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ABORTION PILL GIVES BIRTH TO NEW DILEMMA

BY STEPHANIE REITZ
uR-I SENIOR CORRESPONDENT
The controversial "at-home-abortion-pill" marketed in France will be available across the street from MSU if the Food and Drug Administration approves its distribution in this country.

The pill, labeled "RU 486," has been hailed by some pro-choice activists while hated by anti-abortion groups. However, the controversy surrounding the pill will not stop it from coming to East Lansing.

Betsy Tupper, community education coordinator for Womancare of Lansing, said the firm's East Lansing branch, 201 E. Grand River Ave., will distribute RU 486 if federally approved.

"It would be a wonderful thing for women who now must have an abortion surgically," Tupper said. "I'm not sure what the local reaction would be, but I've heard that Right-To-Life groups will boycott any pharmaceutical company that makes RU 486 in the United States."

Currently, RU 486 is used by more than 15,000 women in France. Though the FDA has no plans to review the pill in the near future, RU 486 is being

tested in California. Tests also are being run in Sweden, China, Hungary and the United Kingdom.

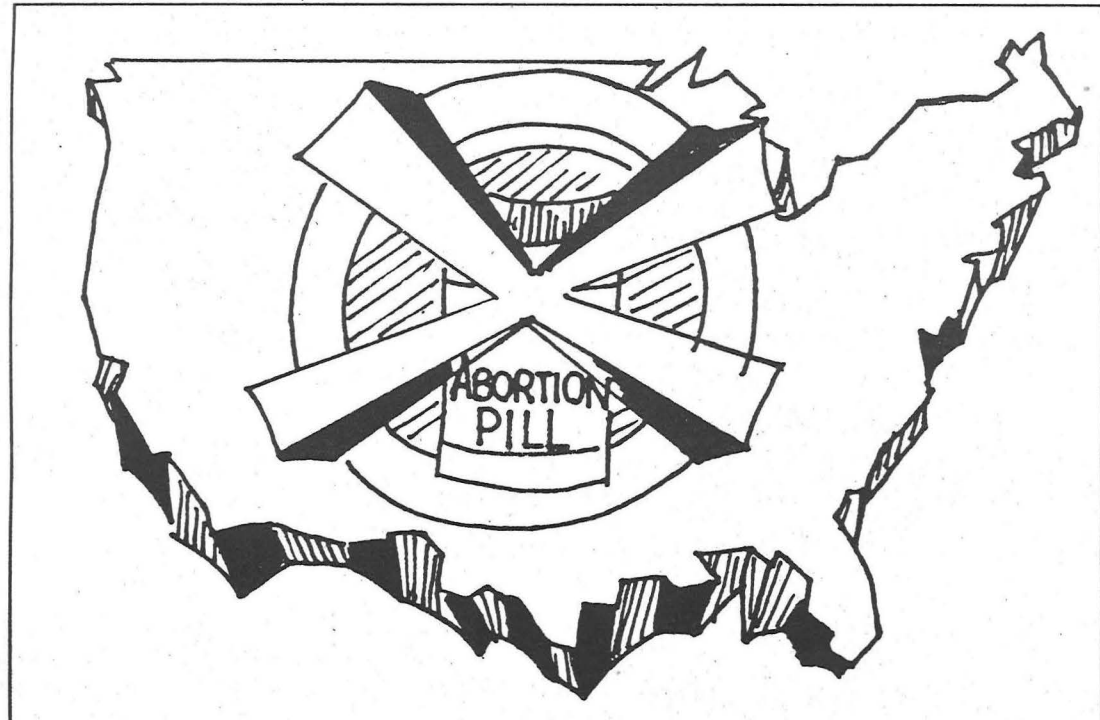
How It Works

RU 486, known as

induces contractions in the uterus, aborting the pregnancy in a less invasive way than presently used surgical suction methods. In a surgical abortion, the woman's cervix is

96 to 98 percent rate of success without complications. According to the World Health Organization, almost 50 million women have surgical abortions

pill is a high dose of oral contraceptives and must be taken within 72 hours of unprotected sexual intercourse. In contrast, RU 486 must be taken when pregnancy is confirmed or six to eight weeks after the woman's last menstrual cycle.



RU 486, being tested in California, is illegal in the United States. mifepristone in medical circles, was introduced in France in 1988 by Groupe Roussel Uclaf.

This abortion pill causes a miscarriage by stopping the hormone progesterone from retaining a fertilized egg. After three days of taking the pill, the patient is given a shot that

dilated to the width of a pencil and a "vacuette" is inserted into the uterus. The contents of the uterus then are emptied by suction. "(Surgical abortion) is fairly simple and is safe, but RU 486 is less invasive than even that," Tupper said. "RU 486 also has a

uR-I artwork/JULIE NICHOLS each year. Of these, 200,000 die from unsafe conditions, infection or medical errors. While RU 486 often is mistaken for the "morning after" pill given to victims of sexual assault, the two pills, in fact, are different. The "morning after"

American companies hesitant

Most of the country's major pharmaceutical companies already have said they won't touch RU 486 for fear of public controversy and expensive lawsuits.

The example of G.D. Searle — a U.S. company that has lost more than \$10 million in lawsuits over its Copper-7 intra-uterine device (IUD) — has left other pharmaceutical companies scared.

And the example of A.H. Robbins, which went bankrupt after losing numerous suits over its Dalkon Shield IUD, also frightens companies away from marketing RU 486.

"We're caught between people who want the stuff and those who want it immediately but expect perfection," said Duane Pisanca, an

Professor discusses the controversial abortion pill RU 486 and its ramifications on *The Second Front Page*

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Upjohn Pharmaceuticals representative for MSU's College of Human Medicine. "The fact is, nothing's been developed in medicine that's 100 percent safe.

"On something like this, who can afford to take a chance?"

Groupe Roussel Uclaf of France, feeling the heat from anti-abortion groups worldwide, recently chose to stop distributing the pill.

But when the French government threatened to take away the pill's exclusive patent and let other companies manufacture and distribute RU 486, Roussel returned it to the market.

Officials at Hoechst Roussel Pharmaceuticals, a New Jersey company in which Groupe Roussel Uclaf is a minor stockholder, say the company will never produce RU 486. Specifics were not given by the company, which currently markets medication for diabetics and victims of arterial disease.

Controversy over the pill's purpose and the hands-off attitude of pharmaceutical companies recently prompted one pro-choice group to request intervention from the National Organization of Women.

NOW has been asked to set up a separate firm of its own to import and distribute RU 486 if and when it is approved by the FDA. But until the FDA reviews and makes a recommendation on the pill, NOW's proposed firm remains in limbo.

Experts react

Placing moral objections aside, some say RU 486 doubly angers anti-abortion groups because it forces changes in their political strategies.

Thomas Tomlinson, associate professor in the Center for Ethics and Humanities of MSU's life sciences department, said approval of RU 486 would decentralize the target of anti-abortion groups.

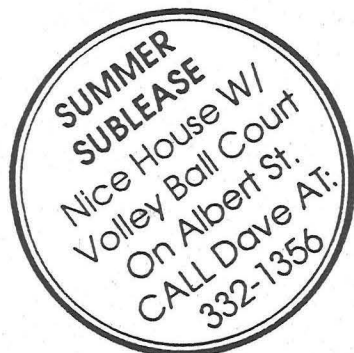
"Right now, an abortion clinic is an obvious place for anti-abortionists to protest visibly and forcefully," Tomlinson said. "If this pill were available by prescription, abortion would become more invisible and, for them, harder to fight."

But even if RU 486 is approved for distribution, some state politicians believe that the abortion pill will face a tough battle in the Michigan Legislature.

Rep. Matt Dunaskis, R-Lake Orion, said federal restrictions

would almost be a necessity.

"Even if our legislature took action on it one way or another, I doubt it could be contained without an all-encompassing federal policy," he said, adding that the pill might be easier to obtain in Ohio or Indiana if those states enact more lenient restrictions.



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- b. I don't mind as long as I can still smoke at blind pigs
- c. it's about time someone took a stand for non-smokers
- d. smoking is a vile habit and should be banned

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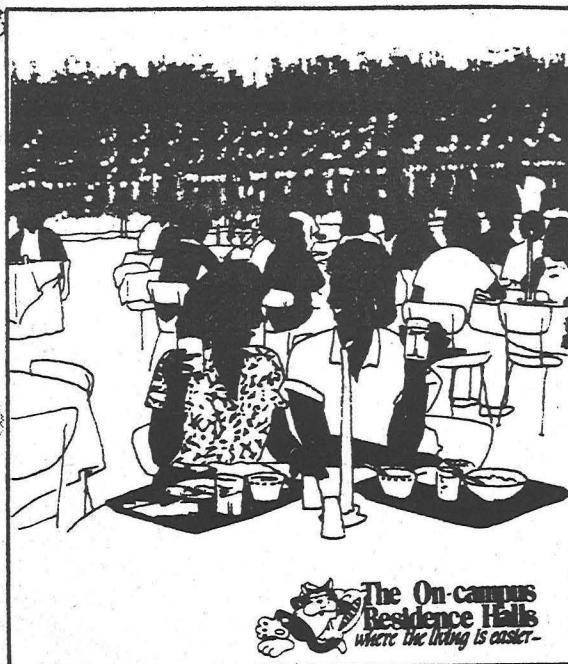
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**Leonard
Fleck, Ph.D.**

For those who take the most sharply defined moral positions on the abortion question, the introduction of RU-486 changes nothing, morally speaking.

For the strict conservative, the fact that an abortion is effected in the earliest stages of a pregnancy does not change the essential moral wrongness of the act. But for those who see abortion decisions as a matter of balancing competing moral considerations, RU-486 does affect a major shift in the moral equation.

Most of those who defend a pro-choice view see the issue in this balancing mode, though the rhetoric employed will often obscure this fact. That is, the rhetoric suggests that women have an absolute right to choose abortion, that there are no serious countervailing moral considerations.

But the reality is that abortion is felt to be a moral tragedy. To be sure, I would argue that fetuses are not persons, nor do they have moral rights as you and I do. But they are clearly a human life form, which is literally what is seen from the earliest days in the second trimester of a pregnancy. Hence, it could come as no surprise that women having abortions under these circumstances would experience a deep sense of moral regret.

There is an important biological fact we need to note, namely, that the development of the fetus is very much a continuous process.

Many writers have attempted to identify some point in fetal development that would make a radical moral difference, such that prior to that point abortions would be morally permissible, but after that point they would be morally wrong. Points that have been suggested have included implantation, the emergence of the primitive brain streak, the completion of the anatomy of the brain and viability.

But biological facts suggest there are no such bright lines or points to which we can attach great moral significance.

Daniel Callahan, a philosopher at The Hastings Center, takes the moral implication of this to be that as a pregnancy advances, correspondingly weightier moral considerations are needed to justify an abortion. This would be especially true beyond the latter stages of the second trimester, where, I would suggest we would need to justify an abortion primarily in terms of the future interests of the fetus rather than the interests of the mother. And most often, such justification is available since the most frequent circumstances requiring such abortions are serious genetic or developmental problems in the fetus that would very adversely affect its future quality of life.

If Callahan's developmental approach to thinking about the morality of abortion is reasonable, then the RU-486 pill does represent an important moral gain.

By allowing for the very early termination of a pregnancy, RU-486 allows a woman's interests to be morally controlling in the making of that decision. Moreover, since the pill appears to be very

safe, women are spared the risks that are associated with any abortion procedure. They also are spared the psychological trauma often associated with abortion. Trauma that the men who impregnated them rarely must face.

But perhaps the most important gain of the RU-486 pill is that it does make real the right to privacy and the right to self-determination in these matters, which are the rights most often invoked as the moral basis for justifying abortion. That is, one of the social oddities about the abortion question is that it has been anything but a private affair.

Having an abortion has involved physicians and other health care professionals, the use of hospitals or other health care facilities, and sometimes the use of public funds. These all are things that are publicly regulated. Under these conditions, abortion appears to be a very public event, and the assertion of rights to privacy and self-determination do not seem to be quite congruent with the social facts.

But the availability of RU-486 would virtually eliminate that incongruity.

Not all writers see this result as an unambiguous moral good.

Lisa Cahill, writing in *The Hastings Center Report* (October, 1987), says that the RU-486 pill poses additional difficulties for moral analysis because it "potentially privatizes the abortion decision to such an extent that moral scrutiny could be evaded almost entirely." And, she adds that this also "lessens public accountability."

But we need to ask why there should have to be public ac-

countability in the first place. That seems to have been mostly an accidental feature of the fact that women cannot safely abort themselves. With the advent of RU-486, the burden of proof would seem to shift to those who would demand public accountability. Cahill herself makes a vague reference to the need for social reflection "on the psychosocial relation of abortion to other forms of killing." But I am not familiar with any social research that would suggest that abortion makes us more tolerant of killing in general.

Of course, there is the claim that we have a person from the moment of conception. But that claim is rooted in deep religious and philosophic convictions that are themselves "private," that a liberal society cannot justifiably make a matter of public accountability. For those who might think otherwise, it would be useful to note that some Eastern religions see all animals as having a soul, as being person-like. For all those who defend a right-to-life perspective and enjoy McDonald hamburgers as well, this is a point worth pondering.

In concluding, we will note that RU-486 is not a contraceptive pill. It is an abortifacient. And for that reason it does require some moral attention.

But it is moral attention from the pregnant woman, not society at large.

And it is a degree of attention substantially diminished from that required by a later abortion.

— DR. FLECK IS A PROFESSOR WITH THE MSU CENTER FOR ETHICS AND HUMANITIES IN THE LIFE SCIENCES

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RU 486? We R

Abortion is a woman's choice. No dispute over that. But now, a new question has entered the abortion battlefield — where anti-abortionists and pro-choice groups continue to feud in the never-ending debate: *What methods of abortion should be deemed morally acceptable and medically safe?* This question has been sparked by the introduction of RU 486, more commonly known as the "at home abortion pill." RU 486 — introduced in France in 1988 by Groupe Roussel Uclaf — currently is marketed and used by more than 15,000 women in France. But Americans are afraid to use it. And so is the rest of the world. RU 486 recently crossed the Atlantic and arrived in the United States where it currently is being tested in California. Tests also are being run in Sweden, China, Hungary and the United Kingdom. But no one except for the French have taken the bold step to use this alternative method of abortion ... and they should. Currently, the most widely used method of abortion in the United States is the surgical suction method. According to the World Health Organization, almost 50 million worldwide have surgical abortions each year. However, of these 50 million women, 200,000 die from unsafe conditions, infection or medical errors, according to WHO reports. If these reports are accurate, then it is imperative that an alternative, more safe method of abortion be available for women in the United



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States and throughout the world. The surgical suction method has been known to be fairly simple and safe. But RU 486 also has been reported to have a 96 to 98 percent rate of success without complications. And the abortion pill also provides for much greater privacy and shuts off public scrutiny for pregnant women seeking abortions. If RU 486 is safe for the 15,000-plus French women using it, then why isn't it safe for the rest of the world? If tests in the United States prove that RU 486 does indeed have a "96 to 98 percent rate of success

without complications," then FDA officials should do the right thing. Legalize RU 486. And American pharmaceutical companies should wake up and take a stand for the women who desperately need help when confronted with the agonizing decision of abortion. If American women can choose what form of birth control methods to use, then they also should have the right to alternative abortion procedures, AS LONG AS THESE METHODS HAVE BEEN PROVEN SAFE AND EFFECTIVE.

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Viewer Mail:

Appreciation for Doc's advice to: *Take two and ball me in the morning*

Dear Doc,

I wanted to write to thank you for your advice about how to get over my panic over making it with this woman and my roommate.

I got really drunk, like you suggested, and watched while they got it on. Well, you guessed what happened. Before long, I was joining in.

It was great Doc! We kept having these group orgasms, which must have woke up the whole apartment complex. None of us ever had such great sex. Now, we're ready for an orgy. Any ideas of how we sell the idea to our friends?

Thanks again,
Matt

Reader: *DPS unjust*

Dear Editor:

The following is just a general letter to let the public know about the injustice of DPS.

Recently, I had the misfortune of dealing with the Department of Public Safety and I'm appalled at their lack of competence. For being supposed "Officers of the Law," I found them

ignorant of the topic and greatly lacking in "Due Process" arena.

The most incredible fault was their gullibility. The officer was blatantly lied to by the other party, (a Dee Gee who gave her sorority a wonderful reputation and I'm sure they're all proud of her!); and they bought her story hook, line, and sinker. The most disgusting fault is the fact that I was denied my right to testify about how the accident occurred because I was related to the driver and DPS feels that 99% of the time relatives tell the same story and therefore don't need to be consulted. How absurd!! What about the 1% who see and say something different and could possibly shed some light on the situation? It's a ridiculous notion to disregard a relative's testimony because the facts are likely to be the same; maybe that's because we see the same accident. According to our constitution a person has the right to testify and the fact of being related is **irrelevant!** Also, the Officer recontacted the passenger of the other case (a ball-less gentleman who lied for the "lovely" Dee Gee, how chivalrous!) after she'd taken the reports and left the scene, but then never bothered to hear my side of the story at all.

Is this our fair judicial system? I certainly hope that this was just one unfortunate incident and not the usual way an investigation is handled. Officer Z. was wonderfully polite and courteous but there's more to her job description than that, and just maybe she should look into it. As for the other parties involved, their lack of morals is offensive, and I hope they're proud of their outstanding "law-abiding" behavior. Although my party was found at fault in this incident, no citation was issued due to a "lack of evidence." How, then, did the officer

reach her conclusion of fault? Eneie, meenie, miney, moe...

Jeannie Brake
Physiology major

Doin' Ollie wrong

Dear uR-I,

Although I am a fan of your paper, I have several comments to make about your May 9th issue. First, you have Ollie North as Geek of the Week, which is fine with me, but you said that Kukla and Fran were puppets. If I am not mistaken, Kukla and Ollie were the puppets, and Fran was the host of the children's TV show.

Also, I found your coverage of the Ollie North visit as biased as many of the articles we read in the State News. Even though you did quote others as giving possible reasons why Ollie was invited, I believe that to add balance and objectivity to your paper, it would be helpful to hear from the other side and not just speculation. From the coverage I read of the events, there were Ollie supporters at the protest, and I believe their opinions, and not just speculation, might help us understand why *anyone* came from Darius Peyton, who said he personally did not support North, but supports his right to speak. Isn't that why Farrakhan was invited to campus, even though much controversy surrounded his visit? I find it hypocritical of anyone to support the free speech of Farrakhan and not the free speech of Oliver North, and vice versa.

If we repress those of differing opinions, we will never learn from each other.

Finally, I hope your paper covers the Take Back the Night Candlelight Vigil on May 18 at 8:00pm at

Beaumont Tower and the March/Rally at the State Capitol at 6:00pm on May 19.

— Brenda Hardy
Graduate Student

McW loses marbles

Dear uR-I:

Being a new freshman here at MSU, this year really opened my eyes as to how much people bitch around here. Blacks bitch about whites, girls bitch about guys, student's bitch about the AD, and your reporter, Tom McWilliams is bitching about our country's government. Is poor Tommy being oppressed?? I would like to know who gave him his right to bitch? I'm glad I have my right to bitch about his column! As for his marble analogy—he's lost his!

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— Lynn Kloosterman

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Geek of the Week

No, it's not WHO, but WHAT earns Geek o' the Week dishonors cette semaine, as the French might say. And speaking of the French, they love the buddy of the guy stricken with this week's Geek.

Is this getting too drawn out? Are we hurting for Geeks? Is this really necessary?

Well, maybe not, but sit tight, because — in a uR-I first — a non-human is our Geek (well, that may not be true; we've had Reagan, Nixon, Perles, Bakker...).

Anyway...

Yes, for weakening — and one can only assume eventually killing Sammy — throat cancer takes this week's dishonors.

Aside from being a pain in the neck, throat cancer has prevented Sammy Davis Jr., friend of Jerry Lewis (who is tres manifique), from being his really, really, grooviest best, man.

He's really a beautiful human being, man, as well as a close friend, and we're going to miss him.

A truly hip cat killed by a truly unhip disease.

Too heavy, man.

If you will, a moment of silence for the king of the Rat Pack — SAMMY!!!

MSU wouldn't let Babbit in either

Dear Editors,

I read your publication on a regular basis, and often enjoy its "different" approach to reporting that is not found in *The State News*. You pride yourselves on being MSU's "alternative" newspaper and for not having the biases and one-sided opinions so often found in the mainstream news. However, I was sorely disappointed after reading M.L. Elrick's article about Greek Week in the May 9, 1990 issue. Mr. Elrick does have a few good causes and for our environment, but they are deeply hidden in an article based on stereotypes, false information, and inappropriate sarcasm.

The purpose of Greek Week is to raise money for and participate in a worthwhile activity (Special Olympics) with which we might not otherwise placed on the one week of games and events (because more money can be raised with such a concentrated effort than with scattered participation), there are actually benefits for the cause that go on throughout the year, such as "MTV barnight" (in which sorority houses put on lip-synch acts and the cover charges all went to Special Olympics) in February.

Secondly, each fraternity or sorority has a philanthropy to which it donates money and time all year long. These causes range from the prevention of child abuse to recovering women alcoholics to the American Cancer Society. I personally have sold raffle tickets, "ghost insurance", and other such items to raise money for philanthropic projects, as well as spending time playing games and doing crafts with "underprivileged" children from the Lansing area during a function sponsored by my house and a fraternity. My pledge class alone donated over 100 cans of food to a local food bank — and no, it wasn't provided by "Mummy and Daddy."

Yes, there are people out there (in and out of the Greek system) who think that a day's good deeds should make up for a lifetime of indifference. But there always have been, and unfortunately, probably always will be. The way to deal with this situation in society is to counteract it — not through a newspaper article full of low blows, one-liners, and ridiculous examples (come on, Mr. Elrick, do you honestly think that an individual like Raymond Babbit would be attending a Big Ten University, much less rushing a fraternity there?), but with positive action. What has Mr. Elrick done along these lines? Perhaps he might do us all a favour by taking the time he would have spent writing another such article and putting it towards a good cause.

— Suzanne L. Sokalski
Pre-veterinary Medicine Student

and Fundraising Chair, Gamma Phi Beta Sorority — Beta Delta Chapter

P.S. I do not own anything made by Gucci or Bass, and have yet to meet someone named "Biff", "Skip", "Muffy", or "Mimsy".

Way wrong, dude

Dear uR-I:

M.L. Elrick was totally wrong about Greeks. Not only are we especially nice that one day of the year when we hug a retarded person, but we also use pump hairspray instead of aerosol year-round.

— Biff Darnell

Greeks aren't geeks

Mr. Elrick,

While we're shattering illusions, let's take a look at shattering some of yours. While there is a ridiculous amount of Rayban and designer sock wearing in the Greek system, it is not all that way — remember there are over 48 houses at MSU. Some of us, like me, so not fit the mold of your typical Greek. My long hair — longer than most of your staff's — and three earrings on a male is not your typical weegon wearer. I personally am allergic to plaid. Others, like me, do not have mumsy and daaaddy paying for our Sprees — some pay all ourselves. Even foregoing financial aid because of our refusal to register for the selective service. Before you criticize all Greeks for one week of fun, take a look at other events — you're not seeing hours of free time each week devoted to other philanthropic endeavors such as SADD; Easter Seals; Soup Kitchens; Big Brother/Big Sister; and many more. The massive effort you'd like to see continued does go on year round. It just doesn't make the papers, even the alternative ones. Granted some houses are more charity oriented than others. Many do not have regular Landshark nights. Next time some of your pals have a party, try charging a can of food for each person to get in, like some Greek houses do. Next time I read about one of the bitchin' house parties in the uR-I, I'll think about you rousing the neighbors. Greek houses are social clubs with different slants for each house — so yes there will be partying — if you can say you require all your friends to put in a set amount of social work each term — more power to you. If you can't — think again about the Greeks. And next time you don't like the behavior of a few letter wearers, don't lump the roughly 2000 of us as the same.

I ask that as I ask others not to judge me when they see guys with long hair behaving in a way they don't like. By the way, keep up the good work on the paper — the articles are becoming more in-depth and up to date — definite improvements since

the beginning of the year. Could you try to get listings for more movies like at the Odeon and East Lansing Public Library — it would be a most welcome addition to "Out & About."

— Peter Zeiler

Next on the bitch list

Mr. McWilliams,

Take a ride on the clue bus. Everyone knows the government lies and takes your rights away — I think we all figured that out sometime in high school. We all know how special interest groups get what they want, but only if they are monied enough. I refuse to register for selective service because it violates my rights. And don't even get me started on the misuse of my tax money on creating secret CIA drug funds and nuclear bombs. Don't get me started on Reagan's repeal of half of the due process and privacy acts. But you mention the invasion of rights on cars, foods, work and play — just keep in mind without the government there would be no roads to drive your car on, food of substandard quality at outrageous prices, no workmans comp when you lose a leg in an unsafe shop and just think, you too could die in a nightclub fire, if it weren't for fire codes. If you want to write a truly impressive and progressive column, research specific areas that our government is violating our rights, such as oral/ anal sex laws, ELPD taking my name & address from local party store owners when I buy a keg, questionable search & seizures — remember the man whose car was confiscated for having a dope pipe? Find some specific areas and then maybe suggest some actions for people to take (May I recommend Rules for Radicals Saul A. Alinsky) — in the meantime stop whining vaguely about things we've all known for a long time now. Before you tell "fuck the government" and get all bent out of shape — think "subvert the dominant paradigm" and take action. Maybe it's time to replace the capitalist 2 party system with a multiple party system more socialistically oriented or some other alternative form (may I again suggest Micheal Parenti Democracy for the Few & The Sword & The Dollar) — you work for an alternative paper — get cracking!!!

— Peter Zeiler

Lost marbles, McW!

Dear uRI:

Being a new freshman here at MSU, this year really opened my eyes as to how much people bitch around here. Blacks bitch about whites, girls bitch about guys, student's bitch about the AD, and your reporter, Tom McWilliams is bitching about our country's government. Is poor Tommy being oppressed?? I would like to know who gave him his right to bitch? I'm glad I have my right to bitch about his column!

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— Lynn Kloosterman

Just semantics

Tom McWilliams,

I'm afraid I've got to disagree with the statement, "How Uncle Sam steals your rights."

Uncle Sam doesn't STEAL your rights — he cons you into GIVING THEM UP, WITHOUGH EVEN REALIZING that you're DOING it!

— Kay Steele

MSU Alumni
(Telecommunications, 1986)

P.S. Other than this minor point, your column is a refreshing point of sanity in a sea of media dreck.

McWilliams is a dude

Dear uRI:

After reading Tom McWilliams' article in the 2 May 1990 issue, I have to say that I'm glad to see that there are still some individuals concerned with the freedom and liberty left on this campus. McWilliams, in his article, is expressing some of the fundamental concepts of libertarianism.

Not everybody who sees the government stamp on people's rights wants to solve the problem by giving the government more offices, personnel, and funds. Libertarians don't; and holding such an opinion, they are distinct from the socialist left. The individualist left, of which libertarianism is the most rapidly growing movement, believe in minarchy — the severe curtailment of state power.

The basic axioms of libertarianism are self-ownership and non-coercion. That is, an individual owns his or herself and is the sole master of his or her mind, body, labor, and possessions. No one, therefore, can legitimately exert any control over another because no one owns any individual other than him or herself. Only when the primary property right, self-ownership, is invaded may force be used against another (self defense).

Libertarians do not believe democracy justifies oppression. Just because a majority chooses a certain goal does not justify forcing the minority to go along. Members of the minority own themselves no matter how insignificant their number.

Libertarians are for freedom, harmony, and abundance. To achieve this, institutional theft, intolerance and aggression must be eliminated. Any freedom minded individuals who want to start a loosely-nit Libertarian Organization on this campus, or simply wants information on libertarianism, please contact me.

— Jeff Hanert



**Brian
Marshall**

Unfortunately, life is not black and white. The gray areas which lie in between are too often mistaken for the extreme. Such is the case with the caste systems which some believe define MSU.

Take fraternities. Some would tell you that the fraternities are social clubs which are created to aid others.

Nope, thanks for playing.

Others would tell you they're

Greeks ain't all bad

places where Muffy and Skip attain social status, drink, and get laid.

Survey Says: X (buzzer).

I know it's not quite the stance of some at my paper, but I'm going to be neutral.

If you are going to classify people, classify them as people, not caricatures fed to you by secondhand sources.

I know a good number of greeks, and though I am not a fraternity member, I think that these people can't be pigeonholed the way mail is sorted.

It's just not fair. While I'm not exactly a greek supporter, however, I felt that enough things had been printed in this paper that I don't quite agree with.

So I'm doing something.

How many of us "non-greeks" can say that we do as much good work for

others during the year as the fraternities and sororities do during Greek Week? Not to mention the fact that most of the houses sponsor year-round activities for good causes.

I do not contest the fact that many of the greeks do these labors for the camera, or because they are required to do so lest they lose their social status as a brother or sister.

But I ask you: Does it matter?

The deeds are being done. I don't care what motivates people to do good works.

I don't think it's a sin to do something good for society just because your friends are going to do it, or because you could get your picture in a brochure (no matter how self-serving that brochure may be), or because you want to remain in the group.

In fact, this could almost be con-

sidered positive peer pressure.

And, you know, I bet there are loads of non-greeks who act like idiots when they're drunk, or refuse to wear anything without an animal on it.

A little partying, a little puking, a little carousing with the opposite sex, a little social work to improve society, a little more partying, and a little shopping at the Polo outlet.

Isn't this what life is about: taking everything in moderation?

Where's the problem?

I'm not going to judge people on the basis of the fraternity (or lack thereof) that they belong to — the fact is, I shouldn't judge others at all.

Just because the greeks are a visible group in the MSU community doesn't mean they can be classified as a group rather than the individuals they are.

Now the NRA is a different story...

— *Marshall is a UR-I correspondent who WAS going to be editor next fall*



**Garry
Boyd**

No doubt, many of you have seen the plywood monuments erected in front of Wells Hall the past few weeks.

Campus freedom of speech: Dying breed or annoying weed?

A few student groups, such as the Committee for Education in Latin America (CELA), Democratic Socialists of America (DSA) and Helping to Understand Racism Today (HURT) have built these structures to educate, and more importantly to remind students of events and problems which they don't know affect them.

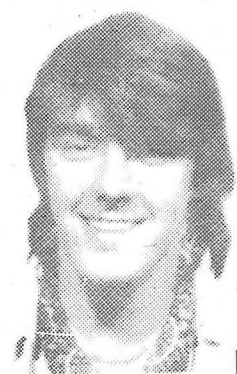
These "shanties" are erected for specific causes, i.e. the plight of the homeless, or the United States' Government's involvement in El Salvador, and many students judge

them on aesthetics, instead of the idea behind them. To quote an known passer-by, "They're Ugly!" This is the American mind at work.

A more important issue is being confronted at Wells; students' right for freedom of speech, a guaranteed constitutional right which is being stifled by the University Administration's conservativeness. To quote from the petition being taken, "We strongly encourage the University Administration to support MSU students in the use of the their cam-

pus for the liberal sharing of ideas and the purpose of education."

The problems that these protest are focused on are specific, yes, and the idea of losing freedom of speech is a stretch of imagination, even enough of a stretch to call it paranoid, yes, but the idea is not to cause trouble, or get arrested, but to point some fingers. Point at you and myself, and remember that the problems which we sit back and watch today as students will be the problems that bury us when we rule the world.



**Tom
McWilliams**

Doesn't anyone care that our freedom is evaporating around us?? Have you thrown it in? You do have options, if you would like to live in a free society. The first and foremost thing is to get beyond the deceptive language that politicians constantly outgas when they speak. To wit;

Government: An abstract entity, originally applied to a group of individuals, but now referring to any form of power with the mandate of law, often sanctified with images like eagles and bells.

This word is dangerous. A

Modern American Doublespeak

violation of your rights is not justified if it is being done by government (that is, the individuals who operate under the banner of government).

Public Good, Public Interest, Public Morals, etc.: Since the public consists of millions of individuals, each with a different idea of what is good, moral, or in his best interest, these phrases can only mean what the individuals who use these words (those in power) want you and I to think is good, moral or in our best interest. Like;

Taxation, Conscription (the draft), **Social Security:** All are examples of words that are used to make immoral or illegal acts sound respectable. They mean; theft, slavery, and fraud (social security is just "pyramiding" on a grand scale). Theft, forcible coercion, and fraud are the three things our government was crated to protect against!

Apathy: Popularized by the media for meaning virtually any action or inaction which the individuals in government dislike. (Lately applied to

the many millions each year that don't vote because they have no other way to protest the lack of real choice for candidates, the unacceptability of all politicians on the ballot, or the workings of The System itself.)

Obligation, Duty, etc.: Originally something you entered into voluntarily, like a contract, but with which you are now born. It's usually used like "Duty to Country." It really means the government's opinion as to whose interests you should support (yours or theirs).

Patriotic: An adjective applied to those that unquestionably support their country. By this definition, the founding fathers were unpatriotic, because they did not support the people in power at the time. Similarly, I am unpatriotic because I question the authority of government to continually violate human rights.

Public Property: Land to which the public supposedly has free access. Actually, only those with permission from government officials are allowed access to this land. This

means it is really owned by government officials. One proof of this is the U.S. Forest Service's continued sale of National Forest Property (Giant Sequoias, among other trees) to loggers.

Public Education: About the ultimate in Huxley-like visions. Children are required to attend schools in which those who do become literate read books about American history that the State has deemed acceptable. Such acceptance is usually based on certain "interpretations" of history.

Many do not learn that Lincoln did not win the Civil War to free slaves, but rather to prove that men had to "belong" to the Country whether they wanted to or not.

The real meaning? Indoctrination of the young and impressionable. If you doubt these definitions, consider that you learned the "correct" definitions in a state-owned, -operated, and -regulated educational system.

Ever read *Brave New World*? 336-9591, and ask for Tom.



Dr. Andrew Barclay

Dr. Sex lives to answer your questions!

(In order to save space I am deleting salutations and editing letters to get to the bottom line. I apologize to letter-writers whose beautiful missives have been cut to pieces. A lot of the letters were very funny. Almost as funny as I am, but you'll never know that, will you?)

Q) What is *smegma*? My boyfriend and his friends laugh about it but they won't let me in on their little joke.

A) *Smegma* is a cheese-like, waxy substance that collects under the foreskin of uncircumcised males. It has a characteristic odor many find offensive and is similar (in hygienic disgust quotient) to toe jams or the lint that collects in your bellybutton. The uncircumcised man has to retract his foreskin to maintain good penile hygiene, which may account for why many parents opt to have their sons circumcised — it saves everyone a lot of trouble.

The real joke is although men point a finger at women, everyone has a characteristic crotch odor, but only women are targeted for products to "maintain freshness."

The vagina is self-cleaning. You do not need to buy products in order to do what nature does for free. Can you imagine a ball-deodorizer? My

sources tell me that many men could use a product like this. Keep it in mind, guys.

Q) Why are you so down on people who are either doing their jobs as public officials or are sincerely interested in maintaining East Lansing as a legal and rational kind of town?

A) I received three or four letters all asking this same basic question. Two of them were actually quite hostile to old Doc's political point of view, suggesting that I am some sort of pinko or commie radical who is interested in the violent overthrow of EL. Ha! Let me say it isn't the issue of law and order or public safety that concerns me. It is how over-control leads to sex problems later in life. More unhappiness is caused by the difficulties we are beginning to see in therapist's offices than all the parties and Cedarfests combined.

Not only that, over-control creates more problems for us in the future. We are seeing only the tip of the iceberg now in the form of date or acquaintance rapes in college-age people and criminal sexual conduct in the older generation. If we begin removing children from their families as part of the state's protective services, where are these children to go? And will we see a future that has no intact families? I am concerned right now and I hope other thinking people are too. Increasing pressures for control only increase the probability that behavior will break out of control.

Sex and parties cannot be stopped any more than human nature can be dammed up. Pressure continues to build behind the dam and the longer we wait to draw it down, the more explosive it is when it finally breaks through. And it will break through.

EL, being what it is, police and politicians will point their fingers at the "guilty" parties rather than coming forward and placing the blame for the outbreak on repressive policies, which is where the real cause is.

Q) I know I am one of your older readers, but sometimes my husband has a problem having an erection. It really doesn't matter to me because we wind up holding each other and I

like that almost more than intercourse. But he doesn't believe me. We fight about my "failure" to turn him on and I am afraid he will turn to a really beautiful young woman to solve the problem. What can I do?

A) Thank you for trusting me enough to write about what is a very common male problem. I have received several letters along this very same line, but I chose yours because you combined a lot of issues in one place.

My opinion is you are telling him the truth but he doesn't want to hear what you are saying. "Getting it up" is a common concern for men because we have been trained in the counting mentality where more is better rather than seeking a few high-quality experiences. My sources tell me that orgasms from sexual intercourse are less frequent and often less intense than those produced by a mechanical vibrator, masturbation and oral sex, in that order. Several sources revealed that, like you, there are many times that being held by someone they love feels far better than being penetrated.

If you are happy with the experience, what is really going on with him? He obviously is not concerned with your pleasure because you are reporting having a pleasurable sex act. Show him this column to reinforce the idea that he is giving you exactly what you want and to help him formulate whatever it is he wants from your relationship. Couples, older or younger, have to discuss their wants and desires as the relationship evolves. It is not a sign of trouble or incompatibility. If this more open and honest discussion does not bring results, a few sessions with a trained counselor can help open things up a lot.

Please write back to tell me how everything works out. The intimacy generated by a deep relationship brings far greater personal reward than a superficial, cheap fuck. Good luck.

Q) What is your problem about being Jewish?

A) Actually, my problem isn't about being Jewish. It is about being a minority individual in a repressive, hostile culture. The Afro-Americans.

Chicanos, and some women know exactly what I am talking about. It is why As One isn't sending letters about what a racist I am to the editor or boycotting advertisers.

White students are being afforded the same racist, sexist treatment as minorities only you don't seem to notice because you have been led to believe you are on top of the power structure. HA! Let's take two short examples, only let's change the names of the group involved to "protect the innocent."

The ELPD calls a meeting of liquor store owners to "educate" them about a problem in the community. "Hell," they say, "we don't care if people buy one keg, but if the nigger wants six or eight kegs, you have to notify us so we can 'educate' niggers about what the law is regarding liquor. Can't have niggers breaking the liquor laws, can we?" If a store owner protests that it means losing business, the cops give him "the look" and ask: "You aren't a nigger-lover, are you?" Well, are you?

Second example: You know how Jews are — clannish. Give a housing license to a Jew and all the other Jews want to crowd in so they can get a cheaper rate. The city of EL has a housing ordinance, a zoning code, to limit the number of unrelated individuals who can crowd into a space for safety and health reasons. But when inspectors come around to do a spot check, they are refused entrance until they come back with a warrant. Meanwhile, the Jews clean up the extra mattresses and hide them away, a lot like Anne Frank.

City inspectors are very frustrated: "God-damned Jews," they mutter, "give us a fucking, no-knock provision so we can break in and catch them in the act." Knock, knock. Who's there? Gestapo. What Gestapo. GESTAPO actually stands for Geheim Staats Politzi, the State Police, get my drift?

Q) How do you suggest we solve the Cedarfest problem?

A) I've said it before. Make all the Cedar Village residents wear yellow, six-pointed stars to identify them to the police. The ghetto is the Ghetto.



the Provocateur

Here it is BAM, and you'll say GODDAM, this a dope's jam...

Provoc promises not to insult those football idiots again this week — really!

Chuck D., eat my diapers! And you, foolishly loyal readers, it's almost good to see you back again for another week. After all, where would I be without you?

Probably with nothing to bitch about!

So you're here, I'm here, and let's hear what I've writ here... Hear, hear!

It's so nice to see the campus in the full bloom of spring — birds, trees, flowers, people wearing those disgusting spandex items.

Really, subliminal advertising must

work; why else would anyone shell out top dollar for some gaudy-looking rag made in a laboratory?

I see where *The State* "We're Doing Just Fine, Really We Are, Especially With Our New Independent Tax Increase About To Kick In" *News* is looking for 20 new bodies to begin work in either summer or fall.

Only thing they don't mention is that you can start as managing editor...

Speaking of managing, to all those who failed to manage a free minute to write in about my diaper rash, I just wanted

to let you know that it has almost healed, and that the diapers believed to have caused the awful backdoor blemishes are now being used as hand towels at the Administration Building.

How was your Maternal day?

My was OK, but I kept getting dead flowers.

Seems word got out I was the biggest mutha around.

What's the deal with this blind Pig crackdown anyway?

If the cops want to steal our beer, why don't they just say so? Sheesh!

OUT and ABOUT

EAST LANSING

B'Zar

16 May: Bangster Fun with Pickle Brown Betty
23: Enemy Squad with Fortunate Sons

East Lansing

19-20 May: Arts Festival

Fairechild Theatre

17 May: Faculty Recital:
Robert Dan: viola
Deborah Moriarty: piano
20: Faculty Recital —
Yong Hi Moon: piano

Festival Stage

17 May: Korea Night 1990
19: Jazz Spectacular
20: MSU Gospel Chorale in Concert
22: Expression of Fashion Experience

Green Door

16-20 May: Uptown Band
21: Blue Avenue Delegates
22 Capitol City Band
23-27: Uptown Band

Kresge Art Center

18 May-3 June: the Undergraduate Exhibition

Landshark

18-19 May: Souvenir
22: Shark's Wave

Lightfantastic Gallery

now-May: photographs by Stephen Strom

Masonic Temple

19&23 May: Romeo et Juliet

MSU Auditorium

16 May: Sinead O'Connor
18: The Return of Sinbad and Friends

MSU Union

18 May: Noontimes: School of Music Jazz Muse
Combo
20: Cross-cultural Week fashion show

Music Building Auditorium

16 May: Premieres of New Music

Rick's

16 May: The Chisel Bros.
17: The Knaves
18-19 Going Public
21: The Gone
22: Phineas Gage
23: Radio Caroline

Riverwalk Theatre

17 May-3 June: The Fantasticks

Silver Dollar Saloon

now-20 May: Subway
22-27: Dr. Strangelove

Wharton Center

16-19: A Chorus Line
20: The Nylons
21: An Evening with Maya Angelou
22: MSU Chorale State Singers
23: MSU Wind Symphony

ANN ARBOR

The Ark

16 May: Betty
17: Bruce Sagan and Friends
18: Barry O'Neill
19: Alison Krauss and Union Station
20 Song Sisters' Birthday Party
23: Open Stage

Bird of Paradise

16-17 May: Ron Brooks Trio
18-19: John Shea Trio
20: Clark & Reed Jam Session (jazz musicians welcome)

21: 2-5-1 Orchestra

22: Keller & Kocher Quartet
23-24: The Ron Brooks Trio

Club Heidelberg

18 May: Big Chief with Gone in 60 Seconds
22: Jayhawks with Skunk Opossums

Michigan Theatre

16 May: Zvuki Mu
18: Cowboy Junkies

Rick's

16 May: Bourgeoisie
17: Trip Shakespeare
18: Eddy Clearwater
19: The Huntunes
21: The Attic with Progressive Pit
22: Idyll Roomers
23: The Urbations

DETROIT

The Majestic

19 May Way Moves with Scott Bennet

Paychecks

17 May: Those Who Dream with special guests
18: Screamin' Savage & the Cavemen with the Gories
19: Viv Akauldren with Sublime Wedge Soul Station

The Ritz

23 May: Savatage

Soup Kitchen

18 May: John Scofield
19: Ed Clearwater

St. Andrews

18 May: Ernie Isley
19: Fiesty Cadavers

THE CLYDESDALE

by JONT



There's a time to laugh, a time to keep silent, a time to mourn ... and there IS a time to dance.

Maybe in Ecclesiastes of the Old Testament, but not in the city of East Lansing.

Currently, there are three places where MSU's 41,500+ students can go to dance in East Lansing — The B'Zar, Sensations and Rick's American Cafe.

However, some students believe that's not enough. The city of East Lansing, they believe, could use more in terms of dance entertainment.

But trying to establish a new dance club in East Lansing is not the easiest task to accomplish. And nobody knows that better than the owners of Too Hot Records — a local, black-student-run business whose idea of an alternative, non-alcoholic dance club was swept off the floor in March by the East Lansing City Council.

Last November, owners of Too Hot Records approached the city with the idea of a non-alcoholic dance club. The proposed business, called "Club House," was to be located behind Castellani's Market on East Grand River Avenue.

But on March sixth, council members unanimously voted to deny the students a special use permit to open Club House.

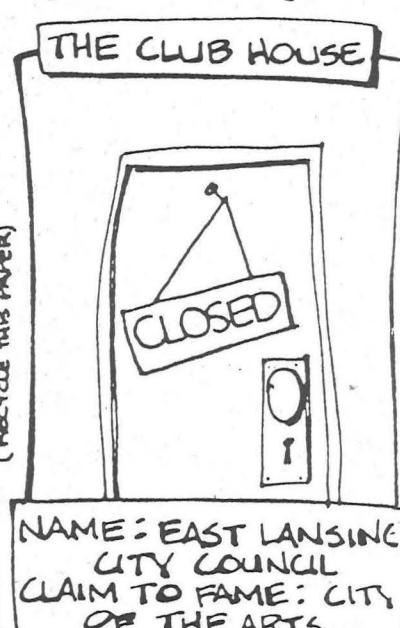
Tony Lee, CEO of Too Hot Records, believes the council rejected the idea of the club for two reasons. He said the council's vote discriminated against the clubs' sponsors because one, they were students. And two, they were black.

"I felt that there was a mixture of studentism and racism involved within the voting procedure," he said.

But East Lansing Mayor Liz Schweitzer disagrees.

Schweitzer said the council's vote had nothing to do with race. Reasons for denying the special use permit, she said, included local opposition to the club, noise, increased traffic flow,

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"And there are enough of them around in the Greater Lansing area that take care of it so I really think there is enough dance floor space."

Gary Foltz, owner of Dooley's and Sensations, agrees.

"Yeah, I'd say there are enough (dance) facilities in the East Lansing area, plus outside (the immediate) area," Foltz said.

With reference to the idea of Club House, Foltz said:

"I don't really

want to touch that subject," he said. "It's too difficult ... They've had too many problems with the city."

Wilcock believes East Lansing has more than its share of problems with vandalism ... and police are overburdened with the existing violence in the downtown area. The Club House, she said, would have just meant more trouble.

"They had said that they got big, bulky security guys, a metal detector and they're gonna frisk people," Wilcock said. "... sounded to me like they were expecting some sort of trouble so that kind of worried me."

But Laura Reynolds, manager of Confection Connections — an ice-cream parlor located on the same block as the proposed dance club — believes it is unfair to judge a place before it has had a chance.

"When I was told about it I thought it was a good idea to have an alternative club nearby," Reynolds said. "And the gentleman who talked to me about it was very convincing."

"I believe he wanted to do the right thing."

However, the idea of Club House did not rest as well with the City Council as it did with Reynolds.

The bottom line?: Good idea, bad location.

But Lee said he does not buy that excuse. He said city officials are using the "good idea, bad location" statement to camouflage their racist feelings.

— UR-I CORRESPONDENT STACY LAMMERS CONTRIBUTED TO THIS REPORT.

Not all in E.L. is Footloose and fancy free

A SPECIAL REPORT BY UR-I EDITOR TRESA BALDAS, ARTWORK BY CHIEF ARTIST STEVE JABLONSKI

violence and lack of police to patrol the area.

Police records show that currently, East Lansing has 55, sworn-in officers on its police force.

Police Chief Thomas Hendricks agreed with the council's vote, saying police already have their hands full with downtown related violence.

According to Hendricks, 60 percent of the 1,000 assaults reported last year occurred downtown. He said the idea of a non-alcoholic club is good, but the location is bad.

"It was a good decision for now," Hendricks said. "And I'm saying that we do need an alternative. We need a place for people to gather in a non-alcoholic setting."

"But we don't need it in the downtown right now where all the things are going on."

But Lee believes that despite the violence officials believe is plaguing downtown, Club House could have brought to East Lansing an alternative

to alcohol-related entertainment. He said the dance club also could have provided black students with a new, social outlet.

With the exception of campus events, Lee said black students have restricted social lives because East Lansing bars do not cater to a black clientele. Therefore, he said his club was desperately needed.

"It is needed real badly as many problems as there is with alcohol and alcohol-related incidents," Lee said. "There needs to be an alternative."

But officials of area dance clubs believe the city does not need any more dance clubs, saying East Lansing provides ample dance floor space for the students.

"I think the market is saturated enough," said Laura Wilcock, assistant manager at The B'Zar. "I mean, on any given night, there's not really any lines at Sensations or here, you know, where they have specifically dance bars."

Reviews

TV reaches new heights with *Twin Peaks*

David Lynch
Twin Peaks, ABC

BY FARAN THOMASON
U-R-I FILM CORRESPONDENT

Even if you haven't seen it you've probably heard about *Twin Peaks* — David Lynch's funky hybrid mix of *Payton Place* and his cinematic odyssey, *Blue Velvet*.

In fact, the star of *Blue Velvet*, Kyle MacLachlan, stars as the compulsive coffee-drinking, donut-chomping FBI agent Cooper. Cooper is assigned the task of finding the answer to the burning question — who killed Laura Palmer, Twin Peak's homecoming queen turned drug-addicted sex slave.

Like Lynch's world of *Blue Velvet*, the town of Twin Peaks seems like a quaint little logging burg in the Pacific Northwest. However, when the mutilated, cellophane-wrapped body of Laura Palmer washes up with the morning tide, we realize there is something evil lurking under the surface of this innocent looking town.

Lynch paints a dream-like picture of a Norman Rockwell painting gone askew. The town of Twin Peaks is inhabited by some of the most bizarre people you're ever likely to see on the boob tube. So finding a murderer in this neck of the woods is like trying to find a glass eye in a bowl of marbles.

Practically everyone is a suspect in Laura Palmer's death. The murderer could be Dr. Jacoby, a psychiatrist who not only sees the world through rose colored lenses but blue ones too. It could be Leo Johnson, the local psychopath. We can't rule out Bobby, Laura's rebel without a

cause boyfriend. Then again, it could be the mysterious log lady and her log.

Who knows, but at the rate the show is progressing, the castaways will be rescued from Gilligan's Island before we find out who the murderer is.

Only David Lynch and co-writer/producer, Mark Frost, could devise an innovative TV show like this. This program boasts some of the greatest production values ever to be found on TV.

Twin Peaks features eerie but enthralling music, beautiful cinematography, and weird dialogue that is often funnier than most lines on sitcoms.

Lynch only directed two episodes of *Twin Peaks*, but since he also wears another hat as the show's executive producer, he has recruited other innovative directors, like *River's Edge* director Tim Hunter, who share his twisted vision to continue the saga.

In addition to the brilliant but moody direction, *Twin Peaks* also features a great ensemble cast featuring Joan Chen, Piper Laurie, Michael Ontkean, and Russ Tamblyn, just to name a few.

On the down side though *Twin Peaks* main plot seems like it will never be resolved. Lynch has also injected several confusing subplots involving mundane soap opera themes like adultery to juicier ones involving a sleazy S&M porno mag called *Flesh World* whose pages feature residents of *Twin Peaks*.

Lynch also creates a TV show within a TV show — it's a soap opera called *Invitation to Love*. This is what the residents of *Twin Peaks* watch on

TV and somehow it may also provide clues to who killed Laura Palmer.

When *Twin Peaks* debuted, it was one of the highest-rated programs of the week. Unfortunately it has been losing more ground in the ratings every week since.

This usually is the fate of groundbreaking shows that rise above the usual excrement the networks shove in our face every week (remember *Police Squad?*).

However, ABC still considers the show a success and hopefully it will be renewed for next season.

And hopefully all the networks will continue the trend of bringing directors who are on the cutting edge of film to the small screen.

Another thing that must be men-

tioned is Nadine's silent drape runners, along with those mysterious flashing street lights, the Lamplighter Inn's cherry pie and those wonderful Douglas firs. If all this *Twin Peaks* talk seems confusing don't worry, ABC will re-run the whole series later this summer.

Don't miss it — or the log lady's log will never speak to you.

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Entertainment

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BY STEVE BYRNE
UR-I MUSIC CORRESPONDENT

It seems like it happens every year.

Unfriendly weather finds its way to East Lansing during the weekend of the RHA Spring Concert.

And this year, the rain was bad enough to cancel the show, thus depriving the MSU faithful of the chance to see some talented national and local acts.

Not the least of which was the funky world soul band, **Third Estate**.

The eight-member group, which hails from the musical metropolis of Boston, was in the midst of a two-week tour of the Midwest when they hit East Lansing last week.

The band credits **(bop) Harvey** with getting them going in this neck of the woods, and their sound is not entirely unlike that of the former MSU-based world beat band.

"We tend to be funkier and a little more R&B-based than (bop) Harvey," said lead guitarist and lyricist, **Shaun Wortis**.

But Wortis and the rest of the band admit a variety of styles find their way into their music ("it's a stew"),

including world beat, reggae, Brazilian, and especially funk.

Their lineup is rounded out by **Suzi Lee**, songwriting and keyboards; **Gerald Dowd**, drums; **David Merlin-Jones**, saxophone; **Mike Green**, trumpet; **(Sean) Huff**, bass; **Maureen Kinnera**, vocals; and **(Christopher) Ash**, rhythm guitar.

They just released a four-song cassette entitled *Party of 4*, and the jacket describes it as "a preview to our up-coming full-length album." All the tracks do display the barrage of influences the band claims to have, and the production is unexpectedly sharp for a four-track recording.

Not surprisingly, with eight members, the songs have a very full sound. The pace is brisk, and each tune contains crisp-sounding arrangements.

The band did play Rick's last week and they say they will be returning there soon, before taking time to complete their album.

Expect the show to be hard-driving and danceable, because as Mike Green says, "We're just not happy at the end of the show if everyone isn't up dancing."

Entrepreneurs use week for some Grecian earning

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Two East Lansing residents have chosen to pass on the Greek Week polos and boast their own garb: The Anti-Greek Week T-Shirts.

Russ Jensen and Steve Angelotti have been pounding East Lansing's pavement with dozens of their tees. The shirts, designed by Jensen, display the logo IP on the front right breast, with "Disgusting Irreputable People" printed under it.

The back pictures five "faceless frat boys" encircled in red with a line slashing through them. "Anti-Greek Week" stretches over the faceless men. The "A" in "Anti" is the symbol for anarchy.

Jensen said he has had the idea for

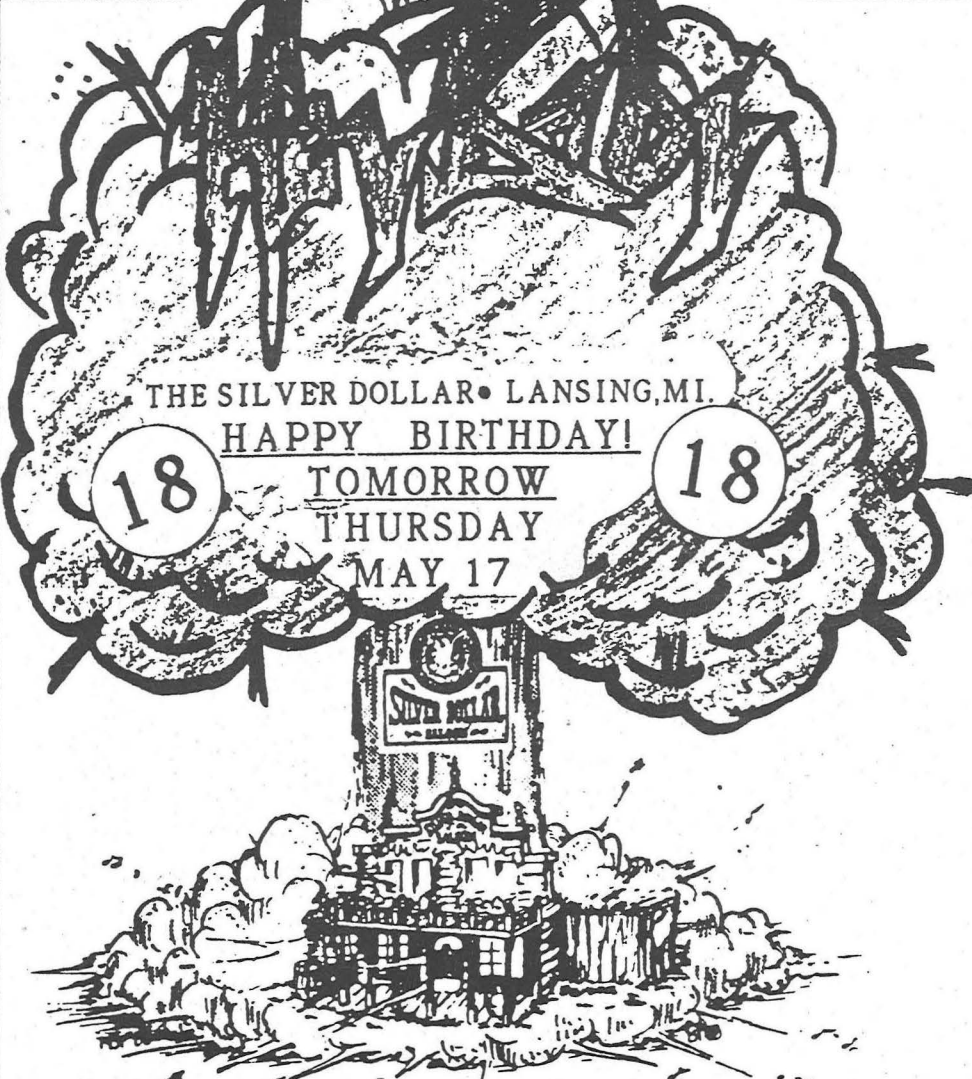


the shirt for eight years, but the actual shirt didn't materialize until this year.

The spirit of the shirt might provoke some unwelcomed responses, but Jensen said he only received some "verbal abuse, and mostly just some cold stares."

Jensen also said the shirt isn't a direct attack on the Greek System; rather, it is just a reminder that there is life without Greek-ness.

"The shirt is meant to be funny. We just want those who take the system too seriously to take a closer look at themselves."

Angelotti and Jensen have been selling the Tees at area bars, and sales are going well. If you are interested in making a purchase, then you can look for the duo around town or just call Russ at 336-7231.



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