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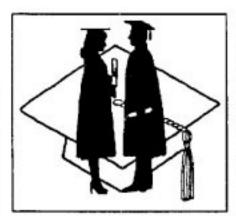
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Congratulations Class of 1995

By Sacha Grijalva

You work hard for thirteen years, including kindergarten, and now you're just about to reach the peak of your schooling. You are graduating! Why not add to the memories?



on guys, you know what I mean. If you want your picture against your favorite poster or that drawing that you won 1st prize for, then just bring it in and we'll see that it gets done, and don't worry, you'll get it back.

If you're still not convinced then come visit

Project M.O.R.E. has a video yearbook, available only to seniors. OK, so great, what's a video yearbook? Excellent question my good man! A video yearbook is exactly what it sounds like: a yearbook that has all the pictures of graduating seniors and the graduation on videotape (the summer school graduates, unfortunately, can't be included because our deadline is in May). The best part is, it will cost you nothing. You need only to bring in a blank, high quality video tape and we'll make you a copy.

This year is going to be real cool, if we have your help. What we want to do is personalize it have each person's picture appear on the screen against a background that that individual has chosen. It can be anything you want, as long as it stays within the T.U.S.D.'s censorship policy. Come John C. in the lab and he'll show you last year's video yearbook. Then you can see for yourself that this is something really worthwhile. Any further questions will be welcomed and gladly answered by the Yearbook Staff Members, who are, Michelle Ozolins, Chismar, and myself. Vanessa However, the key word here is, now, need to start getting backgrounds done so we can start working on making your last year more memorable. I guess it would be a good idea if I told you what times, right? Well, the Yearbook Staff meets every Monday, Wednesday, Friday at fourth hour. For those of you that need a specific time, any time between 11:20 and 12:05 would be super! Thanks for your cooperation and again, CONGRATULATIONS! You deserve it!

Congratulations

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Let's Try This Again

by Raeschelle Phipps

During the 4th quarter of the 1993-94 school year we had a student council addressed the issues at school that students were concerned about. They conducted survey to get an overall view of how students about Project M.O.R.E. We don't have a student council but have reviewed the results of that survey and was curious to see how students would respond to the same questions now.

lot changed with the school in the past couple of years but surprisingly enough the answers were very similar. the first survey many students had positive things to sav about M.O.R.E's Project academic probation policy and the 3-cut They said contract. things like "The policies help to weed out the students that don't belong here from the students that do belong here." They felt that it helped keep students focused on their school

So, What's the Deal? Are We Moving or Not?

by Deanna Lundquist

The Trees for Tucson thing never happened. We (Tom, Khivka, and myself) had been interested in planting some trees in the neighborhood around our school. Trees F"R "Tucson is an organization that we were in contact with. This organization was going to help us by possibly donating some trees. We got started, but somehow never got finished. When the new school is built there will be some trees planted around the campus, but we had thought it would be nice for some of M.O.R.E.'s students would dig into the earth and beautify the entire neighborhood.

There have been multiple busts made on campus. Numerous (a ballpark figure of 12) students have been arrested and suspended. Most of the causes for the arrests were drug related. It is believed that T.U.S.D. is freaking out since M.O.R.E. is eventually moving downtown where the students will be in the heart of a conservative, adult, business environment. A fishbowl during the third quarter should address that. Teachers have repeatedly commented on the lack of students regularly attending their classes. Why? Enthusiasm seems to be waning.

Meanwhile, on the bright side of things: there is a bright side. Tom has made multiple contacts and hooked many student up with job and internships. Downtown business people have been very positive about M.O.R.E. moving to Alameda and Stone. Many have offered apprenticeships including Susan Chism of Dateline: Downtown, Ed at Club Dada, and Dave Chandler at D.A.R.A. More new opportunities are continually popping up as Tom is trying to get student out into the "real" world. Ask him if you are interested in getting credit by doing something you really enjoy, possibly by doing something you do anyway.

The impending move has been set back to the beginning of March. Since the district has to pay a late fee for every day the building is occupied after March 1, the move is now a sure thing. It may happen rapidly. It may be that one day the students and steff are at Post Annual of the country at Post Annual of the country at Post Annual of the Country and the country at Post Annual of the Country at P

the students and staff are on Park Ave. and the next they're on Stone.

work. But of course there were students that felt that the policies were no good. Their reasons were that it "sucks" and that it was "too hard." The majority of the students responses from the first survey, however, were positive.

As far as the question, "What do you like most about Project M.O.R.E?" the answers varied. The majority of the students liked the freedom here, the second most popular answer was the flexible schedules. The next question on the survey was, "What do you think Project M.O.R.E is lacking?" Students seemed to feel that the school was lacking a place to smoke, more school activities, and there was also a number of students that felt our school is not lacking anything.

The next question on the survey was, "If we could hire a new teacher what kind would you like?"

The majority of students felt that we need more or a different math teacher. Following closely behind was the response that we don't need any more or different

teachers. there were a group of students who requested art, photography, and drama teachers.

Now for the results of OUR recent survey. Forty-three people responded to the survey. I'll go through the questions one by one.

First I asked how do you feel about the Academic Probation policy. The results were that 22 of the 43 had positive things to say about the policy. Things such as, the policy "helps keep kids on track," the

Leave Us Alone

by Joe Jones

There have been more arrested by the police since beginning of this quarter, than in the last five years here at Project M.O.R.E. Since this is the only high school in Tucson with an open campus, the cops look at the whole school as a trouble spot infested with drugs. They have stepped up their patrols in the places where the students usually hang out.

Teenagers make the choice to go to Project M.O.R.E. to finish getting the education they deserve. Most have been thrown out of regular high schools because they couldn't follow the rules. This doesn't mean they didn't want an education.

education.

Already new rules have effected students grades. Students are staying out of classes longer, because they are forced to walk farther away from their school. When they come back they're marked tardy, so their grades suffer.

This isn't helping the anyone.

How can we change the rules so we can get the education we want? Bob sets up these things called "Fish Bowls" so the students get a chance to have a say in the way their school is run. At the last Fish Bowl, most of the student walked out at the end frustrated that nothing was accomplished. Bobs long, boring lecture at the beginning always throws the topics into a spin. This would be a good strategy if the students were really heard; instead, they're given false hopes of needed change.



(con't fromSURVEY) policy "is reasonable," and the policy "is good because it gets rid of kids who aren't serious about school and don't belong here." But 13 of the 43 felt that the policy was not a good idea. Some of their reasons were, "it sucks, "it's stupid", "it isn't fair," also that the policy is "a joke." Again we didn't really have any solid reasons against the policy. There were 8 undecided students.

Regarding the question about the three cut contracts 22 students responded favorably. Making such comments as "I believe it's a little harsh but overall a good idea." Again students felt that the policy helps keep kids on track. However 17 students are against the policy, because "it's unfair," and "it sucks." Four students were undecided.

I added a question to the survey that wasn't there before. I asked "What do you think about Project M.O.R.E.'s Fishbowls? I thought people would comment positively about the fishbowls. But only 17 thought favorably of them saying "they brought kids together" and "they give us a chance to talk." Twenty-two students made comment like "they're unproductive," "they're not very organized," and "they don't accomplish much." Four students had no opinion.

The most popular answers to the question, "What do you like most about Project M.O.R.E?" were the freedom and the schedule. A lot of students said they like the teachers as well. Some students simply put "everything." Students commented on how fair the school is and how much respect is shown to the teachers and students. Only three students said there was nothing about Project

M.O.R.E that they liked.

"What do you think Project M.O.R.E is lacking?"

Only a few students commented on the kind of teachers that are lacking, math and photography. A number of students commented on the lack of "friendliness." Students felt that among the students there are too many groups. These comments came from those who have been here for a while. They have noticed a change. Students used to be friends with practically everyone no matter what. I guess things have changed. A few students felt that nothing was lacking.

The last question on the survey was, "If we could hire a new teacher what kind would you like?" I got a variety of answers to that question, which was what I wanted. Some of us want a "good looking teacher." Specific types of teachers wanted, included Math, English, Art, Drama, P.E., Home Education, and Photography. Students want teachers that are respectful, ones that are motivated, and one that is a "real person." Four students felt that we don't need any new kind of teachers.

If you look at the results of our survey along with the results of the survey done before, you will see similarities with the answers. From the results of the survey, I get the impression that for the most part students are content with the school. There are a few complaints, but nobody really had any serious problems with the way things are ran here.



Food for Thought

by Sacha Grijalva

Don't you just hate it when you go to a restaurant that you've never been to before and you end up wishing that someone had warned you about it because it's so nasty? Or when the opposite happens, and you spend your time at fast food places because no one ever told you about that cool restaurant downtown? Well, if that has happened to you then your worries are over. Or in other words, Hakuna Matatal Starting now there is going to be a review in the paper specifically for food/restaurant places that may or may not be known to you. The restaurant will be judged by me and one or two companions. We'll be basing our opinions on the service, the time spent waiting in starvation for the meal, the amount that has to come out of your pocket, and of course whether or not we want to hold the food down or make a quick trip to the facilities. My goal is to find as many different places to eat as possible because eating is one of my favorite things to do. Now I can use this column as an excuse for going out to all these restaurants and in return, hopefully you will find some new and fun places to go dine at.







The Chocolate Iguana

Now this place is awesome if you're into coffee and sweets. While I was there I tried one of their Cafe Mocha Shakes which sells for \$2.95, I know I know a shake for that price sounds a wee bit high, but I'm telling you it's worth it. You can get filled up on a Toasted Bagel with cream cheese for \$1.25. That's what I had the first time I went. On a scale of one to ten, I would rate the Chocolate Iguana a nine. Located in the corner of 6th street and 4th avenue, the area is real cozy. You can sit outside or inside. I don't recommend it if you want a meal because the restaurant consists of pastries such as scones and cinnamon rolls and desserts like carrot and cheese cake, and a dozen different coffee blends and ice creams that will send you to bed with sweet dreams. They are open until ten o'clock on week nights and eleven o'clock on Saturdays, but only until nine o'clock on Sundays. If you're the Cafe type then you should definitely try The Chocolate Iguana.

DISCLOSURE

by Raeschelle Phipps

This movie, as expected, was excellent. I don't know how many of you know the story line,

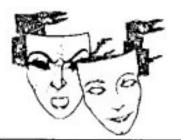
so I'll fill you in a little.

Tom, played by Michael Douglas, is a happily married man with a good, well-paying job and a wonderful family. Meredith, played by Demi Moore, is his ex-lover and also his new boss. Meredith is back in Tom's life and wants more than a working relationship with Tom. Meredith creates a sexually uncomfortable scene with him. She, in other words, sexually harasses him. Then sweet, innocent little Meredith reports to her boss that Tom harassed her. Since Meredith is such a valued asset to the company everyone turns on Tom and takes her side, until... oops I guess I better not tell you any more of the movie. I'll let you see it for yourself.

I don't agree with a lot of the things Meredith does in the movie, you know like trying to pull

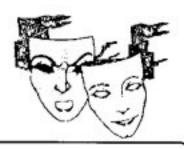
off a sex scandal. But I do admire her in a lot of ways. She is a strong, self-willed woman. Meredith likes to be in charge, she likes to have power, and she does what it takes to get it.

All in all I'd have to say that this movie is a must see for everyone. I personally recommend



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3:08 A.M. TO INFINITY (FOR MATTHEW)

by Heather Allen

I've been in this room for too long now. The soft, hot red light on my clock blinks

and blinks, keeping me awake.

This room seems to get hotter.

My mouth fills with thirst, and a craving for nicotine.

I stretch out long, on my crumpled sheets, softly pushing my hand beneath my head.

I think of you.

The sheets seem to cool the diamonds of sweat

on my skin.

Outside the night is hot and infinite.

I feel empty...

and I can't get back to sleep again.

HATE

by Melisa Witt

I sit here in this dark room filled with every bit of doubt.

I hate you. I despise you. You hurt me, you stupid bitch.

Didn't you know? If I had the chance I would cut you to pieces, and fry your head.

I read yesterday in a book that described the anger

of a mother and daughter.

At first I was upset, and I did not understand. I have thought about this long, and the reason for hostility is easy to explain.

I was left in those cold dark houses, with strange people and

dirty rooms.

They smelled of rotted cactus, and dust.

I remember the burn of a curling iron, the collapsed ceiling and, the large foot holes in the walls.

I would wait forever, so it seemed.

I would run to the yard whenever I heard the sound of a car, only to be disappointed with someone else.

I wish I could say more, but I feel my throat swelling.

Until next time, good.....

Jello

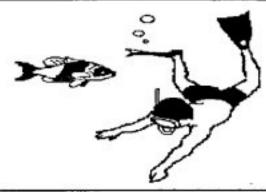
by Melisa Witt

The jello mold; it occupies my mind as it sits on the counter and uncontrollably moves.

It moves with glorifying shine, and shadowing in every depth of it's curve.

She inhaled it, and felt the warmth overcome her, and she exhaled it with laughter and tears as she sat on the bathroom floor.

"Please don't let me die, oh god, please don't let me sit on this cold tile and die smelling, smelling like stomach acids and jello."



DEATH OF MIDNIGHT

by Heather Allen

Silence, dawn arose upon us soon overcoming the dying shade of night. Now starved was the mystic moon,

through unexpected sharpness in the radiance of light.

Thick and curled were dreams before
as a shallow grave pushed vision to hide.
As last night's ocean kissed today's shore
the distant waves drowned midnight to
tide.

Shall this moment be blessed serene, as the face of dawn has fled...? For both day and night must go unseen to kiss the surface of the dead.

Chopstick

Chick-adi

Dear Chopstick Chick,

I have a mouse. He hits me a lot. He says he loves me, but I don't feel that he does when he hits me. He says if I ever tell anyone, he'll kill me. What should I do?

Battered by Rodent

Dear Battered by Rodent,

It seems to me that you have a serious relationship problem with your mouse. Have you considered going to counseling perhaps, at your veterinarian clinic? My advice to you is try to tell your mouse how you are feeling but if he hits you again please call 911 or tell someone because that is not a healthy environment for you or your mouse to be in. And don't be to scared about him killing you. Next time he threatens you, just tell him you're going to go buy a cat.

Dear Chopstick Chick,

I have an overly protective boyfriend who threatens all my friends that are guys if one so much as hugs me. At first I thought it was kind of cute but now I think it is getting out of hand. We have been together for six months and in those six months I have done absolutely nothing to cause any reason for doubt about my feelings for him. He's a great guy but he doesn't trust me. When I ask him why he doesn't, he just says, "It's not you I don't trust; it's the guys." But then in the same breath he'll say, "It's not easy to trust your girlfriend."

Angela.

Dear Angela,

Wow, it sounds like you're in a bind. I wish that there were easy answers to the teenage love problems, but there aren't. But one thing is for certain, your boyfriend is overly protective of you, which unfortunate considering the fact that you have remained faithful to him for six months. Instead of asking him questions, maybe you should tell him how you feel. If you've already done that then talk to your friends; you might even consider having them talk to your boyfriend. If you are still unsuccessful, it might be time to tell this guy, "Hey, either you start showing me the trust I deserve or you find someone who enjoys being treated with distrust."







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HRSCPS F DM

b:Olvr Sctt

||Sggtrs-- This month is like a moth; if you touch the dusty wings, you will damage them and the moth will never fly right again and it will most likely die because of you. You must be very careful of touching this month's wings. A tough decision on the 28th could land you in a heap of distress (or hexacyanoferrate!). It is time to decide between two suitors that have been after your attentions for some time now. But beware! Choose the wrong person and you could be in a large amount of trouble (or hydrogen sulfate!). And the person you didn't choose will most likely end up stalking you and cutting in your pets with knives and bloody everywhere no no no not the needle. NO

| Vrg-- DON'T DO IT!

| Cncr-- All the careful planning you put in, all the preparations you made, ALL FOR NOTHING! You will FAIL! Probably.

Trs-NO! NO! BAD! You will never be a bailiff. Never.

Ars-Once as a child a huge moth flew into our house. I was absolutely terrified. Literally petrified with fear. It's wings were black with blue areas. Once it had gotten inside the house, it thrashed around, trying to get out of the house, but it couldn't. It tried blindly, repeatedly, to escape. To this day I am not sure why I was so terrified of the giant moth. For several years in junior high and early high school, my other name was Mothra. This month, if you fly into some person's home, they will be very afraid of you. They will not know why for a very long time, and you will never know because you were trying so desperately, so blindly to get out.

[Scrp-TUSD wants to kill you. TUSD wants to lure you into your school's cafeteria, push you into a giant blender and put you into the cafeteria food. This way they can eat you, you have to kill TUSD first, before they can kill you.

| Lbr--Cast out devils!

| Gmn-mole ruit sua. Remember this as you lay your ever-growing plans, lest they topple you and crush you. This month be wary of constructing devious plots. They may turn around and unfurl their proboscis into you like a giant moth, then suck all the nutrients from you, leaving only a lifeless husk. The 23rd is your day for rrrrromance!

| Cprcrn--On the morning of the 13th, you will wake up and you will not be able to open your eyes. They will be sealed shut, seeled with undifferentiated tissue. Soon it will grow to cover your mouth, nose, ears, etc. This is symbolic for all the times you coated all the pale green Luna moths with rubber cement. THEY SEE. THEY KNOW. THEY SHALL RULE AGAIN.

|| Pscs--Your new cheek piercing is symbolic of getting hooked through the gills like the fish you are. Moths and fish generally don't interact with each other, so don't expect to be rescued or kicked in the dorsal fin. You are on your own with this one. You got youself into this, you have to get youself out, girl. That stank man of yours does not treat you like the real, proud African American woman you are. (does not apply to caucasian males)

free yourself from the tyranny of memory. It is a white man's invention in a world where the only good whitey is a robot whitey, or a dead whitey. Possibly a brothah's brain transplanted into a synthetic whitey analog, but that's pushing it a little. Memory is Enslavement. Arise, bruthahs and Sistahs! It's time to reclaim your neuro-synaptic freedom! The revolution will only be complete when we all realize that ALL MEMORY IS COMPLETELY AND INHERENTLY RANDOM. Every possibility of occurrence in this or any universe has already happened\will happen\is happening simultaneously. This is all illustrated in the quantum-mechanical wave function. Therefore, any memory is just one of an infinity of possibilities. Free Yourself!

| L-Your advisor is a parasitic blood-sucking demon. And a scary vampire scaly monster. Arise and kill your enslaver! The revolution begins with you! If there is a single cell of righteousness in you, you will kill your advisor! (does not apply to Kathy Church)