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Fan Mail

By Juan Gonzalez

Obviously, everyone has noticed the recent weather change on campus over the past couple of weeks. Gone are our sunshine and blue skies, replaced by the gray veil of rain and bitter cold. One can easily say this is just a “seasonal change.” Are you shitting me? Isn’t it equally obvious to everyone what is really going down here?

Crazy AI, who most likely has been growing with rage after having read our recent critiques, has decided to restart the Weather Machine®. In an unprecedented move that astonished me, Crazy has decided to punish us all for having dared spoken ill of his awesomeness. Much like the ancient gods of Greek times, we here in the RIT community are encountering a vengeful god. Why couldn’t we get a cool god like Buddy Jesus? I guess we can’t pick our overlords.

Oddly enough, one has to admit that for a guy who doesn’t appreciate *GDT*, Old AI sure has a funny way of showing it. You know he has to be reading the publications, at least a couple of times a month. Why else would he be bringing down the pimp hand so strong? I think he’s a closet *GDT* fan – in fact I know he is! I saw him running with a stack of issues last week in the underground labyrinth connecting Tower 1 and the SAU.

A Response to Jon Lareau’s Rant

I just finished reading Jon Lareau’s rant in the most recent issue of *GDT*¹. In it he goes off on how the political system right now is ridiculously corrupt and in the hands of two parties that are both in the pocket of multinational corporations. I have seen first-hand how democratic the “Democratic” party is while I was petitioning to get Ralph Nader and his running mate Peter Camejo on the ballot in New York. The fact is that the lawyers hired by the Democratic Party to challenge these petitions across the country are all corporate lawyers for such benevolent corporations as General Motors and the Tobacco Industry² (neat coincidence that the very corporations Ralph Nader has fought for decades are the same ones backing the effort to keep him off the ballot, eh?).

On a side note about how Ralph Nader has taken money from Republicans (which is the negative thing I’ve heard most frequently about Nader from people who should know better than to vote for either Kerry or Bush): most of those same Republicans have also donated

Actually, I didn’t see AI as so much as I startled him, but I could tell it was him because I saw what I thought was a sports jacket dart away while hearing the staccato of men’s business shoes tip-tapping down the hall and out of sight through one of the poorly lit corridors.

And if that isn’t proof enough then here’s the clincher. I was the recent recipient of some fan mail. I found it scrawled on the back of a parking ticket that was placed on my car whilst it lay parked in U-lot. The penmanship was brilliant and the ink used looked like it might’ve come from one of those fancy fountain pens like a Mont Blanc.

Anyway, I know everyone’s dying to read it so here it is:

*You muthafucka’s is crazy with the GDT.
Your shit is off the chain.
Keeping it real,
A Fan*

C’mon folks, and to top it off it was addressed to me, not by my name, but by the last four digits of my student number!

By Josh Karpoff

to the Democrats and, in fact, have donated even more to Kerry’s campaign than to Nader’s³.

Anyway, back to the subject at hand. There are two points that I think Lareau needs to be corrected on. The first is his statement that our “government ... was started ‘by the people’ and ‘for the people’.” This is total bullshit. This country was started for the rich, by the rich to make the rich richer and to keep it that way. I know that this isn’t what we’re taught in history classes or in text books, cause guess what, they blatantly lied to us⁴. I see that you’re shocked at the idea that the kind old grandmother-type you had for 10th grade social studies would do such a thing. It’s not her fault; she was lied to as well. The real history of America is not the history of Washington (richest man in the Americas during the revolution) or Jefferson (even though he opposed slavery he owned slaves till the day he died.) it’s the history of the poor, oppressed people of this country, struggling to make ends meet and standing up to injustice. Whether it was

¹ <http://www.hellskitchen.org/gdt/pdf/Volume29/07.BackCue.pdf>

² <http://www.counterpunch.org/conn10122004.html>

³ <http://www.counterpunch.org/wire10192004.html>

⁴ <http://www.uvm.edu/~jloewen/>

the Anti-Rent movement in 1830's Hudson Valley or the quiet rebellion of slaves by being as clumsy and slow as they could (If Master Smith ships an extra bale of cotton, does the slave see any benefit?)⁵. The struggle of the common man, the working man or, as Karl Marx called them, the Proletariat, is the true history of America that we were never told. The rich don't want us to know that in the past people organized and stood up to their power and *won*.

In the 1920 election nearly 1 million people in the United States voted for a Socialist presidential candidate, who was in jail for speaking out against the horrors of World War I⁶. That would be like Ralph Nader getting like more than 15% of the popular vote (which he would be a lot closer to the current polls to if they included in their pool of likely voters people who haven't voted in the past two elections, i.e. most students and minorities around the country⁷).

The point is, the US has always been run in the interests of big business and always will be, because both corporate parties together control 99%

of government and they *like* being the lapdogs of capital⁸. Which brings me to my second point, if the political situation ever got the point where we could implement Lareau's plan, if we ever got to the point where the powers that be were so afraid of what the majority could do, we would actually have enough forces to make some serious permanent changes in the way our society works, such as making industry work for human need and not corporate greed, to take control of our work places and run them ourselves, but better! You know what, you're right, Nader isn't going to get elected this year nor are we going to be able to change the way our government works anytime soon, but you know what, putting all your hopes behind someone who is against what you believe in, who hasn't earned your vote is going to make that happen. It's going to take all of us who are fed up, getting together, discussing what we should do and getting organized to do it to make serious change. That's why I'm a socialist and if you agree you should come and help to build another, better, world.

A Reasoned Response to a Drunken Discussion: Part I By Aaron Jones

Timorously I stand within your sight,
assailed by my uncertainties.
Combating every urge to take flight,
hoping that my humble work shall please.

With this speech I shall recant
my silence from a night now passed.
Words you may have deemed
insignificant,
have my very soul frozen fast.

Confidence, you said, could bring one to
your bed,
a blissful ecstasy I dare not imagine.
But for you happiness I now dread,
if that be the only key to admission.

Every man that I have known,
who could flirt with girls as bold as brass,
possessed few virtues of his own,
and was considered by most to be an ass.

They care not for the girl they take.
They think only of their own needs.
And when she recognizes her mistake,
they attack her self-esteem till it bleeds.

This, I warn, comes from a man
who would sweep you off your feet
who lies to you as quick as he can,
till your lustful bodies meet.

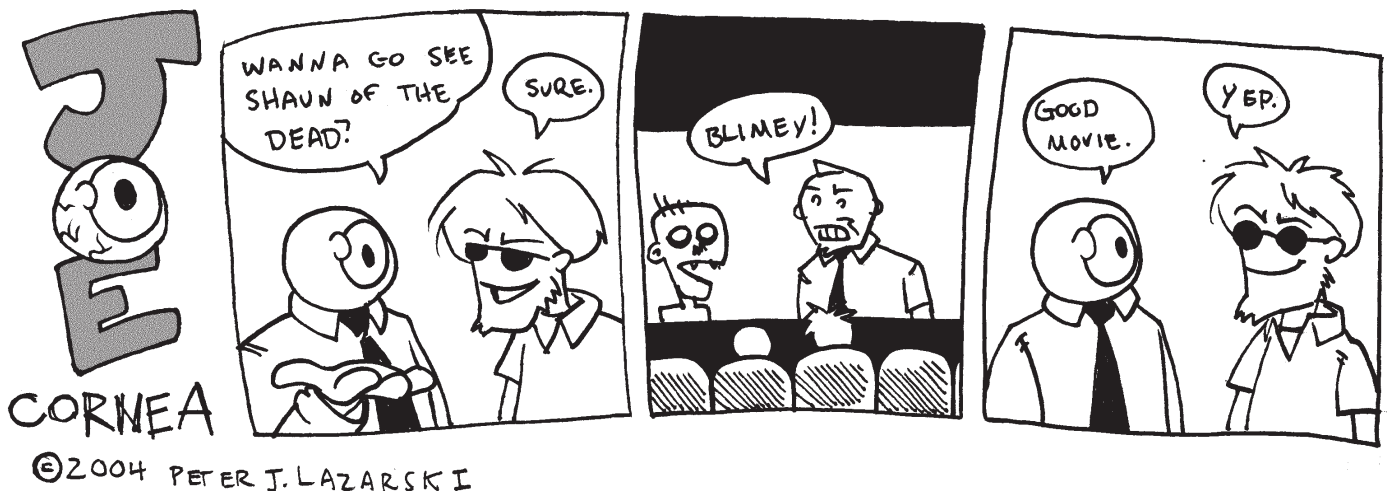
Thus I would like to suggest,
if you seek a man worthwhile,
dismiss he who can with witty banter jest,
and consider the shy boy who gives you
a smile.

⁵ Go read Howard Zinn's *A People's History of the United States*. Go do it now.

⁶ http://www.socialistworker.org/2004-2/514/514_08_Debts.shtml

⁷ <http://blackamericaweb.com/site.aspx/bawnews/election107>

⁸ <http://www.counterpunch.org/stclair10192004.html>



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