

THE BEST OF THE LETTERS PAGE

MONEY IN THE THANK

FROM MAD #376

Thank you so much for printing my letter to you, as a gift to my father (Letters page #370). All of our friends and family got a huge laugh out of it and my father was just beside himself when he saw the letter. We bought 20 copies of MAD and gave all but 18 away. You're the best!

Maeve Sanchez
Chesapeake City, MD

Maeve — Much thanks for your heart-warming letter. We passed it around the office for everyone to read. One of our crack staff suggested we print your thank you letter (and any subsequent thank you notes that you send) so we can maintain the 20-copy blip on our sales charts. Even bumbling Godfrey agreed that this idea may be the greatest marketing plan in MAD's 46-year history!

—Ed.

P.S. Say "hi" to Papa Hession for us!

LIVIN LA VIDA LOCOMOTIVE

FROM MAD #386

I am including a tip to my fellow commuters. Reading a MAD Magazine on the train guarantees you will have a seat to yourself. Laughing while reading MAD Magazine means not only having a seat to yourself, but also having the seats in front of you, in back of you and across from you empty as well.

Charles Yves,
Danbury, CT

Chuck Wagon — We have a commuting tip for you — try reading your next issue of MAD with no pants on — we can pretty much guarantee you'll have the entire car to yourself! Happy trails!

—Ed.

MAD GRADS 99

FROM MAD #388

I've been getting your magazine since 1993 and I always will. I sent this picture to you and I think I look like Alfred E. Neuman in this one, what do you think? If you think the same as I do I hope you can put it in the next issue of MAD. I'll be very grateful if you do that and I will also really appreciate it. By the way, I'm 15 years old and that picture is from 8th grade.



Peter Oliveri,
Hightstown, NJ

Peter — As far as you resembling Alfred E. Neuman, our staff was divided. Half think you look nothing at all like Alfred. The other half strongly feel you resemble the illegitimate love child of Sylvester Stallone and that fat chick on *The Practice*, Camryn Manhands or whatever her name is. Go know! In summing up, we have two words for you — cosmetic surgery. It's never too early! Thanks for writing!

—Ed.

Enclosed is a picture of myself at graduation with my Alfred cap. Can you say pathetic? This is my cheap attempt at getting five minutes of fame. Hope it worked!

Van Becidyan,
Paramus, NJ

Vane — Thanks for the lovely photo. We're happy to supply you with five minutes of fame. But what's with the goofy footwear on your classmate to the left?

—Ed.



RESERVATIONS ABOUT INDIANS

FROM MAD #393

I was disgusted by the apparent ignorance in issue #390. In *When Nuns Go Bad*, one nun says, "This is for Little Big Horn! The Indians won Little Big Horn, they lost Wounded Knee! Duh!"

Ryan Black,
Brentwood, TN

Rye Bread — All this Indian talk makes us wonder what your Indian name would be. Our guess — "Writes Moronic Letters"! Thanks for the smoke signal!

— Dances With Ed.

TO SLUR WITH LOVE

FROM MAD #395

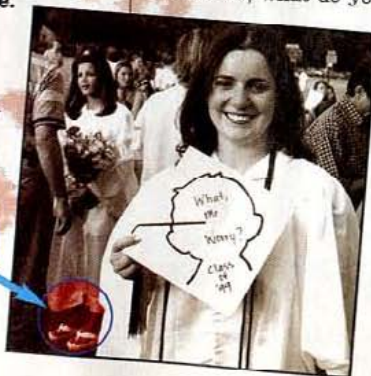
I have wondered about a question for a while. How do you make fun and insult every person on earth and not get sued? Do you have to ask permission from the people you insult, or something else? Thanks for your consideration and please reply, I can't get this question out of my head.

T. Bachman,
Great Barrington, MA

Ice T! — What an excellent, probing question! The law requires that we receive notarized written permission from any of our readers before we call them a nimrod, schmuck or knucklehead. So, what do you say, a-hole, can

we make fun of you? Please get back to us with your permission, jerk. Have a nice day and thanks for writing, moron!

—Ed.



Make A Dumb Wish Foundation™

FROM
MAD #382

Dear MAD Make a Dumb Wish Foundation:

I'm considering going to graduate school, most likely Brooklyn College or Queens College, to study playwrighting. However, I have an old student loan debt of \$3,700 from my undergrad days. My income is very low. If I'm accepted to grad school, could you please pay, or help me pay the \$3,700 debt?

Melanie Lee,
Corona, NY

Mellie Mel — Thank you for calling on the good offices of the *Make a Dumb Wish Foundation*™! As you may well expect, our offices are besieged with many, many worthy requests, and as a result, sometimes difficult choices need to be made. When it came time to consider your request, it was a no-brainer, mainly because it wasn't a dumb wish! Getting someone to fork over an easy three grand to you no strings attached is anything but dumb! (Read: you ain't getting the money!) But all is not lost. After careful review, the foundation's hand-picked committee did find some dumbness in your letter. Your wish to become a successful playwright by getting a graduate degree from Brooklyn or Queens College is about as dumb as it gets! See ya opening night, let us know the date!

—Ed.

ENVELOPE OF THE MONTH

FROM MAD #403

Jon Ijungberg of Winnipeg, Canada sends us this issue's Envelope of the Month featuring MAD founder William M. Gaines, who, unfortunately, is dead, dead, dead. Thanks for depressing the hell out of us, Jon!

FROM BAD TO NURSE

FROM MAD #385

I enjoyed reading "A MAD Look at Nurses" (MAD #380) so much, I shared it with all my co-workers. In appreciation of the recognition you have given to us nurses, we would like to offer complimentary enemas to all your staff!

Colleen McMahon,
Sparta, NJ

Collie — Finally! One of OUR dumb wishes has come true! Thanks for writing and thanks for caring!

—Ed.

THE RETURN OF MAD PROS AND CONS

FROM
MAD #377

It is sickening to me that there are so many talented writers and artists contributing to such a bad cause like the magazine you publish. The other day I happened to spot a MAD Magazine (#373) in the library and happened to browse over it. The article I first landed on was "The Lighter Side of..." It baffles the mind as to how a man could become so cynical and hardened that he would write such sarcastic garbage. I'm referring to Mr. Dave Berg. The reason children are so disrespectful and sarcastic to others is because influential publications such as yours encourage this type of behavior. As I write, a petition is being passed around to ban your magazine from the public library here. I hope by my writing you this letter, you will see the point and wise up.

Rev. William Oughtred
Venture, CA

Padre — Perhaps the reason some kids are disrespectful and sarcastic is not because of MAD, but because the pompous, self-righteous adult deserves it! You follow? Amen!

—Ed.

COMING UP

IN

MAD CLASSICS #2

THE VERY BEST OF
OUR WORST STUFF
FROM PAST
ISSUES!



ARTIST OF
THE ISSUE —

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(which means lots
of SPY vs. SPY)

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GAGS!**

CELL PHONES!

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SPOOFS OF:**

SOUTH PARK!

BIG DADDY!

AMERICAN PIE!

**AND MUCH
MORE!**

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buy it today!**

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until August 16th,
but we suspect
you're a slow
runner.)

