

College Memories

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It feels funny, because now I can actually say the phrase “Back in college...”

I talked to an old friend the other day. My boy, Terrance J. We played ball together as freshmen. We used to do everything together. He was Chris Tucker to my Jackie Chan, Starsky to my Hutch, Robin to my Batman. Sitting on the bench during games, we would talk away; often not even paying attention to the game. We would chat about over eager spectators and what to order at the Cook-Out on the way home (sorry Coach).

Those were some fun times.

One time, we rode on a bus in Durham for two hours. After we passed the mall for the third time without reaching our stop, I started going a little crazy.

“Just calm down Yeeka,” he said. “It’s OK!”
“How is it OK?!”

Long story we short, the bus driver ended up making a special trip to drop us at our stop.

Anyhow, at the beginning of my third year, Terrance went off to another school and I didn’t see him again for a long while. So, when I heard he was coming back to Mount Olive College, I was pretty excited. He called our office and had no idea that I am now working at the College.

We quickly caught up and I told him how happy I was that he was coming back to MOC.

“Yeah, but you’re paid to say that now,” he said.
“Hey man, I’ve always been saying that,” I replied. “I was saying that when *I* was paying.”

After I got off the phone with Terrance, I started thinking about why students come back. I think it is because Mount Olive College has an incredibly comfortable learning and working environment. Although this may seem like some cheap marketing push, it’s really not. Check some of the facts:

- Professors at big schools are expected to spend *a lot* of time on research, often graduate students are teaching their classes. All my classes were taught by a Professor.
- The Professor’s offices, the Library, and the Communication building are all within a three minute walk from the dorms and apartments. That means you get help when you need it.
- Our campus and town is experiencing tremendous growth, half the buildings on campus have been built in the last three years.

Peace.