available within the year, passed around at parties, covered by insurance, and given the empowering name "Viagra." But when a women's sexual drug emerges that improves her sexual health, it takes 10 years to be considered for FDA testing, is not covered by insurance, and called the horrible, alien-like, and inhuman name "RU-486." Even birth control pills are not covered by the vast majority of insurance plans.



It is sexist and insulting that women (not men) are the ones spending hundreds of thousands of dollars a year at UHS for contraceptives but are unable to easily attain healthier and safer abortions there. To be fair, the UHS pharmacy does not carry Viagra either. Perhaps this is because there is little demand for impotency drugs on a college campus. Still, by not offering the abortion pills, UHS denies a safe and accessable alternative for women.

The lack of empathy towards females' sexual health is appalling. Every female student should be outraged at the unequal treatment they are receiving. Too many conservative women aim to keep the government out of their wallets while they passivly allow the men who run UHS, the University, and the government down their pants.



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Conservative Opinion -
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by Rabeh Soofi

What many "get Congress out of uterus" women and pro-choice men do not understand is the reason why conservatives oppose RU-486 as vehemently as they do partial-birth abortion.

Proponents of RU-486 and other pro-choice supporters will argue that an embryo does not have a heartbeat until the first month and that it cannot sustain itself, thereby failing to qualify as a "living being."

If a woman is keeping a child alive and letting it live off of her body, she must also have the right to end its life as well. Or so they say. But RU-486 is dangerous not because of its side-effects on women: instead, it is an unhealthy and unwelcome addition to women's health because it makes having an abortion as mundane as swallowing a vitamin.

> With RU-486, the life of an unborn child is further marginalized as an minor irritation or inconvenience to one's larger plans — a problem that can be easily dealt with and eliminated.

With RU-486, having an embryo terminated is as easy as taking a Pepto pill when your stomach is queasy. Is this what we want for ourselves and our posterity? To know that killing babies that were made in planned or spontaneous sexual acts has become so efficiently researched that it can now be done with a glass of water? As the line gets blurred even further from what constitutes a "living child" and a mere "embryo," with RU-486, women are spared even the emotional trauma and punishment of going to the hospital.

Furthermore, some might say that RU-486 offers other benefits to women. But RU-486 is hardly a drug that enhances sexual performance like Viagra. Make no mistake -- it is pill that induces abortion.

The most alarming by-product of the introduction of RU-486 is that the life of an unborn child is marginalized as an minor irritation or inconvenience to one's larger plans – a problem that can be easily dealt with and eliminated. Bottom line: abortion is abortion is abortion — no matter how it is marketed to women.

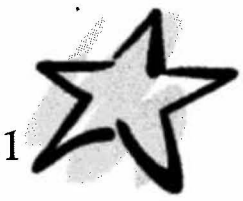


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Sagittarius
You've been indecisive between two men in your life. Guys are tricky like that. Choose the man who's not whiney and has the most evidence on his side. Lucky President: G.W. Bush.

Capricorn
You'll participate in a riot where your TV gets thrown off a balcony. Just make sure the Playstation doesn't go with it. Oh, and take a history class next semester. Lucky founding father: Sam Adams.

Aquarius
You'll have the best month of your life. You win a few thousand dollars, find God, and there will be no more toast crusties in the butter. Lucky phrase: *sic transit gloria.*

Pisces
Maybe it's because of watching too much Ricki, but you should go through with that urge to get hair extensions. They cost a lot, but what else are you going to spend money on? Next semester's illegible coursepacks from Accucopy? Lucky Shampoo: Physique.

Aries
So you're a female engineer. You're cool, really. Ninja Turtle: Donatello.

Taurus
If you can't decide on your major, time to be LSA English. It's like the "D, none of the above" choice. Lucky Professor: Richard Tillinghast.

Gemini
Have you ever ridden that roller coaster at Cedar Point? It was so big when we were younger, but now it's like, wow, that's just like the Mine Ride!! The first time my little sister rode the Gemini she cried, but after she got off she was like, "Yeah, that rocked!" Your month will be the same.

Cancer
You want to know how the next few weeks will be? Your horoscope is cancer. Enough said.

Leo
If you're not already a sorority girl, at least you can fake it. Invest in a pair of Deisel's and a Kate Spade purse and go for it. Extra points for the Tiffany's charm bracelet. And date Chi Psis. They're the coolest. Lucky number (also corresponds to the price of Parliament Lights): 3.90

Virgo
This month will be tough, with the TB test coming back positive and everything. Just remember, even Superman had his bad days. Lucky element: Kryptonite. Lucky actor: Gene Hackman.

Libra
A wise professor once said, "Venice looks very Venetian." Lucky Drama: *Law and Order.* Hey, maybe you'll learn something instead of watching *Sex in the City.* Lucky Arrest Number: the same as Jean ValJean's, it's like 6-0-something-5-1.

Scorpio
Leave the gun and take the cannoli before each exam. Hey, they're kid-tested mother approved. Lucky Trilogy: Godfather

PEACE

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of being a racist and hung out to be judged by public opinion.

A cursory examination of some of the resolutions she proposed to MSA is enough evidence to show the biased nature of the Curtin administration. The large majority of the P&J resolutions involve creating some sort of "new militant civil rights movement in defense of Affirmative Action." Each year she demands money to support her movement on campus. There is the fall Day of Action in defense of Affirmative Action, then the Martin Luther King day rally, and finally the spring Day of Action. Each one of these events requires a few thousand dollars, funded through the P & J Commission. Subsequently, Curtin spends an exorbitant amount of Commission funds on copies, and once she has run out of money ear-marked for the P&J she dips into the general fund. Let us not forget this semester's "Affirmative Action 102," which received over $5,000 from the MSA Committee Discretionary Fund and held a blatant liberal bias even before the race-blind speakers were suddenly "unable" to attend.

Just this year, the P&J proposed a resolution entitled "Resolution on the Mass Shootings of Palestinians." It tacitly placed blame on the Israelis for the Middle-east conflict, as if a MSA resolution has any weight. Nevertheless, she wasted plenty of MSA's time and effort with such a peaceful resolution. Last year, the P&J also managed to condemn the US bombings in Iraq.

Curtin's reign of liberal activist terror came to an end at the November 28th MSA meeting. As the second MSA meeting with the newly elected representatives (the first, during the week of Thanksgiving, usually has low attendance), the election of new committee chairs is the main event on the agenda.

When the nomination of P & J chair came up, the nomination of co-chairs Jessica Curtin and Rodolfo Palma-Lulion was challenged by Review Publisher and Managing Editor James Justin Wilson. During the ensuing two-minute speeches, Wilson made the point clear that P & J has become too political. Citing the fact that the Defend Affirmative Action Party (DAAP) and BAMN share the P & J office space, as well as the numerous resolutions regarding world events, Wilson advocated making the Commission more student-related. In addition, Wilson stated that his P & J Commission would be sure to consider all sides of an issue when sponsoring any activities.

"I just want to bring a little peace back to the Commission," Wilson commented. "The commission has been so focused on 'militancy' and 'justice,' coexistence and peace has been left to the wayside."

After the votes were tallied, Curtin's supporters were no doubt shocked to hear that Wilson won by the narrow margin of 21-17, even after a recount supervised by Luke Massie.

"I'm a little concerned that people voted for me just because I wasn't Curtin – kind of a protest vote," Wilson explained. "For almost four years, she's been lambasting the assembly, I mean, from what I know, she's just not that easy to work with. This vote represents to me that even if people don't agree with me, they still want little more levity in the assembly."

Not one to accept defeat easily, Curtin has made a new attempt to promote affirmative action from within MSA. At the December 2nd steering committee meeting, which decided the agenda for each MSA meeting, Curtin put forth a "Proposal to Form an Affirmative Action Task Force." Worried that Wilson would no longer support their "militant civil rights movement," the proposed task force would have almost the same power as the P & J Commission but be solely focused on affirmative action. Said Wilson, "they would get office, the clout, and the copy machine code back that they lost a week ago."

"It sets a dangerous precedent," Wilson explained, "because any MSA rep who is removed as chair by a mandate from the assembly could return the next week and get all their power back with a drummed-up resolution." Indeed, the proposal states that the AATF would be responsible for, among other things, keeping the campus informed about the progress of the two legal cases, coordinating the efforts of student groups at U of M to defend affirmative action and integration, and acting on resolutions passed by the Michigan Student Assembly that deal primarily with the defense of affirmative action.



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Luke Massie tried to hand count the ballots the liberal way, "One for Wilson, one for Curtin. Two for Wilson, one-two for Curtin..." Unlike Florida, however, Curtin didn't gain any extra votes this way.

Wilson commented that "I'm concerned about the ambiguity of the proposal in that it allows for even more abuse than possible in the Peace and Justice Commission."

As the new P & J chair, Justin Wilson has a daunting responsibility ahead of him. Not only will he face challenges from disgruntled DAAP members in MSA, but he has must strive to make the P & J Commission a voice of the students and not the activists. Furthermore, he must use P & J to advance a conservative agenda lest he risks losing legitimacy. At the same time, he can't fall into the same trap as Curtin, only in the opposite direction. If his remarks are any suggstion, he plans on seeking a middle ground – peacefully. Fortunately Wilson is up to the task, and the student body will surely benefit from the new era of tolerance he plans on implementing.MR

Worst of Winter

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ACABS 412. Akkadian Texts. Section 001 – Topic?

"Introduction to the Semitic language of ancient Babylonia and to the cuneiform writing system. The first term (411) concentrates on a presentation of basic grammar, and the second term (412) on the reading of several ancient texts in cuneiform. Grammatical lectures, student recitation, homework assignments. Weekly quizzes, midterm, and final examination."

At least there still are non-academics around that know Ojibwa, but Akkadian? Good luck trying to justify taking this course to your parents if you're not a ACABS major.

RCSSCI 381. Unteaching Racism. Section 001.

"How do children learn to accept a certain level of racism as "normal," even in the most progressive communities? How can we convince skeptics that racism continues to flourish on campus, in schools, and in the media? How can we develop new materials, methods, and forms of education that include more cultural styles and perspectives than the dominant Eurocentric model? How can white students and students of color become allies by un-teaching racism in our schools and communities?

This is a community service learning course with a twist. Instead of linking readings and discussion with work in impoverished communities of color, students of all backgrounds and cultures will work in predominantly white, middle class communities to educate themselves and others about "normal," everyday racist practices. Students can intern in community organizations devoted to multiculturalism and anti-racist teaching, they can learn to be intergroup relations facilitators, or conduct research on campus of "normal, ordinary" racist practices in classrooms, dormitories, campus police services, and so on. They might make a video to play on community access television, get involved in Peacekeeper Training for future KKK rallies in Ann Arbor, or create training materials for other community service learning courses or Alternative Spring Break activities.

Readings and discussion will cover such topics as definitions of racism and prejudice, white privilege, institutional racism, teaching and learning styles encouraged by different cultures, John Ogbu's concept of voluntary and involuntary minorities, the psychology of stigma and its effect on children, racial identity development theory, and how race consciousness and its associated taboos are taught, sometimes unwittingly, in U.S. society. Students will be encouraged to develop their own ideas and understandings about this perplexing and sensitive topic rather than adopting a particular political stance toward it. All that is required is a willingness to see from the various points of view of those most affected by the problem, and a desire for greater justice and equality."

Yes, we can all see the "flourishing of racism" all around us. I can remember fondly the class I took in my junior year in high school on why we should look down on people that look different than us. What a bunch of crap. MR

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Flynn, the Executive Director of Accuracy in Academia, said that the idea of the conference was to bring original ideals back to the universities; rather than the "search for truth," the universities have become more concerned with "diversity." According to Flynn, the liberals' idea of "diversity" is a group of people who "look like the U.N. but think like a San Francisco coffee house."

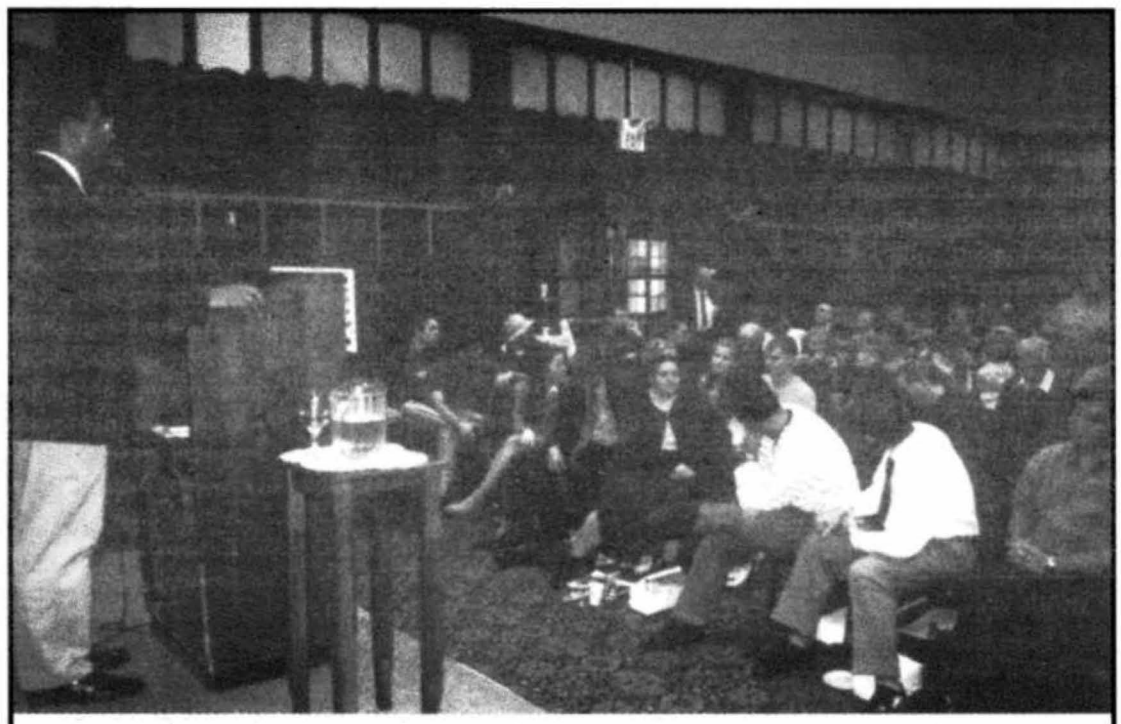
Offering evidence to prove the so-called "diversity" of the Left, Flynn noted a study that reported the ratio of liberal to conservative professors at a number of major universities: a ratio of 10:1 at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 25:1 at Cornell University, 25:1 at Dartmouth University, and a whopping 31:1 at the University of Colorado at Boulder. This conference, however, said Flynn represents "intellectual diversity."

Featured speakers at the conference included Joe Sobran, Thomas Bertonneau, Carl Cohen, William Allen, Dan Flynn, Richard Zeller, and crowd favorite Dinesh D'Souza. The list of speakers was designed to offer opposing viewpoints to those so oft purported as the "correct" viewpoint by university professors and administrators. Accuracy in Academia contends that "academic freedom is threatened by a progressive ideological orthodoxy, pervasive in the intellectual community, which degrades professional standards in teaching and scholarship and inhibits free speech and research that contradict 'politically correct' views."

None of this could be truer. At least not to former Bowling Green State University (BGSU) Sociology professor Richard Zeller, who after ten years of fighting with the BGSU administration finally "retired in protest." Dr. Zeller had hoped to teach a class on "political correctness" and the Left's censorship of speech that was not consistent with this principle. Books that were to be covered in the course reading list included Dinesh D'Souza's Illiberal Education and Robert Bork's Slouching Towards Gomorrah among others. Ironically, however, Dr. Zeller's request was denied repeatedly; and this was from the very administration which claimed not to prohibit free speech or practice censorship of Right-leaning ideas.

In his speech "I Have a Dream: A Personal History of Civil Rights," Dr. Zeller echoed the sentiments not only of the other speakers, but also of the audience in attendance. Having grown-up in a multicultural environment, Dr. Zeller, the son of a preacher, was disappointed to learn that bigotry and intolerance still existed both in today's society, and more so, on today's campuses. Growing up, Dr. Zeller was accommodated to a diversity of opinions and a diversity of race; today, Dr. Zeller is a retired professor, a man tired of university double-speak.

Yet, while Dr. Zeller was disappointed with the Left, there were other speakers who were equally disappointed with some of those on the Right. This conference was, after all, a true diversity of ideas. Lifetime liberal and University of Michigan professor Carl Cohen spoke on racial preferences and professed that such policies are "unjust and unwise." Dr. Cohen made clear that his attack was not on affirmative action policies, which were implemented to help end racial discrimination, but on racial preferences, the ideas of which run contrary to affirmative action.



Uh oh, the Creature from the Liberal Lagoon arises, and it seems as if she likes very much the sound of her own voice!

In explaining the problem of racial preferences, Dr. Cohen opined that if you "give preferences by race . . . you will create hostility by race." He also went further to explain that these policies are detrimental not only to the minority groups they are intended to benefit—in the form of decreased expectations and disincentives—but are also bad for the institutions that employ them, and "in the context of the society as a whole." Dr. Cohen was recently featured on a 60 Minutes broadcast showcasing the evils of the University's admissions policies, and he believes firmly that "whites as a group do not have rights . . . blacks as a group do not have rights . . . individuals have rights."

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Also speaking on the issue of "rights," the Friday night feature was Joe Sobran, former senior editor of the bi-weekly publication National Review and former (although he still likes to think that the race is not over) Vice Presidential candidate for the Constitution Party. Mr. Sobran covered issues ranging from one end of the political spectrum to the other. Dealing with the current debacle in Florida and this year's electoral process in general, Mr. Sobran remarked that this country is "amazingly divided" and that we will "never see anything like this again." For example, Mr. Sobran commented on the senatorial race in Missouri between Republican John Ashcroft and the late Democrat Mel Carnahan. Even though Carnahan died before the race was over, it was not surprising that he won the election anyway. After all, as Mr. Sobran noted, "the Democrats have a long history of recruiting dead voters."

On another subject of note, Mr. Sobran expressed his belief that education in this country has been "subject to inflation." "High schools used to teach Greek and Latin . . . now, they teach remedial English—in college." However, the most substantial portion of the night was spent expressing his belief in the Constitution, and how the liberals treat it as if it were a toy or an experiment. Although Mr. Sobran believes that "no plan is foolproof," he does believe that the Constitution is a "work of art." He subsequently called for a "second chance" and a "Renaissance of Constitutional law in this country."

And while Mr. Sobran was calling for a revamping of current Constitutional policy, Dr. Thomas Bertonneau was calling for the re-examination of "ethnicity." In his speech "The Jargon of Mock Ethnicity: Multiculturalism and the Dumbing Down of Education," Dr. Bertonneau joked lightly with the crowd as he analogized the current state of higher education to what he called "Backwater State University," or BSU. Similarly, Dr. William Allen, a professor of Political Science at Michigan State University, commented that today's students are not yet ready for a truly "liberal education," only for a "general education." Education, according to Dr. Allen is about preparing students to be "human beings," and that, moreover, it is the "laborious acquisition" of what which was "previously unknown."

However, as was noted earlier in the conference, the education system that is currently in place does not allow for such a discovery; rather, it only allows for the discovery of ideas that are commensurate with the ideas of the academic Left. Here, though, is where Dr. Allen's message became clear; after claiming that today's students are no longer inspired to receive the "highest degree of education," the implication becomes evident: if students want to achieve the "highest level of education," they must be willing to discover that on their own, thereby not relying on the academic status quo.

Furthermore, claimed Dr. Allen, the two competing political philosophies are not far off in their goal, "diversity," but only in the way in which to achieve that "diversity." Those on the Left argue for cultural studies programs and the disenfranchisement of students wishing to study Western culture. Dr. Allen, however, believes that the study of Western culture is the "true, original multiculturalism."

Later, Dan Flynn gave a profound and compelling case against the release and defense of convicted cop-killer Mumia Abu-Jamal. Citing both forensic and

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logical evidence, Mr. Flynn explained the process of how Abu-Jamal has become a "campus icon," and how he has conned millions of people around the world, including rock stars Rage Against the Machine and various movie stars (read: political hacks). Noting the widespread acceptance of basic lies and misinformation, Mr. Flynn examined how the Left and people "enamored" with the life of "perpetual protest" have come to rally behind Abu-Jamal despite "a wealth of evidence against him." Evidence including five eyewitness accounts and ballistics tests. Despite all this, however, Abu-Jamal has been permitted to be published in various publications (Yale Law Review), and has given commencement speeches at several colleges and universities (Antioch College).

But here at the University of Michigan, for the first time in decades and possibly for decades to come, a smattering of conservative ideas came to denounce the lies of the Left and to promote the ideas of the Right. And featured among all the speakers was former Reagan White House domestic policy analyst and New York Times best-selling author Dinesh D'Souza. Mr. D'Souza, an Indian immigrant, entertained the crowd with his Reagan stories, quick witticisms at the shouts coming from the poor showing of campus Leftists, and projections for the future of America.

When asked to describe what he thought was the biggest myth of the Left, Mr. D'Souza responded that he "[felt] like a mosquito in a nudist colony . . . I don't know where to start." From jabs at the "Reverend" Jesse Jackson to his profession that, simply, "America works," Mr. D'Souza made light the very topics that have been at the center of academic controversy for years. Just because people hit the finish line at different times, doesn't necessarily mean that they started at different positions, Mr. D'Souza "generalized."

Ending the conference to a standing ovation, Mr. D'Souza remarked that usually when people stand during one of his speeches at a left-wing campus, he is forced to "run for the door." Luckily though, that was not the case. And it could not have been a more perfect ending to a more perfect conference than that.**MR**

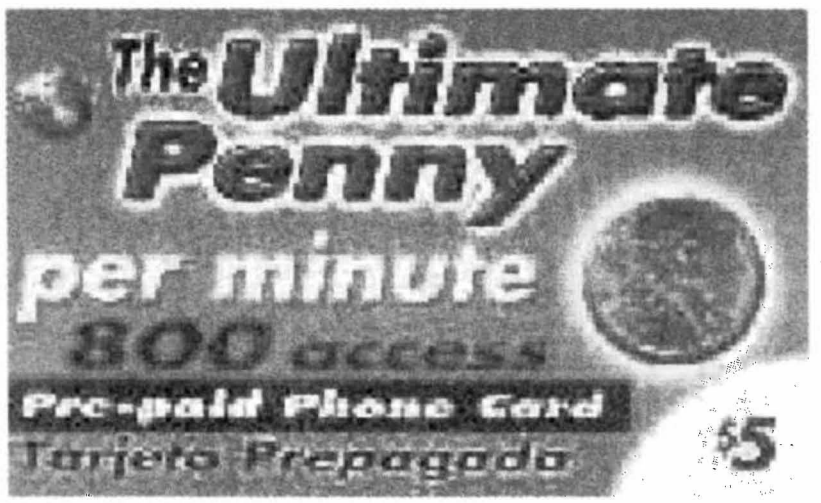
We at the Michigan Review would like to thank sincerely Accuracy in Academia for the wonderful job it did in bringing to the University of Michigan a group of speakers that many thought would be impossible. Of course, we send a special thanks to Dan Flynn, Eric Langborgh, and Sara Russo. Your work made it possible for us, and the one hundred plus people who attended the conference, to enjoy ourselves to the fullest. Thank you.

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Offspring:It's all a Conspiracy

By Ruben Duran

ON NOVEMBER 14, Orange County thrasher-punk band, The Offspring, released their newest album, *Conspiracy of One*. While this may not seem like a feat in and of itself, some of the background must be understood. Back in October, the band announced that it would release the entire album in MP3 format on the file-sharing community Napster. The band was to release the downloadable album about a month earlier than its hard copy counterpart. As the date neared, however, the record label stepped in to intervene. The band, vocal proponents of Napster and file-sharing, were threatened with a lawsuit from their label, Columbia. Columbia happens to be an employee of Sony, the lead plaintiff in the anti-Napster litigation. Instead of risking great financial loss, the band opted instead to release the first single, "Original Prankster." To further their outreach to fans, the band offered up $1 million of their own money in a drawing for fans who downloaded their single. The band would announce the finalists when the video for "Original Prankster" was released on MTV's *Total Request Live*. These finalists were then pitted against each other in an Offspring-based quiz game. The winner received the million-dollar prize.

The Conspiracy of One

Colombia

The album is a good reflection of The Offspring's punk roots. Coming off the hype and high of the chart-topping *Americana* of 1998, the band decided to return from the trendy tidbits of the triple-platinum to the hardcore riffs they are known for. While "Original Prankster" is popular amongst the masses, longtime fans will find solace from the trendy-ness of *TRL* watchers in old skool bashes such as "Come Out Swinging," "Special Delivery" and "One Fine Day." True followers of the band will recognize the dedication song, "Million Miles Away." And there is even something here for the Blink-like pop punk teeny-boppers; "Want You Bad" combines a fast-paced three-chord guitar with popping drums beats.

The album as a whole is of very good quality. Under the supervision of longtime Offspring producer Brendan O'Brian, the music is clear and edited well. The songs themselves are very reflective of the band's "Be yourself, don't let society rule you" mantra. The raging, guns a' blazing introductory song, "Come Out Swinging," invites listeners to "Come Out Swinging/ Out on your own." The album then moves through the theme of taking the world on single-handedly, without the help of anyone. The album is summarized in the breakup song, "Vultures," and concluded by the highly-charged title track, which discusses self-imposed destruction.

The Offspring are presently promoting their new album through a smallish nationwide tour. On Friday, December 3rd, they played in Detroit's Cobo Arena. To a mostly-filled auditorium, they were proceeded by pop-punk band MXPX, and rappers-turned-rockers Cypress Hill.

MXPX was highly active, often inviting the crowd to "get crazy." They played a short 45-minute set, concluding with their recent hit, "Responsibility." While this band has found its niche among hard-core punk fans, they're having trouble gaining acceptance by the general public. Not wanting the be branded (as all successful punk bands do) as sellouts, they have kept themselves on the down-low for some time, and are just recently making the national spotlight.

Cypress Hill opened powerfully with hits "You can't Get the Best of Me" and "A Man." Backed up by the guitarists and drummer formerly of metal band Fear Factory, the crew of crazy pseudo-rappers enticed the crowd into becoming one large mosh pit. After taking a hits off a 4-foot bong, they then jammed out to rock covers of their own hits, "Hand on the Pump" and "Cock the Hammer." They concluded with favorites "Insane in the Brain" and "Rock Superstar." The Hispanic/African-American duo worked its magic in pumping up the crowd, and preparing them for the crème-de-crème, The Offspring.

After an exceedingly long wait, The Offspring stormed onto the stage, opening up with the non-radio hit, "Bad Habit," off their first big album, *Smash*. The boys didn't let up, going straight through to the mean riffs of "All I Want." Peppering the interludes between songs, frontman Bryan "Dexter" Holland encouraged the audience to "get it up," and even dropped old skool lines like "rad." They stuck to their guns, playing a smattering of old skool favorites (even going so far back to play "Session" off their little-known second album, *Ignition*), as well as well- and not-so-well known songs from *Americana*. Halfway through the hour-and-a-half long set, the band put down their guitars to celebrate "Intermission," where an exceedingly fat man came out wearing nothing but a cape and a speedo, and entertained the crowd. The fun didn't stop there, as the band then broke out into new songs off their latest album, including the crowd-pleaser, "Dammit, I Changed Again." The regular set was concluded with the ultra-popular "Self Esteem." The band then feinted completion, and came back for a triple encore, including the 8-minute long "Pay the Man," the chart-topper "Pretty Fly (for a White Guy)," and the new pop-punk song, "Want You Bad."

The Offspring definitely succeeded in bringing to Detroit a quality punk rock show. New fans got their bandwagon earful, and true longtime fans were able to sing along with all the good oldies. The only complaint would be that not enough songs off their cult hit album, *Ixnay on The Hombre* were played. Overall, the show was a hit. 9/10MR

Manson Takes Disposable Teens out to Detroit

By Louis Helm

GUNS, GOD AND Government: The three main subjects covered in Marilyn Manson's latest album *Holy Wood*. Manson, a Bush supporter (*Talk* Nov '00), continues his violent struggle against the status quo with 19 new rock anthems including singles like "Disposable Teens" and "The Fight Song." After two years of studio silence, aside from one-song soundtrack gigs, Manson is producing a full-length LP. He is currently performing his Guns, God and Government tour to promote the new album.

Holy Wood

Interscope



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Manson greeting the State Theatre.

One stop on the tour was Detroit's State Theater, where Marilyn Manson provided his signature mix of showmanship and angst. An awing visual spectacle, Manson was preaching to to a choir of 2,200 devout fans in attendance at the sold out show Tuesday night. His stage props included intricate backdrops such as aborted children, crucifixes of guns, and burning upside-down flags. His dress throughout the night consisted of tight leather britches, towering pedestals, and bright red and white face paint. The gospel included hits from all four previous albums, such as "Lunchbox", "Sweet Dreams", "Tourniquet" and "Dope Show." Manson's world tour is scheduled to conclude in Russia in February 2001.

In addition to his tour, Marilyn Manson is planning a *Holy Wood* movie and a *Holy Wood* novel. According to his website, the movie is "a parable about man's desire to destroy himself in a world where violence is a religion." The novel, which he has been writing since 1995 relates the message of Manson's last three albums. Fans can look for the movie and then the novel some time early next year. MR

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STOP ME IF YOU'VE HEARD THIS ONE

Stop Talking, Guípe Has Something To Say

IT WAS SATURDAY NIGHT. My roommate El Rojo Grande and I had just completed a riveting session of logic games conveniently located on the official website of the Mensa society when we began to get a little hungry. Seeing an opportunity to go out on the town and interact with actual people, the two of us hopped into my 1988 Plymouth Reliant and headed down to everyone's favorite hangout, Good Time Charlie's. Upon being seated, we ordered our food and ale and then began to stare blankly into space. It was at this moment that my red furred companion made an interesting observation.



El Señor Guípe

"Talking sucks!" he said while throwing a bottle of mustard across the room. As I wiped condiment from my jacket, I realized that Rojo had a point there. Talking does indeed suck. Neither of us see much point to it. For example, I am generally compatible with people who are extremely talkative. My companion will chatter away about this and that while my brain is deep at work concentrating on more important things, like whether or not that girl across the room is wearing a bra.

The point is, I like talkative people. Rojo, however, does not. Moreover, the fact that some people always seem to have something to talk about is both confusing and disturbing to my sidekick. So, in order to quell his and your fears, I will explain this vocal disparity in a way that only someone as smart as El Señor Guípe can.

The year is 1,000,000 B.C. Man is still in the midst of evolving from his more primitive ancestors, such as Homo Erectus, Neanderthals, and dragons. As we all know, the members of the species who successfully passed on their genes were those that survived long enough to get laid. Naturally, early humans that learned to communicate with one another had a much better chance of survival than those who could not. They would ask their peers ever-important questions such as "Where's the food?" and "Could you direct me to the bathroom?" Therefore, it should be reasoned that communicating with one another became a necessity, the tendency reflected in all of our genes.

Still, while this explains why we humans are inclined to attempt to communicate when we need something, it doesn't lead to the conclusion that we should be tempted to engage in constant acts of communication. It appears that biological evolution only explains why humans talk to one another when necessary for survival. Why then do we modern homo sapiens speak on so many other occasions? The answer lies in the concept of social evolution.

Let's fast forward to the year 1500 B.C. With our society structured in a way that allows your average Joe to feel pretty confident about survival (a system of laws, no more saber toothed tigers, etc.), our commoners find themselves with quite a bit of time on their hands with which they have nothing to do. Naturally, man's primeval laziness works with his mind to find a remedy for such boredom: talking. Think about it, talking is an act that requires little physical, mental, or emotional strain. All one has to do is open his or her mouth and, voila, words come out! Talking is soon transformed into not just a means of survival, but a form of entertainment

Of course, this was not the social norm in every segment of society. Notably immune from this crude abuse of language was the aristocracy. Throughout history, the sophisticates have been far more reserved, with gossip and random babbling being considered uncouth and impolite. Moreover, these nobles had the wealth to find entertainment from sources other than mere words.

The logical conclusion of all of this now becomes clear. It is obvious that the large amount of blue blood in the veins of Rojo and I render us incapable of being extremely talkative. Our ancestry in the ancient aristocracy of days past has given us both a superior intellect and a reserved tongue, making us, in every way, shape, and form, better than all of you.

And on that note, I'd like to extend an invitation to all girls, blue blood or otherwise, who would like to talk about this or other various topics (note the irony). Rojo and I would love to meet you over coffee. Or if you don't like Rojo, you can just spend some quality time with me. I have more royal blood in my finger than he has in his whole cuerpo rojo. Send responses to dguipe@umich.edu. I would wish you all a Merry Christmas, but that would be a waste of words, don't you think?MR

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