

Editorials

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Are You SICK Of Being SICK?

by: Cathy Clayton

Sick of your sore throat? Sick of your headache? Sick of your fever? Sick of hearing about other people being sick? Sick of waiting in line to see Sandy or Mr. Foster?

If so, you are among the many Methodist College students, faculty, and staff that were plagued with flu-like, sinus-like, strep-throat-like, and bronchitis-like symptoms during the month of March. It was suggested that above every water fountain on campus a sign should read...DRINK AT YOUR OWN

RISK! Or better yet we should have designated one room in each dormitory, gathered together the sickies, locked them up, and posted a sign on the door reading...DO NOT ENTER! AREA UNDER QUARANTINE!! Of course, there would have been no reason to hold classes because almost everyone would have been locked on a dorm under quarantine restriction. But, maybe that wouldn't have been a bad idea!

We certainly hope that each of you enjoyed your spring break, and that any left-over symptoms were left behind where you vacationed.

Conservatives Corner

By Christopher Laning

With any luck this month's column will remain intact. For those of you that have expressed an interest in the remainder of last month's column which dealt with special interest rights, a paragraph from the missing section summed up my point:

"Special interest groups are wanting more than America should give them. For these groups all I can say is that tolerance, equality and simple respect is all that should be asked for and all that should be granted. WORD!"

Now to this month's column. I originally wrote it full of cuts, slams, and general pot shots at the Hillary Clinton Administration and liberals in general. However, thanks to a heated episode with a rather charming fellow student with political opinions somewhat to the left of my own (she assured me that Ronald Reagan was the worst President we ever had), I have learned that a loss of temper will just make for irrationality in arguments. So I revised this column under calmer conditions.

I will concentrate on only one topic this month. I have been approached by several individuals to discuss my feelings on Black History Month and the recently formed Minority Student Organization.

These things by themselves seem like noble and good things; however, there are a few points that should be questioned. First, what would the reaction be if a group of students tried to form a "MAJORITY STUDENTS CLUB"? I would venture to say there would be a huge outcry, protests of "racism" and the like. But what really is "racism"?

In my opinion, "Black History Month" is the epitome of racism. It was undoubtedly begun to help overcome the tragic lack of Afro-American history in the classroom. The History courses generally consist of European History and influences. This is understandable since our country was founded on the principles of and by the people of the European culture. The time has come to start blending various other cultures into our history curriculum but Black History Month is not the way.

Black History Month has become another way for the radical minority leaders (the right Reverend Jackson comes to mind) to push for separatism and to keep the labels. What's this? But I thought they were preaching equality and fairness. How can I say they are preaching and pushing labels?

Its easy. No matter what the situation is, the radical minority leaders scream it is racially motivated. A few summers ago in New York City, a black teen walked into a Korean deli, produced a gun, and robbed the store. As he was leaving, the shop owner pulled a gun and shot him. This incident touched off several riots and the likes of Jesse Jackson and Rev. Al Sharpton screaming that the Koreans were racist against Blacks. What did race have to do with it? In addition, they never once condemned the teen for robbing the store at gun point!

What about the LA Riots? The radical minority leaders were so quick to say that the police brutality was racially motivated. Only the court can decide that. Even if they are found guilty, their actions hurt at most one black person (and a repeated criminal at that who had just been running 100 MPH through city streets where he could have hit and killed any little kid). The riots hurt hundreds of Blacks because of the fire and the looting. Not once has the radical minority leaders condemned the rioters. Why? Because they were "oppressed", "misunderstood", and "angry"? No. It was because they were black (at least the majority was, the rioters represented many other ethnic groups including whites). Who is really being the racist?

Sorry to venture off the subject but it is important to realize the Black History Month just promotes the use of "labels". This is a practice that we have to stop in America. As I said last month, let's just try being Americans and be proud of that. Another good example of label promotion and racism is the Miss Black America pageant. It is easy to see that this was begun because Afro-American women were not being given a chance to win the Miss America Pageant in a "white dominated" society. However, recent history has given us a couple of black Miss Americas. Therefore, the Miss Black America pageant has served its purpose and is just promoting labels now.

SOLUTION--get rid of Black History Month, the Miss Black America pageant, the Minority Students Organization and all label promoting events. Start being AMERICANS, NO HYPHEN!

Will this ever happen in the future? Not anytime soon. In fact at the end of the hopefully one term Clinton Administration we will see that labels are in stronger use then than they are today. You see, liberals like Hillary and Bill (listed in order of rank) say that equality is what they are after, but they subscribe to the radical minority leaders' policy of "Equal, but with special rights". The sad thing is that at the end of the Clinton Era the increased separatism will be the least of our worries. Face it! he United States has been sentenced to 4-8 years in the depths of hell. If you think I am exaggerating, look me up in 8 years. I'll be hiding under the bed like everyone else, broke, unemployed, and praying for a Republican (if I can be heard over my charming fellow student opponent's cry "OK, Reagan was a good President, now make Bill go away")!

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