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News Briefs

Adult Information Workshops Offered By MCC

MCC is reaching out to the adult population by offering a series of information workshops to help them in their return to school. These seminars will address financial aid, flexible scheduling and the more than 70 programs MCC has to offer. Registration for summer and fall courses is also available at the seminars.

Monday, April 28, seminars will be held at Greece Apollo Middle School and Rush-Henrietta High School from 7-8 pm. Tuesday, April 29, seminars will be held at the Penfield and Irondequoit Libraries from 7-8 pm. and from 10-11 p.m. at the Fairport Library. On Wednesday, April 30, seminars will be held at the MCC Damon City Campus from 4-5 pm. and at the Webster Adult Community Education Building from 7-8 pm. For more information call 292-ADULT. ♦

New Scholarships to Be Awarded for 1997-1998 Year

MCC received a \$1 million endowment a few months ago for the Thompson Family

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And I Quote...

Braincells create ideas. Stress kills braincells. Stress is not a good idea.

- Richard Saunders

Students Look on as Organic Chemistry Lab Goes Up in Smoke

Things Heat up as MCC sees First Fire Since 1978

by Christopher Herman

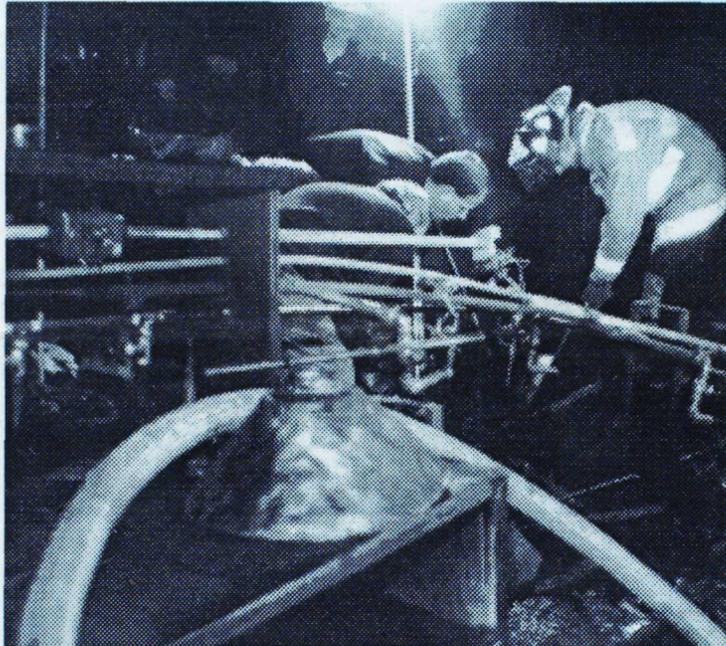
Four Public Safety officers, and one firefighter were taken to local hospitals Friday April 25, 1997 after a fire broke out in building seven at MCC's Brighton campus. West Brighton firefighters were called to the scene at 5:58 p.m. that a fire had started in room 7115, an Organic Chemistry lab.

"We got the call at two minutes to six, and placed it under control probably at 6:30. When we arrived, there was smoke coming from one of the ventilators at the top of the building, the hallway was full of smoke, once they got down the hall, they found the organic chemistry lab fully engulfed in fire" said Steve Morith, West Brighton Fire Department Chief.

Ironically enough, just a day earlier a Monroe County "Firefighter's Essentials" class was practicing drills in the very same parking lot, now MCC experienced its first fire since Janu-

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"There was a lot of smoke in there when they got there. The initial report was that the first fire fighters in the door didn't see any fire they couldn't tell what was burning, they couldn't see their hand a foot in front of their face, they knew there was a fire in that room but they couldn't see it." - Steve Morith, West Brighton Fire Department Chief



A Brighton Police Officer, A Monroe County Fire Investigator and a Brighton Firefighter search the remains of one of the lab benches in 7-115 after the fire on Friday April 25. photo by Peter Matthews

Negotiations May Bring Sports Complex to MCC

Everyone's Talking Win - Win Situation

by Christopher Herman

Negotiations that may bring a multi-million-dollar sporting complex to Monroe Community College are currently underway. Officials at the community college are currently in the discussion phase with Steve Donner, the principal shareholder of the Rochester Americans, Knighthawks and Rhinos.

Discussions are currently revolving around plans to build the multi-faceted sporting complex in the southeast corner of the college to the right of the Brighton-Henrietta Townline Road entrance. The complex, which would cost somewhere in the \$10 million dollar range, is only in the discussion phases stress both involved parties.

According to Vice President Thomas R. Flynn, the college has

several parcels of land which would never be used for educational building. "For some time, we've been interested, if there were the right opportunity to develop something which would be complimentary to Monroe Com-

munity College's educational programs, and of a great value to the community."

According to Flynn, past ideas brought forth to use this land in

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This illustration shows the approximate site of the proposed Sports Complex

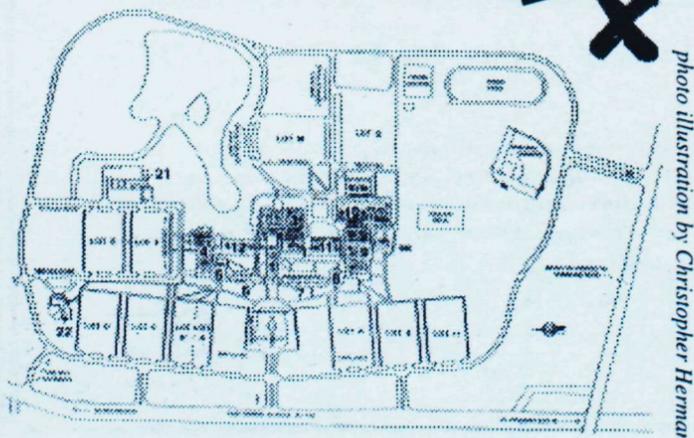


photo illustration by Christopher Herman

Student Government



by Robert Ricks

This weeks senate meeting was very light and airy for the most part. Stan Lyons: President of the Student Association, and myself were fighting to stay awake. I think he was successful, but I had to go for coffee. Stan Lyons, Michael Dettman, and Brian Schultheis were in Albany over the weekend. They were in attendance at the SUNY Student Assembly meeting. The officers were elected for SUNY Assembly for the following year. Our very own Stan Lyons was elected to the Executive Committee of SUNY Student Assembly. He will be representing the Western New York region. Congratulations Stan.

Michael Dettman Issued a warning to the student population. Having spoken with a member of Campus Security, he was informed that five cars have been stolen from the rear parking lot. Everyone needs to lock their doors, stated Dettman. Michelle Garcia, Vice President for the Student Association, announced a Cancer Awareness Day. This event was Sponsored by Latin Pride and the Black Student Association. There was a rally held on 4-26-97.

The balance of the meeting was centered around two issues. One was an award that is given to clubs and organizations at the end of the year. The award is given as recognition for their efforts, and successes in several categories. Prior to this year, the *Monroe Doctrine*, CAB, nor the Senate were

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New Academic Vice President

by Krisitin DeVito

Dr. Vicky R. Smith took over the office as MCC's new Academic Vice President in February, and has brought with her over 25 years of experience in professional and administrative positions at community colleges across the country. Smith has replaced Jeffrey Bartkovich, Ph.D., of Pittsford, who served as interim academic vice president since June 1996 when former Vice President Frank Milligan, Ed.D., of Brockport, retired.

"I like community colleges because they are flexible and responsive to the needs of the students, and because a community college is truly here to benefit the community," says Smith, who began her career as a high school teacher in Chicago before deciding to devote herself to working in administration at community col-

leges.

Smith earned her master's degree in Library Science from the University of Illinois and her doctoral degree in Curriculum and Supervision-Community College Administration at Northern Illinois University.

After spending twelve years at Moraine Valley Community College in Palos Hills, Illinois, Smith accepted a job at Jefferson College North in Arnold, Missouri, where she devised a weekend college and student-centered class scheduling matrix. The scheduling matrix led to a 120 percent increase in credit hours generated.

Smith also served as president of Austin Community College in Austin, Minnesota, for four years, where she was instrumental in securing a \$515,000 National Science Foundation grant to develop the state's first A.S. degree

program in the information super-highway.

"I believe it is important that the college's curriculum is up to date with what is going on in that particular field," says Smith, who appreciates MCC's growing recognition for technical fields and work force development.

Since arriving at MCC, Smith has been meeting with faculty members of different departments to get a feel for the needs and goals of the college. She hopes to aid in developing some new programs at MCC in the fall, and believes that most good programs evolve from partnerships with the community.

Smith also promotes participative organizational cultures, where "...everyone needs to be concerned and aware of how actions may impact the institution." ♦

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Scholarships. Requirements are that students must be full time, in a degree program, have at least a 3.0 GPA and not receive any other financial aid besides loans. For more information, or application forms, stop by the Financial Aid Office on either the Brighton or Damon Campus ♦.

Is This Comedy or Not?

Comedian Judy Croon visited the MCC Forum April 23, 1997. Only one table out of the entire audience seemed to find her jokes entertaining. That isn't very surprising because she couldn't hold the crowd's attention. She tried to shock them by using profanity. She tried to sway the audience's opinion of her by also talking about her body, especially her breasts. Practice your comedy before getting on stage, okay? ♦

You Could Be Aladdin

Auditions are scheduled to be held for an upcoming production of Aladdin to be performed in June. The auditions are open to all present and former MCC students, faculty, and staff. There are a possible three credits that can be earned for participating. Auditions are May 5 at 12 and 2 p.m., May 6 at 1:30 and 2:30 p.m., and May 7 at 12, 2 and 7:30 p.m. in the Theater. For more information call David Smith at 292-3317. ♦

Car Thefts on Campus

Maddalena Palluconi

Students beware! Just when you think you might be safe, you're not. Since February, five vehicles have been stolen from Monroe Community College's Brighton Campus. For the most part, the vehicles were all primarily GM sport utility trucks and blazers. Coincidentally, all of the vehicles were taken from the south side of campus. Why is this so? Why is the south side such an unsupervised area? On an average, MCC usually has reported three car thefts a year. Five is considered a large jump in the semester. Car thefts are a growing problem in the city of Rochester and Monroe County in general.

"We have notified the community, and we are looking out for anything suspicious," explained Martin Gilmore, Investigator in the Public Safety Department. "The best thing to do is to just be aware of your surroundings when on campus, and keep all valuables locked in the trunk, where a possible thief won't see them."

Currently, MCC's Public Safety Department is working along with the Brighton Police on the investigation. There are some small leads the team is aware of, but can not disclose them at this time.

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Crime On Campus

These are events that have occurred in the last week on the Brighton campus of MCC.

3/27/97 - 08:27 Violation of a Code of Conduct
A student attempted to remove books from the library with another person's I.D. slip.

3/27/97 - 9:22 Harassment Investigation
A visitor harassed a college employee.

3/27/97 - 0:17 Violation Code Of Conduct
A student removed a Snapple from the Terrace without paying for it.

3/27/97 - 11:19 Criminal Tampering
Unknown person(s) have tampered with VCR's in Building #11-300.

3/28/97 - 12:05 Violation Code Of Conduct
A report was filed regarding the conduct of a visitor to MCC.

3/28/97 - 12:48 Petit Larceny
A student reports that property was removed from her vehicle on 3/26/97

3/31/97 - 12:43 Violation Code Of Conduct
A staff member observed a student who drove through a stop sign without stopping.

3/31/97 - 16:28 Petit Larceny
A staff member reports that property was removed from his office in Building #10-138 between 3/27/97 and 3/31/97

3/31/97 - 18:05 Trespass Investigation
A non-student was arrested for trespass.

3/31/97 - 18:10 Petit Larceny Investigation
A hat was stolen from the Dental Clinic in Building #7-201

4/01/97 Petit Larceny/Criminal Mischief
A student's vehicle was broken into and the stereo was stolen from Lot H.

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Sportsdome Coming To MCC

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cluded the building of dormitories, a prior offer to build an ice rink, a driving range, a miniature golf course, restaurants, and hotels, "but none of those things seemed to support either the educational programs which we have or did they return a dollar value to the college that was worth us giving up some very valuable land" added Flynn. He also stated that both parties are in this simply for the money.

While reviewing the current blueprints, the Vice President described the complex in detail. The first floor of the large building would include four ice rinks, three to the one side (seating 300-400 people apiece) and another on the other side, a larger rink that would seat around 2,500 people. Also on the first floor would be a coaches' office, team locker rooms, referee locker rooms, pro locker rooms, a gathering area, coffee bar, pro-shop, and Human Performance

lab. The second floor of the building would house a large upscale restaurant, gathering area, an arcade, viewing deck overlooking the four ice rinks, and a virtual reality participation area. A 700-800 space parking lot is also part of the plans.

Also, as part of the contract, the two parties have discussed that this

"How broadly can you think? How large can you dream? ... The sky is the limit, how creative can you be?"

- Janet Glocker, Dean of Business/Health on the sports complex

corporation would build two outdoor soccer fields for the college's use or other enhancements around the college. Many other things are also being discussed and may be included in the final contract.

According to school officials, another benefit that the college might see come about with the help of the sporting complex, would probably be the addition of the proposed exit on 390 (county), and a new entrance from Brighton-Henrietta Townline Rd. (at the

company's expense).

Flynn presented these proposals to the college community last Wednesday with virtually no opposition. "This is a win-win situation" he stated to the 50 or so people in attendance.

One concern that did come up at the meeting was the priority given to users, the college student or outside patron? Flynn responded by stating "This is not MCC's facility... what we'd be doing is leasing the land to them for a very significant dollar amount." He did, however state that he would be negotiating many of these things into the contract.

Another concern brought up was the costs of extra security, maintenance of the building, parking lots, etc... Apparently, any expenses that the college would incur, would be paid by the company managing the facility.

The land lease has been reported

as 10% of the lands value (approximately \$100-135,000 an acre) per year. The number currently being used is 20 when discussing the number of years on the lease.

Flynn then proceeded to win over every last nayghsayer at the meeting. He spoke about the co-op opportunities with the complex, the possibility of the creation of a hockey team, the significant financial amount that the college would make (somewhere in six figures), and the probability of the major teams practicing at this facility.

These three teams, the Amerks, Knighthawks, and Rochester Rhinos would, according to Steve Donner, practice at this facility. Donner sees this facility to be possibly one "of the finest facilities in the country."

According to Flynn, students may see the new facility as early as this time next year. "These people are very aggressive builders" he said. According to Donner, if ground-breaking doesn't take place by early next fall, they would probably hold off a year or so.

Car Thefts

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Whether the crime is being committed by a group or a single person is yet unknown. Gilmore also suggests to investigate in researching vehicle security devices. Alarm systems and The Club still seem to be popular forms of car protection. If you see anything suspicious around campus, please report it immediately to extension 2911. Or if there are any questions or concerns about the investigation, contact the Public Safety Department at 2904. ♦

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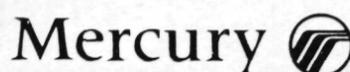
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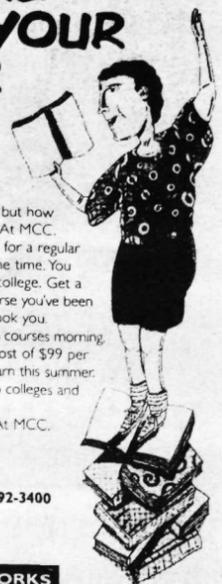
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Accident Injures One in Front Bus Loop

by Peter Matthews

A car that failed to yield to another vehicle caused a two car accident near the front loop of the MCC's Brighton Campus according to Security Supervisor Kevin Drew on Tuesday, April 23 at around 4 p.m..

Linda Collier, 48, of Rochester, was coming to pick up her daughter, Melinda Collier, an MCC student, when the accident happened. Linda Collier was going east on the entrance road off of East Henrietta Road and was struck by Ed Jusko, 18, of Brighton

who was driving south on the road that loops around the campus. "He (Jusko) didn't yield to her (Linda Collier) and she hit him," Drew said. "He failed to give her the right of way."

Collier was taken to Strong Memorial Hospital by Brighton Volunteer Ambulance. She complained of pain to the shoulder and ribs. Jusko received minor injuries and was treated by MCC Public Safety Department.

Jusko, who was on campus to take a placement test, was not going to be charged for any of his actions. ♦



An MCC Public Safety Officer aids Ed Jusko after he was involved in a car accident in the front loop. He received minor injuries.

photo by Peter Matthews

Shakespeare Comes to MCC

by Christina Christman

Get ready to watch Shakespeare performed as you have never seen it before. MCC students will be performing Shakespeare's *As You Like It* at the MCC Theater from May 2-4. Original music will also be performed by some MCC students.

As You Like It is a 400 year old romantic comedy written by Shakespeare that depicts the stories of four couples as they experience love and romance. "It was one of his most popular romantic comedies," said David Smith, the director of the play.

A cast of about 30 students have been working on the play for almost 10 weeks. Smith said a lot of students are receiving credit for participating in the production.

Although there have been no changes made to the original script as far as words or lyrics, Smith has made some changes concerning the time period and settings.

"Originally it was supposed to be set in a court and then in the Forest of Arden, which is a little bit like the forest of Robin Hood," said Smith. "We've changed that to Court Enterprises, a big business and we put it in the late 60's so it's the Arden commune, a hippies commune out in the boonies somewhere."

Smith said there were some

other minor changes made, like changing the sex of a couple of characters.

Also unique to this production is the music. Tom Fittipaldi and Bob Zajkowski, both of whom are faculty members at MCC worked in conjunction to write original music for the production.

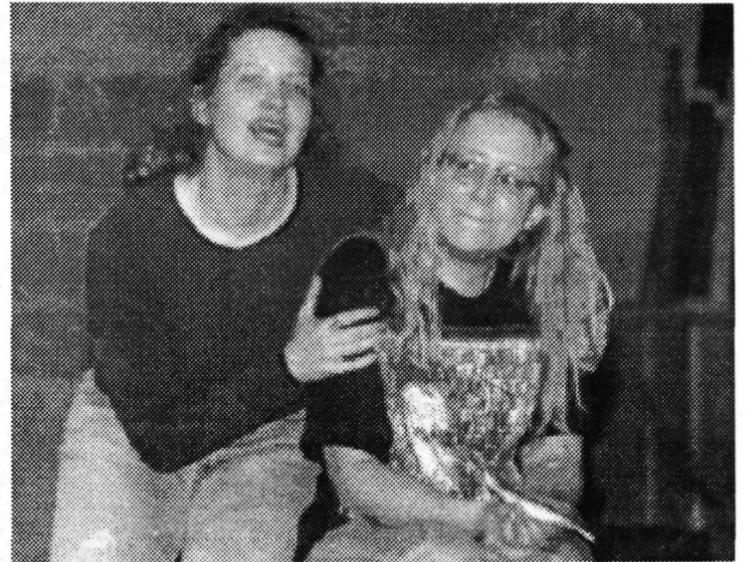
"The original music that would have been written at the time of Shakespeare...it just sounded too classical for what we wanted to do," said Zajkowski.

Zajkowski and Fittipaldi have

been working on the music since last semester. "It's a work in progress," said Fittipaldi.

There are three students, and Zajkowski, who will be performing the music, along with the students who will be singing it. They will be incorporated into the play as a hippie band.

As You Like It opens Friday, May 2 at 8 p.m. in the MCC Theater. It runs through May 4. Tickets are available at the Student Center Desk on Both the Brighton and Damon Campus. ♦



Erika Kissack (left), who plays Rosilind and Grethcher Heberger, who plays Cecelia, practice last week for the up coming play, *As You Like It*. photo by Peter Matthews

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Please complete this Student Survey and return to Elizabeth Stewart in the Student Center Office (room 3-113) by April 25th.

Thank you for your participation.

1. Are you in favor of a regular College Hour at MCC?

Yes No

2. How do you use your time during College Hour?

3. If the time of College Hour were to be changed, please rank your preferences from the times listed below:

- Mon, Wed, Fri 12:00 (Current College Hour)
- Mon, Wed, Fri 1:00 or 2:00
- Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs 4:00 and F 2:00
- Tues, Thurs for 80 minutes instead of 60
- Other _____

Fire Destroys Organic Chemistry Lab (continued)

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ary 28, 1978. Six hours and two minutes after it started, the entourage of firefighters, volunteers, and spectators finally left Lot K of MCC's Brighton campus. When all was said and done, five buildings were disrupted by the fire, buildings 1, 5, 6, 7, and 8.

Jim McKay, a Stationary Engineer at the college discovered the fire after smelling smoke while in the basement. "... I came up to investigate, found smoke coming out of the top of (building) seven, investigated a little more, and found an organic chemistry lab in flames."

The signs of the fire were not all that visible from outside of the college, however, inside the building was another story. "When I looked in those doors, I saw seven foot wide by five foot flames kicking" added McKay

Chief Morith also spoke of the severity of the fire. "There's a lot of fire damage... major damage in the room, there's smoke throughout the building. The Organic Chemistry lab, the benches in there are sets of like four lab stations. One set of two... is completely burned out, nothing left."

Morith added that although the initial report that the sprinkler system was operational and in use, that was not the case. He corrected this report by stating that MCC has no sprinkler system because of being built prior to the addition of the code. "There was water running all over, but no sprinkler

system in this college. The fire was so hot that it melted all the solder in the water pipes" he said.

The classroom, room 7115, was in use by Mary Disano, a chemistry teacher, and her students prior to the blaze. That class ended at 5:00 p.m. and according to Morith, "there was no one in that lab or the adjoining labs" at the time of the fire. Disano could not be reached for comment.

Passers by were not permitted to enter the college as the investigation unfolded. Several crews of reporters added to the already crowded parking lot, everyone try-

ing to figure out exactly what had happened.

Several companies were called to the blaze as there was fear of hazardous chemicals burning in the lab. Volunteers from West Brighton, Henrietta, and Gates were called to the scene, as was Greece Ridge, Gates, and Monroe County's Hazardous Materials teams.

In addition to several cars from the Brighton Police Department and several ambulances, Rochester Gas and Electric, the Monroe County Health Department, and the Red Cross showed up.

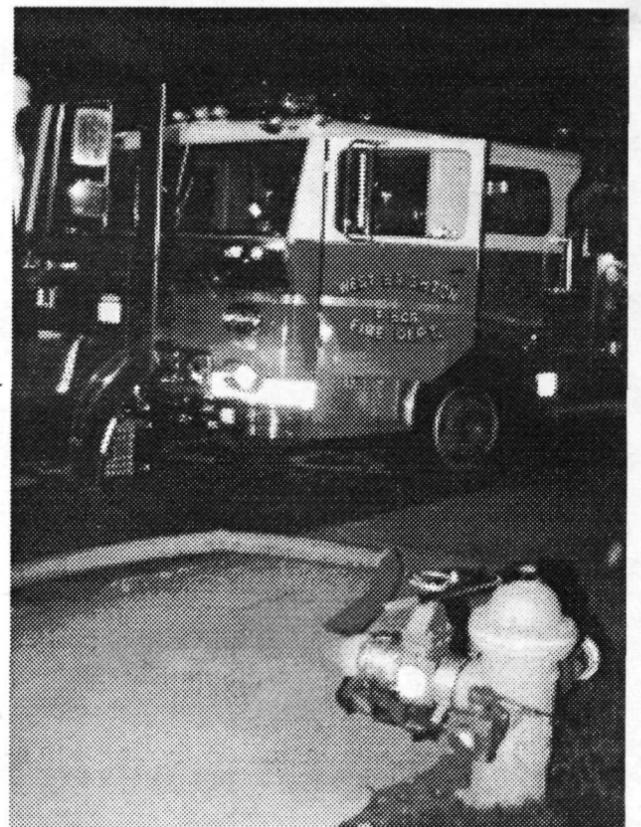
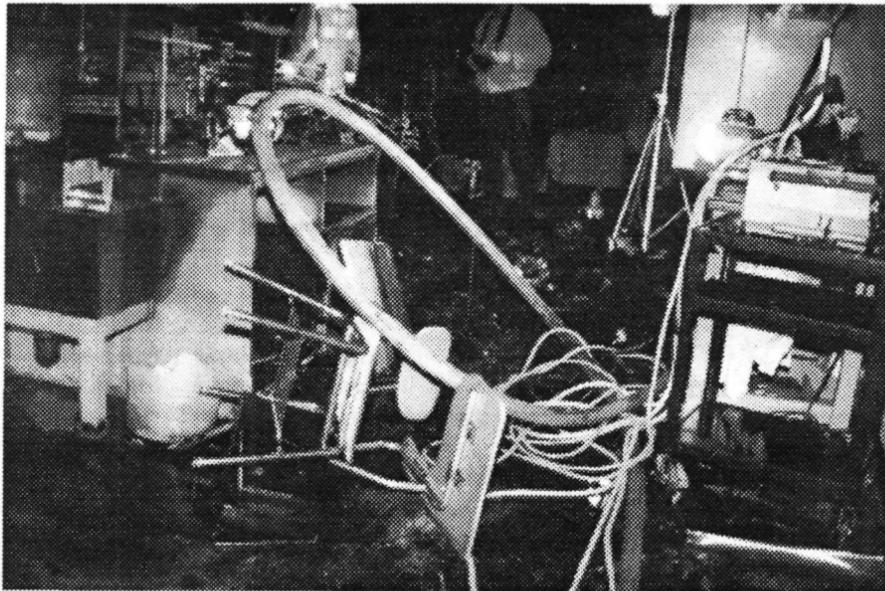
The Monroe County Health Department was called to the scene as the fire was considered a level one hazardous materials incident by Chief Morith, a fire in which the firefighters call in an outside agency when there is a possibility of the spreading of these materials. "This is a normal routine procedure that the Health Department is called when there's a level one situation, a possible hazardous spill" added Jay Diedreck, Monroe County Health Department Hazardous Spill Response.

Because of this threat of hazardous materials, all firefighters, and

anyone exposed to the fire were deemed contaminated and given a "washdown," physically washed down with water and a cleaning solution.

The cause of the fire is still unknown, as is the extent of damage financially to the college. Fire investigators are expected to return the cause of the fire in 2-3 weeks. At the time this went to print, no information was available regarding the scheduling of classes. ♦

Peter Matthews and Jason Olson also contributed to this story



(Above left) Desks lay flipped over and the overhead projector (left) is melted and broken in Room 7-115 after the fire. (above) A West Brighton pumper is hooked up to a hydrant in front of building 8 in the front parking lot. The pumper supplied water to firefighters inside the building who fought the fire. (left) The cabinets on the north side of the room received heavy damage during the fire. The shelves above the cabinets stored chemicals. Crews worked over the weekend to remove any remaining chemicals from the room.

photos by Peter Matthews

State Spending on Student Aid Levels Off

(NSNS) - State spending on student aid leveled off in 1995-96, ending a five-year streak of rapid growth, according to a national survey.

The 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico spent \$2.9-billion on grants to students in 1995-96, an increase of 1.6 per cent over the previous year. Most of the grants were in the form of need-based aid to undergraduates, for which state spending rose by just 0.6 per cent, to about \$2.46 billion, according to the annual survey, which is commissioned by the National Association of State Student Grant and Aid Programs.

Over the previous five years, by contrast, state spending on need-based aid to undergraduates had risen annually by an average of 9.6 per cent, and appropriations for other categories of student aid

experienced similar growth.

Scott B. Freedman, the president of the student-aid group, blamed the slowdown in such spending on tight state budgets and increased competition for tax dollars from other social services.

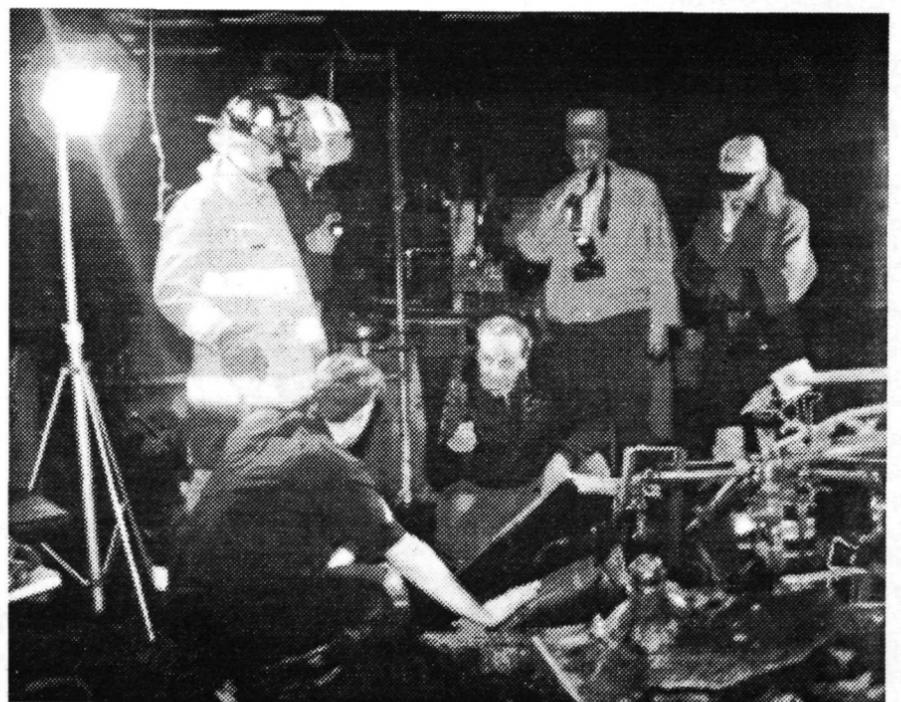
He also noted that the survey's national totals had been heavily influenced by five states — California, Illinois, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania — which last year accounted for 60 per cent of the need-based grant aid awarded to undergraduates. Both New York and New Jersey cut such spending substantially last year.

In an effort to combat the decreasing support of student aid, three of the nation's largest student groups - the United States Student Association (USSA), the Public Interest Research Groups (PIRGs)

and Rock-The-Vote - have joined forces and launched a petition drive for student aid, sending a message to "stop the doors of college from closing."

A copy of the report can be obtained by sending \$5, by check or money order, to the New York State Higher Education Services Corporation, 99 Washington Avenue, Room 1438, Albany, N.Y. 12255, Attn: NASSGAP ♦.

A Monroe County Fire Investigator shows a piece of debris to other members taking part in the investigation of the cause of the fire (below).



Laprade Leads *As You Like It*

by Christina Christman

His favorite color is puce, he loves to play the bassoon, he is fascinated by small shiny objects and fond of Tanqueray. Best of all ladies, he is single. In his own words, he's loquacious.

Introducing Chris Laprade, the male lead of MCC's upcoming theater production of Shakespeare's *As You Like It*. This 22 year old native of Fairport plays Orlando, half of just one of four couples who learn about the trials and tribulations of love and romance.

Laprade grew up in Fairport in a self-described "dysfunctional" family. He graduated from Charles G. Finney Corporate High School, a private high school in Penfield, with the drummer from Black Ocean and partner in crime, Mike Christman.

Laprade is a graduate of MCC's English program. He plans to return to MCC in the fall semester, enrolled in the communications program.

From his first production as a sophomore in high school, *A Man Called Peter*, in which he played a young thief, Laprade has loved acting and being involved in productions. "I was heavily influenced by the teachings of my philandering professor," he said. He

participated in the Walt Disney Co-op program at MCC, a program he promptly was kicked out of.

Orlando is Laprade's first lead role in a play, although he did have a major role in last years production of *All In the Timing* as Don the con man.

"It's a lot of fun," he said on

participating in this years production. "It was interesting to learn about a play that everyone doesn't know about."

Laprade hopes for a career in acting. "One day I hope to see my name in lights...at least be a porno actor. I think my name would be Buck Naked." ♦



One Mans Essay on the Holocaust

by Erin Coyle

with flesh."

On Wednesday, April 9, 1997, I sat disillusioned as I listened to an essay on the Holocaust. This essay told what really happened during those years of torment and destruction. The man who wrote and presented the essay to the audience, Peter Marchant, found it very difficult to read steadily without getting choked up. When he came to certain parts in the essay as he read he had to hold back from crying. There were even a few times when the student who introduced him to the audience had to read sections for him. To give you a taste of how hard it was for Marchant to keep reading, here is a phrase from his essay,

"Some American in a jeep is holding a movie camera. On the screen there are stick-like figures in striped tunics behind barbed wire. The camera moves in for a close-up. Oh, God, those are human bodies skeletons just covered

Now, you can see why Marchant couldn't bear to read that. Even though he wasn't directly involved in the Holocaust, knowing people who lived to tell their stories makes him all the more aware of the turmoil and heartache it caused.

The reason Marchant named this essay, "Lessons" is because people such as: Steven Hess, Angie Suss-Paull and Ellen Arndt, (all who have witnessed and experienced hell he couldn't even imagine), have taught him lessons he hopes to carry with him for the rest of his life. They all told Marchant, "Never give up hope."

This essay made me realize some humans are full of hatred and sometimes that hate makes them perform horrible actions, such as murder. The question will always be, why? Why are some people so sick they'd hurt or kill another human being? We'll never know for sure. ♦

(Photo to left) Chris Laprade, left, rehearses for the upcoming play, *As You Like it*, with Erika Kissack. On May 1 and runs until the May 3 in the theatre in Building 4.

photo by Peter Matthews

Holocaust Genocide Studies: On A Mission To Educate

by Christina Christman

Their mission: to increase awareness, education, and research of Holocaust/Genocide. Currently, this group stands at about 30 members strong.

Six years ago, students taking an honors seminar were so disturbed by some of the things they learned they formed a group in order to educate people about the Holocaust and genocide. A year later the group was chartered by the Department of Clubs and Organizations at MCC. That group is now known as the Holocaust Genocide Studies Project.

Steve Scahill, secretary and treasurer for the Project got involved at first because he saw a No Hate button on another students book bag.

"I said where'd you get the No Hate button? She said if you want one you have to come to a meeting," said Scahill. His involvement in the group led to his taking the seminar. Scahill said that his involvement was sort of backwards, as usually students get involved in the group after taking the seminar.

The honors seminar, "The Holocaust- A Journey into the Human Capacity for Good, Evil, and Indifference", is being taught by Dr. Sharon Dobkin, who also advises the Project. The other advisor for the Project is Jodi Oriol.

There are over 400 alumni of the seminar, according to Scahill. He says some alumni are still involved in the project.

"We have people who are alumni of the school that are still very active in the Project, several as a matter of fact," said Scahill. "We have one woman who does our newsletter ... we have another student, she is in school in Boston, we constantly keep tabs with her. So we do have a lot of alumni, probably just as many alumni involved as we do current students."

Scahill did say the current students do most of the work for the Project, grunt work like letter stuffing.

Among various other activities, the Project puts out a newsletter twice a year to all the alumni and current members. The two times coincide with two Jewish holidays, Kristallnacht in the fall and Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Day, in the Spring. Also, the Project sponsors Commemorations at both of these times.

This year the Yom HaShoah Commemoration is set to take place on Thursday, May 8 at 7:30 pm. The guest speaker will be Dr. Michael Berenbaum, President and CEO of the Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation, a project set up by Steven Spielberg to document the testimonies of Holocaust survivors. Dr. Berenbaum also directed the Holocaust museum in Washington DC. A reception with Dr. Berenbaum will be following his lecture. Both events are free and open to the general public.

The Project does sponsor other events throughout the year. Dur-

ing Thanksgiving the Project sponsors a drive to give baskets to needy families. This year the Project also began a drive at Easter to give baskets then too. The Project works with Baden Street Settlement on these baskets.

"The Thanksgiving one is getting more successful every year. The Easter one was not so successful because ... it was our first time and most of the people that did it, it was their first time," said Scahill.

Various lectures and discussion panels are also held by the Project. Scahill said they have brought in speakers from countries all over the world, including Bosnia and Germany.

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An annual essay contest is also sponsored by the Project in conjunction with the Yom HaShoah Commemoration. The contest is open to high school and undergraduate college students. The winner, who will be announced at the Commemoration, receives a trip to the Holocaust Museum in Washington D.C..

Also featured at the Commemoration will be a photographic documentary put together by MCC students on local survivors of the Holocaust. Dr. Dobkin proposed the documentary. "Our aim is to keep alive the memory of this era so that future generations will understand and avoid the dangers of political absolutism," Dobkin said in a press release.

"We think the essay will give students and others a greater understanding of the human impact of the Holocaust as they get to know these survivors as real people who became productive members of our own community."

For more information about the Holocaust Genocide Studies Project you can visit their office in Room 3-129. ♦

Italian Day at MCC

by Maddalena Palluconi

Ciao amici Italiani! Hello Italian friends! Tradition is an important value to the Italian people. Starting new ones is always fun. In keeping with that, the Faculty Lounge held their first annual Italian Day on Wednesday, April 23, from 11:00-1:00. The scene was set like a small cafe right out of Italy. Dimmed lights, candles, and the colorful green, white, and red streamers that hung from the ceiling. The room was surrounded with the smells of many homemade entrees like lasagna and minestrone. Cannolis were the favorite creme-filled pastries of the day. The old-style atmosphere made you want to sing *That's Amore* with Dean Martin.

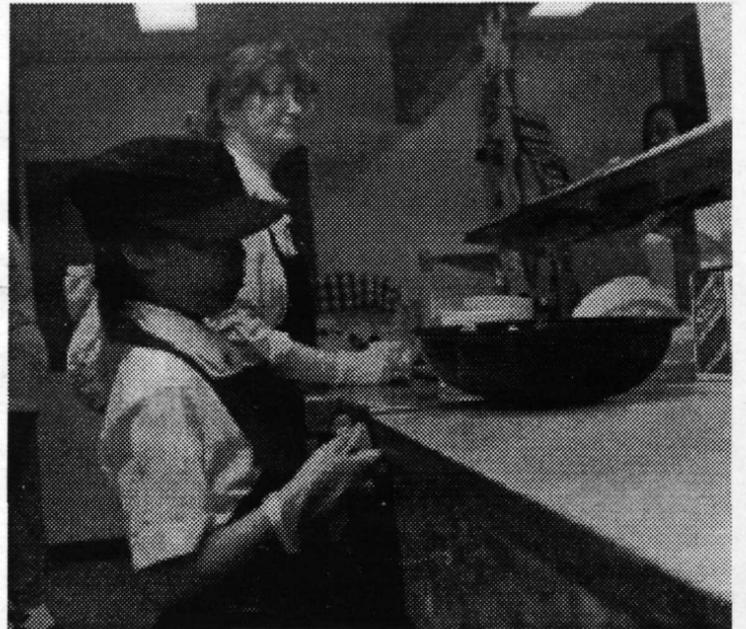
"There has always been certain

themes for The Cafe, like three weeks ago there was a pasta bar, where customers can come in and create their own dish," explained Michelle Fisher, MCC student who works for the Food and Hotel Management Service. She also said, "it is Keith Quinn who creates the themes for the cafe, like Italian Day. He prepares and cooks all the food with his lab group. Then it is the Food and Hotel Management group that serves it."

During Italian Day there was no real entertainment. The flyers that were up around school set a false impression of what the day was about. It was a little disappointing. I think I was hoping for something more than just the food. For next time, I suggest preparing a cultural event to go along with the cuisine. ♦

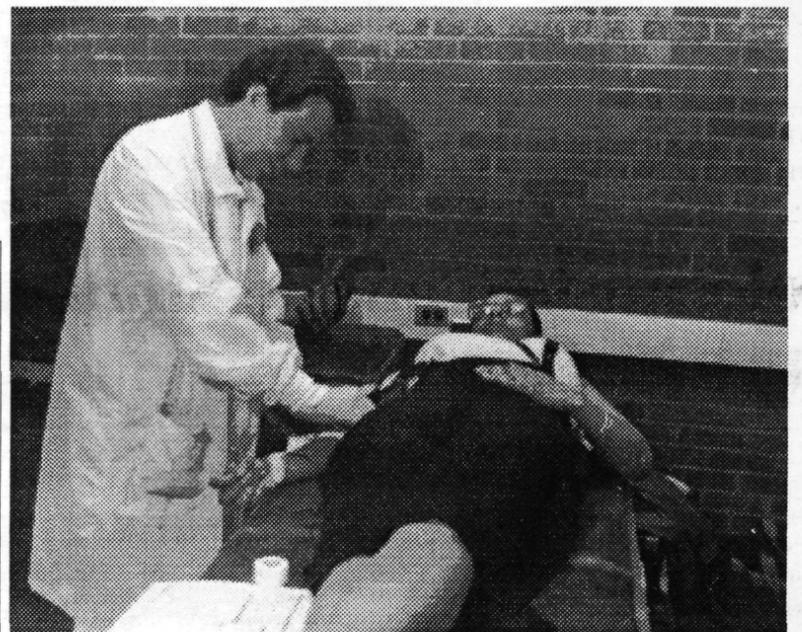


Scenes Around Campus



(Above) Nancy "Nan" England, of Serv-Rite get help from daughter Beth, 9, during take your daughter to work day. Staff, faculty and students brought their daughters to MCC last week to watch what their parents do. (Left) Judy Croon, a comedian from NYC, performed last week at Club Wednesday in Forum. (Below) Stephanie Gobern, an MCC student gives blood at last weeks American Red Cross Blood Drive. Jason Craver, of the Red Cross, checks Gobern over.

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Community Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
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*10 a.m.-2 p.m.- Counseling, Interior Brick Lounge, Check Schedule *12 p.m.- ISAK game, Forum *Genesee Reading Series featuring Alice Brand, 7:30 p.m., Writers & Books, Info @473-2590 <i>Last Day To Buy Tickets For Latin Pride (see 4/1)</i>	*Student Senate, 2-5 p.m., Check for location, Info @Betty Stewart 292-2536 *Widespread Panic, Auditorium Center, 222-5000 *Live Open Acoustic Jam, NYPK & Cafe, 425-9760 <i>Last Day To Buy Tickets For Cultural Nite (see 4/1)</i>	*Music by Chapter 7, Noon, Terrace *Interviewing Workshop, Noon, Room 2-225 *Honey Rider w/Bang, The Creek, Info @424-1080 *Chapter 7, Shoeleather Express, The Spectrum, 232-4962	*Phi Theta Kappa Student/Faculty Social, 4-6 p.m., Faculty Dining Room, Info @292-2519 *Recruitment by St. John Fisher, Student Center Hallway *Monkey Boy, Moe's Outback, Info @387-0860
Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Upcoming Events
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9 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Mens Soccer Hosts a Wood Working Sale, Student Center Hallway 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. - MCC Maverick Swim Team in the Poll in Bldg. 10 6:45 p.m. - As You Like It Dress Rehearsal in the Theatre in Bldg 4	*As You Like It, MCC Theatre, 8, \$5/8, Info @292-2060 *Benefit Concert featuring/ Never Been Blonde, 8-10:30 p.m., 68 Ashland St., \$5 *Ghostman, \$15 advance, 24 Hour Info @234-4269	8 p.m. As You Like It performance in the Theatre in Bldg. 4 Study For Finals They Are Just Around The Corner	*May 5, 14th Annual Sports Hall of Fame Induction, Gateway Banquet Center, \$20, Student Center Desk, Info @292-2830 *May 7, Summer Job Fair, 11-1 p.m., Student Center Hallway *May 8, Yom HaShoah Commemoration, 7:30 p.m., MCC Theatre

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eligible for this award. I believe the *Monroe Doctrine*, particularly Associate Editor Christopher Herman, requested that they be considered for this award or an award of similar recognition. The faculty approved this request, which opened the door for other clubs and organizations, such as

CAB and the Senate.

Michael Dettman: Deputy Speaker of the Senate, and Carrie Cleveland, Speaker; objected, stating that they were not given enough time to prepare for this award, nor did they have tangible evidence of their successes. Carrie Cleveland stated "the Monroe Doctrine has stacks of weekly is-

sues, and CAB has financial statements. What do we have, the minutes from our weekly meetings". Michael Dettman, who is a stickler for rules and regulations stated, that CAB is an extension of the Senate, therefore, they cannot be considered a club nor an organization. He went on quoting technical reasons. Why these collective bodies, and minds that work together to enhance the lives of the

students they serve should not be considered for this award. Betty Stewart, Advisor, stated, "Michael, you are being to technical." The bottom line is that the faculty has voted to include these groups of people in their consideration for this award.

The other Discussion was about E-mail accounts, and whether you should be made to pay for this service if you have no in-

tention on using it. This was very long and drawn out. When I realized that this was about 5 Dollars I lost all interest and started to nod, as did Stan Lyons.

Last, but not least... signs will be posted in the brick lounge, to remind everyone to pickup after themselves. All the Senators were asked to submit a design... we wouldn't want the signs to clash with the present decor.

R & R, Keeping it real. ♦

THE NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

Edited by Stanley Newman
CINEMA VÉRITÉ: Titles taken literally
by Robert H. Wolfe

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- 60 "Little we see in Nature that is ...": Wordsworth
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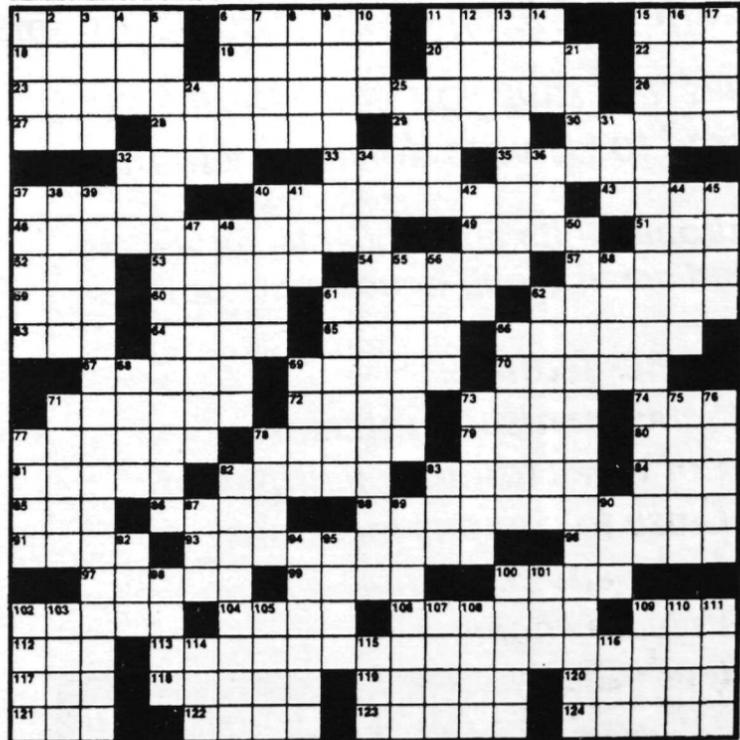
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- 93 Possibly
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- 5 Green
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- 7 Florida town, for short
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- 10 Ivy League
- 11 Word on Spanish stamps
- 12 Do nothing
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- 14 "... was saying ..."
- 15 Atria
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Student Government Election 1997

Each candidate submitted their own information

compiled by Christopher Herman



for the 1997/1998 school year. Dettman sits on many different committees such as the Faculty Senate, Student Services, and finally he was the chairman of the senate's diversity committee. Dettman is most proud of his efforts in planning and programming African American History Month here on the Brighton campus.

Michael G. Dettman is currently the Deputy Speaker of the Student Association Senate and plans to hold office next year. He hopes that he can hold the position of Speaker of the Senate, so that he can ensure the Senate will meet it's goals

Dettman is a very visible person within the Student Government, and if re-elected vows to allow the student population to be heard within the student government and to fight for all student concerns and issues.



I have served the student body as a member of the MCC Assoc. Inc. Board of Directors, a member of the Finance Committee, a member of the President's Council, and I attend the Board of Trustees meetings.

My name is Stan Lyons and I am running for President of the Student Association. My renominate for V.P. is Veronica Caine.

I am the current President and have committed myself to serving you, the student body.

Also, I am Chair of the committee for Brighton / Damon relations. My main goal this past term was to help the Damon campus decide if they wanted their own gov't or to be part of the Brighton Gov't. In a survey, the outcome was approximately 3 to 1 in favor of their own gov't. They have some very capable people working on a con-

stitution. I am here to serve you, "the student body," and your interests. We urge you to come to us, the Student Government, with any and all concerns that you have.

I need your support to accomplish the many goals that I have. A major goal that I currently have for next year is to study the feasibility of a Student Union. A study has been made and is currently being looked at by a committee.

This Student Union would be a place for all student activities and meetings. It could even conceivably be a forerunner for an on-campus housing.

Vote for Stan and Veronica - "We Care, Let us represent you."



My name is Brian R. Schultheis, I am running for Senate. I believe it is necessary for the Senate to be a productive body that is accountable for their actions. When they make a decision they should stand by it. I would always be open-minded to all student ideas, sug-

gestions, and opinions. Besides listening, I would represent the students and watch out for their rights.

As a Senator, if I made a mistake, I would be accountable to it and not point fingers and pass the blame. I would make sure the students are kept well informed, with the help of the media.

As a current member of the Government, I can offer knowledge and the "how-to" to get things done. My addition would add a more defined personality and positive attitude to the Senate.

The games and media circus involving the Senate must stop. Lets make the students our first priority and make them proud.



I am running for Student Trustee because I feel the past two years here at MCC working as a Peer Leader and as General Manager of

WMCC I have developed Leadership skills that would help me to represent the Student Body to the best of my ability. It would also give me a chance to give back to the college community some of the knowledge and family atmosphere that it has given me.

I would be a positive representative who is concerned in the best interest of the Students. I intend to make myself accessible to students at any time of need.

Rock the vote, and vote the Rock!



Today's playing field is controlled by the administration and faculty. Our students are not involved in the events taking place around them, and therefore; they cannot be part of the decision making process.

My main goal is to bring power back to the student population and improve the Communication between us and the administration. I believe that the first step towards change in this school is to build a very strong student government that will truly represent, work, serve, and stand up for the rights of the student body of MCC.

I would like to see more study areas with computers, improvements in the quality and portion of food compared to the price, E-Mail access for all students, a better community atmosphere with more cultural activities, etc...

But a strong student government without the support of the whole student body will never accomplish 100% of its objectives. So lets work together for the best of our school

Steven LaDue is currently a Senator at MCC, and he is very excited about the chances of returning to the senate next semester. Steve enjoyed taking an active part in the Student Government and any other organization that is willing to help the student body as a whole. In addition to sitting on the Senate he is also a part of the Board of directors for the student Ass. Inc., The operations and personal commit, and the E-mail commit. After serving the short time on the student government that he has this semester, Steve feels as though he will be more capable of performing this roll once again. Steve's primary objective of serving on the senate is to voice the views of the students who feel they have no voice.



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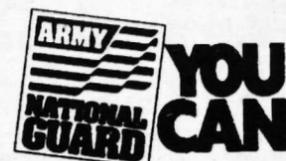
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At The Movies

"Chasing The Abbotts"

"The Saint"



"Inventing The Abbotts" Shows Us A New Side Of An Old Era

by Tracy Destino

Haley, Illinois 1957. This small town plays host to this new coming of age film, "Inventing The Abbotts."

"Inventing The Abbotts" takes an untraditional look at growing up in the '50's. With a hot young all star cast, we learn about two small families, the unwealthy Holts and the well to do Abbotts, and their interlocking past.

Michael Keaton narrates the film as Doug Holt, played on screen by Joaquin Phoenix ("To Die For"). Doug's older brother Jacey (Billy Crudup), who spends his time chasing after the Abbott girls, in revenge to their father, and an old grudge.

Joanna Going plays Alice, the eldest daughter who does exactly as her rich prominent parents want. She is forced into a marriage after becoming pregnant, and goes on to live an unhappy life. Jennifer Connelly stars as the young promiscuous Eleanor. She's the bad one, who will do anything to defy her parents. Finally, is the young sweet Pam, played by the very talented Liv Tyler ("That Thing You Do.") Pam describes herself as "the one who gets off the hook," and the only one who truly finds love with one of the Holts.

Mr. Abbott doesn't like the Holt boys, and the feeling is mutual. Jacey despises Mr. A. due to some rumors that is mother had an affair with him after Mr. Holts death. (He made a bet that he could drive a car across a frozen lake, but didn't make it back.)

Jacey is involved with Eleanor, and when her father finds out they have been sleeping together, he sends her off without an explanation. This of course is her ticket out of her strict family life. He then moves onto Alice who is separated from her

husband. The two have an affair till Alice chickens out, fearing rejection from her father.

The parallel story focuses on Pam and Doug, and how their young love slowly blossoms into a wonderful romance. Pam also fears the rejection that Eleanor got, so she decides to call it off with Doug, defying her heart.

Doug and Pam go their separate ways in college till their bitter sweet reunion. Both want to reconcile, until Doug finds out that Pam has been sleeping with Jacey also. Dougs heart is broken and pulls all ties from his brother. The only thing that reunites them is the death of their mother (Kathy Baker). Doug and Jacey make up and Doug pursues Pam to confess his love. In the end, fate brings the

two back together where they belong. This also leads to the truth behind the rumors that have tormented the two families over the years.

The film was brilliantly cast. The combination of the young actors was a smart move, and the resemblance of the actors was uncanny. Both young men and the three women looked close enough alike, to pass as real brothers and sisters.

All of the actors have the potential for future success. Each of the five will be starring in many upcoming films, so keep a look out. Three of them stand out among the rest. Tyler has made a big splash this year and has a special quality that shines past others. Phoenix (Tyler's real life boyfriend) has an innocent, insecure quality that fit perfectly with his character. Finally Crudup who's talent goes past his good looks, has the potential of becoming the next Tom Cruise. (Coincidentally, his next film, "Pre" is being produced by Cruise.)

All in all, the cast makes this a worth while picture. It is a classic story of romance, with a look at how rumors and sexual liberation alter the lives of these five young adults. I give this film ★★★★★ 1/2 stars out of five. These are five actors you won't want to miss. ✧

Notorious Bad Boy, Val Kilmer, is "The Saint"

by Keith Walther

Wonderful acting highlights a film that lacks a strong screenplay. "The Saint", directed by Phillip Noyce, is a comic book type of story without as much action and suspense as the trailers suggest. It is a tale of espionage, romance, theft and betrayal that includes the Russian Mafia.

A young boy, who is brought up in a Catholic Church, is beaten severely by a priest for not proclaiming his identity in front of God. A young girl, who likes this boy, rushes to secretly meet him at night. They are discovered, though and the startled girl plummets off the staircase to her death. Simon Templar (Val Kilmer) has not forgiven himself since that fateful night.

Simon, as confused as ever about his identity, uses the names of Catholic saints as fronts for his missions. He is an independent thief with a knack for disguises and charm to get him out of any tight situation. He has a very calm and cool demeanor that makes him entertaining to watch. The story takes place mostly in Russia, where Simon is hired by the Russian Mafia to steal the formula for cold fusion from Dr. Emma Russell (Elisabeth Shue). What he does not realize, though, is that for

the first time since his childhood he is developing feelings for a female. He hesitantly decides to betray her and swipe the formula, anyway and complete the mission to retire from espionage with \$50 million. Complications arise with the formula and the Mafia attempts to hunt and murder Simon, as well as capture Emma. Templar uses all the tricks in the book to try to save himself and the love of his life, Dr. Russell.

The acting performances by both Val Kilmer and Elisabeth Shue were extremely strong. They dominate the screen, as well as the loose story. The duo make the film better and the plot more plausible than it otherwise would be. Elisabeth Shue (in her first film since receiving an Oscar nomination for "Leaving Las Vegas") is able to play an innocent, trusting person with believability. Although, in one scene, she looks more suited to be a Revlon executive than an established professor.

Val Kilmer utilizes his intelligence to make difficult scenes seem like second nature. To better the movie, he created the romantic scenes between his and Shue's characters. This complicated individual enjoys performing as characters who do battle with themselves. This is evident in such roles as Doc Holliday in "Tombstone,"

Jim Morrison in "The Doors," and Bruce Wayne in "Batman Forever." Val uses that duality in this film by creating over half a dozen characters to disguise himself. He was able to change accents from English to Russian to German to South African to an American southerner with seemingly no effort. Not very many actors can do that and do it as well as he did.

The director of the two Tom Clancy stories, "Patriot Games" and "Clear and Present Danger," will not receive the same success for this picture. Phillip Noyce does not deliver the action and suspense that is promised in the previews. A more climactic ending could have been achieved if he spent more time on getting the scenes to flow more smoothly. Noyce does, however, make the technological aspects of the film believable. "The Saint" cannot be called a mimic of "Mission: Impossible," since the story of Simon Templar originated in the 1930's, long before Ethan Hunt was even a thought.

"The Saint" receives a rating of ★★ out of a possible five. Val Kilmer is a very dedicated actor, and his dedication holds the shaky plot together. I do not recommend you pay the \$7 to see it, when it is more worth it to wait until it reaches the discount theaters or the video stores. ✧



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At The Movies

"8 Heads In A Duffel Bag"
"Romy and Michelle"
& "Chasing Amy"



Joe Pesci Misplaces "8 Heads in a Duffel Bag"

by Keith Walther

Originality arises in the form of many different ideas. As is true of "8 Heads in a Duffel Bag," some of these ideas are crazier than others. Tom Schulman directs an off the wall cast from George Hamilton to David Spade in this entertaining tale of a mobster who loses his heads, all eight of them.

A well-respected hitman, Tommy (Joe Pesci), is given the gruesome mission to deliver the heads of eight mobsters to a Mafia boss. He stores these heads in a large duffel bag, which he takes aboard a commercial flight. Little does this hot-tempered hitman know that this simple, profitable exercise will become a chaotic mess.

One of the passengers on this plane has the unfortunate luck of having a very similar looking duffel bag. Charlie (Andy Comeau), a young man confused about his future, is on his way to see his girlfriend (Kristy Swanson) and meet her parents (played by George Hamilton and Dyan Cannon). What was supposed to be a wonderful vacation, turns to disaster when Charlie realizes he has the wrong bag and finds a bunch of heads inside the one he is carrying.

Afraid of being decapitated himself, Tommy immediately goes on the prowl for Charlie and the missing heads. The search quickly leads him to a couple of Charlie's med-school friends (David Spade and Todd Louiso), who become cooperative prisoners. Charlie frantically attempts to dispose of the heads before anyone discovers them. Many mad, comical events occur in the story, making for an unpredictable ending.

The movie contains an extremely strange cast with an established actor, a rising talent, a comedian, and a couple of inadequate actors. Joe Pesci, in his first film since "Casino," is perfect in this role. There is not another actor in Hollywood who can perform Pesci's roles as well as him. He has been called a concrete actor because he has been in several Mafia films. This one-sided opinion is simply not true, since he has had terrific performances in films such as "My Cousin Vinny," "The Super," "Home Alone," and a couple of the "Lethal Weapon" movies. Pesci is extremely funny when he utilizes that smart wit, tough guy attitude. He will also be co-starring with Danny Glover in an upcoming comedy called "Gone Fishin'."

Andy Comeau, in his film debut, delivers a surprisingly talented

performance as a troubled medical student in love. You might recognize him from the Weird Al Yankovic music video called Gump. Andy portrayed Forrest Gump. He was able to maintain being humorous, distraught, and dramatic throughout the film. Look for this young performer to have a promising career.

For the most part, the supporting cast was below average. However, both David Spade and Todd Louiso highlighted some very comical scenes. While Spade continued to use his heavy sarcasm, Louiso just went nuts by the end of the film. Louiso has appeared in terrific films like "Apollo 13" and "The Rock". Spade does quite well without his large friend, Chris Farley. At the other end of the spectrum is Kristy Swanson, the star of many bad films, including "The Chase" and "Buffy the Vampire Slayer". She brings the quality of this picture down just a bit with her lack of acting ability. Take some drama courses Kristy! It is official, the sundried George Hamilton is washed up. He looks and acts entirely out of place in this movie.

Tom Schulman's directorial debut is a success. He does a satisfactory job of organizing the chaotic scenes to make them coherent. Tom incorporates a lot of dark, gruesome comedy to allow for a more entertaining picture. This also makes the story take a lighter look at a mobster mix-up. The title itself is amusing.

"8 Heads in a Duffel Bag" receives a rating of ★★★ 1/2 out of a possible five. The subject matter may be too gross for some, but the originality makes it worthwhile. If you decide to check this one out, do not take the plot seriously. ♦

"Chasing Amy" Is Like Chasing the End of a Rainbow

by Keith Walther

From the director of the hit comedies, "Clerks" and "Mallrats", comes a comedy that broaches difficult situations in life. "Chasing Amy" is directed and written by Kevin Smith, who also appears in one scene. In a way, this film is a sequel to the other two, since of the same characters and actors are used.

The story takes a look at two comic book creators, Holden (Ben Affleck) and Banky (Jason Lee), and how one woman creates havoc in both of their lives. Holden and Banky have been best friends for over 15 years, but all of that is forgotten when Alyssa (Joey Lauren Adams) enters their lives. For Holden, it is love at first sight, but what he does not know will impair his plans for courting her. He is under the notion that she is attracted to him, but learns differently when he attends a club with her. He discovers, in the worst way, that Alyssa is a lesbian as she makes out with another woman. While Holden freaks out about the whole situation, Banky is just loving every moment.

After Holden calms down, he and Alyssa have a long conversation, and they decide to be friends. As this friendship develops into true love, Banky becomes more and more hostile. He cannot bear the thought of losing his best friend to an ex-lesbian. He looks into Alyssa's sexually active past and uncovers some startling information that could destroy trust and the relationship between her and Holden. While Holden is having a difficult time dealing with this information, Silent Bob (Kevin Smith) enters the picture. Bob provides this troubled young man with a revelation that forms into a solu-

tion, possibly saving the relationship or ending it.

Not very many directors can say they have a big following, but Kevin Smith achieved that instantly with "Clerks." It is remarkable what he is able to achieve with such a low budget. Even though this film contains quite a bit of hilarious, bawdy humor, Smith has matured considerably by telling this real life tale. He is able to shed light on the unapproachable topic of homosexuality in a way that provides homophobics with better understanding. He also realistically illustrates how a best friend could impede a relationship with a true love. The cinematography is fantastic, placing the audience in the viewpoint of a friend listening in on the characters' discussions.

As a result of the low budget, a virtually unknown cast acted in this film. Although, these actors gave better performances than many well-known actors. The lead man, Ben Affleck, provides a very key role in the success of this picture. He plays the role of the serious, dramatic, romantic young man and plays it convincingly. Jason Lee's main role is to provide comedy through hostility. He does that so well that he creates some hysterical and memorable scenes. Lee delivers the best performance out of the entire cast. Joey Lauren Adams delivers an average performance, since a lot of the time she was over-dramatic. When she was not crying, though, she provided some humorous scenes of her own.

"Chasing Amy" receives a rating of ★★★★ out of a possible five. The story is original, realistic, funny, and sad all wrapped up into one. It is really a must see, but I do recommend that you view "Clerks" and "Mallrats" before this film. ♦

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Romy and Michele Get Even At The "Reunion"

by Sarah Kuhn

Romy and Michele's High School Reunion tells the story of two women Michele (Lisa Kudrow) and Romy (Mira Sorvino) who after high school move to Los Angeles. When thumbing through the yearbook, they remember such events as the Senior Prom, where Romy asks her crush to dance and he stands her up and the "A" group snubbing them.

When Romy recognizes Heather, a former classmate (played by Saturday Night Live

alumni Janeane Garofalo), she asked what has been going on. Heather informs her that the ten year reunion is in two weeks.

Romy and Michele try to improve themselves by working out, lying on their questionnaires for the reunion and borrowing a convertible from a guy that Romy works with at a Rent-A-Car.

On the trip to Tucson, the two have an argument over who is better. They eventually arrive at the reunion and go their separate ways. Romy and Michele patch things up when they team up against the four girls who made fun of them.

Lisa Kudrow's Michele is almost a take-off of her character Phoebe on Friends and Mira Sorvino proves that drama isn't her only area of acting. The soundtrack held the attention of the audience during the times the movie seemed to go on to other unrelated topics. The movie-goers, myself included, recognized songs that we grew up with.

On a scale of 1-5 stars, I give this movie a ★★★ 1/2. For anyone who just graduated from high school and experienced rejection, this is the perfect opportunity to get revenge. ♦

Down The Road

Next Stop: The Evil Computer Store



by Jason Olson
 "What is your major malfunction!?"

-Mr. Buzzcut, Beavis and Butt-head

Recently, I have been struck with the idea of owning a computer of my own. For those of you who have been reading this column for the majority of this semester, you would have picked up on my sudden interest in the computer world as a whole (sometimes I feel I actually bore my readers with this information). Since I'm an aspiring fiction author, I will always have a use for the machine. Now that I'm into the web/internet thing, I am even more desperate to get my hands on one of my own. (I will need to update my personal website, <http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Vault/5781>).

So, I recently made a trip out to a few computer stores to get a ballpark figure on how much a system would cost. So far, I've seen prices for the latest equipment running around three to four thousand bucks (that's not even counting the price of the monitor, which can run as much as 1,000 more!) Feeling discouraged, I began to wonder why is this stuff so expensive? I can get a used car at those prices, even pay back a portion of my student loans. It seems like most professional people say that every home should have a computer inside of it (for business or

family applications).

This is a nice thought, but most people can't afford to rent one (you're talking around \$40 a week at some places) much less buy one. Lets say you have a few grand to blow, it's generally better to buy an older model (a year older) for the depreciation rate for a new machine can be anywhere from 20 - 50 % in a years time (worse than that of a TV or CAR). A good example of that is the fact the UMAX SUPERMAC that my friend Rob, in Brockport, had purchased before last semester started was in the area of four grand. Now, I can get the same setup for about \$3200 (with the monitor included).

With these rates and the fact that usually the new models aren't much better than the generation before them, it kind of makes sense to get the cheaper brand. As far as a renting contract is concerned, one would lose money in the long run because the rent of the computer doesn't go down with the machine's depreciation rate.

In the end this basically leaves me wandering about, looking for someone else computer to use until I can figure out a way to swing my own.

(If you have any comments, questions, or topic ideas, just leave a letter in the Letter to the Editor box out side of the MD office, e-mail me at boomstickjames@hotmail.com, or if you want to risk a personal encounter, just talk to the guy in the picture above. THANK YOU) ♠

Opinion

Free Education Benefits Everyone

by Clay Harley

What if College education were free? Imagine if a student's main concern were his/her studies and not "Can I afford to go to college?" Higher education is important to human development, and will help maintain a competitive edge over the rest of the world. There are many social benefits to a free education, but today's educational cost's are hindering those benefits. There are several ways to provide free education, many of which are in limited use today. Education is an important part of human development. In order for our nation to maintain the competitive edge, that we enjoy over the rest of the world we must provide a free source of higher education.

Why is college education important to human development? The National Labor Department states that people with a college degree will earn up to 60% more money during their lifetime than those with only a high school diploma. These increased wages create a larger tax base, which in turn provides the capital for funding the program. Education provides the common American citizen with a method to increase their economic potential. Our nation can create an education revolution in the short time span of 10 years. Expounding on President Clinton's vision of making an associate degree as common place as a high school diploma. I would suggest making a bachelor's degree a common part of education. It stands to reason that enhancing the level of education of the nation as a whole is important to human development. For some people the only way to escape the poverty cycle is education. If every person in this country is to be judged on their merits, then let everyone have access to educate themselves.

How can free higher education help maintain a competitive edge over the rest of the world? It is very simple. How do business' compete against each other in today's market place? They provide a better product than the competition. How can America do the same thing? We must, as a nation, provide better products than other

nations. "Well, how?", you might ask. We must upgrade our most valuable tool. We must make more efficient use of our most treasured resource. What is this resource? Americans. Simple enough, right? This is not a revolutionary idea. Every modern industrialized nation seeks to do the same thing. Let us lead the way in the area of education. Let me present a very simple economic theory: Highly skilled labor equals economic advantage. It is also a self sufficient theory, because people with more education earn higher wages. People who earn these higher wages purchase more goods. Wall Street would love it.

What benefits arise from a free education? Obviously, increased earnings provide an increased tax base. To take that idea further, people who earn more money pay a higher percentage of taxes and require less in social aid. Think of the increase in jobs. More schools require more teachers. More construction, more administrative positions, more research...the list is endless. The main societal benefit from a free education is that more people will attend college and that is good for everyone.

What's wrong with educational cost's today? Isn't it obvious whenever you read your tuition bill or when ever you see the interest accruing on your student loans? If society as a whole will benefit from higher education, then why not make it more accessible? Money magazine projects that the cost of education will continue to outdistance the rate of inflation well into the next century. If our earnings cannot hope to compete with these costs then how will we prepare for them? Financial aid? Maybe but access to financial aid is becoming more scarce; grants, scholarships, loans, etc. are going the way of the Dodo bird. Governor Pataki is now seeking out ways to eliminate funding for the Tuition Aid Program as well as close down several state funded colleges. Poorer families often don't see education as an option because of these high costs. How then can they hope to escape the oppressive grips of poverty if not through edu-

cation?

What methods are presently available to providing free education? Military service offers on of the best avenues to a low cost education. The GI Bill has put more students through college than any other program in use today. I believe that there are also many other benefits to serving your country, but the best should be the reward of a college education. Volunteer work can also be paid for with college scholarships. Imagine the boon to the peace corp., Red Cross, or the American Cancer Society. Other potential programs are Federally funded, work study, internships, and employer sponsored funding. With all of these programs a federal education tax would close the gap nicely.

Some nay sayers will bellow at the top up their voices that "It will cost too much, what about the opportunity cost?" Will it cost too much? Think of all of the social programs that can be slashed or eliminated once all people can earn a living wage. Consider the cost of jailing college aged students as opposed to educating them. Consider the fact that your taxes pay for every expenditure accrued in prisons; county, state, and federal. Consider the fact that most prison inmates have full medical and dental health plans, while the majority of college students do not. Now chose which program you would rather pay for. Their are those of you who remain unconvinced, "It would create another government bureaucracy" they say. Make no mistake the Department of Education is already a bureaucracy. We can reorganize the Department of Education to be more user friendly.

Higher education is important to human development, and will help maintain a competitive edge over the rest of the world. There are many social benefits to a free education, but today's educational cost's are hindering those benefits. There are several ways to provide free education, many of which are in limited use today. There are a large number of benefits to be derived from a free education: There is only one argument against, cost. ♠

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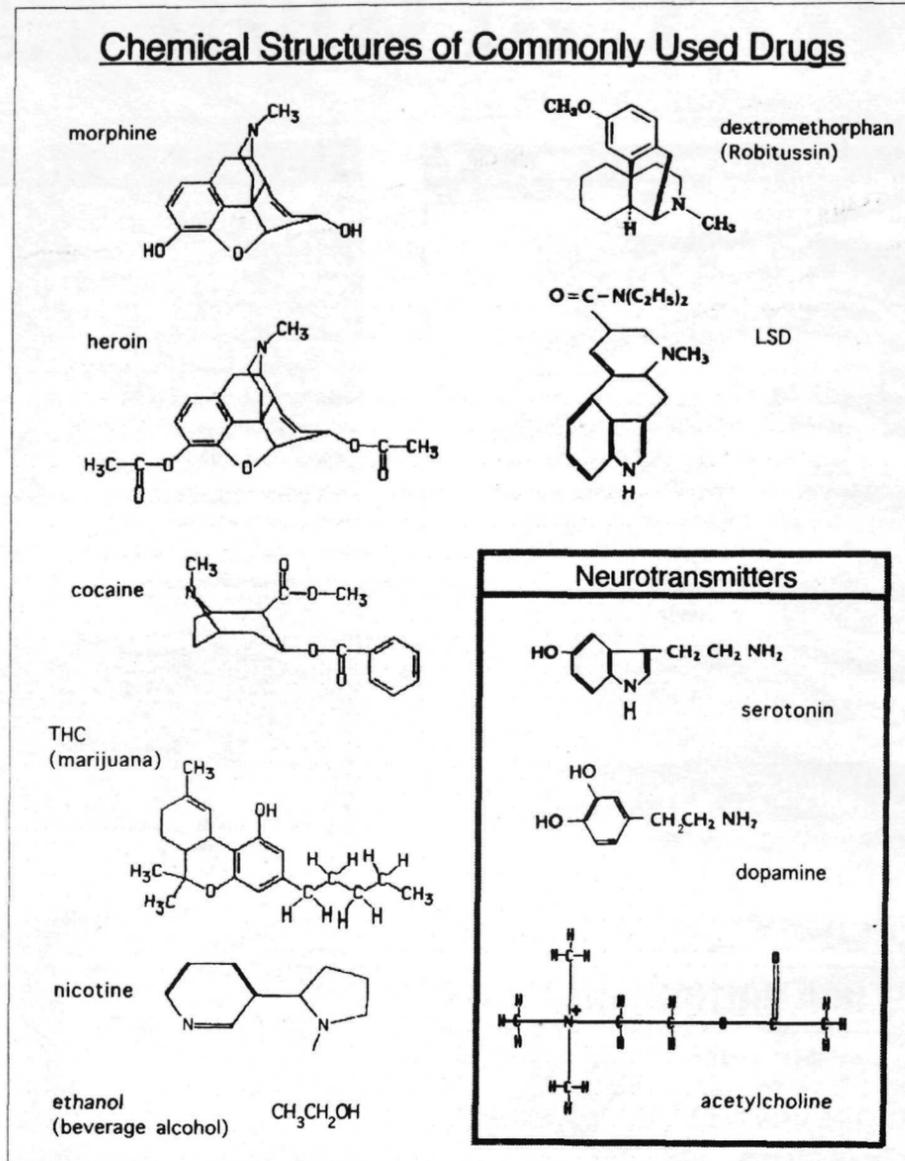


by Dave Kostecke

Morphine, heroin and dextromethorphan (a common cough suppressant) are closely related opiates. According to the textbook Organic Chemistry written by John McMurry, opiates do not "interfere with or lessen the transmission of a pain signal to the brain, but rather [they] change the brain's reception of the signal."

Human brains contain opiate receptors. Ordinarily these receptors are activated by naturally occurring "endogenous morphines," better known as endorphins (not shown.) The opiate receptors which are normally activated by endorphins can change shape so that morphine or heroin "fits" better into the receptor. This is a bit like chiseling a lock so an improper key fits better. The shape change of opiate receptors in the brain due to the use of morphine or heroin is an example of physical dependence: the brain no longer responds to endorphins properly and only kills pain in the presence of morphine or heroin.

Cocaine works by preventing the destruction of the neurotransmitter dopamine. By preventing the breakdown of dopamine, neurons continue to be stimulated long



after a message should have ended.

The drawback to cocaine is that once neurons have become accustomed to too much stimulation they no longer respond to normal

levels of neurotransmitter. This is how dependency occurs and it is the nature of the brain damage found in crackheads.

According to the February, 1997

works: LSD fits where a molecule of serotonin should go. According to the text Biological Psychology by James Kalat, "LSD apparently blocks serotonin synapses for

about 4 hours and also decreases the number of serotonin receptors for a number of days."

In a letter published on January 30, 1997 in the New England Journal of Medicine, Dr. Jerome P. Kassirer stated that "there is no risk of death from smoking marijuana."

According to Dr. Miles Herkenham of the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), "The recent discovery of a cannabinoid receptor system in the human brain has revolutionized research on marijuana and cannabinoids, and definitively proven that marijuana use does not have a dependence or addiction liability."

Herkenham also found that "there are no cannabinoid receptors in the areas of the brain which control heart function and breathing. This research further establishes that the brain can safely handle large, potent doses of THC."

THC is stored in fatty tissue because of the squiggly "C-C-C-C-CH₃" chain, also known as a lipid (fat is a type of lipid.) "Like dissolves like," so the best way to smoke marijuana is with a water pipe, also known as a "bong."

Most of the carcinogens and carbon monoxide dissolve as they pass through the water because all three are polar molecules. THC, like all lipids, is non-polar so it will pass right through the water.

Hangovers are due to dehydration, so drink the bong water (better yet, don't drink.) And yes, nicotine is just as addictive as cocaine and heroin. But will tobacco CEO's see any jail time? ♠

A View On Religion



by Dave Kostecke

and therefore falls within the realm of chemistry (but don't try to tell that to a physicist!)

Swirling in my head throughout the mind/body debate was the knowledge of biopsychology- that our brains are made of cells called neurons, and that neurons control muscles and receive input from our sense organs- that had already tilted me toward dismissing the notion of an ethereal, immaterial soul. Once equipped with a greater understanding of electricity, magnetism, and chemistry in general, I was better able to understand how a living structure could conduct electricity and store it. The boom in computer accessibility and advancement further enhanced my understanding of memory storage as symbolic structures. Suddenly it seemed so clear that there was no need for an immaterial soul to explain consciousness: just as the internet is greater than any one computer, the human brain is more complex than any one neuron.

Still, the deeper question lay unresolved. I had only sufficient reason to doubt religious faith, but not yet sufficient reason to discard it entirely.

Consider an immaterial soul. By definition it is not composed of matter and therefore produces no gravitational attraction, and it cannot produce an electric or a magnetic field because there are no electric charges present. An immaterial soul has no reason to inter-

act with a physical, material body. A physical, material body could not contain or restrain an immaterial soul within itself because there could be no mechanism for containment: an immaterial soul would blow through a body as the dream of a breeze on a warm spring night, never known by even the dreamer ever to have passed.

A completely immaterial soul is meaningless. You never know it's there. You never know it's gone. Most importantly, it could never be linked with a single body.

So let's consider a partly material soul, one that interacts with the body just enough to keep it attached to the body while it is alive. Interaction with the matter of a physical body implies that gravitational, electric, or magnetic forces are the cause of the soul's bodily confinement.

A dead body has almost exactly the same physical content as a living body, except that brain activity has ceased. Gravity can probably be ruled out as the confining force of a partly material soul because the same amount of mass will be present in a dead brain as was present in the living brain, so the total gravitational attraction would be identical. Weak electric or magnetic interactions are subtle over distances comparable to the thickness of a skull, but they seem to be the most likely mechanism for soul confinement.

But now we start running into

some troubling dilemmas. If the soul is linked to the body through brain activity, where is the soul on medical images of living brains?

There is no reason to discard decades of neurological research, and none of that research has revealed any "partly material soul." The closest thing to filling that description is a bio-magnetic field that results from the natural flow of ions in our bloodstream: as ions move, such as sodium from table salt, they create a very small magnetic field. But it is important to note that this magnetic field is a completely natural phenomenon explainable in terms of the physical properties of material bodies.

Often "near-death experiences" have been cited as personal knowledge of an afterlife. The experience of seeing light at the end of a long dark tunnel has been frequently reported and used as an argument for the existence of "heaven." This experience is so common for a very good reason: it is the physiological result of a brain in which all the neurons fire at once, and the resulting flash of light is falsely interpreted by those with religious faith. Picture yourself as a dead car battery, and think of the electricity passing through jumper cables as little beacons of light. When you turn over the starter on the car with the dead battery, a large surge of electricity will flow into the dead battery- the dead battery will see a blinding

flash of light. All of our brains work in a similar way, based on principles of chemistry and physics, and that is why near-death experiences are so alike.

I'll close with a piece from "George Carlin: 40 Years of Comedy."

You have to stand back in awe, in awe of the all-time heavyweight champion of false promises and exaggerated claims: religion, organized religion. Religion easily has the best [baloney] story of all time.

Think about it. Religion has convinced people that there's an invisible man- living in the sky- who watches everything you do every minute of every day, and the invisible man has a list of 10 specific things he doesn't want you to do.

And if you do any of these things he will send you to a special place of burning and fire and smoke and torture and anguish, for you to live forever and suffer and burn and scream until the end of time.

But he loves you. He loves you. He loves you and he needs money. He always needs money. He's all-powerful, all-present, all-knowing and all-wise, but he just can't handle money."

I hope reader responses to this essay address the sociological or historical aspects of religion such as the Crusades, the Inquisition or Hitler's Final Solution. ♠

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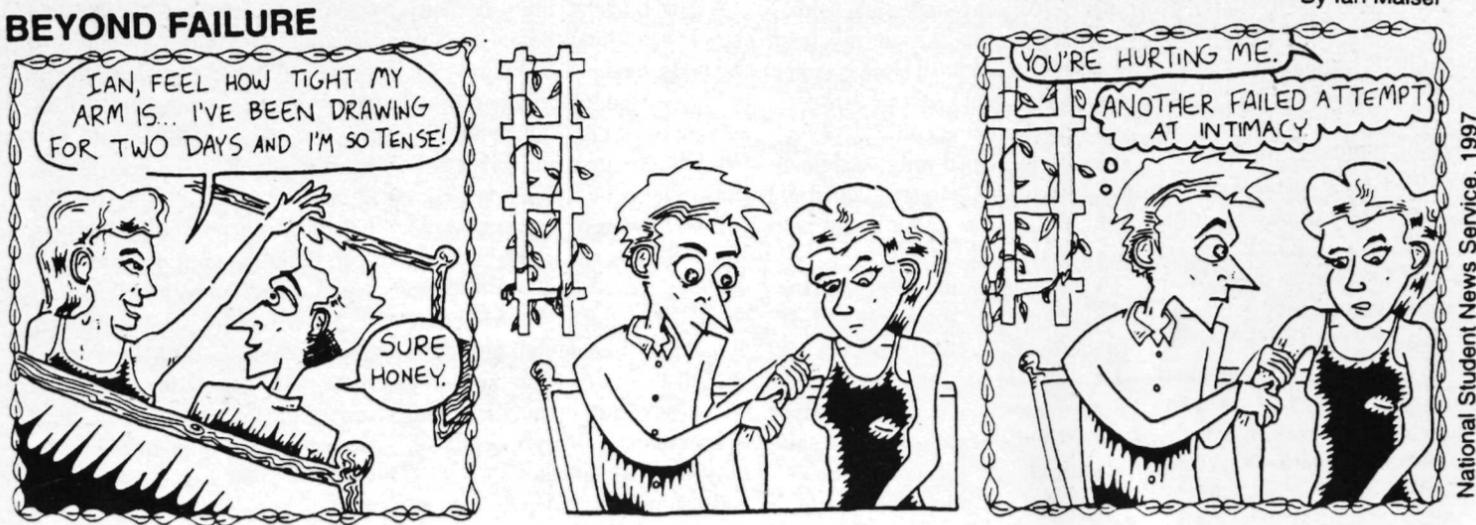
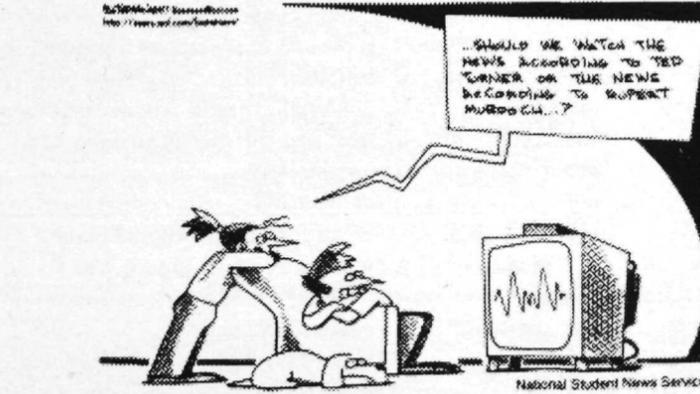
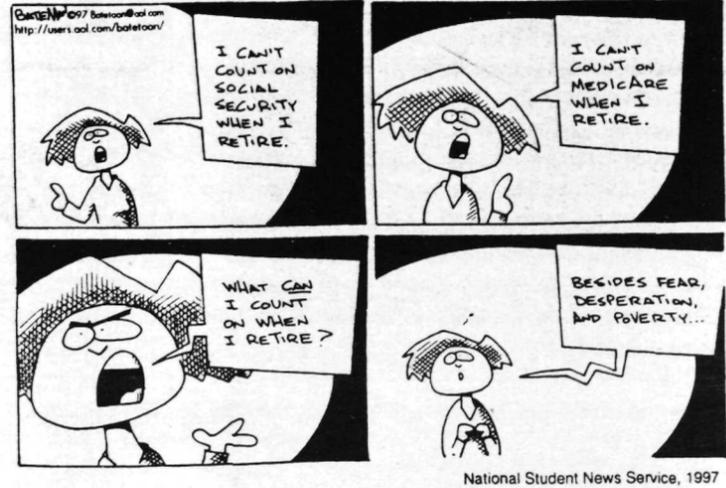
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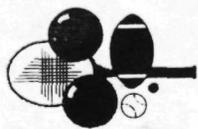
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Make Your Selection for the Monroe Doctrine's Male/Female Athlete of the Year

Compiled by Christopher Herman

From the athletes shown below, choose "your" favorite nominee for the Monroe Doctrine's Male and Female Athlete of the Year Award. Voting will take place between Monday April 28, 1997 and Friday May 2, 1997. One vote per person please.

From all the votes received, and average in with the staff members of the Monroe Doctrine's selection, a final ranking will be determined.

The staff will account for 25% of the total with the community accounting for the other 75%.

The awards will be presented to the winners at the Sports Banquet.

All commentary on these athletes is that of the Associate Editor, Christopher Herman, and does not represent that of the Monroe Doctrine. Please direct comments and questions in his care. ✦



Another two sport athlete, **Kerri Schillaci** was a member of our awesome soccer and basketball teams. Considered by most to be more team oriented, Schillaci proved that there is no "I" in team.



Basketball and tennis player, **Shawna Williams** dazzled players on the court all year long. She missed the WYNAC Player of the year by one vote, but should be a lock for this award.



Kelly Inman defied each and every opponent she faced this season by beating all of them. She posted a 9-0 singles, and 9-0 doubles record. She is the favorite in their upcoming tournament.



Jessica Kenyon, one of three family members here at the college continued to make family and friends proud by leading the Tribunes to where they are today.



Josh Gleason, what can you say, he does it all, and does it all well. This three sport athlete is probably a lock in both this contest as well as the schools Athlete of the year award, simply awesome baby!



Basketball Guard **Melvyn James** showed critics why his name would appear on this list as a freshmen. This kid was a team player who would step up in key situations



Mike Hammond has been a solid contributor to this year's Men's Baseball team. He has played solid to this point, and has earned his nomination by the effort he puts fourth daily.



Derek Yacano was an instrumental key to the success that was received by the MCC swim team this year. This kid went undefeated in every event he swam this season... as a FRESHMEN! Wow!



Diver **Stephanie Fritz** came into this season and was awesome! She broke records at the college and put out some great stats this season. If she doesn't win this award this year, look out next year.



Diedre Britton, a great athlete at the college, who just happens to play more than one sport. She had a pretty good year in the three sports she played (basketball and volleyball and softball).



"Lil Juice," **Tanesha James** was nearly guaranteed a spot in this column. Wearing her role model, Michael Jordan's #23, James many times scored like Mike, and always played with the same amount of heart.



This kid, **Shamar Johnson**, isn't just a great basketball player, he does well in school too... I guess that's what happens when your role models are your mother and "all professional basketball players."



Missy Bieber, another two sport athlete at the college, shows the talent of MCC students. A solid player in both softball and basketball, Bieber should see this nomination as a well deserved accomplishment.

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For additional information, call Dr. Elizabeth Fell Kelly at 292-2840.

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second game, the tribunes wanted to win this one but again came up short. They had one more run in this game then the first. The final was 3-2 in this hard fought game. In both games, Alfred Community

College had superb pitching from their starter, Tracy Darling. Tracy, who was the starter for both games had a combined 22 strikeouts for Alfred. On Saturday, April 12th, the Tribunes left for the spring trip. Before the team left for the trip,

this writer was told that I would be kept up date with how the trip is going and the results should be in by press time. If not, the scores will be in the next issue of the Monroe Doctrine. ✦

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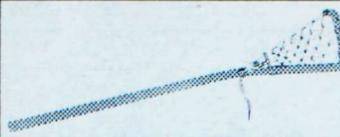


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Tribune Sports



Sports View



by Christopher Herman
The Sports World Turns at MCC:

Well MCC sports fans, the real topic that's really hot this week is the proposed **Sports Dome**. If you haven't already heard, this things gonna have four icerinks and two stories... at no cost to the college? We'll see. If it seems to good to be true, well, you know the rest. The blueprints look nice and it seems like a decent idea to make money. What do you think?

...Congratulations tot he **Rochester Americans** who absolutely wiped the floor with the **Syracuse Crunch**... they now move on into the second round as thier quest to remain Calder Cup Champions remains strong...

... The **Buffalo Bills** have popped back into this column with a surprising draft. They made several nice acquisitions in the draft, including RB Antowaine Smith, DE Marcellus Wiley, and OT Jamie Nails. It should be interesting to see how things shape up in training camp...

... A few more things to mention... **Mike OBrien** won the awesome watch for his spectacular half court shooting at the WMCC charity game...

The **Sports Awards Banquet** is coming up soon! Look in this week's *Monroe Doctrine* to vote for the player, male and female who you think should be named the "Monroe Doctrine's male and female athlete of the year."...

And one more thing... A writer writes to be read. Anyone who reads this column, stop into the office and jot down your name and number. I'll print the entire list and have a random drawing for some prizes left in my drawer. Hey there's CD's left and even more! ♦

Trivia Question

Congratulations to Michael Dettman for correctly answering "WMCC 65-60" to last week's trivia question, and now for this week's question...

Which two goaltenders in this years NHL playoffs faced each other in last year's Calder Cup Finals?

- be the first person to bring in the correct answer to this trivia question (address it to the Sports Editor and include a phone number) and win five CD's from our selection, of your choice, compliments of WMCC radio station. ♦

Human Performance Lab Etiquette

by Clay Harley

As some of you might know, and most of you probably do not, I like to spend a lot of time in the Human Performance Lab. That's Athletic department speak for "Weightroom". Usually it's filled with what I like to term "weekend Warriors". The people who come in once a or twice a month spend five minutes on an apparatus and then spend the next half an hour talking about what they used to be able to lift. This really irks me, because more often than not they will sit on the equipment, while they talk. I don't care if you are feeling chatty, just don't block the equipment from people who are efficiently rotating through their workouts.

I have found that this is a male trait, most of the women that use the HPL are very courteous and efficient. So guys, to keep from embarrassing yourselves don't offer to help these "poor weak women" unless they ask for your help. Every week I see some Warrior offer to show an experienced woman how to use the equipment. What you should do is ask her for help. Another irritating habit is when people allow the barbells to slam down on the floor. One sure sign of an amateur is someone who uses weights which are obviously

too heavy for him.

Here is a list of Do's and Don'ts for the HPL.

- Do bring your student ID card
 - Do sign in at the desk upon entry
 - Do bring a towel to wipe down the equipment after use
 - Do bring friends
 - Do use a spotter at all times
 - Don't wear denim short's (it rips the padding on the equipment)
 - Don't rest on the equipment
 - Don't bring gym bags into the HPL (get a locker in the lockerroom)
 - Don't be afraid to ask someone for help
 - Don't talk to people who are in the middle of a lift, it is very distracting.
- HPL fashion tip: Short, shorts and long socks are out. Long shorts and short socks are in. You have been briefed.
- Remember, the HPL is open weekly, during college hour, and Monday through Thursday from 4 to 9 p.m., Fridays from 4 to 8 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There is a large selection of aerobic and nautilus equipment available, as well as free weights. So come and sweat with us, I'll see you there! ♦

Tribunes Softball is off to a Good Start

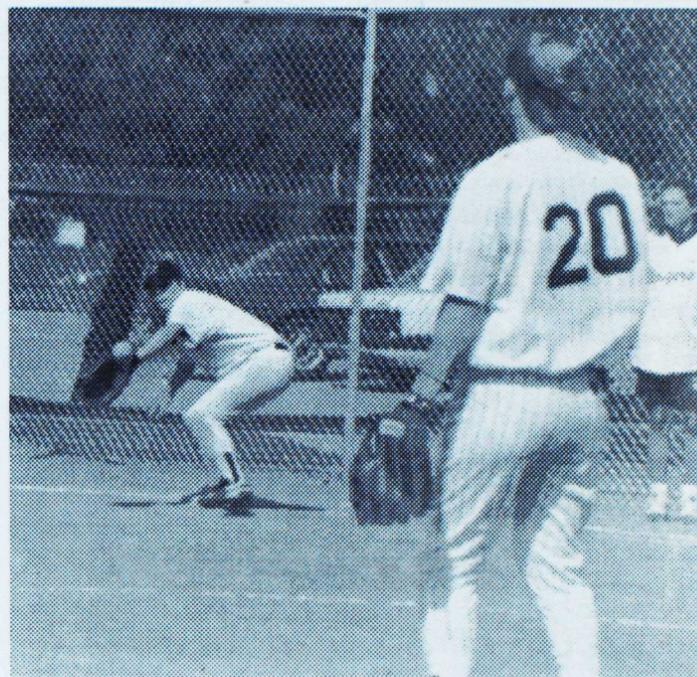
by Dan "Hercules" Fisher

The Tribunes softball team has started their season by posting a 3-3 record after their first few games. A couple of games have gone by and every game has been played except for one because of bad weather. That game, which was against Genessee Community College, has been rescheduled for May 1. The Tribunes played Alfred

Community College on Thursday, April 9 at 3 pm and the results were a little bit surprising. They played two games and lost both, but not by big margins.

In the first game, Renee Lassiter hit a triple in her efforts to keep the tribunes in this game, but the team fell short, losing 3-1. In the

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Tribunes De-Claw the Cougars!

by Dan "Hercules" Fisher.

In a nice sunny day with a little wind the Tribunes and Cougars faced off. Starting line-ups for game one were: Genessee Community College Cougars; Jay Rosart,

Chris Zeni, Darren Leach, Ken White, Frank Palmer, Todd Traynor, Desi Miller, Doug Webster, Jason Wadsworth, and Travis Bunyan. Monroe Commu-

nity College Tribunes: Craig Brown, John McGowan, Justin Santonocito, John McEwan, Cory Wolskyj, John Caronette, Mike Kelly, Randy LaManche, Rialdo Vanegas, and Greg Sobaszek.

In the first game, Greg Sobaszek, who had a slow start settled down and struck out five in six innings to pick up the win. Rialdo Vanegas picked up the save in a two run seventh. Of the few players who played a good game, John McGowan and Craig Brown had two runs. McGowan had two hits and Brown hit a two run homer for MCC. The final score was 6-4.

The starters for game two were

the same for the Cougars except their pitcher, who was Mark Sarson. Starters for MCC were Tim Redding, Don Cortina, Jim Jaworski, John McEwan, Justin Santonocito, Cory Wolskyj, Eric Smith, Mike Russell, Rialdo Vanegas, and Robert Schiller.

In the second game it seemed that the Cougars got cold and started to slow down, but it was a totally different story for your Tribunes. They got hot and stayed hot. Again the pitcher of this game got started slowly, but eventually gained momentum. In this game the pitcher was Bobby Schiller, who pitched four innings and had three strikeouts. The closer of this game, was James Marion, who pitched two scoreless innings.

The Tribunes had back-to-back three run innings and a four run inning to end this game in five innings. Eric 'Smitty' Smith had three hits and scored twice while Mike Russell had two hits and two runs to help secure this moral victory over the Cougars.

By winning both games in yesterday's double header, the Tribunes have reached the twenty point margin and their record now stands at 21-6. Their next home game is Sunday, April 27 against Fulton Montgomery College at one o'clock. ♦



Baseball	Golf	Softball
*Friday-Sunday May 2-4, Region III Tournament, Syracuse, TBA	*Monday April 28, Adirondack Invitational, TBA	*Sunday May 4, Jefferson CC, Home, 1:00 pm
*Saturday-Sunday May 10-11, Pre District Qualifier, Suffern, NY, TBA	*Thursday May 1, Mohawk Valley Invitational, TBA	*Tuesday May 6, Corning CC, Home, 3:00 p.m.
*Saturday-Sunday May 17-18, Northeast District Championships, TBA	*Saturday May 3, Jefferson Invitational, TBA	Tennis
*Saturday-Sunday May 24-31, Junior College World Series	*Sunday May 4, Tompkins Cortland Invitational, TBA	