



“Read with that special someone”

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Pentagon Budget Cut 20 Percent Parallelogram Plans Unveiled

WASHINGTON, D.C.—President Bush’s recently proposed budget calls for a 20% cut in spending for The Pentagon. In preparation for the financial setback, the Department of Defense released new plans on Monday for reducing the five-sided Pentagon to a more cost-efficient Parallelogram.

Despite a looming military conflict in Iraq, President Bush insists that defense spending can at least be streamlined in Washington. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld says that the cuts will be difficult, but is on the side of the president. “We’ve been sitting here in our comfy offices in our five-sided building too long,” said Rumsfeld. “The rest of America seems to be getting by with only four sides. I don’t think it’s too much to ask our military officials to do the same.”

Rumsfeld claims that the new building plans will not only meet cost-reduction needs, but will improve military planning. “In this four-directional world one needs to think in four directions, not five. Any building with more than four



The Pentagon today, with all five sides

sides is just plain superfluous. Our troops aren’t over there in the Middle East with five-sided tents and five-sided tanks, eating five-course meals, neither shall we here in Washington afford the luxury of five sides. With four sides, we shall win the war on terrorism,” said Rumsfeld.

Proposals for the Pentagon’s 20% cost reduc-



Plans for The Parallelogram, a 20% reduction

tions were released following Rumsfeld’s press conference. Included were detailed plans for the scaled down Department of Defense headquarters, which will be renamed “The Parallelogram.” The Pentagon is the current DoD center of operations, located just outside Washington, D.C.

College Student Admits to Screening Passengers Online photo directory used “to see if they’re hot first”

SUMMIT HALL—Senior elementary education major Jason Cooper admitted to using the student directory on the MLC intranet to check out pictures of those who request rides to the Appleton, WI area. The 21-year-old, owner of a roomy Buick, insists that he has good intentions and is “not that superficial.”

Cooper’s roommate, Matthew Harris, was the first to notice the seemingly shallow behavior. “Every year Jason always checks the MLC Rideshare to see if anyone needs a ride whenever he heads home. But then he always looks up the girls on the student directory before he offers them a ride,” said Harris. “I think he’s giving men a bad name. I’m sure the girls here don’t do that.”

Despite admitting to checking out the photo directory, Cooper initially insisted that other criteria are used in selecting riders. “It’s not like I only accept hot riders. I’m also looking for a pleasant smile and radiant eyes. Six hours is a long way to drive, so I want to make sure my potential passenger appears to be a well-adjusted

person who can carry on a meaningful conversation,” said Cooper.

But when asked why he accepts only female passengers one at a time, despite driving an oversized 5-passanger Buick Century, Cooper responded, “Okay, okay, I admit it: I have Senior Scare. I believe, deep down, that just like Adam was given a wife in the Garden of Eden, God will use the MLC Rideshare to provide me with a lifelong companion. So I check out the girls to see if they’re hot first. What’s wrong with that? I mean, we’re talking about the future Mrs. Cooper here. I’m not that superficial.”

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Items Found by U.N. Weapons Inspectors

- 2 billion Dinar coins in hotel sofa cushions
- Private arsenal of Saddam’s mustaches
- Jimmy Hoffa
- Adam’s apple
- Saddam’s apple
- Wing from Hermann’s helmet
- Bush the Elder’s resolve
- Remains of Uday
- The beef
- \$4 million in abandoned Schwan’s truck
- Cheese Kurds
- Waldo
- Atlantis
- The real killer of Nicole Brown-Simpson
- Al Gore’s beard
- Bush’s Colin polyps
- December issue of *The Knight’s Page*
- Skin-shedding of reptilian Michael Jackson
- 1962 Hide and Seek champion
- Bootleg of *Kangaroo Jack*

Lack of Funds Leaves Lake Olsen Survivor Contestants Stranded

LAKE OLSEN—The two remaining Survivor II contestants are urging MLC friends and family to support *The Cabbage* so that they can come home. A spokesperson for the small parody newspaper says that money is needed to tally the final votes in order to declare a winner and rescue contestants Adam Reinhard and Kim Springstroh from the deserted island in Lake Olsen. “The (vote-counting) system is rather complicated. For legal reasons we are required to hire a number of accounting firms to oversee the balloting process. This costs more money than we anticipated.

I would say fifteen dollars from a number of faithful readers who would in turn receive a quality book filled with all kinds of extra stuff would cover it,” said newspaper cofounder, coffee shop owner, and Fleet Farm underwear model Seth Hahnke. Reports that the two final contestants are actually dead were put to rest Wednesday when the two were seen by a Coastguard helicopter waving a banner that read: WE MISS OUR MOMS. ADAM SMELLS. BUY THE STUPID BOOK AND BRING US HOME!

School Song Number One on Charts

“Onward MLC” downloading slows web traffic to a crawl

NEW ULM—John Tanner’s new composition was a big hit on the Martin Luther College campus when it was first sung three weeks ago at a school basketball game. Now the power-filled song has taken the pop music industry by storm, reaching number one on Billboard’s adult top 40 contemporary chart. The song’s widespread popularity, along with no recording currently being available in stores, has resulted in millions of listeners downloading WAV and MP3 bootleg

versions of the song. Tanner, who was hired by MLC to pen the song, says the single will hit store shelves next Tuesday. “I didn’t realize it would be this popular. I mean, it was kind of a mediocre effort; I even spelled a bunch of the words wrong on the students’ copies,” said Tanner. Many of the world’s major internet service providers are reporting widespread web traffic jams, apparently due to heavy downloading of “Onward MLC.”

DINING ROOM RESERVATIONS

MONDAY

MLC Bombardment Society

TUESDAY

Pat Metheny Group

WEDNESDAY

PETOB.org

THURSDAY

Prof. Czer’s Aliterary Circles

FRIDAY

MLC Beekeepers Club

Mr. Trite Conversation Starter of the Week

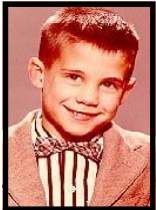
Clever ideas to break the ice and make that great first impression



“Man, I (*don’t*) have a date for (*Valentine’s Day/ Presidents’ Day*). How ‘bout you?”

Editorial: “Jeneane Garafalo has convinced me to protest military action against Iraq.”

By Tim Clark, third grader



Never mind Howard Zinn and Noam Chomsky, the person who convinced me that war in Iraq is not the answer is actress Jeneane Garafalo. I mean, what can someone like Howard Zinn, a respected historian and author, tell me about pending war?

And why would I listen to MIT’s Dr. Chomsky, who has written and lectured widely on linguistics, philosophy, intellectual

history, contemporary issues, international affairs, and U.S. foreign policy? These guys are babbling idiots who have no knowledge or credibility to comment on the conflict with Iraq. They, like Jimmy Carter, have never closely studied the effects of military action in American history. So when morons like Zinn, Chomsky, Carter, Ted Kennedy, Cornel West, Bill Press, and Nancy Pelosi start talking about pursuing peace through diplomatic means and increased weapons inspections rather than backing up past UN resolutions with military force, I don’t listen. But when I saw that Jeneane Garafalo, who has starred in

such films as *The Truth About Cats and Dogs* and *Half Baked*, was speaking out against war in Iraq, I listened intently. I not only listened to the comedian-turned-actress, I swallowed every word as if it were truth itself. Jeneane Garafalo has convinced me to protest military action against Iraq. Okay, okay, Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton helped turn me around, too, but it was Garafalo who convinced me. I mean, if Hollywood celebrities like Garafalo, Susan Sarandon, Sean Penn, and Barbara Streisand don’t know what they’re talking about, then neither do I.

THE CABBAGE SPECIAL 50TH ISSUE BOOK

We want to thank those of you who have taken the time to show interest in our 50th issue book. Over the years we have incurred a number of expenses in order to bring you *The Cabbage*. In order to cover these past expenses and, more importantly, to pay for future expenses (the new website most importantly), we need a little help. Rather than sheepishly asking for donations, we felt this book would be something of great value to our readers and would be a fair and modest method of covering our costs. Some have asked if the book is real; yes, it certainly is real and we are counting on our readers to buy enough to cover our costs. If we do not get a certain amount of commitments to purchasing the book, we will scrap the whole thing. This would sorely disappoint us since we were looking forward to writing all the extra material for the book. The lack of interest would also jeopardize the future publication of *The Cabbage* itself. Since we are not an official publication of MLC, we receive no funding or student fees. We put a lot of time and effort into bringing you *The Cabbage*, and we are happy to do so; however, we consider it a reasonable request to ask our readers to help us cover financial costs we have incurred in the past and will face in the future.

Our 50th issue book will (if we get enough interest) contain: all 50 issues in color, sturdy binding with durable cover, original artwork on cover and throughout the book, authors’ reflections on each issue—including plenty of self-deprecation, a “history” of *The Cabbage* dating back to 1884, a history of *The Cabbage* dating back to 1997, historical news articles from years past, all content found on website, guest commentary on articles, ...and so much more! The tentative price is \$15, but will drop considerably if enough people preorder.

If you enjoy *The Cabbage* and would like to see it continue for weeks, months, and years to come, please respond immediately. We need to know now if you are committed to supporting *The Cabbage* and purchasing our book. You can either fill out a flyer and drop it into the mailroom slot or send your name and number of books you want to bookorder@thecabbage.com. If we receive enough order commitments, your book will be available in April. If you want humor to continue here on campus, respond today!