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## “BLUE LIGHT” SPECIAL

When Technology and Safety Conflict

*Jon-Paul DesOrmeaux  
Associate Editor*

ADA Compliant Emergency Phones, better known to students as “emergency blue lights,” were first introduced by the MCC Personal Health and Safety Committee six years ago in order to promote student safety. The concept emerged so that college students, whenever approached with any danger or difficulty on the college campus, could call directly to Public Safety via the “blue light” emergency contact service. The focus was on increasing campus safety.

The idea bloomed as the college facilities provided manpower and the MCC Student Association provided the funds to purchase the equipment—funds that totaled approximately \$44,000.

As the operation began, new “ETP-MT Towers” were set up around the outskirts of the campus in virtually every parking lot. Special “ETP-400” speakers were placed inside the towers, connecting to an “emergency phone network” program, “Talk-A-Lert,” a two-part process that runs simultaneously on the same dedicated PC.

Now CAUTION! tape surrounds the “Blue Lights” and the original purpose: student safety.

Technical problems have been the main threatening factor. Some of the faulty “blue lights” are



*Dramatization*

wrapped in yellow tape and are disabled, allowing no possible communication to Public Safety, while others seem to work as intended.

“We have had some difficulties with lightning strikes,” said

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## A Little Added Absurdity: Least Attended College Clubs

1. University of Arizona Albino Student Association
2. Students With Chronic Fatigue Syndrome
3. Agoraphobic Baseball
4. Public Hot Tub Club
5. Puritan Nymphomaniacs Organization
6. Paranoid-Schizophrenic Debate Team

## Recession is Over!

*T. L'Esperance  
Business Manager*

Or was it ever here? Officially, the economy is in recession with two consecutive quarters of declining output. Last September, I noticed a build up of inventories, which is a good indicator of a slowing economy and possibly the top of the business cycle. In anticipation, I liquidated most of my equity portfolio. In late December, it appeared that the domestic equity markets were bottomed out, but this was occurring at the very same time that recession speculation was soaring. What gives? Well, there are several key factors that contribute to this phenomenon. First, expectations tend to cause a sell off, which I was a part of. Investors were suspicious of what economic indicators were forecasting, and comments by George W. after his visit with Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan certainly didn't help (or did they?). Expectations of a slower

economy discounted market valuations in anticipation of a slowing economy and, therefore, lower corporate earnings. This means that the market has anticipated a business downturn and even an economic recession.

Second, the general population is the last to know partly because of the media sucking every last drop of blood from negative speculation. This means that economic output and corporate earnings will soon, if not already, be in recovery mode

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**Did you know...**

**...Valentine's Day  
is Wednesday,  
February 14th?**

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# Senate Report

Rachel Allen  
Media Senator

On Tuesday, January 30, 2001, the Student Association Senate held their weekly business meeting. This was the first meeting of the academic year in which there was a full Senate.

Speaking to the Senate first was Andre Chappel, the former Roundtable Coordinator who now holds a position in the SUNY Student Assembly. Andre briefed the Senate as to what was currently going on in the Student Assembly. The SUNY Student Assembly is visiting colleges in New York to survey the quality of student life. They will be visiting MCC on March 9, 2001. More information regarding the specifics of this will be printed in the next issue of the Monroe Doctrine.

During the meeting, the issue of parking for students who take classes at both Damon and Brighton campuses was addressed. Some of the students in the Human Services program, that recently relocated it's remaining classes from Brighton to Damon, felt that they were misled with regard to the parking situation. These students were under the impression that if they took classes at both Damon and Brighton campuses, they would only have to pay for parking downtown, their Brighton parking fee would be waived. Mr. Ryther explained

that two conditions have to be met in order for the parking fee to be waived: the students must be full time and the majority of their classes must be on the Damon campus. Mr. Ryther also explained that the downtown parking facilities are privately owned, and if the students were to pay the standard garage costs, it would be much more expensive. MCC does not profit from the downtown parking fees, but, in fact, spends \$20,000 annually supplementing those parking costs in order to make the cost of parking at Damon comparable to the cost at Brighton.

For those of you who have been frustrated by the limited parking at the Brighton campus, there are plans to expand the current parking facilities. Mr. Ryther reported that there are plans to turn one of the overflow lots into a permanent gravel lot. There is not enough funding to pave the lot this year, but turning the lot into a gravel lot is the first step to getting it paved in the future. There will also be an overflow lot added in the back of the campus behind Building 10.

Student Association Senate meetings are held every Tuesday at 2:15 p.m. in room 3-105 unless otherwise announced. For a more detailed account of what took place at Tuesday's Senate meeting, the Minutes will be available in the Student Center Office or the Student Senate office after the February 6th meeting.

Since the Student Association Senate is now full and eager to serve the students, we would like to list all of the Senators and their positions:

- Speaker Gavriel Bar-Tzur: Speaker of the Senate and the Social Clubs Senator.
- Deputy Speaker Tammi May: Deputy Speaker of the Senate and Senator at Large.
- Senator Rachel Allen: Media Senator.
- Senator Jessica Brown: Liberal Arts Senator.
- Senator Ryan Delaney: Athletic Senator.
- Senator Tom Fletcher: Interdisciplinary Senator.
- Senator Enrique Hansen: Academic Clubs Senator.
- Senator Kacey Heck: Senator at Large.
- Senator Shawn Peepers: Business, Health, and Science Senator.
- Senator Taco Tascione: Campus Activities Board Senator.
- Senator White Eboni: Senator at Large.
- Senator Jonathan Whyner Service Clubs Senator.

A list of every Senator's office hours can be found posted outside the Senate office. Please feel free to stop into the Senate office and speak to any of the Senators about any issues you would like to see addressed.

# A Letter to the Community

Dear Community Member:

Monroe Community College clubs and organizations have a chance to make a small difference in the world of education but, at the same time, a big difference in the education of some refugee children in foreign countries.

We have the opportunity to put together "School Kits" for these children. Each kit contains the following items:

- 4 spiral notebooks, 8 1/2" x 11", about 80 pages
- 4 unsharpened pencils
- 1 large pink eraser
- 1 flexible plastic ruler, 30 cm/12" long, including 12" markings
- 1 box of 16 to 24 crayons or 1 box of 12 to 20 colored pencils

These items will be put into cloth bags that measure 11" x 16" and closed with a drawstring. This bag becomes the child's schoolbag. Students, from donated or purchased material, will sew these bags. Our goal is to complete 100 kits.

The kits will be given to a charity organization called "One Thousand Villages" who will ship our kits, along with many other kits, to countries such as Bosnia, Egypt, Iraq, Laos, Nicaragua and Russia. The kits have to be done by the first week of March.

What we are asking for is any donation of the above listed items or possibly a gift card so that we may purchase items to supplement what we might lack to complete kits.

Sincerely,

Donna L. Allen, Presidential Cabinet Member  
MCC Student Association

*Donna L. Allen*

Elizabeth M. Stewart, Associate Director  
MCC Student Center

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**February 14, Room 8-100**  
**Noon - 1 P.M.**

**Your time is coming to prove your talent.**

**PHI THETA KAPPA**

**March 2, 2001 In the Terrace**

# Opinion

## Damon City Campus Journalism Course

Timothy Saunders  
Student Submission

While standing in the registration line at the downtown Rochester campus of Monroe Community College back in early January, I picked up a flyer that introduced me to a class that offered credit for promoting our great campus. A good number of Damon City Campus students took notice of the invitation to enroll in this revolutionary new class and attended the first meeting of CE 215, Journalism and Publications. It is not too late for Damon students to participate and earn college credit.

The diverse Damon City Campus of Monroe Community College is attended by over 2300 students. Damon Campus veterans have often considered our downtown campus a "stepchild" of the larger, sprawling, 13,000-plus-student Brighton campus. Those of you familiar with "The Monroe Doctrine" may have noticed the lack of Damon news, despite the fact that our student fees help cover the cost of its publication. It is time for our college to step forward and fill the gap. With the first class of CE 215, our college has taken that first step. Funds and facilities are now available for a variety of journalistic initiatives devoted completely to the Damon City Campus experience. We even have two full time professors, Mr. Nolan and Mr. Defilice, ready and willing to facilitate the will of the students. Now it is up to the students of Damon to step forward with some provocative submissions with which to fill our pages and entice students to turn them.

During our first few weeks, our Damon Campus journalism class has taken stock of our own interests, experience and potential. We continue to brainstorm the needs of our downtown campus and are discovering all that our campus offers us as students and citizens. We have outlined some possible steps forward. Very soon Damon students will begin to see some bright new signs of our classroom activity. Our ambitious midterm goal is to seek out, edit and publish a sampling of Damon campus news, commentary, advice and fun with which to build a journalistic framework for the Damon Campus students of the future.

The greater Rochester community has identified a number of projects for improving the quality of life in our region. Rather than debate these projects, which range from the deserving to the dubious, I suggest that the foundation of our community will be best served by focusing on our centrally located community college campus. Participation in CE 215 offers great opportunity.

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## SOMETHING AGAINST YOU.

By Adam J. Ferington

*'Knowledge enormous makes a God of me.*

*Names, deeds, grey legends, dire events, rebellions,*

*Majesties, sovran voices, agonies,*

*Creations and destroyings, all at once,*

*Pour into the wide hollows of my brain,*

*And deify me...'*

(Hyperon, Book III. 113-18)

Born in a ramshackle

Reared in the art of fabrication

A sour nativity

For a Nation's most naked Emperor

Here is the strange and terrible madrigal of a poor boy born unto the aptly-named borough of Hope in the grey state of Arkansas; sired by a vagrant wastrel and fostered by a mother chained to the bottle. It was apparent at an early age that the child possessed a keen intellect and uncanny ability to decipher the swells deep within the human heart, having been born under the great cusp of Jupiter, king of all the heavens.

Yet the lad was flawed, for despite his many fine abilities, he lacked one simple fiber: the string of honesty that runs through all creatures to stitch together their character. And so the boy was cursed, his tongue forever coated with bile and trickery and forked by untruth. But the child would persist, for he was blessed with the soft eyes of a prince and a disarming smile that drew people like a moth to a flame. For this, his Mother named him Gaius William Jefferson Blithe, and the light of the world was to be his to take.

So the boy grew, as did his power, and it soon became clear that his influence over mortal men would be vast indeed. On one occasion he was fortunate enough to bask in the luster of the Nation's king; a strong and stately man whose reign would soon be shattered by bullets from a conspirator's gun. It was that moment when his hands met the strong grip of the elder statesman

that his mind was made up. He would become Emperor and worship at the cult of Priapus like his idol, sitting high upon the throne as he drank from Bacchus's cup. From then on his cold nights were spent gazing at the bright points sparkling like diadems on a crown and dreaming of the day when all the majesties of nations would be placed upon his brow.

Soon he began to educate himself, choosing to follow both the path of classic beauty and the coven of litigious maliciousness. When he was thoroughly versed in both houses he set himself upon the land to exercise his black arts and spread his name. It was during these pagan wanderings that he came into the company of a practitioner of the arts, a sorceress whose own charisma and lust for power rivaled even his own.

She was powerful indeed, for her name and coming had been foretold long ago by the followers of the Gnostic carpenter, written in last book of their gospel:

"There I saw a woman riding upon a scarlet beast, covered with blasphemous titles and having seven heads and ten horns. The woman herself was dressed in purple and scarlet, glittering with gold, jewels and pearls. In her hand she held a golden cup full of the earth's filthiness and her own foul impurity. On her forehead is written a name with a secret meaning—RODHAM THE GREAT, MOTHER OF ALL HARLOTS AND THE EARTH'S ABOMINATIONS."

And so he took the cup and drank deeply of it, and she in turn ascended herself upon his back, and together they loped towards the great city of Earth's strongest nation, to conquer and deify themselves.

DIRECTION(S): Read DEMONOLOGY by Rick Moody, Listen to PENNYBRIDGE PIONEERS by Millencollin, and visit the fine people at the Voluntary Human Extinction Movement web site at WWW.VHEMT.COM.

Now go do something constructive.

## Emerging Markets

By T. L'Esperance  
Business Manager

Speaking of emerging markets, from an investment standpoint, we must be careful to not treat them the same because they are not. Currently global sector markets may be soaring, but let us not forget that it is ultimately the individual country scenario that drives or kills the market—research shows that more than 60% of emerging market returns are explained by the country effect. This means that in 2001, making good investment decisions will require (1) addressing such country factors as Korea's monetary policy, Taiwan's political direction, Brazil's fiscal policy or Turkey's commitment to reform; and (2) the imminent interconnectedness and interdependency of the world's markets, which will prove to be determinants of portfolio returns.

The world's economic systems are certainly homogenizing towards interrelated and interdependent free market systems; however, we shouldn't take for granted that this trend will always be. We are far from a politically and economically stable planet and should be aware that rapid change can and does occur. Remember East Germany and the USSR? Trends that worked in our favor, but let us not assume that this will always be true. Prior to the twentieth century, globalization flourished, and then things changed with protectionism and closed borders becoming a reality.

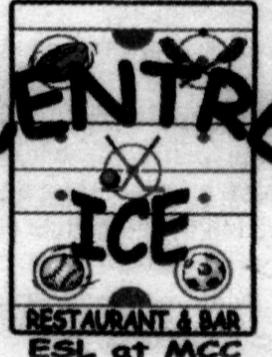
The retreat of free markets is certainly a risk; however, one risk that will definitely rear its head again soon will look like this:

Asia Pulp and Paper (NYSE: PAP) defaults on a scheduled debt payment. The largest paper company in Asia holds several billion dollars in debt, is not seeking legal protection, but does not see a possible debt workout.

What does this mean for the capital markets, PAP's suppliers, its employees, its investors, and does this reflect all Asian foreign direct investment? A lot of questions, in fact, too many. I'm selling all of the shares I hold in Asian corporations. Unfortunately, this will cause the markets, in Malaysia, Korea, Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore, etc. to reel. And,

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# Arts & Entertainment

## MCC Murder Mystery, Part III

Orion Schupp  
Staff Writer

The coroner, who has been keeping track of the developing story over the last two weeks, announced that it was prepared to release its findings to only a select few reporting agencies, including the MD's! To this end, we were invited to send our best reporter to the coroner's office for a full run-down on the findings.

"Welcome to my laboratory..." Dr Evilin Ville, the coroner, said to the two reporters who had shown up, Ms. Betty Itty, a store reporter of our's as well as the Democratic Chronicler.

"The facility looked rather simple, dull gray and greens, with an eerie aura that left us with a feeling that Casper wouldn't have been out of place here. As he showed us around, he announced with no small pride that his own organizational scheme was to name each of his tools, like Rocky the Rib Splitter.

"I have determined a variety of things about the deceased. For example, when he was found, it was

easy enough to tell from his color and the general position he was found in, we determined that he died from asphyxiation. However, when we got him in here, we became puzzled. From a strangulation, there are usually sores or abrasions on the neck, from both the extreme pressure applied as well as the struggle. None of that was evident. There seemed to be some signs of abuse, however, but those seemed self inflicted at the time of death.

"Our next was to look for chemicals to linked to asphyxiation, such as carbon monoxide, and not surprisingly (because he was found in a chemistry lab), we found he died of cyanide poisoning. It attacks the blood cells so that the body can not transmit oxygen to the cells of the body."

The cause of death now determined, we're confronted with the question of how? The lab was found clean and locked. So many questions. With no new evidence on who, stayed tuned for next week's update...

*This story is fictional!*

## Easton's Review

"Traffic" is a mind altering substance that takes you to the edge of your seat. This film is a lesson on what your and my society really looks like. The directing is eminent, Steven Soderbergh (Erin Brockovich) is ingenious. The movie is very detailed which calls for genuine contemplation on you - the viewer! The basic story line is about how drugs enter into our lives and the amazing time it takes before it is in our neighborhoods. The amount of drug consumption will make you weary. This story is as real as life itself. Pay attention and you'll leave astounded!

### Traffic

**Starring:** Michael Douglas, Catherine Zeta-Jones, Benicio Del Toro.

**Running Time:** 138 min.

**Director:** Steven Soderbergh

**Rated:** R

**Parent's Guide:** Profanity, Drug use

**Easton's Rating:** 9 out of 10

## Dear Allie,

I'm so confused. My boyfriend tells me one thing, but then does another. Every weekend he tends to take me home relatively early, telling me that he is tired and wants to go home and go to bed. I accept this and call my friends to see what they are doing. Sometimes I go with my friends to parties after he drops me off and sometimes I don't, but I always find out that it is where my boyfriend went after he dropped me off. Is he embarrassed of me? Am I not fun enough for him? I just want to know why he takes me home and has to make up an excuse. Should I confront him?

Sincerely,  
Am I Boring?

Dear Am I Boring,  
I understand how you would feel if you find out that your boyfriend drops you off early, only to find out that he goes out afterwards. I think he may be doing this because he may want time alone with his friends without hurting your feelings and telling you. Some guys may think that if they tell you they need time with their friends, that you will take it personally and think they do not care about you anymore. Next time, ask him to be honest with you and confront him about his actions.

Love,  
Allie

Send your letters to Dear Allie, c/o Monroe Doctrine, 1000 East Henrietta Road, Rochester, 14623 or drop them off in office 3-109. \* Note \* Dear Allie is not a professional psychologist, and the preceding advice column is for your entertainment only.

## Eat Like Claudio

### Mango Salsa

*This salsa is one of my favorite dishes. It can be a topping for chicken or fish such as Mahi Mahi or Swordfish.*

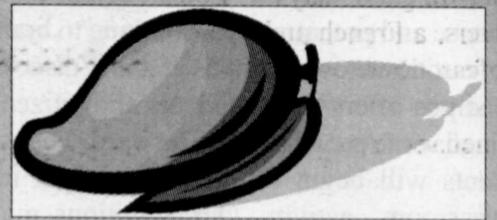
#### INGREDIENTS:

- 1.) 1 Mango
- 2.) 1/2 Med. Red Onion (small diced)
- 3.) 1/3 Red Pepper (small diced)
- 4.) 1/3 Green Pepper (small diced)
- 5.) 1 Large Garlic Clove (diced)
- 6.) 2 TBS. Olive Oil
- 7.) Juice of 1 Lemon
- 8.) Juice of 1 Orange
- 9.) Dash of Blk. Pepper
- 10.) 1 TBS. Chopped Parsley

#### PROCEDURE:

- 1.) Peel mango w/ peeler. Separate fruit from seed. After fruit is separated, dice mango (medium-sized dice).
- 2.) Dice peppers, red onion, garlic and parsley. Add to mango.
- 3.) Add oil, juice of lemon and orange and pepper to mixture. Mix well.
- 4.) Refrigerate for 30 minutes before serving.

Serves 2 people.



## Can You Explain?

To answer these questions, you have to let your brain think in different ways than you may be used to. Here's an example:

Question: A girl who was just learning to drive went down a one-way street in the wrong direction, but didn't break the law. How come?

Answer: She was walking.

See if you can let your brain switch directions to answer these questions:

1. How can you throw a ball as hard as you can and have it come back to you, even if it doesn't hit anything, there is nothing attached to it, and no one else catches or throws it?

2. Two students are sitting on opposite sides of the same desk. There is nothing in between them but the desk. Why can't they see each other?

3. There are only two T's in Timothy Tuttle. True or false?

Answers at bottom of next page.

# Rate Your Mate

Compiled by a few of the MD editors

## Rate Your Girls

1) On a date she...

- a. asks you to come home with her.
- b. lets you pick the movie.
- c. asks her siblings to come along.

2) Her kiss leaves you...

- a. wishing for another.
- b. wishing she hadn't put on so much lipstick.
- c. wishing she had a mint.

3) For Valentine's Day she gave you...

- a. that new watch you wanted.
- b. passes for free pizza and a monster truck show.
- c. her favorite CD.

4) The picture by her bed is of...

- a. you.
- b. Joshua Jackson (Pacey, Dawson's Creek)
- c. Calista Flockheart (Ally McBeal)

5) Your relationship is...

- a. head'n for a wedd'n.
- b. Ok, for now.
- c. down in the dumps.

Scoring:

A.2 B.1 C.0

(10-7) She's a Mustang GT, I could ride that all day.

(6-4) She's Cool.

(3-0) She's got a pulse.

## Rate your Guys

1) On a date he takes you...

- a. to a romantic restaurant.
- b. to a movie and McDonalds.
- c. out for pizza with his buds.

2) His kiss leaves you...

- a. weak in the knees.
- b. waiting for the next date.
- c. weak in the stomach.

3) For Valentine's Day he gave you...

- a. a new gold ring.
- b. a giant teddy bear and chocolates.
- c. a box of condoms.

4) The picture in his wallet is of...

- a. you.
- b. Brittany Spears (yuck.)
- c. Ricky Martin.

5) Your relationship is...

- a. head'n for a wedd'n.
- b. Ok, for now.
- c. down in the dumps.

Scoring:

A.2 B.1 C.0

(10-7) Bigger, Better, Best

(6-4) He ain't no Joshua Jackson, but he'll do.

(3-0) Who's that guy and how do I get his number?

# International Traveler

T. L'Esperance  
Business Manager

Université Laval, in Québec City, has a French language immersion program in two sessions during the summer. You can earn 7 credit hours per session and even transfer them back to MCC or other colleges and universities. You can learn more on the web at [www.fl.ulaval.ca/elv/summer.html]. Each session is five weeks long. Of course, by now, you want to know what on earth this has to do with travel-let me explain.

Québec City is a beautiful city—especially so in the summer season. It's as close to Europe as one can get without crossing the Atlantic. It's a francophone (French speaking) province of Canada, the Québécois are very friendly, and it's much less expensive than Europe. Québec City is a World Heritage city with a rich history worth exploring. It's definitely a place that the world traveler should visit. Mise en jeu Québec!

The first session may conflict with our spring semester; however, the second session is from July 9th to August 10th. You study le français for a few hours a day and the rest of the time (including weekends) is free for fun and exploration. The key phrase here is: inexpensive. It's incredibly cheap. Student housing offers a single (no roomies) for what amounts to about \$5US a day or \$175US for the whole session. The program tuition is \$450US. All things considered, including meals, \$1200US is more than sufficient to cover everything.

School? Vacation? Again, that's for each individual to decide. I'll be there for the second summer session and for me it's both, but probably one of the greatest summer deals going anywhere. If you want more details on Laval's summer French immersion program, go to the web site, come see me at the Monroe Doctrine, or see Prof. Silvers in the Language Department at MCC.

Traveling is another hobby that he enjoys. Quebec city and Paris are his favorite cities that he has been to. Silvers lives alone with his two cats, KC and Moe, which have also traveled all around the world with him.

"There is one thing I do not like about teaching my foreign language classes...I hate when the students ask me to translate swear words into another language, but I tell them anyway."

'emerging markets' continued

can you believe this will impact interest rates in the United States?

My suggestion is that when you are looking at global investments, whether directly or through such instruments as ADR's and global mutual funds, go forth with caution. Don't be discouraged there are tremendous gains to be had—dispel your assumptions be aware and arm yourself with knowledge. To the management of Asia Pulp and Paper, you can always blame it on the recession. Bonne Chance!

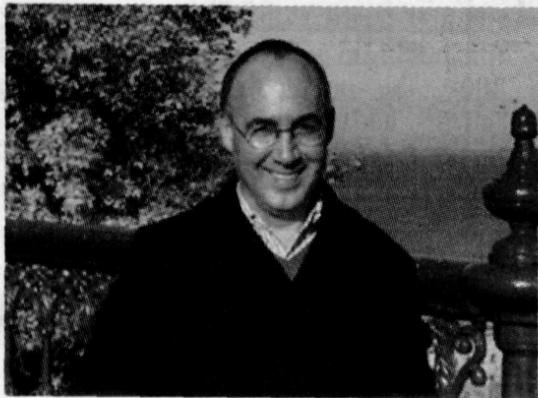
Answers to "Can You Explain?":  
1. Throw the ball straight up in the air.  
2. The two students have their backs to each other.  
3. True. There are only two T's (upper case). There are also three t's (lower case).

# Hi Ho Silvers

Nicole Palermo,  
News Editor

languages. He remained at this job for a year.

"The main reason I left was because the job was boring," says Silvers. He finally decided to return to his main passion, teaching. In 1995 he came to MCC to continue his career in teaching. "I get a lot of fulfillment working with students and meeting diverse people." Silvers enjoys teaching these foreign languages because he is



able to teach the language that he speaks and is able to teach his students the different cultures of these countries. "I chose this career mainly for the fact that I have lived in foreign countries such as South America, Argentina, Brazil, Europe and France." Silvers said that he moved around a lot because his father's job required his family to.

Silvers enjoys going to movies, mainly at The Little because of the foreign and independent films that are shown there such as "Malena," which is the most recent movie that he has attended.

"Teaching is a wonderful career that requires lots of patience, but is also very rewarding," says Louis Silvers, a French and Spanish professor here at MCC.

Silvers started college at Brigham Young University in 1980, leaving his family behind in Uruguay (South America) where he was born. He started his teaching career

in 1984 as an assistant Spanish teacher at BYU. After he graduated in 1987, he continued his teaching profession for five additional years until he was offered a better employment opportunity at Hallmark Cards. There, he learned the sales and marketing of the company and then translated these skills in to different languages. He remained at this job for five years until he was then offered another position for AT&T as a linguistic translator. His main responsibilities were to translate manuals and brochures into various

# SUNY Trustee Visits MCC

by Andre Chappel  
Community College Representative

On March 9th, Chris Holland, President of the SUNY Student Assembly, also SUNY Student Trustee will be visiting our campus to find out what students think of their experience at MCC.

For those students who are not familiar with the SUNY system, SUNY stands for the State University of New York, which encompasses various types of higher educational public institutions including community colleges, university centers, university colleges, health science centers, colleges of technology, specialized colleges, and statutory colleges (joint ventures with private higher educational institutions).

The SUNY Student Assembly is an umbrella organization for all the Student Governments within the SUNY public higher educational system. The Assembly allows for a direct link between the various Student Governments of SUNY, and the SUNY Board of Trustees. This is made possible because the President of the Assembly is a voting member of the SUNY Board of Trustees.

So why is he visiting? Good question. The quality of the community college system is more difficult to track than it is for the public four-year university system. This is due to the amount of control which is bestowed upon the local community, related to the amount of funding the local municipalities provide. Ideally, 1/3 of the

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# Sports

## Swim Team Has Great Season

Jason Nuzny and Jason Waite  
Staff Writers

This year's Monroe Community College men's and women's swim teams are concluding another successful season under Dan DuBois. Both the teams have undefeated seasons so far, the men sit at the top of Region III with a 5-0 record as do the women with a 3-0 record.

The Tribunes concludes their home schedule on Wednesday, January 31, against Genesee CC, and finished their dual meets Saturday against Jamestown CC and Genesee CC at Genesee Community College. With the regular season finished, Coach DuBois and his assistant coach Tim DuBois and strength coach Phil Baretela are preparing the team for the upcoming regionals. This year's Region III/Northeastern District Championship meet is going to be held at Monroe Community College, February 16-18. This year's team is expected to fare well at the regional meet and then it's on to Nationals. Once again the NJCAA National Meet is being held at Palo Alto CC in San Antonio, Texas, on March 7-10. Currently, there are nine Tribune swimmers that have

made national cut times, and the coaching staff is confident that more are to follow. Coach DuBois feels that the team's toughest competition is going to be at the National Tournament. Other strong contenders in San Antonio are Indian River CC (FL), Lincoln CC (IL), Vincints CC (IN) and Palo Alto CC (TX).

In order to prepare for the National Tournament, the Monroe CC swim teams are going through intense workouts in and out of the pool. Training usually includes meeting three mornings a week at 6:00. The team then goes through an hour of weight training, followed by an hour swim practice. In addition, the team meets daily in the afternoon on weekdays. This includes an half-hour of dry land work and a hour and a half of practice. The week concludes with morning practices on Saturday. On days when the team has double practices, they reach up to 10,000 to 12,000 yards, and on days they practice only once, they swim 5,000 to 7,000 yards. The MCC swim team hopes that all this hard work is going to pay off, and they will be able to improve on their

## Men's Basketball

### LOOKS TO REBOUND AGAINST ALFRED.

Jason Nuzny and Jason Waite  
Staff Writers

As of February 7 the MCC men's basketball team is 14-8 overall after suffering three straight losses in the week of January 29th.

In the first of two important divisional games, the Tribunes fell just short to Genesee CC 69-67 on Wed. Jan. 31. After trailing for most of the fourth quarter, MCC pulled within two points with 31 seconds remaining but just missed a last second three-pointer for the win. In the game Clarence Kinney had 13 points and Rashime Middleton had 12.

MCC then headed to Champlain on Friday, February

2, to play their second divisional game in three days. The Tribunes fell just short once again, losing in a high scoring affair 114-106. Again Kinney led the scoring with 22 points. Middleton added 20 and Gabriel Inglis notched 12. The two key loses puts MCC's divisional record at 9-3.

On Saturday February 3, MCC lost to the Vikings of Hudson Valley CC 93-79. The Tribunes look to rebound from their recent misfortunes against Alfred State on February 8.

Note: MCC's last home game is on February 14, 2001 against Erie CC at 8:00 pm. Come out and support your Tribunes!

## Our Winning Ladies

Erin Muir  
Sports Editor

On Wednesday January 31st the Women's Basketball team defeated long time rivals Genesee Community College 81 to 59. In the first half the score was tied 24 to 24 until Lisa Perkins scored four straight three pointers. This helped put Monroe in the lead at halftime 43 to 34. In the second half Monroe controlled the game and came up with a win to make them the Western New York

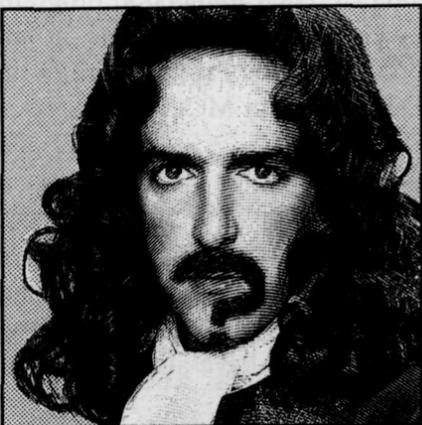
Athletic Conference Champions For the fourth straight year.

Perkin's had five, three pointers and 21 points for the Lady Tribunes. Taisha Roberts filled in at point guard for Tiffany Cooper and Jamie Sheridan due to sickness. Roberts followed Perkins with 18 points. The Lady Tribunes are now 19 - 3.

On February 10th the Women's basketball hosts Albany Sage at 2:00 p.m. Come support our Lady Tribunes and cheer them on to a 20 - 3 record.

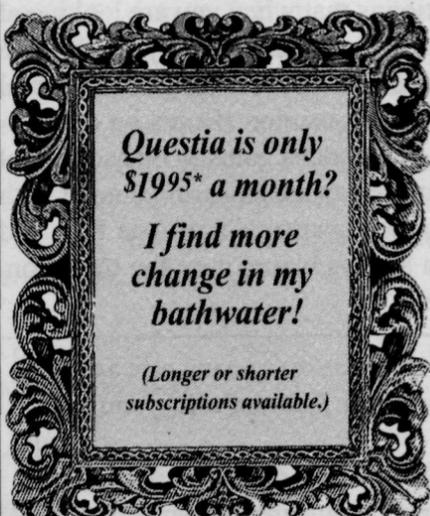
finishes from last year. In 1999-2000, the men's team finished fourth, while the women took home third. Coach DuBois is impressed with the group of

swimmers he has this year. They all get along well together and are dedicated to the team. Look in upcoming issues for a recap of the final regular season meets.



### The Question Marquis

Ask the Question Marquis is a sporadically produced advice column, because proper loving takes time. It is to be read with a silly French accent. The views of the Question Marquis are his alone and are in no way to be construed as representative of his sponsor, Questia, you American pigs.



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## Ask the Question Marquis

Q: Dear Question Marquis: I'm a two-timer. My boyfriend doesn't know that I've been cheating on him. Anyway, yesterday he told me he's hired a lawyer to help him legally change his name to...get this...the name of the guy I'm cheating on him with! That's very screwed up. - Christina in NY

A: Um...you don't...perhaps...in that case...no. You must CHALLENGE...yourself-to a duel. Yes.

Q: Dear Question Marquis: Just the other day, I was at the library using the computer catalog thing, and this total stranger stops and he acts all concerned and offers to help me. But I didn't need any help! I'm sick of people treating me like an idiot just because I'm beautiful. - Kara in D.C.

A: First of all, thank you for being beautiful. It takes courage. Now, I once overheard Descartes saying that it is not so much that men think beautiful women are stupid, as that beautiful women make men stupid, and then they just try to talk to them on their own level. But René would say anything to the girls at those singles salons, so who can say if it is true. I know nothing of such things myself. In honesty, I have never been able to get past a beautiful woman's...euh...beautiffulness...to even notice her intellect. But I will try to answer your question.

To begin with, anyone who insults your intelligence you must challenge to a duel. That goes without saying. But I must ask, was this stranger an American? If so, that makes no sense for him to consider you stupid-it is as the pot calling the other pot a kettle, or however that goes.

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*'Blue Lights' continued*

Richard Ryther, Assistant Vice President of MCC Student Services. "A few units have been out of order and have already been replaced."

The Telecommunications Department has been handed the responsibility of revitalizing the "blue lights," some of which, according to Ryther, have become inoperable due to weather problems and faulty surge protectors.

"Telecommunications had nothing to do with the project originally," said Linda Dyer, Supervisor of MCC Public Safety. "They are

now simply trying to pick up the pieces."

For the Telecommunications Department, picking up the pieces now means finding a cost-effective plan for possible repair of the \$44,000 "blue lights," purchased through the communication equipment company Talk-A-Phone Co., out of Chicago, Illinois.

A spokesman from "Talk-A-Phone" would not comment on the product's inability to operate, stating that the company's machines "usually don't fail" and have had a "consistent record of successful operation."

*'Recession' continued*

while the masses worry about the impending recession. In anticipation of this recovery, investors, such as myself, are returning and have been since late December. You may even notice that consumer confidence is not all that bad—what recession?

Third, once someone says recession, businesses that are having problems anyway tend to blame the recession. There are so many reasons that corporations like Xerox and Bausch and Lomb have problems. Poor management (leading to poor earnings) has a scapegoat once recession is in the air. Lets face it, good management should be able to forecast or adapt in anticipation of a recession. They cloud the situation (management failings) with such heartless maneuvers as layoffs, which are intended to

restore investor confidence, all the while blaming the recession.

Finally, there seems to be some confusion over what information should be looked at in determining the economic state of affairs. One set of indicators suggests recession and another states that all is well. This reminds me, were we not just recently worrying about inflation? Oh wait, that was Alan Greenspan, the guy that raised interest rates excessively and caused an economic slowdown that rippled across the planet. Yes, worldwide, the economy appeared to be slowing also; however, this too has passed and emerging markets are soaring ahead with double-digit market gains so far this year! I believe the world may breathe again and globalization may resume. Recession? I think not.

*'SUNY Trustee' continued*

cost to run a Community College in New York is encumbered by the State, 1/3 is subsidized by the County, and 1/3 is funded by the students' tuition. In light of this, the SUNY Board of Trustees is interested in studying the community college system further to find out what the quality of education and student life is at these institutions. Chris has decided that the Student Assembly should take a large role in this exploratory effort by offering to study the quality of student life at community colleges across the State.

As his Executive Assistant, I will be heading the research project, and visiting twenty-five community colleges across our State over the coming semester, talking with students, student leaders, staff, and college Presidents. There are

thirty total community colleges in the SUNY system, and five have already been visited. We will be looking to discuss topics ranging from safety, to technology, to academics and everything in between affecting the quality of life of our students. We do expect our final report to be presented to the SUNY Board of Trustees Community College Committee towards the end of May. At this point, it does appear that students are generally more satisfied at community colleges than at four-year institutions.

So come March 9th, if someone unexpected taps you on the shoulder and asks, "Hey, what do you think about your experience at MCC?" Please tell them the honest truth (for better or worse), because your voice may end up on the table of some very important people.

*'Journalism' continued*

Students can gain journalism experience and give a needed boost to one of our community's most vital educational facilities. Help us give greater voice to an unsung community resource. Interested students, faculty and alumni are encouraged to contact us. We meet every Tuesday from 2PM until 3:30PM in Room 5145 on the Damon Campus. For more information call 262.1767 or 262.1777. Or email us at mnolan@monroecc.edu or rdefelice@monroecc.edu.

# Greed is Good

T. L'Esperance  
Business Manager

More free money! The city of Rochester offers real estate grants. You don't have to pay it back. The funds originate from federal block grants and is divided between different sections of the city. In some areas, the funds are in high demand and rare to obtain; however, in other areas, there are surpluses. Money is abundant in the southwedge area of the city, which is where you should buy anyway. The southwedge is walking distance to the best things Rochester offers—all the events downtown, U/R, Highland Park, Park/East Ave., Lilac, Cornhill, Park Ave festivals, River Romance, both MCC campuses, etc.

I wanted to see for myself and so I looked around and found a quaint little 1200' abode in old Canaltown. It was part of an estate and so I made a ridiculously low offer that was eventually accepted at under 50% of the asking price. I paid with my Visa, closed quickly, applied for the grants and received \$3,500 to start with another \$15,000 coming! Not a shabby deal and I later discovered that the property was zoned C-3, which is the highest level commercial zoning—a bonus!

Having a spare hour between 3 a.m. and 4 a.m., I decided to knock out most of everything old in the house. I put in a new heating system, new hot water, new plumbing, new, white washed pine walls (in progress), new doors, new windows, new glass block, new two-tiered porch (in progress), etc. Did I mention that it was all free—no obligation. Having commercial zoning, I decided to soon shift it into a café-bookstore with second floor living quarters. I figured, why not, I like coffee, I like to read, and I like money. Being a student is great! I recommend you look into this and perhaps give it a shot. My net equity gain is about \$80,000—not too bad, maybe I'll do it again. Any questions, come see me.

## News From Parc

Skin Cancer Awareness Week 2/12/01 - 2/16/01

The PARC will be distributing information in the Student Center Hallway during this week that will inform you of the dangers of skin cancer. This information has been provided to us from the Roswell Park Cancer Institute and the American Cancer Society.

These brochure will give you up to date information on tanning and other dangers that our in the environment that can increase your chances of getting any number of the different skin cancers.

We will be selling red carnations Tuesday and Wednesday at the table in the Student Center Hallway as well as walking around the campus with the flower cart. The cost is \$1.00 each and the proceeds will benefit the Roswell Park Cancer Institute.

Sexual Responsibility Week 2/12/01 - 2/16/01 The PARC will also be distributing information that promotes safe sex. We will be handing out condoms during this week. You will also be able to find us at the "Art of Kissing" event with condoms and candy for sale. This event coincides with the AIDS Awareness week that we sponsored last semester. Much of the information will be delivered in the same manner. We will be in the Student Center Hallway during the college hours of this week.

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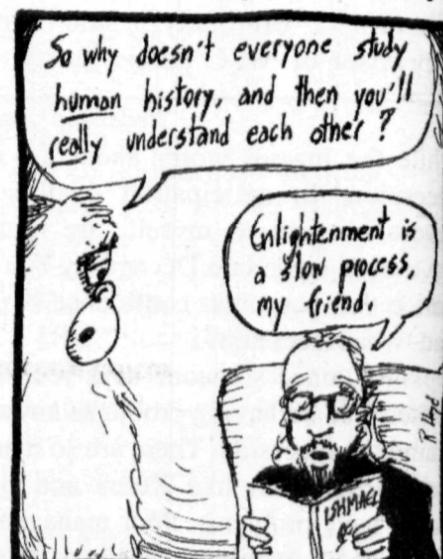
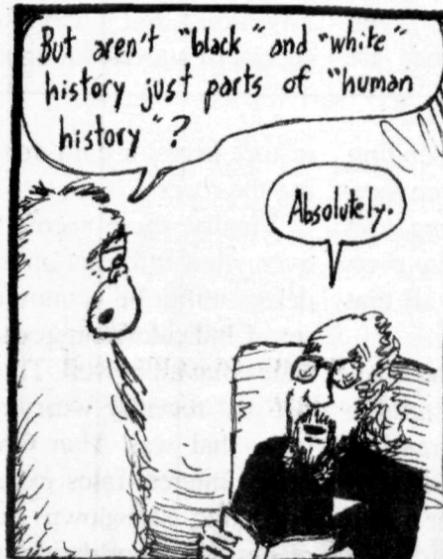
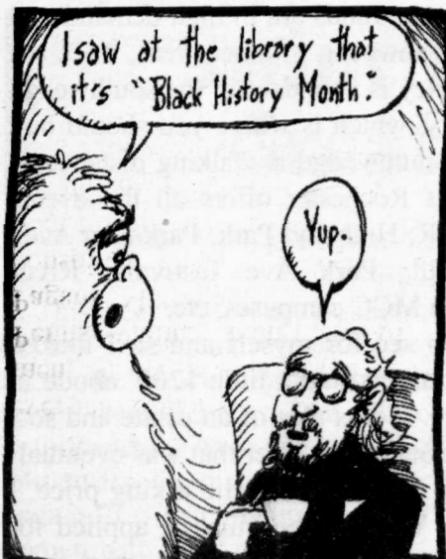
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# Comics

Freaks Like Us

By Robert Lloyd



## Just Die.

a crappy, badly drawn comic sketched, inked, scanned, edited and written by rob banwar.

i have no life. ☹️

**Rob**

Age: 20  
Height: 5'9"  
Weight: 120 lbs.

Likes: Fires, trying to seem smart.

Dislikes: Alex, not being all that smart.

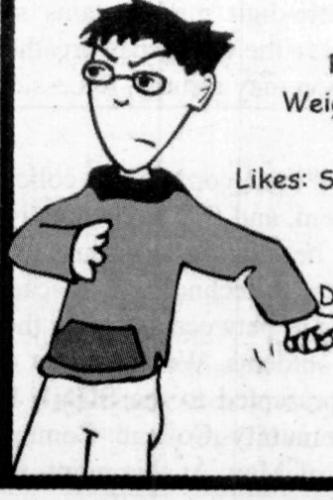


**Alex**

Age: 19  
Height: 6'1"  
Weight: 160 lbs

Likes: Shiny things, monkeys.

Dislikes: Rob



**Jenna**

Age: 19  
Height: 5'6"  
Weight: 115 lbs.

Likes: Making Rob and Alex look dumb.

Dislikes: How easy the former is.



## WHA?

True abstract news excerpts from around the country

Jon-Paul DesOrmeaux  
Associate Editor

•When Briton Malcolm Eccles, 50, died of bowel cancer, his family turned him into a kitchen aid. In accordance with his wishes, they kept his ashes in a specially crafted glass egg timer. "I can't boil a soft egg to save my life," widow Brenda Eccles said. "He knew that and said I should turn some of his ashes into an egg-timer. Then he could help me and it would be a nice way of remembering him."

•In one of the strangest alliances ever encountered by law enforcement in the Amish community of Pennsylvania, members of the Pagans Motorcycle Club allegedly conspired with some young Amish men to sell "multiple kilograms" of cocaine to Amish youth groups. The drugs were to be sold to the Amish youths during hoedowns. The deals took place in Gap, PA, minutes east of Intercourse, PA.

•Britain-When a 24-year-old man showed up at a British hospital emergency room with chest pains, doctors also heard a loud crunching sound each time his heart beat and felt air bubbles under his skin. According to the British Medical Journal, the patient disclosed that the day before he had blown up about 20 party balloons.

Doctors concluded that the man had burst some of the little air sacs in his lungs when he blew up the first balloon, then inflated himself a little bit more each time he blew up another balloon. His symptoms cleared up within 10 days.

•During divorce proceedings, Xu Cheng-shun, an actor with a Beijing opera troupe in Shanghai, attacked his wife in the courtroom and bit off her nose. He explained that his action was a desperate attempt to save his marriage, reasoning that if she was disfigured, nobody else would marry her.

•A man whose son was crushed to death by a soda vending machine has filed a \$500,000 wrongful-death lawsuit against the company that manufactured the machine. The 27-year-old man apparently rocked the machine, which fell, pinning him against a wall and crushing his chest. The father decided to sue after learning that his son's death was not an isolated incident.

•"The penalty for jiggling a machine to get a quarter out a free Coke shouldn't be death," said the man's lawyer. The US Consumer Product Safety Commission found that between 1978 and 1995, at least 37 deaths and 113 injuries resulted from falling vending machines, which can weigh 1,000 pounds.

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