

Mount Olive College....You've Gotta Love it!

So, Ms. Rhonda from our Public Affairs office sent me an email last week with the logo that will accompany this weekly column and it's made me feel like I better be producing some pretty adventurous columns each week. (How am I going to make trips to the café sound like an adventure?)

But no really, I think I have done the most travelling in my life this past year. Last semester I went to Chicago, Ashville (I consider that travelling, never been there before), this semester I went to Washington, and in two weeks I'll be headed to Peru for our honors class trip. Last weekend our Student Government Executive Cab went down to the University of South Carolina for a Leadership and Diversity conference.

The conference was pretty cool. It's always cool to go to a big university and just feel the difference. But in all honesty, I really think that our school, Mount Olive College, put on a better leadership conference last year with our LEAD conference. Something about our small team just put a more intimate feel on it, and we made it unique to us.

I still had a good time nonetheless. The best part of it was the keynote speaker at lunch, a young guy named TJ Grant. His message was simple, just do the right thing, but he delivered it quite well. He was lively and funny, kind of like a stand-up comedian and even beat boxed at the end. That was sweet. I've always been impressed with stand-up comics, all they do is stand and talk, and usually they keep the audience's attention the entire time. That's talent. It proves that substance and content is still the most important element of anything.

So Valentines Day was last week, and it gives me an excuse to give my 2 cents on love. In my opinion, love is a *choice*. I have to respectfully disagree with people who think it's just an uncontrollable feeling. I think you choose to love someone, to treat someone right, to make a commitment to someone, to be honest to them, and to do things that show you care about them. When it's suggested that you can't help who you love, I have to think it makes it easier for people to give up on one another. So when problems come up, people tend to think, it just means it's not meant to be. Anyway, that's my spill on love. Choose to love one another, let bygones be bygones and move on. Life's too short.

One more thing: I enjoy making videos and filmmaking, and I directed one for recording artist DJ Coles, for his single, *Love Is*, exploring love from a man's perspective. Check it out on You Tube!

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