



## Ch-Ch-Ch-Ch-Changes: Lowe Lobby, Student Activities Areas Spruce Up for Spring

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New students might not know that Manchester Community College is a constantly evolving campus. Those of us who have spent a semester or more as students at MCC get to see the little changes that take place semester to semester (or sometimes week to week).

The most noticeable recent change is the newly-carpeted and recently converted Great Path Academy cafeteria in the Lowe Lobby. If you've had a chance to roam through GPA you'll notice the lack of a cafeteria; which is pretty unusual for any high school. GPA students often headed to the Cougar Cafe in the Lowe Building for lunch, but with all the new standards for school cafeterias it makes sense for them to have their own.

Gone are the comfy chairs of yesterday and now in their place, the Lowe Lobby is filled with light wood & stainless steel tables that are reserved for GPA students during their lunch periods. Though many students have questioned the need for the "shade umbrellas" inside, the fact is after GPA's lunch the tables are a great place for all students to study or snack between classes.

Much of the Student Activities Suite is also getting re-worked. It has been painted, carpeted and reorganized. The Student Activities Suite is also home to the new Live Wire office. The Student Government Association's office will move to Lowe 154C. The old student government office will become a student lounge, where all MCC students can hangout. Minority Student Programs is also located in the Student Activities Suite.

The new arrangement will provide better space for students as well as a conference room.

"The Office of Student Activities is not completed but it will be a very accessible area with space for the Student Senate and clubs, with a conference room for executive club meetings," said T.J. Barber, the Director of Student Activities.

Another switch on campus was the Live Wire move from a hard-to-find office on the second floor of the Lowe Building to a new office in Lowe 154J. The new Live Wire office was formerly the Club Room. The new office is right in the heart of things in Student Activities and near Ice Internet Radio.

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*One of the many changes is the addition of carpeting, and these tables in the Lowe lobby.*

*Photo by Rich Carpenter*

## BREAKING NEWS: Budget Woes Could Impact Scholarships, Tuition



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First, here's the good news for Manchester Community College students in Gov. Dan Malloy's budget proposal for the state of Connecticut he revealed last week: there are no cuts proposed for scholarships for students attending state colleges and universities, including MCC although the state school's themselves face a proposed 10 percent cut in funding.

Now for the bad news, especially for students who plan to transfer to a private college or university in Connecticut after MCC who might have counted on receiving financial assistance through the Connecticut Independent College Student Grant Program. In a proposal that Judith Greiman, the president of the Connecticut Conference of Independent Colleges called a "decimation" of the program, 25 percent of need-based grant money will be cut next year followed by a 50 percent cut the year after that. There is no certainty that the program will exist after 2012-2013.

The rationale behind the proposal of staggered cuts is to allow students who are currently receiving these scholarships to complete their education uninterrupted. It does not seem to allow any new students to be awarded these need-based grants in the future.

The colleges in the cities and towns around MCC that have the most students receiving scholarships through the Connecticut Independent College Scholarship program are Goodwin College and the University of Hartford.

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The **Sustainability Club** is seeking MCC student volunteers for the CT Northeast Organic Farming Association's 29th Organic Winter Conference, which will be held at MCC March 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Volunteers are needed to assist at workshops, serve as campus guides, help with children's activities and to assist Chef John Turenne with the potluck luncheon. To sign up contact, club advisers Andrew Paterna at [APaterna@mcc.commnet.edu](mailto:APaterna@mcc.commnet.edu), or Patrick Sullivan at [PSullivan@mcc.commnet.edu](mailto:PSullivan@mcc.commnet.edu).

The **MCC PRIDE Club** meets every Monday, 3–4 p.m. in AST D-229. All are welcome! For more information contact adviser Jody Bailey at 860-512-3384.

The **Ballroom Dance Club** meets Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m., in the Auditorium. For more information contact member Alexander Herpst at [Alexanderm-herpst@gmail.com](mailto:Alexanderm-herpst@gmail.com).

The **Administrative Professionals Club** meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month from 12:30-1:30 p.m. in LRC B149. Spring semester meeting dates are March 7, April 4 and May 2. For more information contact club adviser Carla Adams, [cadams@mcc.commnet.edu](mailto:cadams@mcc.commnet.edu).

The **Criminal Justice Club** will meet in Lowe 213, from 3:30- 4:30 p.m. on the following dates: March 9 and 31, April 13 and 28. Food and/or beverages are periodically served. For more information about the club contact club president Nick Fennimore at [CJClubPresident@yahoo.com](mailto:CJClubPresident@yahoo.com).

The **Alpha Upsilon Alpha chapter of Phi Theta Kappa** will meet March 12 at 10 p.m. to discuss volunteer opportunities and other events. The spring Induction Ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, April 17, at 2 p.m. in the auditorium. For more information contact president Rachel Lindberg at [bookwerm713@aol.com](mailto:bookwerm713@aol.com).

The **DARC, or Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Club**, will meet March 9, April 6 and May 4 from 4-5 p.m. in Room D229 in the AST. A Boston trip is planned for April 22. For more information contact adviser Barbara Fox at [bfox@mcc.commnet.edu](mailto:bfox@mcc.commnet.edu).

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The **VETS Club** will meet March 14, April 18, and May 9. All meetings are held in the Veterans Oasis Center, Lowe 101, at 3:30 p.m. A trip to Boston is planned for April 22. For more information contact adviser Barbara Fox at [bfox@mcc.commnet.edu](mailto:bfox@mcc.commnet.edu).

Get In the Game with **Spring Intramural Sports**. They are:

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Dodgeball weeks	Mon	6:00-7:00 p.m. alternating
Indoor Soccer weeks	Mon	6:00-7:00 p.m. alternating
Co-Ed Flag Football as weather permits	Tues/Thurs	3:00-5:00 p.m., starting 3/29 or
Ultimate Frisbee as weather permits.	Thursday	3:00-5:00 p.m. starting 3/31 or

Intramurals are open to all credit students with a valid Spring 2011 RECpass. The RECpass fee is \$25 and can be purchased in the Office of Student Life, Lowe 154b.

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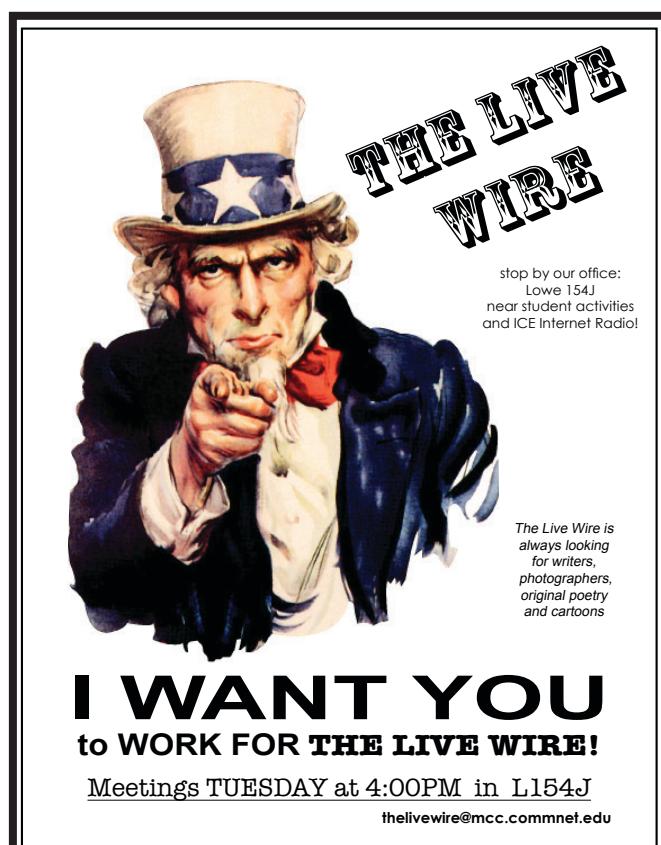
Another change to MCC will be the addition of a new day to have student-club sponsored bake sales. They were only allowed on Wednesdays because of a requirement of the last cafeteria vendor.

Now, bake sales will be permitted on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, Barber said. But, this change will not be instituted until the revised student handbook comes out around late March. This added day will have an impact on not just all the members of student clubs who use bake sales to raise funds but will also affect the members of the MCC community who buy them.

This year, the annual Spring Fling will also include elections for officers in the Student Government Association. So you can cast your vote and eat cotton candy and other foods all at once. Soon, the student activities hall will have an Open House event showing off its new offices and office locations.

"There is going to be a showcase of the new Student Activities Suite," said Barber. "The open house will provide a time to see the re-furbished student activities hall but also a chance to get to know your student government members and club staff."

Be on the lookout for signs promoting the Open House when the date has been scheduled.



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"This could prove devastating to MCC students planning on transferring to private Connecticut colleges and universities but also because there will be a trickle down effect here on campus as well," said Peter Harris, director of Enrollment Management at MCC. "More students who are unable to afford the costs of the private colleges and universities will apply to state universities and when higher numbers make it more difficult for them to get in there they will probably end up coming here."

Malloy's proposal to cut financial assistance to some of Connecticut's neediest students coincides with a proposal being considered in Washington to make cuts to the federal Pell Grant program.

MCC President Gena Glickman offered her take on the budget woes and how they could affect the college in the coming semesters.

#### **Q. What are your goals for Manchester Community College in the coming semesters?**

My primary goal is always to provide the best possible learning environment for students. We have a lot of initiatives in the works - the College is engaged in revising our General Education core, working on our regional reaccreditation, creating an educational and facilities master plan that will guide us, along with our strategic plan, for the next several years.

#### **Q. What changes can we (students) expect to see over the coming semesters?**

I mentioned that we're working on changes to the general education core - what we believe all students should have as part of their degree, so that may change for students. The other initiative that we're working on is a review of appropriate pre-requisites for courses. We want students to have the tools to succeed in subsequent coursework, so we think it's important to ensure that we create a curriculum pathway that gives students the skills they need to be successful.

#### **Q. With the loss of some professors to retirement, do you expect that void will be filled with more adjunct faculty?**

We always try to ensure that we have the right balance of full-time faculty - for a myriad of reasons. This of course, depends on the budget that we're allocated by the State.

#### **Q. What do you think will be the biggest impact of Gov. Malloy's plan to overhaul education on MCC?**

I think it's always a good thing to examine how we manage higher education in order to ensure student success. I hope that we'll see a plan that will focus on community colleges and our unique mission and students and that our local community will have a voice in the governance of our community colleges.

#### **Q. What types of activities would you like to see (or see continued) in the coming semesters?**

I would like to see a strong student government that is engaged in the life of the college. I think we've made a lot of headway in this direction and there is always a concern for me that the accomplishments we've made are sustainable.

#### **Q. Do you think that tuition will have to increase next semester?**

The budget situation is pretty dire in Connecticut. Raising tuition may limit access for students, and that's the last thing we want to see happen. A lot will depend on how we fare with the budget and where we can find efficiencies so that raising tuition isn't the only answer to our limited resources.

#### **Q. How can students help MCC? (Recycling, turning off lights, etc.)**

Students can be engaged in understanding our budget, sustainability efforts, and cost-saving measures. Recycling, turning off lights, just being good stewards of the college and good citizens within our community helps all of us continue to have a place that we are proud to be a part of.

#### **Q. What are the challenges of being president of MCC?**

The most challenging thing I'm finding is balancing (maybe juggling is a better descriptor) all the aspects of the job. I'm both an internal manager and an external advocate for MCC.

#### **Q. Do you think the college may expand to include new majors and programs of study?**

We're working on a plan to increase allied health programs and science, technology and engineering options for students.

#### **Q. How is MCC planning to meet its budget goals?**

We've been spending a lot of time reviewing our current services budget and looking at all our options including efficiencies in energy savings, hours of operation, mission-driven initiatives, and those things that increase revenue like grants and private philanthropy.

#### **Q. What do you think the best way for students to get their opinions heard on campus?**

The best way is to be involved in student governance and through student clubs. We have student membership on almost all college-wide committees, and we welcome student participation. Certainly, the student newspaper is an avenue to share information - to get the word out about what's happening on campus.

#### **Q. How is the college preparing itself for the additional students attending MCC each semester?**

We've had to limit enrollment growth - we need to balance our resources with enrollment to ensure we can serve students, whether that means enough course sections, tutoring, advising, financial aid - it's all part of the mix of determining how much we can grow within the resources we have available.

#### **Q. Is it likely that admission caps will remain at the same numbers next semester?**

It's too soon to answer this question - it will depend on the budget for next year. It's hard to imagine that we'll be able to grow - we don't have enough full-time faculty or staff now and I don't think we'll be in a position to add to our permanent faculty and staff next year.

#### **Q. Is there anything else you'd like to tell students and faculty?**

I'd like to say thank-you for all that our faculty and staff do to support students every day - they are truly awe-inspiring. And, I'd like to thank students for their faith in us - we have a remarkable student body.

Students who would like to personally share their views with the governor can do so when he comes to the area to talk with residents on his "budget listening tour." He will be in Hartford on March 21 (details to be announced) and also right here in Manchester on Tuesday, March 29. The Manchester meeting will be in the Hearing Room of the Lincoln Center Building, at 494 Main Street, from 7 to 8 p.m. Parking is available in the Manchester Town Hall parking lot and doors open at 6 p.m. There are only 140 seats, so those who plan to attend should get there early. For more information about the budget proposal or stops on the tour visit [www.ct.gov](http://www.ct.gov).

## MANCHESTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE 2011 BASEBALL SNAPSHOT

- Head Coach: Chris Strahowski (twelfth season, 191-148-3), assistant coach, Shawn Barry (sixth season).
  - 2010 Highlights: 30-23 overall...15-2 in Region 21, Division III play...beat Massasoit CC in Region XXI Final 8-1 on May 10 to capture its third consecutive conference title...won two games in at the NJCAA Division III World Series in Tyler, TX...Kevin Madera (8-0, 1.40) was a first team All-American after winning the DIII ERA title...catcher A. J. Lowers (.480, 2HR, 53 RBI) made just one error in 315 chances and was named NJCAA DIII Defensive Player of the Year and All-American for second year.
  - Returning Players (11): 1B/3B Alec Brown (Montville), OF Garrett DaCunto (Meriden), LHP/Tyler Kapushinski (New Britain), LHP Kevin Madera (Newington), RHP Mike Methot, (Bristol), OF/C Chris Rivera (New Britain), RHP Luis Sanchez (New London), RHP Adam Scanlon (South Windsor), SS/2B A. J. Silberman, (Meriden), LHP Justin Sitaro (Rocky Hill), INF/OF Andrew Tremley (Bristol).
  - Freshmen of Note: C Kyle Holland (Montville), RHP/OF Kyle Lentini (Southington), SS Jesse Sutherland (Montville).
  - Players to Watch: Madera and Adam Scanlon (6-3, 3.97) return to the top of the rotation while Kapushinski (three post-season wins, 2.65) will be a bullpen workhorse with spot starts...transfers RHP Sam Cooke (URI/Meriden) and LHP Kevin Bartlett (U of Albany/East Lyme) will be factors -
- Cooke is penciled in as the closer while Bartlett has ace potential..Holland takes over the catching duties from two-time all-American Lowers..Brown (.320, team high 5 HR) is likely to shift to 1B and Silberman (.321, 13 SB) will return to the leadoff spot.*
- *The Skinny:* Ranked No. 8 in the NJCAA preseason poll, the Cougars have experience with 15 sophomores and transfers. Strahowski has six lefthanders on staff, and if the offense develops, a fourth consecutive trip to the World Series would not be a stretch.
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  - *By Phone:* (860) 512-3353 or (860) 512-3354.
  - *Contact:* Assistant Athletic Director/Sports Information Paul Ofria.
  - *Email:* [pofria@mcc.commnet.edu](mailto:pofria@mcc.commnet.edu)
  - *Key dates:* Games scheduled at Cheney Tech as early as Feb 26, but weather will likely chew into some early dates...Region 21 opener will be Tuesday March 22 vs. Quinsigamond...team travels to 2010 National Champion Gloucester CC fro DH on March 19...Top 10 opponents Lackawana College (Scranton, PA) and Montgomery-Germantown (Germantown, MD) also on schedule...MCC will host NJCAA Division III Region XXI Tournament May 6-8..NJCAA Division III World Series in Tyler, TX May 17-23.

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## Get Down with the Sickness: Your Guide to Avoiding the Common Cold

Winter is cold and flu season and it isn't easy to avoid getting sick. There are a lot of misconceptions about preventing colds and staying healthy. Here is some information about colds, how to prevent them and what to do if you get one.

### 1. What causes a cold?

Multiple viruses. The largest group is known as rhinovirus, which includes more than 100 strains. Colds are more common in the winter months but occur year round.

### 2. How does a cold spread?

The common cold is spread by direct person-to-person contact or person-to-object contact. You have the highest chance of getting a cold at public gatherings. Also, people who shake hands often or stand close to others are more likely to catch a cold. Don't forget to wash your hands or use hand sanitizer to avoid germs.

### 3. What are the signs and symptoms of a cold?

Colds are different from the flu. Cold symptoms include nasal congestion, sneezing, coughing, runny nose and sore throat. Most symptoms will last three to seven days and will resolve on their own.

### 4. What can I do to prevent a cold?

While there's no cure for colds, the symptoms can be treated. The best thing you can do is keep your immune system strong by eating well. Make sure to include grains and vegetables as well as fluids. Water is best, said Annette Dumont, MCC's Health and Wellness Resource Center director. "When you drink a lot of water it cleanses out toxins and helps your kidneys."

Be sure to wash your hands frequently and sometimes use a hand sanitizer. Hand sanitizers shouldn't be used too often, though, or germs will become resistant. Also, don't touch your face or rub your eyes, which can introduce bacteria into your system.

### 5. What do I do if I already have a cold?

Refrain from coughing in your hand because you'll spread germs to your belongings and everything you touch. Try the "vampire cough" instead: cough into your elbow (but only if you are wearing long sleeves). Another option is keeping tissues on-hand. Make sure to throw away tissues after using them once to prevent old germs from getting on your face. Up your vitamin C intake; your body can absorb vitamin C better in your diet than in pill form. Try to have orange juice both before and during your cold to bolster your immune system. To treat your symptoms consider an over-the-counter medicine like Nyquil or Dayquil.

Most flu and colds can spread for the first few days. To stop others from getting sick take a day off while you are in the contagious stage. Though it may take awhile for your cold to go away, at least you're well informed. Stay Healthy!

Information for this piece was compiled from [www.livestrong.com](http://www.livestrong.com), and [www.webmd.com](http://www.webmd.com).



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## Love Don't Cost a Thing

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So since it's February, I figured I would write an article about love and all the hype about what the hottest gifts were this year for Valentine's Day. However, while in class on Valentine's Day a girl from behind me said "I don't celebrate Valentine's Day! I think you should show your love and affection all year long not just on one day."

I agree, so what can we do to keep the love alive all year long? Well, forget the expensive jewelry, the drenched-in-saturated-fat heart-shaped box of chocolates, and the overpriced Rolex watches.

There is something that will keep your relationship going until the end of time that can't be picked up at the local mall, you can't win it on an eBay auction and you can't even find it on Craigslist. What is this mystical, magical relationship glue I'm talking about? It's time.

Spending time with your partner, is priceless and will help you build a lasting relationship. In this era of Facebook, Twitter and Tumbler we sometimes forget that being in a relationship is more than just changing your relationship status on your profile page.

Ann Rosen Spector, a clinical physiologist specializing in couples' therapy, from Philadelphia told ABC news "When the relationship isn't doing well, you don't feel good about yourself. Relationships are always a work in progress so when we start to take it for granted, and don't put in as much attention and care, it's not going to thrive. One of the biggest hurdles is complacency. Make time for each other and talk about issues, small, medium and large. Carve out time, a small amount each day. Try to build the 'we' and not always look at the 'me.'"

When was the last time, other than February, that you and your boo sat down and watched a movie, or played a board game, or even went out for a dinner that wasn't hitting the drive through at Wendy's. I know the economy is tough, but that doesn't mean you can't do something special for your sweetheart without breaking the budget.

Make dinner one night. I can barely cook macaroni and cheese, but if you put effort into it I'm sure your love will see the effort put in. Turn off the lights and light some candles and if you want to get real creative you can do sappy things real easy like bake brownies or cake for dessert and make a heart out of frosting. I'm no culinary genius but simple things can make for a romantic evening.

Maybe after dinner, you can curl up for a movie. No, you say, since nothing good is on cable and, now with cinema ticket prices well over 10 bucks a pop you might think your options are limited. Fear not my friends! There is the magical world of Netflix, Red Box, and even Blockbuster, which has movie kiosks where you can rent movies for as little as \$1 a night.

This next idea might blow your mind but check out your local library. They offer movie rentals free of charge and many larger libraries manage to get recent stuff pretty fast.

So keep your love strong throughout the year by doing little things to let your sweetheart know you care. When you spend time together, don't just spend it, make the most of it and have some quality "us" time. The gift of love is priceless so don't try to buy your partner's love, show your partner how much you care by planting a seed of affection and watch it blossom into eternity.

Says it all...

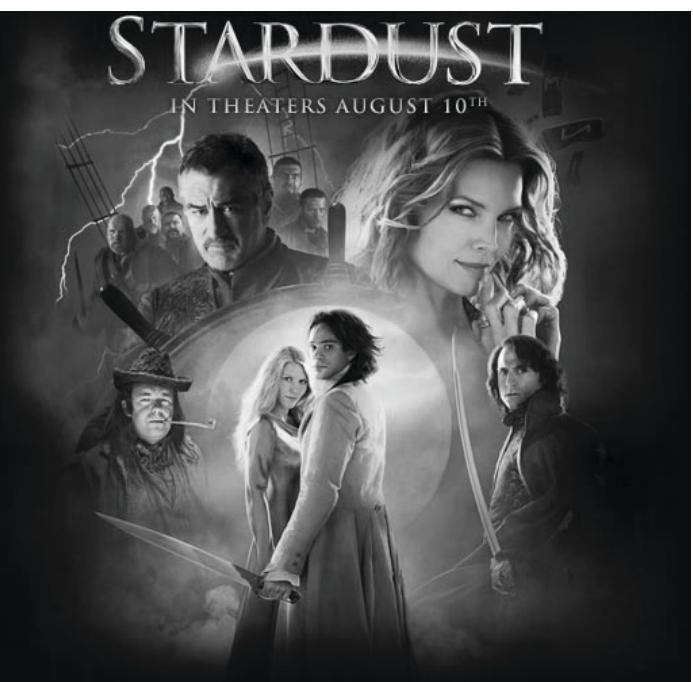
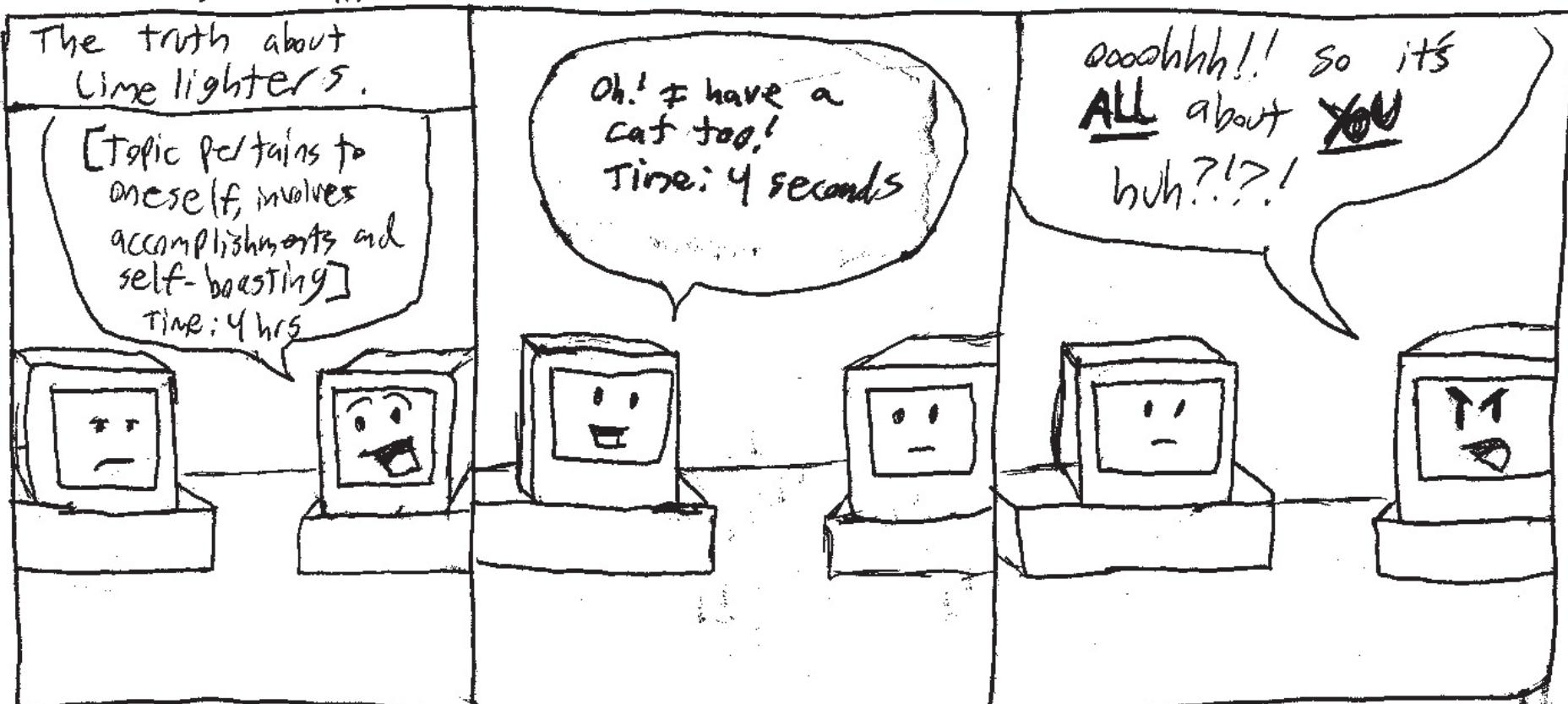


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### TOP 10 ROMANTIC MOVIES THAT GUYS CAN SURVIVE (RATED BY SURVIVABILITY):

1. *Stardust*
2. *Avatar*
3. *Hitch*
4. *Life As We Know It*
5. *Dear John*
6. *License to Wed*
7. *Letters to Juliet*
8. *It's Complicated*
9. *Tangled*
10. *The Notebook*

### WORDS OF WISDOM

Compiled by Alex Obert

1. "Stop worrying about what might hold you down, and pay attention to why you're standing up." – Unknown
2. "Your life is a movie. You're the writer, director, and star. So you better write yourself an amazing script." - Andrew WK (musician)
3. "That's the best revenge of all: happiness. Nothing drives people crazier than seeing someone have a good life." – Chuck Palahniuk (novelist/author of *Fight Club*)
4. "Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass. It's learning to dance in the rain." – Unknown
5. "Oh yes, the past can hurt. But the way I see it, you can either run from it or learn from it." – Rafiki (from "The Lion King")

by: Eric M. Valad

# After Hanging Chads, a Quail Didn't Stand a Chance



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It's amazing how time flies in politics; one day it's "Swift-boat Veterans for Truth," the next, it's the "Rent Is Too Damn High Party." I think that politics can be just as entertaining as a celebrity scandal or "The Real Housewives of..." anywhere.

Political scandals are a dime-a-dozen these days; in a highly connected world it isn't as easy as it once was for politicians to keep secrets (like the fact that former Pres. Gerald Ford worked as a model for Look and Cosmopolitan magazines in the 1940s--secret.) The more we encounter scandals, the more we begin to detach morality from government work, or sports, or music for that matter.

As I was roaming through a geeky news site I realized that February 2011 is a political anniversary. It is the five-year anniversary of when former Vice Pres. Dick Cheney shot a man in the face accidentally while on a hunting expedition. Now, don't doubt that it was an important American milestone. The last time a noted public figure shot someone it was July 1804 and Vice President Aaron Burr dueled with and mortally wounded then Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton.

Cheney was perhaps the creepiest part of the Pres. George W. Bush administration and that surely is saying something. Though emotionally draining, the eight years of Bush rule offered a lot of humor to a liberal American like myself. Bush had many "accomplishments," from creating the word "misunderestimate" (also used by current Republican it-girl Sarah Palin) to spending nearly 500 days of his presidency vacationing at Camp David and his ranch in Crawford, Texas.

On Nov. 11, 2006, Cheney visited a South Texas ranch to hunt quail. One of the members of the hunting party was an Austin attorney, Harry Whittington. During the course of their hunting trip, Cheney accidentally shot Whittington with 150-200 small birdshot pellets.

The next day White House spokesman Scott McClellan claimed that Whittington "got in the way" of Cheney. On Feb. 1, 2007, Cheney was required to send out a check for \$7 to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department because both he and Whittington lacked the proper stamp to hunt in Texas. That \$7 was Cheney's only monetary obligation stemming from the incident.

On Feb. 20, 2006, Whittington was released from the hospital, and he offered an apology at a press conference. "My family and I are deeply sorry for all that Vice President Cheney and his family have had to go through this week," said Whittington. Cheney never publicly apologized.

At the time the shooting was a favorite topic of comedians.

"Dick Cheney said he felt terrible about shooting a 78-year-old man, but on the bright side, it did give him a great idea about how to fix Social Security," said Late Night host Bill Maher.

Most recently, Cheney announced he had had a "long friendship" with (then) Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, who stepped down from office only a few days later, showing nearly any interaction with Cheney may lead to downfall (or horrible numbers in the polls).

Even though Bush and Cheney aren't in press rotation as much as they once were they're still making an impact. Recently, many former members of the Bush team have released autobiographies, including former Secy. of State Condoleezza Rice, former Secy. of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, former First Lady Laura Bush and the president himself. His book is entitled *Decision Points*.

The moral of this story isn't that politics or reality TV is making us immoral or incapable. The moral isn't even that you should not go hunting with Dick Cheney, or that it's asinine to hunt farm raised quail. It's that politics can be really weird.

The fact is, it takes thousands of people crazy enough to run for office to keep the U.S. going. We've got our fair share of left wing and right wing "nut-jobs" and we've got way too many people on TV telling us what's happening on "The Beltway."

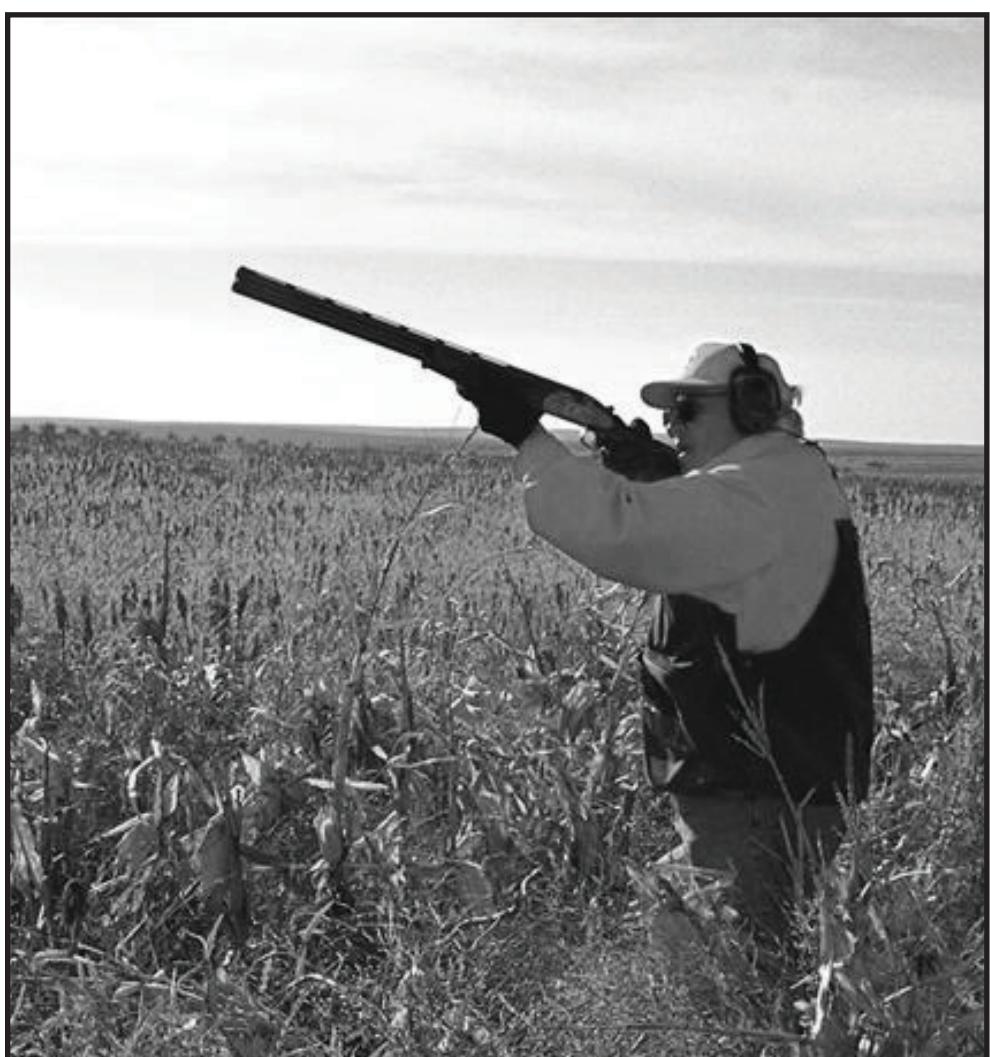
But America is filled with the same sorts of people that infiltrate Washington D.C. After all, some of those power hungry politicos could just as easily be your boss when he lets his assistant manager make him a deity. My point is that Washington is filled with flawed humans. The most important thing is not to become jaded. Even though we're living in a complicated world, the best way to help is to stay involved.

You don't have to side with me. Don't side with anyone, not parents, not significant others, not someone on TV. Make up your own mind, and if someone has a different opinion try to understand why they don't agree with you.

The world is filled with too many people who act like they don't care because they've gotten worn down and started to believe that optimism makes someone weak or stupid. Fighting for what you believe in might not always make you popular but at least you'll know what you're standing for.

How you chose to get involved is up to you, whether you protest or paint or head to a ballot box is your decision.

So, if the economy has got you down or you're sure that former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, or current House Speaker John Boehner is out to get you, remember, Washington just might be the most magical place on earth.



Dick Cheney hunts pheasants in South Dakota in 2002. Photograph: Reuters

Susan Classen-Sullivan takes a break from setting up for the show to talk about her work.

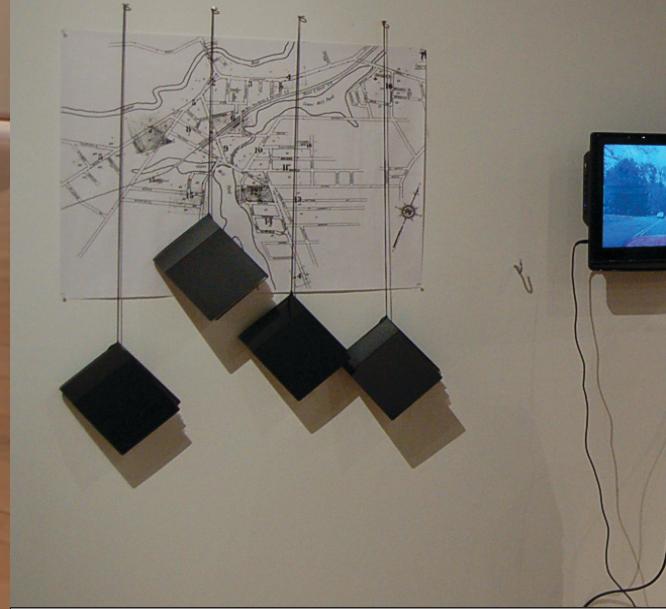


(left) Sculpture by William W. Brewster  
Above Middle: "Red" by Rick Harden  
Above Right: "Faces B+W" by Anthony Billiard

Jen Sablon-Taylor puts the finishing touches on while setting up for the show's opening night.



A student takes a break from her studies to take a look at the many video projects featured in the show.



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-Susan Classen-Sullivan

"Photography is not about the thing being photographed, it's about what looks photographed." -Dan Long, a student in the photography class

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## Poetry Corner

### CONTRABAND

By Hannah Rouillard

I held your hand like contraband

When I spoke the truth,

"I'm not in love with you."

And your face could have broke down honesty

Honestly,

Admitting likewise

You weren't in love with me

Our feet broke their rhythm on the road

And our intertwined orchestrated fingers

Stopped

At their melancholy crescendo

When our hands let go

Our eyes met, but didn't dance

Like feet that didn't know the steps

We had matching cocky pupils

The kind that sit silently in the back row

As we thought to ourselves

About what we'd already known

Things like, I'm sorry.

And, I'll always care.

I'd like to be your friend, but love you?

I wouldn't dare.

### GUILTY AS CHARGED

By Valyn Eugene

Staring into the clouds, I sit and wonder.....

How can I be jealous? Envious? Angry? at someone?

How can I sit and speak ill of those around me? those whom I may know nothing about?

I just see you and I can't stand you! This phrase I myself have said and have heard so often...too often.

All of us are guilty!

Guilty of so many things.Things we shouldn't have done or said or even thought.

For, what we see with our eyes,hear with our ears are not what others see or hear.

What we say to and about others can either make them or break them.

Judge not and you shall not be judged.

too many times we look at others and judge them...we are condemning our selves.

The TRUTH is what we should always speak..what one does not see,hear or feel firsthand should not to be taken as gospel.

Guilty! I tell you we all are.

Before we attempt to remove the speck in another man's eye,let's first remove the rock which prevents us from seeing correctly.

Let us try not to want be someone else or have what someone else has. In due time You shall reap your rewards.

We must love each one as our own selves and treat others in the same way that we should want to be treated.

Until we practice and continue to do these things we all are GUILTY AS CHARGED!

Remember every face has a story. (LOOKS ARE SURELY DECEIVING)  
Every SAINT has a PAST and every SINNER has a FUTURE!!!

# Community Music & Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
FEBRUARY 27	28	MARCH 1	2	3	4	5
The East Coast Indie State Battle of the Bands @ The Space (Hamden)			Motel Motel, Dinosaur Feathers, Sidewalk Dave @ BAR (New Haven); 9PM, 21+, Free	Ian Axel @ The Space (Hamden); 7PM, all ages, \$10	My Heart to Joy / Transit / Pianos Become The Teeth / The World Is... / Fugue; Lilly's Pad (New Haven); 6PM, all ages, \$10	Wake Up And Wage War / Burn Lexington / We, the Reflection @ Knights of Columbus (Somers); 5PM, all ages, \$8
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<b>Other upcoming events:</b> <b>Plays:</b> 2/24 - 3/20: Divine Rivalry @ The Hartford Stage; 3/8 - 3/21: Triple Espresso: A Highly Caffeinated Comedy @ Nelson Hall (Cheshire); <b>Films:</b> 2/25- 3/3: White Material @ Real Art Ways (Hartford); 3/4 - 3/10: Saint Misbehavin': The Wavy Gravy Movie @ Real Art Ways (Hartford); 3/11 - 3/16: Bhutto @ Real Art Ways (Hartford); 3/18: Phil Ochs: There But for Fortune @ Real Art Ways (Hartford)			Fang Island @ BAR (New Haven); 9PM, 21+, Free	Burn Lexington / Loyalty Among Thieves / Hope To Live @ The Space (Hamden); 7PM, all ages, \$10	Lymbyc Systym / Wess Meets West @ Heirloom Arts (Danbury); 7:30, \$10	Leftover Crack / Common Enemy @ Heirloom Arts (Danbury); 7PM, \$15
			16	17	18	19
				Rocky Votoloto / Matt Pond @ The Space (Hamden); 7PM, all ages, \$12	Driftless Pony Club / Mike Lombardo @ The Space (Hamden); 7PM, all ages, \$10	The Carrier / Cold Snap / Kids Icarus @ Lilly's Pad (New Haven); 6PM, all ages, \$10
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	CKY / Lionize / Veins of Jenna @ Webster Underground (Hartford); 7pm, \$16		Sebadoh / Richard Buckner @ Daniel Street (Milford); 8PM, 21+, \$15	You Scream, I Scream / John Parson @ Cafe 9 (New Haven); 9pm, 21+, \$5	Rad Bromance (male Lady Gaga tribute) @ Daniel St. (Milford); 10PM, 21+, \$10	Vetiver / Sarah Lee Guthrie & Johnny Irion @ The Space (Hamden); 7PM, all ages, \$12
27	28	29	30	31	APRIL 1	2
	The Funeral Pyre / The Secret / Black Pyramid / Feroocious F*cking Teeth @ Daniel Street (Milford); 8PM, 21+, \$8	Arabrot / Wizard Rifle @ Daniel Street (Milford); 8PM, 21+, \$8	Those Darlins / Eurisko @ BAR (New Haven); 9PM, 21+, Free			

This calendar details upcoming events in CT. This information is subject to change. Please contact the appropriate venue for details.

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## Headed to Hartford

By Alex Obert  
Live Wire Staff Reporter

July 24 does not symbolize just another hot summer day. It does not symbolize a little over a month until we head back to Manchester Community College for another semester. It symbolizes a music festival so incredible, that it needs to be held outside so the roof won't get blown off.

The Rockstar Mayhem Festival, created by Kevin Lyman (who also started the Warped Tour), is a yearly festival that began in 2008 dedicated to metal music with many different acts ready to rock the day and night away. The traveling festival is going to stop in Hartford at the Comcast Theater on July 24.

Being sponsored by Rockstar Energy, not only will you get to see a great show, but you will also get free Rockstar beverages all day. With the high-energy environment, you're surely going to need it. Headliners from previous years include Slipknot, Mastodon, Slayer, Killswitch Engage, Korn, and even the Renaissance man himself, Rob Zombie.

This year's Mayhem Fest promises to deliver and they most definitely will due to its great line-up. There are three separate stages, two sides and a main. On the Jägermeister Stage, will be Unearth, Kingdom of Sorrow, and Red Fang. The Extreme Stage will feature Suicide Silence, All Shall Perish, and Straight Line Stitch. And last, but certainly not least, the main stage will feature In Flames and Trivium.

The headlining spot for the main stage this year will be shared by three bands: Megadeth, Godsmack, and Disturbed. The three headliners will put on one heck of a show, just like they have done in the past. Having seen them three times before, I can guarantee you that Godsmack live will blow you away.

The festival will start on July 9 in San Bernardino, Calif., and conclude on Aug. 14 in West Palm Beach, Fla. As an MCC student, Hartford is definitely the closest venue to head to, but the festival will also make a stop in Mansfield, Mass., July 22.

If you go see one concert this summer, go to the Rockstar Mayhem Festival. If you go to two concerts this summer, go to the Rockstar Mayhem Festival a second time.

Pre-sale tickets will be available April 8. For more information regarding the 2011 Rockstar Mayhem Festival, go to:

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## New York: The Mecca of (Bad) Basketball?



By Dan Dobbyn  
Live Wire Sports Writer



*Madison Square Garden, home of the New York Knicks, St. Johns University men's basketball team, and the New York Islanders hockey team.*

Photo courtesy of google images.

To keep it civil, I'd say I have an avid displeasure for everything about New York sports. As I was growing up in the outskirts of Boston and eventually in Wilton, Connecticut, I grew up with Boston teams: the Bruins, Celtics, Red Sox, and the New England Patriots. It came with the territory, however, to despise the New York teams: the Yankees, and those other teams there that don't really win that often.

Let me just say, though, that although I still hold them all in very high contempt, I've gotten over being irrationally hateful. Now I face the facts.

I've come to terms with the Yankees buying their last 20 World Series championships because life's not fair, everything has a price tag, and the Red Sox would do the same thing if given the chance.

Also, I've become knowledgeable enough to admit that former Red Sox first basemen Bill Buckner was made a scapegoat for the disastrous error he made in game 6 of the 1986 World Series. The Red Sox bullpen blew it to that point, and they blew game 7, too. Sorry, Bill.

From a third-person perspective, I actually like the New York Jets in the coming years. Yes, they eliminated my divisional rival Patriots from the playoffs this year, but I like what they're doing with their team.

For that matter, I'm over the 18-1 season, where the Patriots lost their first game of the 2007 NFL season to the New York Giants. Aw, well!

However, there is this one thing I can't get over that aggravates me to no end: Madison Square Garden is called "The Mecca of Basketball." Why?

To compare something to the city of Mecca implies that the subject in comparison is, or has, a history of glory and undeniable greatness.

New York's history of basketball, especially as of late, isn't rich or hallowed enough to give the "world's most famous arena" a glorious title. In fact, Madison Square Garden's perennial home team, the New York Knicks, haven't had enough success to call that place "The Mecca of Basketball" in arrogance. You have to win something in order to have arrogance.

Otherwise, the people of New York who call Madison Square Garden "The Mecca of Basketball" are merely so proud of the place they live and their premiere basketball venue that they're blind to the fact that the Knicks are terrible.

The last time they went to the playoffs was in 2004, when they were swept by the New Jersey Nets, and the last time they won a playoff game was in 2001 against the Toronto Raptors. Yet, they're the most valuable franchise in the NBA according to Forbes magazine. Why?

I've never heard of an array of basketball greats coming from New York. The only one I can name is Manhattan-born Denver Nuggets forward Carmelo Anthony, who came out of Syracuse University after winning them a national championship. He was drafted 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in 2003.

With the exception of Wesley Johnson, who was also drafted out of Syracuse last year (4<sup>th</sup> overall to the Minnesota Timberwolves), not one player has been drafted in the top five who played for a college or high school in New York state or was born in New York state. It doesn't seem to me as if the appeal of Madison Square Garden is attracting the youths of northeastern America.

Yes, Anthony has recently been badgering the Denver Nuggets for a trade to, and only to, the Knicks. After numerous months of "Melodrama," he finally got what he wanted last week.

I don't see the appeal in New York though. If I were from New York, as he is, the appeal of bringing my beloved childhood franchise their first championship since 1973 would have been extinguished by the hardball the Knicks played in the trading negotiations for me over players that might not even be in the league five years from now. Anthony's a top five player in the league, and in conjunction with Knicks Center Amar'e Stoudemire, they could win rings in New York.

The appeal would also take a hit after looking at the front office of the Knicks. They are quite bad at keeping players and fans happy as well, and, it seems to me, the coaching in New York isn't as good as that of Nuggets head Coach George Karl.

The Nuggets tried to fulfill Anthony's wishes. They tried giving him a contract, they tried to trade him, and despite their best efforts, they almost failed. So, Anthony said he'd finally considering accepting that three year, \$65 million contract extension he's been offered since last summer if he wasn't traded by the deadline. However, Anthony was traded to the Knicks after the Knicks increased the offer to something respectable after a deal with the Nets was rumored to be done.

The only reason why superstars like Dwayne Wade, Lebron James and Kobe Bryant historically play their best games at Madison Square Garden is because the Knicks have never played defense. It's not because more people will pay attention, it's not because it's a bigger stage or for money. Money comes from endorsements, which come from being good and winning rings. The biggest stage is the NBA finals, not New York.

The most memorable moment in Knicks history is forward Willis Reed coming out for warm-ups in game 7 of the 1973 NBA Finals when they thought he was too injured. This sent the crowd into a frenzy, although he only scored two quick baskets and sat down for the rest of the Knicks' championship-winning game. After that, the next two most memorable moments are Bull greats Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen dunking over Knick hall-of-famer Patrick Ewing respectively.

So I will never see the appeal. Madison Square Garden (which I will not simply call "the Garden," because to me that means TD Banknorth Garden, where the Celtics play) is only a brand name arena because it's in New York. They will only win a Championship because that brand name attracts great players who can't see the whole picture. Not because they know what they're doing.

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## The Return of the Whale(rs)

By Zachariah Hand  
Live Wire Staff Writer

In 1974 they moved from Boston to Hartford. They were members of the now defunct World Hockey Association until 1979, when they joined the National Hockey League, becoming one of the few and most memorable major sports franchises to be based in the state of Connecticut.

They were the Hartford Whalers, a team once beloved by Connecticut hockey fans. However, the Whalers' stay in the Nutmeg State was not permanent.

April 13, 1997 was the last time that an NHL franchise called the state of Connecticut its home. On that day, the Hartford Whalers played their final game at the Hartford Civic Center, defeating the Tampa Bay Lightning by a score of 2-1 in the last game of the season. The Whalers franchise then moved to Raleigh, N. C. and became known as the Carolina Hurricanes.

Connecticut would not be without a hockey team for long, however.

The following season, hockey returned to The Land of Steady Habits in the form of a team called the Binghamton Rangers, a minor league affiliate to the NHL's New York Rangers. The team was later renamed the Hartford Wolf Pack for its first season in its new home, paying homage to the Seawolf class submarines that had been built in Connecticut. Each year, from their inaugural season until the 2009-2010 season, the Wolf Pack qualified for the American Hockey League Play-offs, winning one Calder Cup (the AHL equivalent to the NHL's Stanley Cup) during that time.

But there was still a hole. Fans missed the Whal-



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ers. On Sept. 20, 2010, it was announced that Howard Baldwin, the former owner of the Hartford Whalers had become head of marketing for the Wolf Pack franchise. To honor Hartford's former NHL franchise, Baldwin announced that the Wolf Pack would be changing its name to the Connecticut Whale. The change occurred on Nov. 27, 2010, and the Whale won their first game under the new name over the Bridgeport Sound Tigers 3-2 in a shootout at the XL Center in Hartford before a crowd of 13,089, the second largest in franchise history.

In an effort to promote the Connecticut Whale, and to renew interest in hockey within the state, the 2011 Whalers Hockey Fest took place from Feb. 9-22 at Rentschler Field in East Hartford, and featured opponents such as the Providence Bruins,

and a Boston Bruins legends game in which former players from both NHL teams participated. The event also showcased games featuring high school and collegiate teams.

It is the hope of several individuals involved with the Whale franchise that events such as the 2011 Whalers Hockey Fest will help to reestablish a strong market for hockey in Connecticut, so that the NHL will one day consider returning a major league team to the former home of the Whalers.

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# Cougars (22-1) Eye Rematch with Roxbury in Boston

*Return Trip to National Championship at Stake at Region 21 Tournament*

By Paul Ofria  
MCC Sports Information

Jazlynn Canino (#25) was one of eight sophomores to play her last home game for MCC on February 20. The Cougars beat Globe Institute 68-47 in the home and regular season finale, finishing the 2010-11 regular season with a 22-1 record.



Photo By Rich Carpenter

for four days and work on our execution."

Turner and Harris, who will both step down from coaching the team after the season to concentrate on their full-time jobs at the college, have a core of battle tested sophomores ready for the weekend tournament. Turner comes into the two-game tournament with 98 careers victories in six seasons as a head coach. His teams have put up an impressive 83-11 record over the past four seasons.

MCC goes as two former Bloomfield High standouts go. Point guard Shenille Duncan-Clarke leads all NJCAA DIII players with 9.0 assists and 5.7 steals per game while putting up 12.3 points and 6.6 rebounds. Ericka Sagay leads the team with 16.8 point per game and 12.5 rebounds, had three consecutive games with 20 or more rebounds in January and has blocked 64 shots. The 6'2" center was named NJCAA Division III Player of the Week on Nov. 24 and has scored 751 points and pulled down 598 rebounds in 49 career games at the college.

Callie Tambling, a Manchester High School graduate who played in all 50 games over a two-year career, is averaging 15.9 points and leading the team with 32 minutes played per game. Tambling has connected on 127 three-point baskets over two seasons and turned in a 3.0 GPA last semester.

Rounding out the starting five is Jazlynn Canino, who had her best game as a Cougar against Globe with 18 points and 17 rebounds; and Elise Chase, the team's lone freshman who checks in with 7.5 points per game and 4.9 rebounds per game.

Despite the impressive regular season numbers, the starters will have to step up their game in the tournament.

"Callie may have to play 37 or 38 minutes," Harris said. "Shorty (Duncan-Clarke) is going to have to play 37, 38 minutes and Ericka is going to have to stay on the floor and stay out of foul trouble."

The starters have a strong supporting cast with sophomores Tyra Brooks, Kate Gazdzicki, Kasiana Goodman and Rebeca VanGuilder.

"I would say we are prepared," Harris said. "We need to figure out how to slow the game up and hold our own in those three or four minute periods when we go up and down the court together. That's probably going to happen four, five, maybe six times during the game."

Manchester and Roxbury have the two strongest junior college women's basketball programs in Region 21. One of them will move on to represent New England in the national tournament in Rochester, MINN., beginning March 11. The runner up will be a pretty good team as well.

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Essentially, the Manchester Community College women's basketball team played the second half of the season for one game: a rematch with Roxbury Community College in the NJCAA Region 21 tournament.

The Cougars (22-1 as of Feb. 22) put together a pair of 11-game win streaks in 2010-11, symmetrically sandwiching their lone loss - a 112-55 beat down at home to the #3 ranked Roxbury (26-2) just before the holiday break. MCC regrouped and breezed through the rest of their schedule with one eye on the Tigers of Roxbury. MCC will defend their Region 21 title Feb 26-27 at Roxbury's home court, the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston. By the time this story goes to press, the Cougars will either be packing for Minnesota or packing away their uniforms for next season.

Either way, the program has never been stronger. Under head coach Robert Turner Jr. and assistant Peter Harris, the Cougars are 46-5 over two seasons. Eight players returned from a team that won a program-best 24 games and finished fourth in the NJCAA Division III National Championship tournament a year ago. The Cougars are two wins away from a return trip to the nationals, but will need to beat Bunker Hill Community College Feb. 26 and then solve Roxbury on Sunday, Feb. 27.

"We know it is going to be a different game," Harris said of the rematch after a 68-47 victory over Globe Institute (Bronx, NY) in the final regular season game. "I don't expect us to play the same way we played on December 21<sup>st</sup>. The question is, can we handle Roxbury's speed for the entire 40 minutes?"

The Cougars have been preparing for the fast pace by scrimmaging against a team of MCC male students for the past couple of weeks.

"Those five young fellows have helped out tremendously," Harris said of Floyd Grierrandy McKenzie, Donald McKim, Preston Miller and Jordan Wright. Cougar alum Amanda Colon has also been scrimmaging against her former teammates. "They give us an idea of how fast they are going to be. We hope Roxbury won't be as fast, but it kind of simulates that. We can't simulate that in practice, so we will see that



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Olivia transferred to Roger Williams University in her sophomore year after attending Accepted Students' Day with her little sister. She wasted no time getting involved as a captain of the equestrian team, a Peer Advisor Leader intern at the University Advising Center, a Spanish tutor, a member of Sigma Delta Pi Spanish Honor Society and Alpha Chi (Honor Society for the academic top 5% of students). Olivia truly made the best of every opportunity presented to her. What will you do?

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