

THE RED PILL LOOKING FOR NEW GENERATION

The Red Pill has been a publication on the Mesa State campus and the community since the January of 2004, providing an alternative to the corporate media and the always inconsequential "Criterion." The Red Pill is the longest running alternative paper on the Mesa State campus, out lasting "The Anti-Crite" (1983-4), "System Overload" (1998), and "The Devil's Advocate" (2005).

This upcoming May many of the Red Pill regulars are graduating and moving to greener pastures, and a new generation of co-conspirators willing to speak truth to power is needed to keep The Red Pill going. The Red Pill is all volunteer produced. Fearless writers, designers, artist, photographers, and journalist looking to make a difference and get published should get involved.

In the Red Pills short history, we have broken many stories that the local media refused to cover. In May of 2005, the Red Pill published photos from inside the Cheney Cell Radioactive Waste Site 17 miles south of Grand Junction, which showed rusted and leaking barrels of clearly labeled radio active waste (TRP Vol. 3 No. 2). In October of 2005, The Red Pill broke a story about jewish inmates at the Trinidad Correctional facility being systematically discriminated against by prison staff. Later that month, ACLU lawyers filed lawsuit against the Colorado Department of Corrections; the story was then picked up by the Rocky Mountain News and Denver Post as well as the Associated Press. TRP was the only media to interview the inmates in the prison (Vol. 3 No.6 & 7). In December, The Red Pill was the only print media in the Grand Valley to report on a protest at the new Wal-Mart in which one person was arrested and 12 Mesa State students and a professor were detained by the Grand Junction police. That Red Pill story was later picked up by the dailykos.com a 500,000 hits a day liberal blog (Vol. 3 No.9). The Red Pill has also interviewed three local soliders who have served in Iraq, and are now actively speaking out against the war (Vol. 4 No. 3 & No. 5).

The Red Pill has also been able to get into and ask hard question of national level public officials like Gale Norton, Secretary of the Interior at the time, and a press conference with three US Senators (Vol. 4 No. 4 & No. 10). The Red Pill has also spent the night camping with the homeless population that lives by the Colorado River (Vol. 4 No. 13).

If you're ready to provide the community news that has not been filtered through the corporate media, and to break investigative stories that nobody else will publish then give us a call 245-3720 or email gjredpill@hotmail.com.

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State of Disunion

NUMBER OF PEOPLE

in the 3rd World that
have been killed in
covert US operations
since WWII:
6,000,000

NUMBER OF US SOLIDERS killed in the war in Iraq: 2687

AMOUNT IN
DOLLARS
allocated by the Federal
Government for
education in 2006:
56,000,000,000

WHO CAN CONTINUE THE LEGACY OF THE RED PILL: You

AMOUNT OF
MONEY
that the 'Forbes 400'
controlled in 2000:
1,200,000,000,000

AMOUNT IN
DOLLARS
that the DOD will
recieve next year:
439,300,000,000

PERCENT OF ALL
WEALTH
in the U.S.A that the
top 1% of American
elites own:
90

NUMBER OF
INDEPENDENTLY
NEWSPAPERS
in Mesa County:
1

NUMBER OF
COMPANIES
that control 90% of
the American media:
5

AMOUNT IN
DOLLARS
that will be given to
the DOD for weapons
programs:
84,200,000,000

CALL TO ACTION

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COMMUNISM FOR EVERDAY LIFE



Liberals and conservatives alike, you American capitalist consumers, you are forever imprisoned with your selfish desires for freedom, or at least what you see as freedom. What is freedom? Karl Marx once said "Rather than advocating freedom for all people, liberals really value only the freedom of the ruling class of capitalist society." This is evident in the current war where we have so graciously determined that "they" must want the freedoms we have. What arrogance it takes to believe that there is no way to be free, except that which we decide. Freedom is, according to the dictionary, the state of being free, or at liberty rather than in confinement or under physical restraint. Maybe I am wrong, but freedom would seem to include more than just the American Ideals that I hold, or those ideals of a capitalist and its consumption for personal gain that are directly in conflict with true freedom.

Marx, in the *Communist Manifesto*, aptly describes the problem of capitalism; "the average price of wage-labour is the minimum wage, i.e., that quantum of the means of subsistence, which is absolutely requisite to keep the labourer in bare existence as a labourer." Marx is saying, quite accurately, that capitalism needs the laborers to be laborers and if paid a decent wage, they could improve themselves beyond the position of laborer. This cuts the bottom from any social structure built on the subjugation of the lower classes. No American wants to do hard labor, unless they receive enough compensation, generally in the form of money, but capitalism doesn't want you to make enough to get money out of labor. In America, the cost to maintain yourself in the social environment of a laborer, is at least that of your measly compensation. That fact that we are social creatures cannot be denied, so we, in our inability to rise, will pretend that anyone who works hard enough can make it in capitalism, and will continue

to work and consume in an endless cycle only to rise to the upper rungs of the lower classes. The average man will never be involved in the elite class.

If we should not partake of capitalism, then what option do we have? Communism, simply, is not what I have but who I am. Russian Fascism, labeled as communism during the Cold War was propaganda used to incite fear. Rather, Communism is as Marx wrote originally, "the positive transcendence of private property, or human self-estrangement, and therefore the real appropriation of the human essence by and for man... the complete return of man to himself as a social being..."

Many will say communism doesn't work, look at history. Marx addressed this even before his ideas were perverted, "What else does the history of ideas prove, than that intellectual production changes its character in proportion as material production is changed? The ruling ideas of each age have ever been the ideas of its ruling class." You are ruled by those who you allow to control you, because you see as they have told you to.

Communism, if it is seen as terrifying will not be studied, will not be evaluated, it will be shunned and made taboo. Any who would think for themselves, would soon find though that the greatest loss in communism, comes to those who hold you in their grasps; those who gain the most, are currently those who possess the least, the poor. Think for yourself on the communist manifesto; remember the bourgeois is the ruling class. "This talk about free selling and buying, and all the other 'brave words' of our bourgeoisie about freedom in general, have a meaning, if any, only in contrast with restricted selling and buying, with the fettered traders of the Middle Ages, but have no meaning when opposed to the Communistic abolition of buying and selling, of the bourgeois conditions of production, and of the bourgeoisie itself." •

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BLAST FROM THE PAST: MESA STATE IN 2003

The United States was a different country in 2003. The attacks of 9/11 were fresh in everyone's mind, thanks in no small part to the Bush Administration's constant fear-mongering. No assault on the Constitution was too outrageous or shameful, as evidenced by the passage of the draconian Patriot Act. We were at war in Iraq, pursuing non-existent WMDs, even though the President had already proclaimed "Mission Accomplished." It was in this semi-psychotic milieu that the young Republicans invited Neo-Fascist, David Horowitz to speak at Mesa State.

If any leopard could change his spots, surely it is David Horowitz. Raised by communists, Horowitz spent the sixties as editor of the Radical Left magazine, "Ramparts," and defending the Black Panthers. Out of nowhere, Horowitz switched tracks. He wrote a book in the '80s about hippies called, "Destructive Generation," and out of nowhere, became a rabid right-wing activist.

Horowitz was in Colorado at the request of the then Executive Director of the Colorado Commission on Higher Education, Tim Foster, who is now president of Mesa State College. Foster was trying to convince the state legislature to adopt Horowitz's "Academic Bill of Rights." Mesa State was one of only three Colorado colleges to invite Horowitz to speak.

The Academic Bill of Rights is a masterpiece of Orwellian double-speak. On the surface, it appears to be a benign call for equal opportunity. Embedded deep in its language, however, it is much more a sinister demand for spying on teacher's political beliefs. It calls for a mandatory quota of hard conservative professors to be hired.

Horowitz founded a group of neo-brown shirts, called Students for Academic Freedom. These lackeys are urged to actively spy on professors and administrators and report them to the central committee. Horowitz offers advice



to them saying "The maximum pressure point for all academic institutions is flow of Alumni, and government funds that support it. Focus your activities on these vulnerable points."

Gully Stanford, a member of the Colorado Commission on Higher Education, offers a more clear eyed, sober view of the whole affair. He says, "This is part of a national ideological movement, and its an intellectual virus, looking for an unsuspecting host."

The Colorado Commission on Higher Education and the Colorado Legislature soundly defeated the Academic Bill of Rights. However, the Students for Academic Freedom is active and alive, and remains a lurking threat to true academic freedom on campuses across the country, including Mesa State.

A Mesa State professor speaking on the condition of anonymity said, "We have to watch what we say," and that Horowitz and his Academic Bill of Rights has had a chilling effect on free speech on the campus.

Update: In the summer of 2006, in a major speech to the country of Iran, President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad called for an ouster of liberals from all universities, independent websites, and bloggers. He called for a conservative cultural revolution. Ahmadinejad said, "Today university students should shout at their presidents and ask why liberal lectures are in their universities."

A fearful Teheran University professor, speaking only on the condition of anonymity said, "The conservatives want to rule the brains of the youth here."



Every Sunday • 6PM

Weekly Vegan Dinner. We'll cook the main dish. Please bring a vegan side dish, dessert, or drink. Dinner starts around 6:30PM. *The Confluence Collective (1450 Elm).*



Every Friday • Noon

A Voice of Reason holds a lunch hour peace vigil to end the war in Iraq and Afghanistan.
At the intersection of 12th and North.

BLAST FROM THE PAST: MESA STATE IN 1984



Stockwell undercover circa 1960s

The United States was a different country in 1984. The Iran Contra scandal was heating up, and Watergate was still fresh in everybody's mind. People in general distrusted the government. It was in this milieu that Mesa State College hosted former CIA agent, John Stockwell, to speak at the school. Much of this story comes from an interview Stockwell gave on KMSA Radio.

Stockwell served in the CIA for 19 years. He headed up the CIA station in South Vietnam from 1972 until Saigon fell in 1974. He was one of the last Americans evacuated. After a year's break, Stockwell was tapped to head the CIA station in Angola, and the significant dirty little war we were involved in, which many Americans have never heard of. His service earned him the Congressional Medal of Freedom, the highest award a civilian can get.

Stockwell reported witnessing institutionalized violence in both countries. Rape, torture, mutilation, and assassination were quite common. So was false reporting of conditions on the ground. It was clear to Stockwell that



the system was perverse and broken. Upon his resignation, he became the highest ranking CIA official to go public.

The Cold War, he said, should actually be called the Third World War. This does not mean the Third World War numerically, but "Third World" War, since it took place largely in the Third World. Korea and Vietnam were obvious flash points, but state-sponsored, low intensity conflict also occurred in Iran, Iraq, Guatemala, Chile, Nicaragua, Philippines, China, Greece, Turkey, Lebanon, Angola, Mozambique, Saudi Arabia, and several other countries. Stockwell estimates that no less than 6 million people were killed in these conflicts, probably more.

Stockwell visited Mesa State on a speaking tour arranged to inform average Americans about the

abuses and atrocities that were visited upon innocent people worldwide, in their name. "Good Americans would be surprised at the amount of death and destruction we are responsible for," he said. He also made it a point to inform people that the thriving arms business was something that we should keep an eye on.

Update: Nobel Peace Prize winner, Archbishop, Desmond Tutu, recently called the arms industry "the greatest scourge of our time." All the money from weapons sales goes back to developed countries, but the damage is disproportionately felt in the Third World. Two-thirds of all weapons go to underdeveloped parts of Africa, Asia, the Middle East, and Latin America.

Eighty-five percent of weapon sales originate in the United States, Great Britain, and Russia. Profits are estimated to be around 22 billion dollars per year. Children under 10 are disproportionately affected. Tutu estimates that channeling this money to appropriate sources would feed every Third World child and help reduce child mortality by two-thirds.

When America was attacked on 9/11, a question on many lips was "why do they hate us?" Surely Stockwell's recollection of the CIA's bloody shenanigans and our ever thriving arms industry must explain some of it.

John Stockwell is alive and well and living in California. Partially retired, he makes his living writing factually based spy novels and public speaking.



Wednesday, September 27 • 7:30PM

Grand Junction Alternative Media's Documentary Series #3 presents, "We Interrupt this Empire"

Saccomanno Lecture Hall, Mesa State College

Saturday, October 7 • 9:30PM

A punk and metal show featuring Angelic Deficiencies and Bastard Trash (From Denver) will be held at the *The Confluence Collective (1450 Elm).*

