

Anatomy of a Scandal

How One Man Brought Down the Wolverine Party



Matthew Schwartz / Review

LSA freshman Jessica Cash, who would have been sworn in as an MSA rep at the March 28 meeting, could do nothing but watch.

BY JACOB F.M. OSLICK

I THINK THE ELECTION Board had a gross misinterpretation of the election code" commented Wolverine Party (WP) defense counsel Jeff Omtvedt, shortly after the Central Student Judiciary (CSJ) voted to disqualify WP candidates for Michigan Student Assembly (MSA) President, Vice-President, and MSA Representative spots from the schools of LSA and Kinesiology.

This was "the most clear-cut case of violating the code ever," counters Election Board Director Alok Agrawal, as the Wolverine Party exhibited "total disregard for the rules of the election."

So say the two sides to this dispute, the greatest scandal to rock MSA politics in recent memory. But what actually happened election night? And what should have been done? To answer these questions, one

must delve deeper than the sound bite, and consider all the evidence involved.

The story begins on election night between 1:00 and 4:00 a.m., on the floors four and six of the Markley Residence Hall. As recorded in formal complaints submitted to the election board, a man fitting the description of WP Chair Chip Englander went door-to-door trying to secure votes for his party. He knocked on doors and presented himself as a supporter, but not candidate of the party. After being let in to peoples' rooms, he went to the election web page and asked students to enter their usernames and passwords.

According to one report, "I wasn't watching what he did after that, but basically, I turned around and he had the entire ballot filled out for a certain party. I looked at him like he was crazy." In another report, the man "very quickly, because I think he had been doing it all night, clicked all of the Wolverine Party candidates. ... I never gave him permission, but he submitted my vote anyway."

Mr. Agrawal felt that if accurate, these

reports violated sections 41.62, 41.64, and 41.68 of the Election Code (see side-bar) which prevent people from interfering with an election and campaigning within 50 feet of a polling site.

During this time, Wolverine Party documents state, Mr. Englander was scheduled to campaign on the Diag, as part of the Wolverine Party's "24 Campaign for a 24 hour campus." One WP candidate, Ryan Gregg, claims to have seen Mr. Englander "at least every 20 minutes or so" as he passed by the Diag while chalking for the party.

However, in an 11-page brief submitted to the CSJ, the Wolverine Party never formally denies the allegations. In the words of Mr. Omtvedt, "I don't know what Chip did, I only know what he was accused of." Instead of denying the charges, the WP defended itself by arguing, as co-defense counsel Joe Bernstein states, that "Chip was acting alone. No other candidate knew what he was doing." Mr. Englander himself

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Pro-Life Speaker Urges Women to Make Informed Choices

BY JAMES YEH

IT'S BEEN OVER TWENTY-FIVE years since the *Roe vs. Wade* decision that legalized abortion in this country, but the debate still wages today. The two sides wage a war of words and ideals, mainly between the right to life vs. the right to choose. Both sides are pitching their side to people young and old. The right to life side fired off a salvo last week when the U-M Students for Life, with the Clare Booth Luce Public Policy Institute and the Problem Pregnancy Help Center, invited pro-life speaker Carmen Pate to speak March 20 in the Kuenzel room in the

Union.

Ms. Pate wasn't the usual pro-life speaker. She didn't pull out any charts, pictures of aborted babies or ramble on and on about what happens at each week of a woman's pregnancy as most pro-life speakers do. Rather, she spoke about an often ignored part of the pro-life movement, one that stays out of the newspapers and off the airwaves. As a post-abortive woman, she spoke about how she felt her decision was misinformed; the institution of Motherhood; of the connection between a mother and her child; and how abortion, worst of all, deprives women the right to have a

relationship with their child.

Ms. Pate spent much of the time talking about her own personal abortion experiences, having gone through two of them in a single year. She mentioned how she cared more for herself and her career rather than the child that she was carrying. She recalled that when she went for her abortions, the nurses treated the women like cattle, herding them from room to room, telling them the benefits of the abortion, but never ever covering the possible negative effects. She especially took notice that despite the claim that an

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Ms. Pate speaks about her experiences as a woman who had two abortions.

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SERPENT'S TOOTH

Serpent's Tooth of the Week

The Wolverine Party claims to have 1,000 signatures supporting their cause. The question is, how many are from people other than Rory?

The Atlanta Braves and the Cleveland Indians are reported to be setting up a multiplayer trade, which may include reliever John Rocker. Well, if this trade does work out, maybe Rocker should consider switching sports and trying out for the Washington Redskins to complete his Playing For Teams with Really Offensive Indian Names trifecta.

English 317, the new controversial "How to be gay" course for next semester comes with a mysterious lab fee of \$35. When asked about the lab fee, instructor Professor David Halperin replied by saying "Well, the lab fee would've been much higher, somewhere around three or four hundred dollars, but that Barbra Streisand concert we were planning on going on going to in Detroit was canceled."

Recently *Serpent's Tooth* spies discovered the planned final exam for the "How to be Gay" course. Here are some of the questions:

1. Who was the lead singer of Queen?
2. Why should you never wear skin-colored pantyhose with red heels?
3. Better performer: Barbra Streisand or Liza Minelli?
4. Which of the following is an appropriate profession? A. Hairdresser B. Football Quarterback C. Congressman from Massachusetts D. Ambassador to

Luxembourg

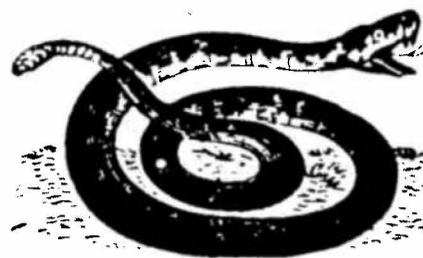
The final exam will also include a diagram of the male form, where students will have to select an area to place an "insert here" sticker.

Free with every coursepack will be a jar of petroleum jelly, a home HIV-testing kit, and directions to Lee Bollinger's salon.

We here at *Serpent's Tooth* read Jeffrey Kosseff latest column on the proper manners college students should observe with particular irony. Surely Mr. Kosseff, who claims to preach all forms of affirmative-action diversity, is aware that mannerisms vary greatly from culture to culture. In certain Middle Eastern cultures, for example, crossing your legs to reveal the heel of your foot is considered a grave insult. Conversely, belching after a meal shows appreciation to your host. Some reports suggest that spitting, which Mr. Kosseff derides as one of the "most primitive forms of behavior" is actually a cultural norm in parts of Hong Kong. If affirmative action isn't about learning and interacting with other cultures, what exactly is the point, Mr. White Liberal Guilt 2000?

In light of the recent "protest" in which members of the Graduate Action Alliance (a.k.a. Graduate Students with Too Much Time on Their Hands) checked out approximately 3,000 books from the UGLI to protest the University's handling of the Michigamua affair, we here at *Serpent's Tooth* would like to suggest other forms of worthless protest:

— Go to all the McDonalds and Burger Kings on campus, walk up to patrons, and push in all their button on



the lid of their soft drink, so those racist bastards won't know if they're drinking regular, diet, root beer or Dr. Pepper.

— Go to the child psychology center in East Hall and break all the black, brown and red crayons.

— Find job in restaurant business. Go to bathroom. Return to work without washing hands.

— Go to all the dorms, go to their bathrooms, lock yourself into a stall, and then crawl out.

— If you're in a women's room, then lift all the toilet seats up in all the stalls.

— Go see a movie at the movie theater. Be sure to sit right in the middle row and put on really big hats.

Big Chief Joe Reilly and other assorted SCC head honchos recently aired their grievances over everyone's favorite equal opportunity offender, the *Every Three Weekly*. At a meeting of the University Activities Center, which funds the rogue newsletter, Reilly and Co. protested a satirical article that reported the SCC turning Michigamua's office into the "Big Chief Win'um's Casino." We at the *Review* formally challenge the *Delay*-wannabe to an "angry letter" contest! (Note: We have been offending people since 1982, and whereas your readership *may* be expanding, *we* offend a higher percentage of our readers. BE FOREWARNED.)

A Bit Off by Tom Lucier & Jason Sheardown



FROM THE EDITOR

As the editor of a conservative paper at a school overrun with dirty liberals, it's been a guilty pleasure reading the *Michigan Daily* every day either online or at meals. It's always interesting to ponder how people can actually be *that* liberal and still have the gall to say that they report news objectively.

We, on the other hand, make no claims about objectivity.

So it is my distinct pleasure — nay, duty — to bring you our annual "tribute" to our misguided colleagues at 420 Maynard, the *Michigan Delay*. Our editors had a blast writing it, and I'm sure you'll love reading it. Mind you, if you find yourself thinking "Hey, this reads almost like the *Every Three Weekly*," keep in mind that the *Delay* came before the *E3W*, and the *E3W* was indeed founded by two former *Review* staffers. But while they present their brand of funny to you every three weeks (give or take a month), we only present the *Delay* once a year. This makes it extra special, for we pack an entire year's worth of *Daily* spoofing on every page.

I hope you all like it — and that includes our buddies at the *Daily*. You know, one day, they'll have to get real jobs in the real world and pay real taxes, and then they'll realize just how stupid being a liberal truly is.

Again, enjoy!

—M. Scott Schwartz

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Most Athletic Scholarships Unnecessary

I WAS WONDERING HOW THE "tradition" of athletic scholarships began because if you ask me, for the most part, athletic scholarships shouldn't exist. Scholarships should be for scholars, and athletics has nothing to do with being a scholar.

I can understand why the U offers football, men's basketball and hockey scholarships seeing as though people care

enough to go watch those sports and pay to see them and thus indirectly pay for those students to come to school here for free. However, I don't see why the U offers scholarships for any other sport. Are athletics a viable career? No. So why should so many athletes get to come to school for free because they are good at what becomes a useless activity upon graduation?

Say all you want about being part of

a team and the experiences, but I learn to work with a team when I have a semester-long project to do so what's the difference?

This is a University because you come here to learn. Alumni and fans want to have good football, men's basketball and hockey teams to root for, so they don't mind paying for the best athletes. Few care about women's basketball — that's why you saw one or two articles on them making it to

the NCAA's and you get a full page when the Men's team loses by 51.

I have no problem with athletes or athletics and I certainly don't have a problem with the women's basketball team (they rock). I just have a problem with paying \$14,000 a year to go to school while people who are good at a sport no one cares about that get to come to school for free.

— Adam Wilson, Eng. Sophomore

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Election Board Went Too Far *CSJ should consider alternatives*

THIS PAPER VIEWS THE MOST RECENT MSA SCANDAL WITH A heavy, conflicted heart. For years, these pages have argued for strict enforcement of campaign laws. Without severe penalties for breaking rules, candidates would feel free to violate MSA regulations with impunity — disadvantaging their more honest competitors. At the same time, it strikes us as slightly perverse to disqualify a dozen Wolverine Party candidates based on the limited misdeeds of a solitary party campaigner, an action totally without precedent. With another Central Student Judiciary (CSJ) appeal pending, we ask that a balance be struck between justice and mercy. Although we demur from recommending a specific punishment, we offer as suggestions a limited re-voting period (*a la* last year's 77 fraudulent Blue Party votes) or the disqualification of one or two candidates, or perhaps a combination of both.

Although arguing for a reduced sentence, we do not uniformly accept the Wolverine Party's claim of Election Board bias. We find any such accusations against Election Board Director Alok Agrawal totally laughable, especially considering his personal politics — which places him much closer to the Wolverine Party line. Similarly, Wolverine Party claims that certain Board members, such as Peter Handler and Jen Seamen, stand to directly profit from a Blue Party victory make no sense; they are leaving the Assembly,

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graduating into the dreaded “real world.” At the same time, we do find it ethically questionable when the vast preponderance of the Election Board has close, personal ties with the Blue Party leadership.

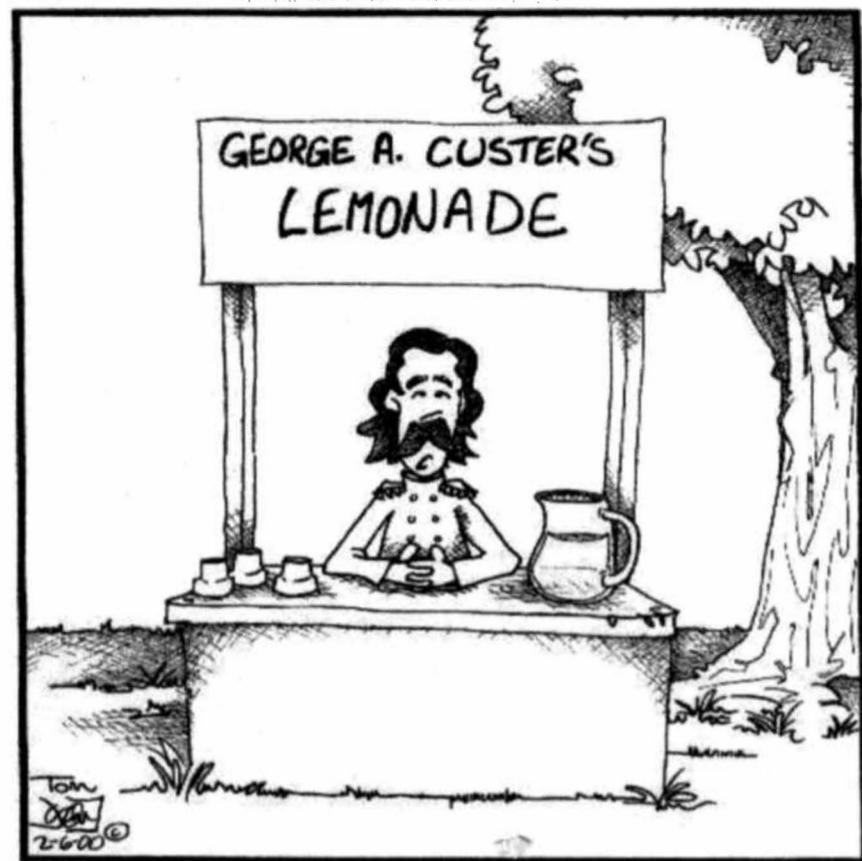
Rather than attacking alleged “bias” our request for leniency stems from another source — a recognition that this is, after all, a student government designed to instruct on the fundamental principals of democracy. In the “real world” candidates do not get summarily disqualified when low-level subordinates break rules on their behalf. Indeed, as Vice-President Gore's famous fund-raising visit to the Buddhist Temple recalls, even blatant violations by candidates themselves do not lead to them being thrown out of the race. Instead, only the perpetrators themselves suffer, through monetary fines, prison sentences etc. While this parallel cannot hold exactly to a student government election, perhaps the Election Board could have similarly punished the guilty Chip Englander, perhaps banning him from MSA politics.

In the “real world” election observers reserve disqualification for only the most heinous, widespread crimes that directly affect the outcome of the election. Any suggestion that Mr. Englander's activities qualify under this formula is equally laughable as the aforementioned allegations of Mr. Agrawal's bias. At most, Mr. Englander affected fifteen students. Yet some Wolverine Party candidates such as Doug Tietz and Jessica Cash won thousands more votes than needed for election. Thus, perhaps a reasonable compromise would be a partial disqualification — eliminating the Wolverine Party candidates just above the required threshold for election (who theoretically might owe their seats partially to Mr. Englander's violations), while permitting landslide victors such as Mr. Tietz and Ms. Cash to take their seats.

While this alternative might seem light, any disqualifications would still send a powerful message to future MSA candidates: observe election laws or else. Plus, it would serve as an “intermediate” step towards total enforcement, from the Election Board's previous *laissez faire* attitude. In doing so, this suggestion would alleviate Wolverine Party claims of a biased Election Board grossly overstepping its bounds and established precedent.

It would also teach another important lesson in democracy: votes and voters count. The reason “real” elections do not get overturned for minor violations is obvious: such an action disqualifies not only the candidate, but the thousands of voters who supported them, who see their votes and opinions thrown out by an election board's whim. Considering these two alternatives — slightly lackluster enforcement or a total interruption of the democratic process — we favor the first. We find this especially true when MSA derives any power it might have from the legitimacy the elections give it as the “voice” of the students. As it stands now, the Assembly will more reflect the voice of the Election Board and CSJ, and the silencing of an entire third of the electorate. MR

A Bit Off by Tom Lucier & Jason Sheardown



Unknown to many, Custer's first stand was as unsuccessful as his last.

Court OK's Mandatory Fees *Vague decision raises more questions than answers*

THE RECENT U.S. SUPREME COURT, *SOUTHWORTH VS. THE BOARD* of Regents of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, was greeted nationwide by conservatives and libertarians with a sigh of great disappointment. For years, right-of-center students have agonized where their money goes via mandatory student fees. The Southworth case — and two lower court decisions abolishing fees — brought a ray of hope, now dashed, for a constitutional intervention. But the Southworth case did accomplish one useful, if confusing, precedent: Universities must now administer student fees on a “viewpoint neutral” basis.

Under that formula, the Court eliminated the most noxious of the three methods used by student groups at Wisconsin to receive funding — direct referendum. Before the Court's ruling, any student group could be funded or defunded according to the simple whim of 50.1% of the student body. In practice this provided a way to steer mandatory fees towards popular causes, while financially censoring students with dissident views. On other campuses the same type of phenomenon has often reared its ugly head — such as the nasty tendency of student governments to de-fund student newspapers they dislike (one reason the *Michigan Review* has never sought MSA money). The Court ruling should effectively end this behavior.

Still, by legally formalizing the “viewpoint neutral” concept, the Court likely will create confusion. How exactly should one define viewpoint neutrality? Must opposing student groups (i.e. Students for Life and Students for Choice) now receive equivalent allocations? While this might seem innately logical and fair at first, consider its implications. For example, one could argue that the Bahai club and the Campus Crusade for Christ provide starkly different religious views, and thus, under “viewpoint neutrality” deserve equal allocations. At the same time, no one would question that religious Christians vastly outnumber Bahai on campus. Yet, if the University interprets “viewpoint neutrality” through a per-student formula, it would financially reinforce the majority view — squelching the chances for unpopular causes to win support. Similarly, how should Universities apply the “viewpoint neutral” concept across activities. If MSA gave SOLE more money than the Environmental Action network, would it be favoring the cause of sweatshop labor over environmental justice, and thus violate “viewpoint neutrality?”

We therefore suggest an alternative form of “viewpoint neutrality” — the free-market. Student groups should subsidize themselves or seek donations from sympathetic alumni and national organizations, rather than leeching off the public dole. In this way, not only is “viewpoint neutrality” maintained, but unpopular groups, through the force of strong argument, could attract greater financial support than their rivals and succeed in their mission. Not to mention that this system would no longer force students to subsidize groups they fundamentally oppose. MR

'U' Surrenders **Some guy talks about stuff**

■ MORONS assault administration with sacred Native American Artifacts.

By Wink Hoser
Delay Staff Reporter

President Lee Bollinger surrendered the University of Michigan's Ann Arbor campus to student radicals after they successfully broke through the university's last line of defense at the Fletcher administration building yesterday.

In a struggle that lasted nearly two hours, irate militants from the Militant Order of Revolutionary Organizations Needing Students (MORONS) overpowered the four Department of Public Safety officers in charge of safeguarding Bollinger's person through a combination of Sixties-era slogans and what one observer described as "beatings over the head with sacred Native American artifacts." Once cornered, the radicals forced Bollinger to accede to a list of 2,463 demands approximately 78 pages in length.

Bollinger, appearing on University-run television, said, "We must all support these courageous freedom fighters in their quest to create a truly inclusive and diverse living and learning environment free of the white man's pernicious influence. Furthermore, I call on—" at which point he was cut off by an imminent showing of House Party III.

The victory was the latest in a quick string of successes for the students, who in previous weeks had

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By Emma Lozer
For the Delay

At least three students gathered in a room in what may have been the Michigan League last night to see some guy talk about stuff. The guy spoke at length about a topic that he may be assumed to have special knowledge of or insight into. After being introduced by another guy who was either in the same field as him or a representative of the group hosting the speech, the speaker proceeded with

his speech.

"The subject I'm here to discuss today is of great importance in modern society," the speaker said.

He proceeded to dispel many of the myths about the topic that he was discussing.

"Although when asked, the majority of Americans believe that less than 300 per year happen, the actual amount is somewhere around 4,500," the speaker explained.

However, the speaker admitted that it is still an area of ongoing study.

"Although we know orders of magnitude more today than we did a mere 10 years ago, there is still a lot to learn in this field," he said.

He encouraged today's student's to consider his field in they're studies and even to try a course related too it even if they are studying something else.

Students had mixed reactions to the speech. "Why the hell are you asking me? I didn't even go to the speech," said LSA junior Ivana Skrachet.

"What's wrong with you?" she

added. "Do you just interview random people that you walk up to on the street? I don't even think you work for the Delay."

Speech organizer John Thomas agreed. "Why are you asking me who the speaker was? Try taking notes next time you cover a speech, dumbass," he commented.

"I don't think I saw you at the speech either. Did you even listen to it? Seriously, you," he added. "should at least show up to the event your supposed to cover."

Sleeping through the revolution



DHANI JONES / Delay

A Rackham graduate student, tired after a hard day of passing out leaflets of "national importance," practices for her future career as an Ann Arbor hobo.

Halperin adds course on child-molesting

By Amanda Huginkiss
Delay Staff Reporter

In reponse to the incredible surge of student registration for his Fall 2000 course, English 317: "How to Be Gay: Male Homosexuality and Initiation," University professor David Halperin has announced plans to add a Fall 2000 English course titled "How to Be a Child Molester."

According to Halperin, "The act of child molestation, and the struggle to determine whether molestation is biologically impelled or socially constructed, has profound implications for our society, and is worthy of study and research at U of M."

According to the course description, the class will examine child molestation and its relevance to our society. "Specifically, we'll look at whether child molesting is actually a subconsciously-directed political protest against a greedy capitalist society that does not offer universal health care to all its children," the course description says.

Course "texts" will include the memoirs of convicted child-molesters, and a screening of the ABC Afterschool Special, "Anna's Secret." Additionally, a four-hour weekly "lab" will be held in conjunction with Miss. Wilson's third grade class from Eisenhower Elementary School in Ann Arbor.

Students of Moses Coalition takes over St. Mary's student chapel

by Jack Kass Abdul-Akhbar Pehausta
Delay Staff Reporter

On the heels of the Students of Color Coalition protest against Michigamua, a group of approximately 50 Jews stormed St. Mary's Cathedral yesterday. Calling themselves the Students of Moses Coalition (SMC), the group has locked themselves inside, and refuses to leave unless St. Mary's accedes to their demands to remove Jewish references and customs from the Church's activities. In the interim, they are preventing all Church employees and parishioners from accessing the building and its sanctuary.

According to protestor Schlomo Weiss, "When we went inside our worst fears were confirmed. We found sacred Jewish artifacts being kept inside the Church, including translations of our Holy Bible. Even worse, in an obvious attempt at mockery, the Church added strange

books we've never seen at the back of our sacred texts. We also found a large supply of wine and wafers, clearly an attempt by St. Mary's to reenact a Jewish Passover Seder ritual. They even call their clergymen "Priests," complete with skullcaps and prayer shawls, in a twisted homage to our Temple service 2000 years ago. We refuse to have our heritage disgraced by these infidels." Additionally, according to Weiss, the group holds a secret "Mass" service closed to outsiders — where worshippers purposefully mock Judaism.

But Father Louis Godfrey, the Church's priest, so far refuses to yield to the groups requests. "Quite frankly I don't understand these Christ kille — er, I mean protesters. At Vatican II, we promised to absolve them of deicide, and even admitted that God maintains his covenant with them. Can't they just be happy with the bones we've thrown them?" Father Godfrey also

responded to the group's charge that it holds "secret" meetings to degrade Judaism. "We welcome anybody at Mass, provided they accept Jesus as their personal savior and recognize the Church's divine authority to do whatever the Hell we want."

This condition is too much for Weiss to accept. "I don't want to join their stinking cult, even if I could get in. I just want them to respect the culture of my people. Hey hey, ho ho, the Eucharist has got to go!"

Weiss is encouraged by the support his group has received from the Michigan Student Assembly (MSA). Last week, MSA stayed up till 5 a.m. rewriting the fundamental doctrines of Catholicism. In addition to approving the group's requests, MSA debated several other changes suggested by LSA Rep. Erika Dowdell. These included a resolution demanding that St. Mary's ensure that 10.23% of its priests are African-American, and equalizing the status of women

in the Church. When her motions failed on a 17-13 vote, Rep. Dowdell declared that she had been defeated by "some unholy shit," and announced that her Minority Affairs Commission has already sued Pope John Paul II in Federal Court, to get him to comply with her wishes.

However, this prospect does not frighten Father Godfrey, "MSA resolutions do not affect our traditions. And as to this lawsuit, let's just say we were waiting for judgment in a higher court," he said. Fully confident the protestors will cave, Godfrey pledges not to compromise, or even negotiate, with the "terrorists."

Anticipating St. Mary's resistance to their cause, the SMC has prepared itself for a long sit-in. "Its only the middle of March and we made sure to bring along our Yom Kippur siddurs," Weiss stated. And, if the group happens to run out of food, Weiss claims, "It would be no problem. We've got plenty of wafers to eat."

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Crime NOTES

Students for McCain leader threatens to ruin God

At 2 p.m. Sunday, witnesses reported that a leader of the campus group Students for McCain was seen cursing the All-Mighty, and promising to bring the wrath of McCain upon him.

"If McCain gets elected President, I'm going to make sure you pay" the subject warned, after threatening to organize a mass Bible burning on the Diag, and to "sick DPS on Your Holy Ass." Listed among the Lord's numerous offenses, the subject cited his inability to meet women, his expulsion from two campus fraternities, and letting John McCain lose the nomination.

A report was filed.

Masturbator Stricken With Blindness

A 20-year old male University student was blinded while masturbating Sunday evening, DPS reports indicate. Officers responded to a call at Joint Co-Op on S. Forest, where the unidentified student was apparently peeking in windows and masturbating. The student reported being blinded after peering in through an open bathroom window and observing a Ms. Cessica Jurtin disrobing for a shower. The student was turned over for psychiatric evaluation.

A report was filed.

Student Found With Alcohol

A male University student was found in Mosher-Jordan Hall with two forty-ounce containers of Mickey's malt liquor. He was quickly subdued by an armed phalanx of DPS officers in riot gear, beaten, and thrown down a flight of stairs in front of shocked hallmates.

No report was filed.

Former Daily editor beaten up

A former editor of the Daily's editorial page was severely beaten by a group of African-American activists, after appearing publicly wearing black-makeup. In reality, the editor claims, "The white guilt was just too much, I couldn't stand all the privilege, and needed to feel like I was an oppressed minority." A report was filed.

— Compiled by Delay Staff Reporter Harry Lichtenbauls.

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sent the internal security forces of the University reeling after a number of high-profile incidents. In February, MORONS' American Indian branch ransacked the offices of Michigamua, a secret society located in the Michigan Union tower that was known to approximately 97 percent of campus, and only left after a 37-day standoff in which Michigamua members were forced to beg fellow students on the Diag for office space. MORONS was also successful in firebombing the location where President Bollinger had been scheduled to give a lecture on the First Amendment, forcing the Michigan Student Assembly to turn over complete control of the Budget and Priorities Committee's SOAS accounts, pouring bleach into the conditioner bottle of economics professor Klaus Van Ludwig, and covering 92 percent of open sidewalk space on Central Campus with inflammatory slogans.

Reports that members of MORONS were gleefully displaying Michigamua members' heads on pikes could not be confirmed as of press time.

"We have had ENOUGH of the oppressive, patriarchal, racist administration at Michigan!" claimed MORONS spokesman and Provisional Revolutionary Great Leader Joe Flanagan at a press conference in Angell Hall. "We're sick of the stereotypes and complaining that just because we're radicals, we won't 'play by the rules.' It's completely uncalled for!" Flanagan was then cut off by a fire alarm.

"Hey, hey! Ho, ho! Hey! Where are you going? Come back! I ORDER you to come back!" Flanagan whined as the media speedily left the building.

MORONS' control of Michigan is becoming rapidly apparent, as all campus buildings have been renamed in honor of Angela Davis. Faculty are forbidden to teach about any knowledge from before 1950, as it improperly de-emphasizes the contributions of minority, women, and LGBT members of our community. Campus opinion publications are suppressed, with the exception of The Michigan Delay, which was found to be "ideologically orthodox."

However, it is thought that MORONS' hold on university life is short-lived. Speaking from exile at U-M Flint, Acting Campus President Q. Lannister Tweed remarked, "We have reports from Ann Arbor that due to the inherent disorder in such movements, the student leadership should collapse upon itself unless it is able to find a non-white, differently abled Communist female to lead the group and thus satisfy the quota demands of all the militant coalitions under its banner." Should this happen, University officials plan to swiftly retake the campus using a variant of the "Seize them!" maneuver used extremely effectively against similar groups at the University of Wisconsin.

Graduate group steals 500 lbs. of french fries in protest

By Mike Rotch
Delay Staff Reporter

In protest of the University's handling of the Michigamua situation, twenty angry graduate students intercepted a 500-pound shipment of frozen French fries that were on their way to campus dining halls early this morning.

A. Noyeenak Tavist, a graduate student in the School of Social Work, led the protest. "This is the best way we could think of to get back at Bollinger and the administration," she said.

According to Tavist, the group of students decided to steal the fries in order to hamper the daily goings-on of cafeteria-goers. That way, said Tavist, "People would miss their fries, and then realize that Michigamua is racist, and Bollinger should have kicked them out of their office."

"I think it worked, too," she added. "I heard lots of people grumbling and getting angry, and I'm sure that anger was focused at Bollinger and his racist, sexist, culturist, white-elitist administration."

LSA sophomore Lee Bockhorny was angry, but he said his anger was directed toward the people who stole his fries. "Well I'm not angry so much as just sort of annoyed," said Bockhorny.

"But I'm not annoyed with the administration; I'm annoyed with those damn grad students," he added. "What are they, high schoolers?"

Tavist believes that Bockhorny's anger is "misplaced," and that his is a rare case. "Michigamua is racist. The French fries make people see that," she said.

Mosher Jordan head cook Buck Buford said that because the shipment of fries was stolen, students would miss out on many future reincarnations of the potatoes. Buford refused to clarify exactly what he meant, but a quick look at the week's menu revealed potato pancakes, tater tots, and hash browns as menu items for the next three days.

"The University does not recycle its food. That is completely untrue," he said.

Beloved Bursley food server Sexy Grandpa was quite disappointed to learn about the theft. "Whenever we serve fries," he said, "I like to

shove some in my pockets, and then stick them in the wheels of my Harley after work. Now I can't do that."

"Those grads are gonna pay," he added, as he cracked his knuckles and stormed away.

"Fats" McGee, head of University Dining Services, said in a written statement that the protesters cost the University "enormous expense, and we will charge each of their student accounts \$200. Should they refuse to pay, a hold credit will be issued."

According to University records obtained under the Freedom of Information Act, a 500-shipment of French fries costs the University just under \$10.

Students of Color Coalition spokesman Joe Smiley, perpetual student in the School of Natural Resources and the Environment, said that he was pleased with the activism shown by other members of the University community.

"We have always received strong support from the School of Social Work, and I am glad that students there are once again taking it upon themselves to demonstrate Bollinger's evil white man racism," he said.

"Together, we will take back our land from the oppressive white man who stole it from us," said Smiley. "By 'we,' I mean the eight pigmented students who were holed up in Michigamua's office, the four other Native Americans attending the University, and the entire School of Social Work," he clarified.

Tavist said that her group is not finished protesting.

"We have lots of ideas," she said. "We're thinking about holding a sit-in at the Angell Hall computer lab to demonstrate Bollinger's racist behavior."

"Of course, with only twenty people, it might be hard to fill all the seats," she added. "But at least it will get our point across that Bollinger is a racist."

Other ideas for future protests include storming the South Quad laundry room in the middle of the night and putting red socks in with white loads. "That way everyone's white, oppressive underwear will turn red," said Tavist. "Then people will realize that the Red Man is here to stay."

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The Michigan Delay

The Michigan Delay (ISSN 0000-003) is a 4-page insert published every April Fool's Day, although this year we almost went 8 pages — there's just so much stuff to make fun of! Similarly, we have thought about making this a bi-annual tradition, but then you might get sick of it. After all, one can only stomach so much satire... but hey, it's not like we ever considered coming out every three weeks or anything, unlike some ungrateful former Review staffers who like to steal ideas. To contact the Delay, send e-mail to delay_letters@umich.edu. Oh, and to all you Daily staffers: we know you have a sense of humor (who else would have daily meetings in something called the Batcave?), so sit back and enjoy. But do remember that while imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, mockery is not imitation. However, as payment for this "tribute" we do request the following: the severed head of Jeffrey Kossell, the cojones of Jack "The Hack" Schillaci (if he ever had any), a night on the town drinking with Brandon "Hammerhead" Sanz, a coherent sentence from Mike Lopez, and dinner with the lovely Ms. Emily Achenbaum (va va va vooom!!!). By the way, we're just curious, did you feel the need to support the Blue Party for political reasons but all secretly vote Hideki? If so, we know how you feel. Oh... and we challenge y'all to a friendly kickball game. Get in touch with our ed-board to set it up: mrv@umich.edu.

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FROM THE DELAY

Life begins when we say so

Local preschool teacher Harriet Wisacowski said of one of her students, "he doesn't listen to anything I say. Its like he's got no cognition at all. We just gave him the cognition test. Flat zero. Didn't even register. Just ran out to the swing set." That's right, little Howie Lambert has no cognition, and even worse, his teacher continued, "he walks around bumping into stuff as if he has no motor development whatsoever. What a clutz."

Governor Engler and his cronies are standing in the way of the solution to this problem. Howie Lambert should be aborted. His mother stated in a phone interview that "sometimes its like he doesn't even know I'm talking [I think therefore that I should be allowed to abort him]." It is obvious that, being below 4 years of age and clearly stupid, little Howie's mother should have the option of aborting him. To force Howie's mother to care for him or, even worse, push him off onto some family wishing to adopt would be a travesty.

Howie is not self-aware, does not think rationally, have a moral compass (he threw sand at his older sister, his mother reports), and his attempts at communication resemble a wild animal's wailing more than human

speech. If we accepted the pro-life argument that a body structure alone constitutes being human than how would we be able to kill annoying things?

Another blatant example of the how Engler's policies have hindered the education process and basic rights is another of Mrs. Wisacowski's students, Tommie. "Tommie has never been able to pronounce his r's. It always comes out as a w. I've tried everything I can. Its like his cognition isn't there. Again, he scored a zero on the test, kept insisting he had to take a 'bweak' and go to 'bweakfast.'" Obviously, something must be done. We must protect the rights of the letter R.

We here at the Delay believe there are even more pros to our definition of when life begins. We feel that if the world's Howies and Tommies were weeded out of the equation, evolution would kick in. Possible benefits would include flight, maybe a titanium skeleton, and x-ray vision.

Life is only worth living if other people aren't laughing at you, and we at the Daily always laugh about children being killed. So by defining life as whatever we want it to be, the Supreme Court could ensure that we can kill whoever we want.

Guns should be outlawed

The greatest evil in this country right now are guns, and its evil disciple, the National Rifle Association, lead by that evil white man, Charlton Heston. They're insidious efforts to keep guns in the hands of law-abiding Americans just another obstacle in the effort to make the United States a modern socialist state.

With at least one thousand children killed daily by guns and over a million killed in a year in the United States alone, its clear that the NRA obviously doesn't care about children. They hide behind the Constitution, behind their silly 2nd Amendment.

There's absolutely no reason why any American citizen should be armed. The death merchants at the NRA will have us believe that guns are needed to help common citizens defend themselves but that's utterly ridiculous and almost racist. This gives the common citizen the ability to fight off, and possibly kill criminals, even though those criminals need rehabilitation and books to turn themselves from crime, though they may be committing that crime because of injustices caused by today's racist society. Murdering them just because they want to take your wallet or your

valuables to make up for those injustices is wrong.

The NRA also claims to represent "sportsmen" who cut down millions of animals a year because of their guns. They claim that they should be able to hunt deer so they can keep the deer from overpopulating, typical of the white man's indifference to the indigenous rights of animals to their land. To allow the NRA to protect the "rights" of the hunter to murder deer is also wrong, and must be stopped.

Taking guns out of the hands of law-abiding citizens will also make it easier for the people to obey the law. These gun owners think that they need guns so that the government won't run amok and pass all sorts of crazy and restrictive laws on them. They claim that the so-called Founding Fathers put in the Second Amendment just so the people can revolt against "tyranny." These "Founding Fathers" were slave owning white men. Their thoughts and ideals are no longer relevant. The NRA and the entire idea of legal gun ownership will have to be destroyed before the United States can become a socialist world power, like Canada or Belgium.

Oh, and Governor John Engler is still fat and stupid.

Hitting the snooze button of life

Well another MSA Election has come and gone. I voted for Hideki because he's funny. You who else was funny? My freshman year roommate. Every morning he used to set the alarm for 6am, and then press snooze every 20 minutes for three hours. Well, I guess that wasn't so funny, but you get the point. And what's with that expression anyway? What's the "point" to get? I'd much rather get money, or a girlfriend, or happiness. What use is a "point" to me, and why do I never



J.F. Mordechai Oslick
The Wizard of Oslick

actually receive them when someone tells me "you get the point." And you know what sucks, when your roommate goes out of town but still leaves his alarm on. And what also sucks? When your next-door neighbor's alarm goes off and off all morning, and he never turns it off. I mean, what about social responsibility? Shoudn't we care about happens to those around us? My roommate used to say that to me, when I would be so messy that you couldn't see the floor of our room. He'd say, "It's my floor too, and I want to see it." But maybe it's a good he couldn't see the floor. After all, doesn't the floor represent the bottom? As college student, should we constantly strive to reach the top, to get above the "floor" of life? So what's the big deal if you start by stepping on my dirty underwear. It brings you closer to being off the floor.

And what about the expression glass ceiling? I mean at the Chem

building the glass ceiling is all the way at the top. I'd be happy if I was up there. You never see a glass ceiling on the third floor. But that would be kind of cool, like Crystal Clear Pepsi. I liked Crystal Clear Pepsi, but it's gone now like the girl I liked in 3rd grade. And, why would you want to brake the glass ceiling? I mean, wouldn't all the glass brake and hurt people below. And is anybody still reading this? I don't think so. After all, I don't really have anything to say, so I just started copying the conversation my friends were having in the room. I couldn't think of another column idea and I had deadline in an hour. Oh yeah, and affirmative action is swell. Plus, I was in Rick's and I always like the conversations I have there. Also, you can see in the floor in Rick's. That's kinda nice. I think my ex-roommate would like Rick's, but he's not 21 so he doesn't have the write to drink. But he did vote in the MSA election. That was kinda cool also.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reader disturbed by Middle East stances

TO THE DELAY:

I have been a loyal reader for two years, but recently have questioned the proliferation of anti-Israel rhetoric appearing on your editorial page. I mean, even if you support the Palestinian cause, does it really warrant three viewpoints in the past week alone? ("US Congress is Zionist Occupied Territory," 3-15; "Death to the Hebrews," 3-17; "Jews use the blood of Palestinian children to make matzah," 3-19). Please be more sensitive to your Jewish readers.

MEIR KAHANE
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DISCRIMINATION COMMITTEE

Students should boycott the Earth

TO THE DELAY:

Mother Earth is being raped daily by "The Man" all in the

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name of subsistence. Students need to come together to form a grass-roots militant earth rights movement to combat this desecration of Mother Gaia. Every day, ruthless male farmers steal precious grain from her bosom. Evil miners chip away her minerals from her once chaste body. This pillaging must end, therefore we demand that all female students unite in supporting Earth Day 2000 by boycotting any and all products of Mother Eath. These include: earth, wind, and fire, all elements on the periodic table, and 5 food groups (except Twinkies, those come from Mars, the evil man planet).

IVANA TINKLE
SNRE FRESHMAN

Cars Are Bad

TO THE DELAY:

I am sick and tired of all the miniature cars on the sidewalks around campus. I mean, look, sure you drive on a parkway and park on a driveway, but who the heck drives on sidewalks. I am sick and tired of all those damn Cushman mini-cars zooming around at break-neck speeds. I think the University should prohibit any and all vehicles on campus. The pointless maintenance people can walk like the rest of us. This can be done easily if we all buy scooters. I like them. They're neat.

HESSI JERZOG
LSA FRESHMAN

VIEWPOINT

Jews are the scum of the earth

All year, the Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee has worked to ensure total justice for the Arab peoples in the face of Zionist butchery. We thus want to call attention to the senseless murder of a loyal Palestinian patriot, Hamzah Ali Jihad in Tel-Aviv this week at the hands of the Zionist-Nazi oppressors. Jihad was simply delivering shipment of new drink, Molotov Cocktail, to a local bar when Zionist-Nazis opened fire

and killed him because he is Arab. Offenses by Zionist-Nazis against Arabs not just limited to Israel. This past week, Einstein Bagel's served me cold bagel just because I call owner "Jew loving parasite." This treatment of Arabs makes me so mad, I feel like blowing up bus full of schoolchildren.

We ask members of University community to avenge the blood of Jihad by striking out at evil Jewish dogs, so that we may glorify Allah. For we want only peace in Middle East.

This possible only when Zionist-Nazis return all occupied Arab holy land — like Jerusalem, Tel-Aviv, Hungary, Vatican City and Spain. We do not want to hurt Zionist-Nazis, we simply want eternal Muslim lands back. We thus offer peace process: Zionist-Nazis give back land, we teach those Jewish dogs how to swim, so they can have new life in Mediterranean Sea.

— This viewpoint was written by Omar Hafsan Youmans, President of the Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee

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Big House to get new dome

by Phillip Mianus
Delay Sports Reporter

Yesterday U-M Lee Bollinger announced plans for yet another renovation of Michigan Stadium. Citing the \$2 million athletic department budget deficit last year, Bollinger said the University could no longer afford the maintenance costs of a grass football field.

"As the next stage in my Master Plan for the campus, we're going to construct a dome over Michigan Stadium, and return to an Astroturf playing surface," he said. "We just can't afford all the snow removal, new sod every year, etc. Sure, more players might blow out their knees playing on the Astroturf, but a few torn ACLs are a small price to pay to ensure that our Athletic department reflects the 'core values' of our university — like not being \$2 million damn dollars in the red."

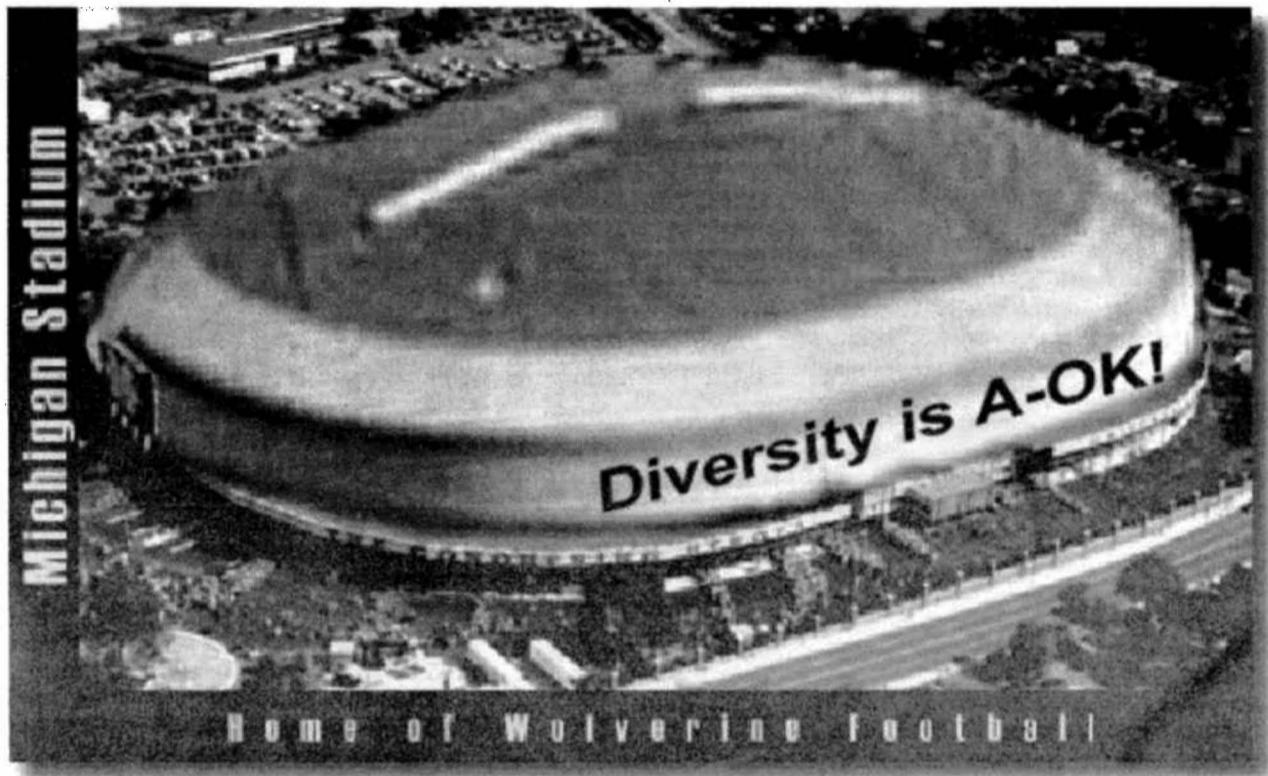
But the new dome over the Big House won't just be "any" dome, said Bollinger. In order to placate traditionalist alumni who might otherwise take offense to doming Michigan Stadium, Bollinger announced that the outside of the dome would be painted maize and blue in the famous pattern of U-M's classic football helmets.

"Every time a plane comes in to land at Detroit airport, the passengers will see that dome and know that's where Wolverine football is played," the Mighty Bollinger sed. Bollinger also announced that the inside of the dome will be painted with a multi-colored pinwheel design, with the words "DIVERSITY IS A-OK!" inscribed in 50-foot-tall letters around the dome's base.

"It's important that the Big House reflect our commitment to diversity," Bollinger said.

Nodding in agreement to this statement was U-M alumnus and former U.S. president Gerald Ford, who Bollinger recently appointed the new full-time Lapdog Athletic Director.

Bollinger also announced that the new design would avoid the problem of lack of student and alumni input which had doomed the infamous yellow halo. "When I went to Village Corner last Sunday to by a copy of The Nation and some maxipads for my



Sketch courtesy of Sketchem, Buildem and Glote

Above is an artist's conception of what the new Big House might look like when complete. The most noticeable difference is the dome on top of the stadium.

wife, I asked a couple of students about the dome idea, and they thought it was pretty cool. That's good enough for me," Bollinger stated.

The University has hired the architectural firm Sketchem, Buildem & Glote to design the dome. The projected building cost

is expected to be \$20 million. When asked if this contradicted his professed goal of saving the athletic department's money, Bollinger replied, "How dare you question the authority of the Great and Powerful Bollinger!" at which point the reporter was dragged away screaming by two DPS officers.

Blanchard Suspended By NCAA

■ NCAA rules free food in violation of amateurism rules

By Mephistopheles Zappa
Delay Sports Writer

ANN ARBOR — Today the NCAA suspended U-M star forward Lavell Blanchard for all of the upcoming 2000-2001 basketball season, alleging that while attending a Detroit Pistons game with his church youth group in high school, Blanchard's pastor bought him a hamburger and fries at the game.

"Any purchase of food for a student athlete while he or she is in high school by a non-blood relative is a violation of our Rules of Amateurism," said NCAA spokesperson Bill Nitpicker. "We have very clear rules on these situations, and it's up to each school's athletic department to know and apply them."

At a press conference, an angry U-M basketball coach Brian Ellerbe said the NCAA

should "go [expletive] itself," and promised to appeal the ruling.

"It's not like we bought the kid a damn Ford Explorer or something — we stopped all that crap when we canned Steve Fisher," Ellerbe said.

Blanchard's suspension brings the number of current U-M hoopsters now under NCAA suspension to nine. Just last week guard Gavin Groniger was suspended for twenty games for violating similar rules when it was discovered that he didn't pay for his own dinner on the night he graduated from high school.

Two members of the Basketball Band recently made the team as walk-ons to replace the suspended players.

"By the time the NCAA [expletive]s are through with us, we'll be starting Aerospace Engineering students at point guard," Ellerbe sighed.



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"we let minorities hang around us all the time"

ELECTIONS

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admits to some wrongdoing, but adamantly denies that he ever submitted votes without first securing someone's permission. Claiming that he was unclear of the rules, he believed that as long as people consented to vote, he was allowed to assist them.

In total, only between 10-15 reports were filed alleging violations, and only three submitted by the Election Board to the CSJ as evidence against the Wolverine Party. For reasons of privacy, the Election Board declined to release the names of the accusers. This secrecy, Mr. Bernstein feels, left the WP unable "to present a completely just defense — we didn't know who was accusing us."

Adding that "our opinion is that this is a violation of the Sixth Amendment," Mr. Bernstein would have liked the opportunity to investigate the complaints to see, for example, "if these people all live in a hall with a Blue Party campaigner."

The secrecy regarding the accusations led one WP Candidate to blame the violations on a "Blue Party plot," pointing out "I wouldn't put it past the Blue Party to find two or three people to come forward with some bullsh-t like this."

Mr. Agrawal disputes this, claiming in an e-mail sent to the Wolverine Party that the Election Board investigated the complaints and found "several rooms" had similar experiences. He further points out

41.62: Interfering With an Election: No person shall knowingly prevent or interfere with lawful voting by students, nor shall any person influence any student while he or she is voting.

41.64: Campaigning Near a Polling Place: No one shall campaign within fifty feet of a polling site.

41.68: Integrity of Elections: No student shall violate the integrity of (MSA) elections. Fraudulent acts ... and other dishonest or unethical acts will be treated with the utmost seriousness. ... The Election Board reserves the right to remove any candidate when there is substantive evidence that the candidate or his/her campaign committed an act that violates the integrity of MSA Elections. Candidates have the right to appeal such decisions to CSJ.

41.70 - Jurisdiction: The Election Director, Assistant Election Director, and one additional student appointed by the assembly is given jurisdiction to enact a penalty upon any student who violates the rules mentioned in 41.60. This penalty will be in the form of demerits. Demerits may be levied upon candidates for their own actions, as well as for illegal actions of those campaigning for them. Accumulation of five demerits by a single candidate will result in that candidate's disqualification.

41.701 - Violations by a candidate and his/her campaign: Candidates who violate sections 41.53-41.56 or sections 41.64-41.66 shall be subject to a penalty of one demerit. Candidates who violate sections 41.61 or 41.63 shall be subject to a penalty of three demerits. Candidates who violate section 41.62 shall be subject to a penalty of five demerits. Candidates who violate section 41.67 may be subject to a variable number of demerits, depending on the nature of the offense.

that one of the accusers actually supported the Wolverine Party.

Even if they occurred, the Wolverine Party argued that the violations do not deserve total disqualification. In particular, the Party disputes that the specified sections of the Election Code even refer to a person such as Mr. Englander, who, although party chair, did not run as a candidate. Indeed, their brief points out that Section 41.701 states specifically "*Candidates* who violate ... sections 41.64-41.66 shall be subject to a penalty of one demerit. ... *Candidates* who violate section 41.62 shall be subject to a penalty of five demerits." In the WP view, since the Code speaks only of candidates, not those working on a candidate's behalf, the Election Board had no sanction to penalize WP candidates for Mr. Englander's actions.

As Mr. Omtvedt states, "They didn't have the Code to work with, so they misinterpreted the Code so it would work with them."

WP disqualified candidate Doug Tietz concurs, saying that the election board "stopped democracy, cold in its tracks. ... Kicking out the entire party is absolutely political. How can you explain ten illegal votes causing an entire party being eliminated?"

The WP further points out that three of the Election Board's five members (Siafa Hage, Marisa Linn and Peter Handler) are Blue Party members. The party alleges that several Election Board members stand to benefit from a Blue Party victory — such as Mr. Handler, who would likely retain a committee chairmanship. Thus, the WP brief states, "their decision was totally and completely biased."

Mr. Handler labels such allegations "ridiculous," noting that, as a senior, he will not serve on MSA next fall.

Mr. Englander believes something less overt played into the Election Board's decision. While acknowledging that few, if any, on the Board stand to personally gain from a Blue Party victory, he claims that close friendships exist between Board members and BP leaders. Thus, in his opinion, the Board's actions might to some degree reflect friends aiding friends out.

The Wolverine Party supports this claim of bias by contrasting the activities of this Election Board to previous Boards. In previous elections, states the WP brief, "violations committed on behalf of a party were penalized by demerits for the entire party — but these demerits were given randomly and to a single member of the party, not to every member."

Similarly, in the past, Election Boards have ordered limited re-voting in cases of ballot fraud, rather than disqualifying candidates. Such a case occurred last year, when evidence suggested a Blue Party supporter cast 77 fraudulent ballots for BP candidates. A few months after the election, the perpetrator was revealed to be a Blue Party candidate. Despite this scandal, arguably much more severe than anything the Election Board accused Mr. Englander

of, the previous Election Board did not disqualify a single Blue Party member. Had a similar standard been applied in this case, any candidate who benefited from the fraudulent votes — possibly including departing MSA President Bram Elias, would have been summarily disqualified.

Mr. Agrawal responds to these charges of unfair treatment in several ways. First, he points out that while 41.701 and 41.702 do only mention candidates, the preamble states "Demerits may be levied upon candidates for their own actions, as well as for the illegal actions of those campaigning for them." As acknowledged party head, Mr. Englander clearly was campaigning, and violating election rules, on behalf of Wolverine Party candidates.

In Mr. Agrawal's opinion, the fact that WP candidates claim they lacked knowledge of Mr. Englander's unorthodox campaign tactics fails to absolve them of responsibility. "Ignorance is no excuse — never," Mr. Agrawal states. "There's a certain amount of trust when you select someone as your leader."

Furthermore, without enforcing violations against noncandidate campaigners, a campaign could violate MSA rules with impunity, simply by having a friend of the candidate commit the violations.

Blue Party member Shari Katz comments, "I think it's unfortunate that the whole party would be disqualified on the actions of one individual, but at the same time when you run with a party you make a decision to uphold certain ideals and accept certain responsibilities."

Yet incoming MSA President Hideki Tsutsumi, who would have won even without the mass disqualification, disagrees. "I don't think it's fair for other members of the party to get disqualified unless there is evidence that they were involved," he said.

As to the issue of Election Board's alleged bias, or unfair treatment compared to previous Boards, Mr. Agrawal describes such talk as "insulting and preposterous," noting that the last political party in which he was involved — the New Frontier Party (NFP) — no longer exists.

Another Board member, the aforementioned Peter Handler, also denies WP claims of bias. For instance, he states that the Election Board reached its decision on Thursday afternoon, long before they knew the results of the election (without the disqualification, eight additional WP members would have won seats). Further, none of the three Election Board members with ties to the Blue Party actively campaigned on behalf of candidates this election — and all were unanimously

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Hideki Tsutsumi and Jim Secreto 3491
Rory Diamond and Marcy Greenberger 1392
Glen Roe and Elise Erickson 1028
Erika Dowdell and Jessica Curtin 554
Kym Stewart and Brian Chiang 474
Galaxor Nebulon and Sara J. Sweat 298

LSA (9 seats)*

Doug Tietz 8088
Jessica Cash 6311
Steve Roach 6220
Jessica Chamberlain 5846
Shari Aviva Katz 5200
Teresa Bess 4697
Andrea Pappas 4686
Burke E. Raine 4611
Adi Newman 4561

Kinesiology (1 seat)*

Patrick Mullally 83

*Points for MSA seats do not represent number of votes, but rather number of points (voters gave candidates from 9 points to 1 point)

selected to serve on the Board by MSA. However, Mr. Handler concedes that having Election Board members chosen directly from current MSA members does pose a problem, albeit a "problem that's hard to avoid."

He suggests that in the future MSA might consider searching for nonmember students willing to serve on the Board, to avoid the appearance of impropriety. Largely upholding the Election Board's initial ruling, the CSJ avoided the question of potential bias, and instead based its decision "solely upon our interpretation of the Code," according to the official CSJ Opinion Summary. In doing so, the CSJ reinstated Wolverine Party candidates from all schools except LSA and Kinesiology, as there was no evidence of Mr. Englander tampering with those elections. The Wolverine Party is currently appealing the CSJ panel's decision to the entire CSJ, and claims to have 1,000 signatures from students supporting their cause.

Ironically, following the Fall 1998 MSA elections, Mr. Agrawal and other NFP members accused the Election Board of lackluster enforcement of campaign rules. In response to a *Review* investigation at that time, current Wolverine Party counsel Joe Bernstein admitted that, when he was on the election board, "Everybody's reluctant to disqualify people."

In part, Mr. Agrawal blames the current violations on previous Election Boards failing to properly enforce violations. Agreeing with the WP claim that he acted more forcefully than previous Boards, Mr. Agrawal insists he was equally strict towards all parties. In Mr. Agrawal's opinion, "Election Boards in the past have failed to uphold campaigning laws, which is why candidates feel they can rampantly violate the rules. Not this time." MR

With reporting by Matthew Schwartz

PICTURES AT AN EXHIBITION

Humanitarian Work Does Not Always Imply 'Liberal Guilt'

I GREW UP IN YOUR TYPICAL upper middle class family. Living in a beautiful, well-off suburb that lay not two minutes from the village of Beverly Hills, Michigan, my family rarely ventured into Detroit. The few times we did, it was for one of a small handful of reasons: to see a musical in the redbrick-paved theatre district; to watch a game at Tiger Stadium; or for an occasional "Opa!" at the Pegasus in Greektown. Three rules would guide our journeys: 1) Don't drive into the wrong neighborhoods. A wrong turn off of Evergreen could mean the difference between getting home and getting car-jacked, especially at night. Which brings us to 2) If in Detroit after dark, make sure you are in one of the three or four safe, well-lit areas, with many people around. And 3) Bring a full tank of gas. You do *not* want to stall on Telegraph.

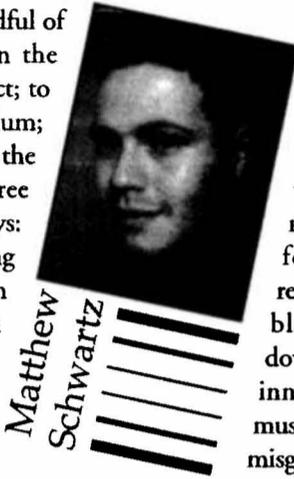
I often feel a twinge of pain when thinking about the miserable times Detroit has seen. Once a booming metropolis, the riots of the late 60s helped cement its fate as a rotting corpse of the city it once was. All who could afford to move to the

during my three years at the University, and kept on walking; but this poster really hit close to home, and I couldn't walk away so easily.

As a conservative, the concept of White Guilt doesn't sit well with me.

Nobody ever speaks of "guilty white conservatives," and there's a reason: while most white conservatives feel remorseful about the horrible way our country treated minorities in the past, we don't feel that the burden of responsibility lies with us. People blame today's whites for the downtrodden situation of many inner-city minorities, but if one must place blame, it belongs with the misguided generations that preceded ours. I don't feel guilty, for guilt is the acceptance of blame.

But while doing volunteer work to clean up the city of Detroit has nothing to do with guilt, it has everything to do with taking charge of a bad situation. It's about having pride in your city, it's about being a humanitarian, it's about reaching out to your fellow man and making sure that he doesn't slip further into the cracks. The Detroit Project is a wonderful, altruistic



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surrounding suburbs did so — the social historians like to call that "White Flight" — while the poor remained. Over the years, many businesses closed up and left town — note the recent demolition of the historic Hudson's building — and despite some recent growth, Detroit remains an embarrassment to those who live around it, an empty, burnt out, abandoned eyesore. The pain I feel is constant, a dull ache that stops me from proudly proclaiming my Detroit heritage. When I tell people where I'm from, I always stress that I'm from just *outside* Detroit. Nice neighborhood, I tell them. Many from "just outside Detroit" feel the same ache, but there has never been anything we could do about it. We just accept that Detroit is a mess, and distance ourselves as much as possible.

That's why when I saw the Diag board that advertised Circle-K's "Detroit Project," a one-day community service project whose goal was to clean up the city, I stopped and took note. I had seen plenty of community service advertisements

endeavor that I should be proud to be a part of.

So then why, sitting there in a training session with the other site leaders, did I feel so reluctant, so out of place?

Looking around the room, the conspicuous lack of minority volunteers hit me immediately. Out of 26 people in attendance, just one woman — a graduate student in the School of Social Work — was black. Normally I wouldn't have given any thought to the racial makeup of the room, but the glut of white volunteers silently screamed "Guilty White Liberal!" over and over again. And although I truly wanted to be a site leader and guide my group of volunteers in beautifying a Detroit neighborhood, I abhorred the idea of being thought of as a guilty white liberal.

I knew that the other volunteers, whom I spent hours getting to know, were not necessarily guilty white liberals, but for some reason I couldn't shake the thought that people might see me in that way. As a somewhat vocal conservative, that would

be a complete mischaracterization of my ideals and views, views that I have spent most of my adult life strengthening and refining. That's why when it came time to tell the group exactly what drew me to this service project, I was so conscious of the way I phrased my thoughts. My words would *not* portray me in the wrong way.

At the same time, I felt confused. I didn't feel guilty — that is, I knew I was not to blame for the crack houses little Detroit kids have to walk past on their way to crumbling schools. I knew I was not to blame for the poor education these kids receive — and their correspondingly low test scores. Yet a feeling of guilt persisted, and this clash of reason and responsibility left me very confused.

Until, that is, I realized the guilt's true source. I wasn't feeling white liberal guilt, which accepts blame for atrocities past; I was feeling *humanitarian* guilt — the guilt one gets from knowing that he could be helping others, but he is not. Throughout my college career, I had hidden behind my conservative ideology, issuing a blanket "It's

not my fault!" response whenever I was tempted to do anything like this. And I felt guilty now because I knew all my past apprehension had been misplaced. There is absolutely nothing "liberal" about wanting to help others, about seeing a bad situation and wanting to make it better. I saw a bad situation in Detroit, and wanted to make it better — not because I'm a white guy from the suburbs who feels ashamed for what I have, but because I'm a *person* who feels sorrow for what others don't have. It's not about black and white. It's not about politics and blame. It's about good will and compassion for one's fellow man.

Liberals often see conservatives as mean-spirited people who have no hearts. Conservatives too often associate humanitarian work with "bleeding heart liberals." What both sides fail to realize is that there is a common ground they can share, if they would just put political differences aside. It's called humanity. MR

This is Matt's final column as editor-in-chief of the Review. He hopes you've enjoyed reading them.

What do you think about the concept of white liberal guilt? Do people have a responsibility to help the less fortunate? Did you see the "Detroit Project" advertisement and walk the other way?
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Pro-Life

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abortion is a decision between a woman and her doctor, the only time she ever came in contact with her doctor was when the doctor came into the operating room, which was only after she was on the table and sedated, and that she never got to speak to the doctor. Despising the horrible treatment she got at the first clinic, she went to a different one for her second abortion, and was met with the same treatment.

She makes a point in saying that the women who choose abortion are never fully informed about all the choices available to them. "They're not making informed decisions. They're getting bits and pieces about a decision that's going to affect them for the rest of their lives. So we want to make sure that they have all of the information they need to make the proper choice."

That brought her speaking about the suffering of post-abortive women like herself. She stated that 94% of post-abortive women suffer negative effects from the abortion — again, never mentioned in the pre-abortion briefings. Some of the

nonphysical negative effects include, but aren't limited to, flashbacks, suicidal tendencies, depression, nightmares of dismemberment and being chased down, and feelings of anger, grief, and loss. There are up to twenty million women in the United States who may have suffered from such effects, which last for four to five years after the abortion.

Ms. Pate tried to explain her reasons for getting her two abortions. She, like most women, saw children as an intrusion or an inconvenience, rather than a blessing. She said she that she felt she couldn't handle more children. Of course, she regrets her decision today, in hindsight. She tried to convey the fact that a mother does not own her child's life; rather, she is to care for her child's life. The mother and child relationship begins at the moment of conception, when the mother first starts to care for the child biologically. She stated that nine out of ten women who were considering an abortion chose not to abort the child after those women saw an image of their child on a sonogram. In fact, in the state of New Jersey, a child cannot be taken for adoption until his or her biological mother has held that child at least once, so that the mother can truly

STOP ME IF YOU'VE HEARD THIS ONE

Apartment Hunting with el Sr. Guípe

AS MANY OF YOU WELL know, I am no stranger to the art of complaining about life's various shortcomings. From girls to, um, more girls, El Señor Guípe always seems to have something to whine about. This week, however, I will address a topic other than the fairer, hotter, more voluptuous gender that we all know and love. You see, it wasn't long ago when your buddy Guípe realized that it was time to begin looking for a place to live during the coming school year. As you



El Señor Guípe

can imagine, this led to quite the ordeal, which I will ramble on about aimlessly for the next seven hundred words in a column which I like to call: "El Señor Guípe is the Man!" (Hey, it's true, isn't it?).

As a third year student at U of M, I've had my share of experience with the housing situation in this town. I've thrown my garbage out the window while driving through the student ghettos, lived in a summer sublet with a serial killer as a neighbor, and once found a huge mutant fly in my dorm room, which I chased for

decide whether the mother wants to give up her child or not. With that visual and tactile bond established, women are much less willing to give up their child, whether via abortion or adoption.

In the end, abortion was no longer one about life and death, but motherhood and being informed. She never outright said that abortion should be banned, rather she said that the decision to abort should be a well informed one, because the clinics, who were suppose to be helping women with all their choice, are railroading the women into an uninformed abortion. Abortion shouldn't be over the right to choose, rather it should be the right to be a mother, for the right of a mother to have a relationship with her child is paramount. Post-abortive women should not be shunned as child murderers, rather, as she put it, "we need to meet post-abortive women where they are in their hurting and their pain, befriend them, and help them through the truths of their decision." Ms. Pate had to live with her decision, made years ago, but now she wants to mobilize those millions of women hurt by abortion, so that no mother would ever have to suffer the pain of being deprived of her relationship with her child ever again. MR

two minutes before giving up and letting it become my roommate. In other words, I've been to Purgatory and back when it comes to living on my own.

Being the lazy bastard that I am, I've lived in the dorms for most of my time here. As a matter of fact, I currently live in Couzens, just in case any of my female fans

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are interested in meeting the good Señor. The dorms offer many advantages to U of M's best and brightest students. Unfortunately, I can't think of any of them right now. Well, except for the opportunity to ogle a variety of up and coming sorority girls as they bounce up and down the halls.

Anyway, I eventually had to make the decision of whether or not I wanted to live in Couzens for a fourth consecutive year. This decision was truly a difficult one, possibly one of the most important I would make regarding the near future. So naturally, I put all the effort I could into making this choice. And what better way to do so than to order out for Faz Pizza, the best pizza in the world!* The following is a list of pros and cons of living in the dorms that I wrote on a napkin using a breadstick and pizza sauce.

Pros:

1. They cook for you!
2. Lots of hot girls to look at!
3. Cool neighbors with names like "Puja"!

Cons:

1. Food tastes like crap!
2. Lots of big guys to kick your ass for looking at their girlfriend the wrong way!
3. Jack-ass neighbors with names like "Puja"!

I would have written more, but I ate the breadstick. Anyway, after careful deliberation, I decided to do the only sensible thing: heads, stay in Couzens; tails, move out.

It was a sunny February afternoon when El Señor Guípe and his sidekick, El Rojo Grande, began their search for an apartment. Armed with a listing of various realtors, they proudly marched down Church Street. Together, they walked into a well known realty company, went up to the front desk, and said "Hello Miss, we're looking for an apartment." The

receptionist, stunned by the power and authority that our heroes bring with them, immediately began to cater to their needs.

"Take a number," she said without lifting her eyes from the latest edition of Cosmo. Realizing that they were going to get nowhere with the major real estate companies who charge their tenants for

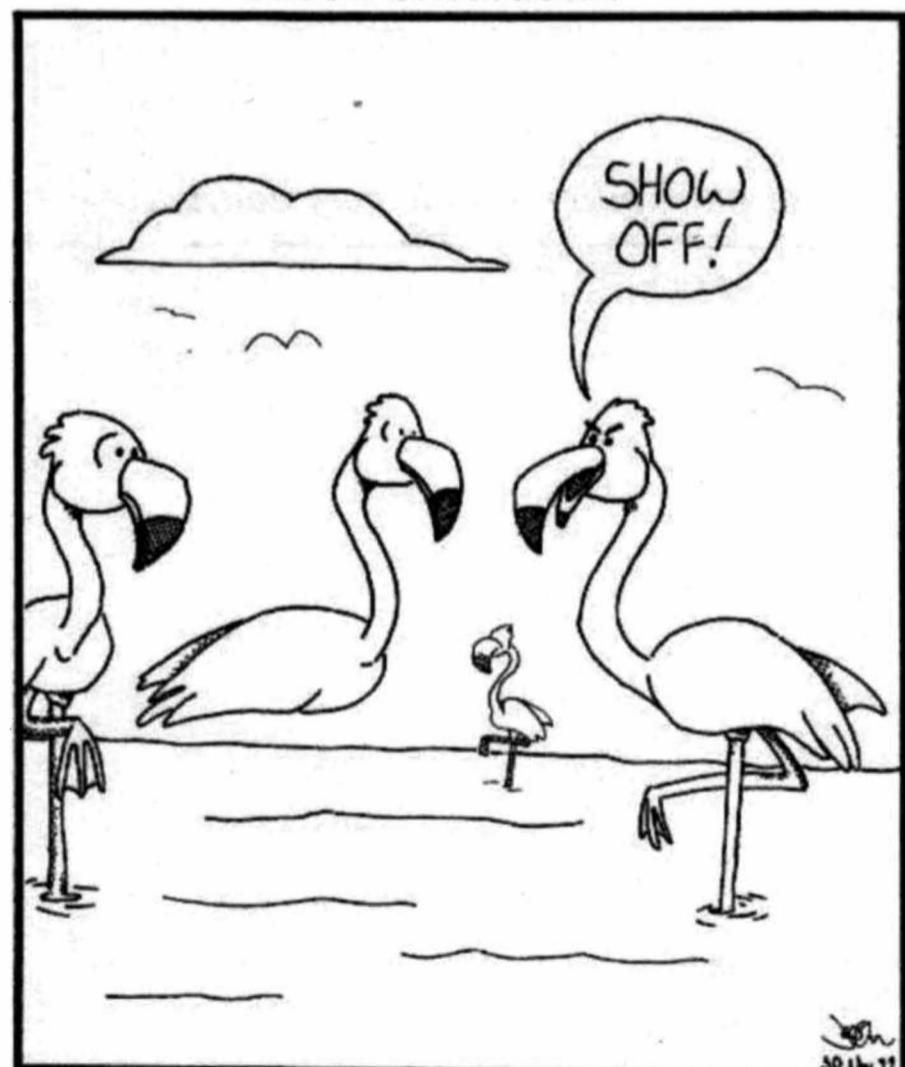
performing such tasks as taking out the garbage and vacuuming the halls. Guípe and Rojo are planning on having lots of fun with their newfound power by doing things like holding mandatory building meetings, putting everyone's name on their door along with a corny "Batman" logo, and hitting on all of the female residents. And trust me, there's plenty of 'em!

El Señor's Final Thought

What have we learned today? We've learned that unless you're some rich little sorority girl from New York who drives an SUV and has a boyfriend named Francis, you're probably not going to get the perfect apartment in Ann Arbor. As a matter of fact, you may have to settle for something less than the swinging bachelor pad you've hoped for. But, with a little perseverance, an optimistic attitude, and some Faz Pizza, you should do just fine.

**This shameless promotion reflects the personal opinion of El Señor Guípe regarding Faz Pizza and other assorted Faz products (i.e. the new "Fazburger"). It does not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Michigan Review, which prefers a good Chinese buffet any day.*

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