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New Printing Policy Causes Pain in the Pocket

By Jonathon Michals
and Joe Marandino
Live Wire Staff Writers

When was the last time you could say that the library was a quiet place? Not often, right? Well, the decibel level has recently dropped to a mere murmur, and all thanks to the new pay for printing policy.

On Feb. 1, Manchester Community College instituted a new policy that requires those who wish to print items from computers in libraries and open computer labs to pay for them. The change, school officials have said, is aimed at reducing the amount of waste, and thereby the environmental impact, caused by rampant and careless printing. Aside from those benefits, the new policy has produced an unexpected, yet pleasant result.

"It has been a lot quieter in the library because the printers aren't constantly running," said Donna Brice, a circulation clerk in the library.

To print from a computer in the library or one of the labs will cost users \$0.08 per sheet. First, though, a reloadable card, called a Venda card, must be purchased. The card works like a debit card, so money can be added at anytime, and it doesn't expire. The printers themselves are hooked up to a card reader, which will scan the user's card and debit the money before printing. The cards can also be used to operate the copier machines in the library, though the fee for those is still \$0.15 per copy.

If this all seems a little complicated, the library staff is happy to help with the transition.

"There is definitely a learning curve," said MCC reference librarian Donna Cook, "but once we show them, the students get the hang of it."

While students are adjusting to the new policy, some are visibly frustrated.



One of the new card readers in the library.
Photo by Jonathon Michals

"It's too much of a hassle. We are already responsible for fees and finances for tuition and books. I don't like the whole process of having to get the card and then having to pay for it," said James Santiago, a Liberal Arts student.

Other students agreed the card makes the process cumbersome.

"I would rather directly pay for printing instead of having to get a card because of the inconvenience involved in it," said Liberal Arts student Jessica Platen. "I'm not going to get a card."

Brice says that most students are accepting of the policy when she explains the reasons behind it.

"When you explain that it was from an ecological standpoint, that this was all for helping the campus to go green, they were understanding of it," she said. "I have not really seen a lot of negative comments."

It has also helped that MCC's Student Senate has purchased 900 Venda cards for MCC students, to help with the transition. The free cards, which are only for MCC students, contain \$0.80, enough to print 10 sheets, and can be obtained at the library circulation desk.

The concept of pay for printing is not new to Connecticut's college and university system, and MCC is one of the last state schools to institute it. The policy itself has produced immediate results, as the library

has seen a substantial drop in the amount of unclaimed and wasted paper.

But it has also affected those students who rely solely on the computers on campus to complete their schoolwork.

"Well, it's just more money I have to pay for my education," said Jeremy Turano, "but I respect the reasons for it, and I guess I would be paying for paper and such if I had a computer at home, so it makes sense."

Whether loved or hated, the pay for printing policy is here to stay. It may take a little bit of time to get accustomed to it. But, like the unpleasant stench produced by the organic fertilization of the campus grounds, it is intended for the common good.

The History of Black History Month

By Jonathon Michals
Live Wire Asst. Editor

What is Black History Month? Why is Black History Month?

These might seem like ignorant questions. But they actually shed light on an important February celebration that many have felt has been denigrated into a shallow ritual. But the history of Black History Month is as rich as the history of African Americans themselves.

Although Black people have been in America since at least colonial times, up into the 20th Century they had yet to receive a respectable presence in U.S. history books.

Disturbed by this fact, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, a Harvard-educated scholar and son of two former slaves, founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (now called the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History, or ASALH). According to the ASALH website, Woodson launched Negro History Week in 1926 as an initiative to bring national attention to the contributions of black people throughout U.S. history.

But why February? The ASALH asserts that the second week of the month marked the birthdays of two men whom Woodson felt greatly

influenced black Americans: the writer and abolitionist Frederick Douglass and former Pres. Abraham Lincoln. By 1976, Negro History Week had become Black History Month.

Over the decades, Black History Month has grown from celebrations within mostly black communities to gaining increasing attention from government and political officials and bodies, as well as coverage across all media outlets. In fact, the firmly grounded establishment of Black History Month as a cultural institution has

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Student Life Committee Seeks Student Input

The MCC Student Life Committee will be hosting an Open Forum for all MCC students on Tuesday, March 11 at 3:30 p.m. in the Fireside Commons in the library in the LRC building. Students can learn more about the MCC Student Life Committee, discuss the "Question of the Month," and provide feedback on how we can work together to enrich student life at MCC.

Question of the Month:

What does, or would, make your college experience at MCC positive?

This event is free and refreshments will be provided. For more information, contact Endia DeCordova-Murphy at 512-2914.

Get Involved: Run For Student Senate Office

Students who are interested in running for one of the officer positions on the Student Senate for the 2008-2009 school year may pick up an application and petition starting Mon., Feb. 25, in the Library, at the Information Desk in the AST Rotunda, in the Student Affairs office, Lowe-154i, and online at www.mcc.commnet.edu. Applications are due by 5 p.m., Mon., March 10. A debate among the candidates is scheduled for April 3 and the election is April 8-9. Officers can earn a stipend of between \$600 and \$1,500 per month. For more information call 512-3282.

Meira Named NJCAA Division III Men's Soccer All-American

MCC sophomore forward Santiago Meira of Avon has been named a 2007 second-team National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division III Men's Soccer All-American. This is the seventh All-American from MCC since 2000 under coach Jim Insinga, including, forward Fotis Anastasiou (2002, first team), forward Darren Foster (2004, first team), forward Colin Jackson (2005, first team), midfielder Lamar Chancey (2005, second team), forward Andreas Blamo (2006, first team), and sweeper back, Andrew Repay (2006, second team). The 2007 Cougars finished the season 10-8-1 overall, 6-2 Division III Region XXI.

Choirs Close Black History Month Celebration

Celebrate Black History Month and attend the "Lift Every Voice and Sing" closing reception at 6 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 28, in the SBM Charitable Foundation Auditorium in the AST. The event will feature a reception with light refreshments, followed by an evening filled with musical performances from local choirs. The event is free and open to the public and sponsored by the Office of Multicultural and International Affairs, the Center for Student Development, the MCC Minority Caucus and the Academic Affairs Division.

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Student Poets Share Their Work

MCC poet Lisa Butler will be featured during the Connecticut Student Poets Poetry Reading Wednesday, March 5, at 8 p.m., in the Fireside Commons in the Library. The other poets include Tess Bird of the University of Connecticut; Chiara DiLello of Wesleyan University; Taylor Katz of Connecticut College; and Tyler Theofilos of Yale University. The event is sponsored by the MCC Cultural Programs Committee and the Connecticut Poetry Circuit and is free and open to the public. For more information contact Steve Straight at 512-2688 or via email at ssstraight@mcc.commnet.edu.

Attention!

If you would like to have your band's music reviewed by our writers, please call the Live Wire at 860-512-3290, or stop by the Live Wire office in the Lowe building, room L253.

Requirements for review:

- 1) CD's available for purchase
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MCC News

Nutmeg Big Brothers/Big Sisters Seeks Bowlers to Build Mentoring Relationships

By Brian Kelly
Special to the Live Wire

Nutmeg Big Brothers Big Sisters, Connecticut's largest mentoring organization, is hosting four area bowling fundraisers to help move local disadvantaged children off its waiting list and into life-enhancing match relationships.

The events, called Bowl-For-Kids'-Sake, will be held on Saturday, March 29, at Spare Time in Bristol, at 1 p.m. or 3 p.m., Colony Lanes in Wallingford, at 11:30 a.m. or 2 p.m., and Willi Bowl in North Windham, at noon, 2 p.m. or 4 p.m. The final edition of this fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, April 5, at 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. or 4 p.m. at AMF Silver Lanes in East Hartford.

David Taylor, who has more than 20 years of management experience at Nutmeg Big Brothers Big Sisters, is actively supporting the non-profit in its fundraising effort.

"This is my second time as an adult mentor with Nutmeg," he said. "I know from personal experience how beneficial to kids and communities Nutmeg's programs are. I also know how difficult it is for Nutmeg to generate donations in a challenging

economic climate. That's why I'm happy to help the organization recruit bowlers for such a worthy cause."

Participation is easy. One person steps up, then persuades friends, family or co-workers to form a team. A team consists of four or five bowlers. Individuals on each team must contribute, or raise, a minimum amount: \$75 for adults, \$50 for Nutmeg mentors and \$40 for students. Each registered bowler plays 2 games and receives a T-shirt, shoe rental, pizza and soda.

"Taking part in Bowl-For-Kids'-Sake is fun," said Laura Green, President and CEO of Nutmeg Big Brothers Big Sisters. "The best thing is that you don't have to be an expert bowler to have a great time and help the deserving kids on our waiting list. We have competitors at every level, from amateur to professional and everything in between."

For participation details, information, on-line sign up and rewarding suggestions as to how money can be raised for Bowl-For-Kids'-Sake, visit the Nutmeg Web site, www.nutmegbigbrothersbigsisters.org,



From left, Ken Quinn, former "Little Brother," longtime Bowl-For-Kids'-Sake supporter and executive at Tolland-based Nerac, Inc.; and David Taylor, current "Big Brother," Bowl-For-Kids'-Sake event organizer, and director of community-based programs at Nutmeg Big Brothers Big Sisters. Photo courtesy of Brian Kelly

or contact Wendy Duran at 860-525-5437, ext. 17, or via email at wduran@bbsnutmeg.org. Nutmeg Big Brothers Big Sisters is an affiliate of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America. Its mission is to improve the lives of disadvantaged children and enable them to become

responsible individuals by creating one-to-one relationships between them and caring adult volunteers. Headquartered in Hartford, Nutmeg has regional offices in Middletown and Waterbury and offers services to more than 2,000 youngsters throughout the state.

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MCC News

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become the very source of some of its criticism.

Although Woodson initiated the celebration, by the time of his death in 1950 he had begun to criticize Negro History Week groups and celebrations for what he called shallow and inaccurate presentations that failed to advance the public knowledge of African American life and history. According to Wikipedia, other critics of the celebration are the socio-political religious organization The Nation of Islam, as well as public figures such as actor Morgan Freeman, who say that relegating the celebration of black history to one month per year undermines the contention that black history *is* American history.

Indeed, Woodson himself hoped for the day when African American history would become fully integrated with American history and there would be no need for Black History Month.

But has the country reached that point yet? Many supporters of Black History Month say no.

Student Senators Work Through Challenges to Accomplish Goals

By Jason Cunningham and Benjamin Davis
Live Wire Staff Writers

Who provides a voice for students at Manchester Community College? Who made the game room in the Lowe building as nice as it is? Who is helping with the cost of the Pay for Printing program? Who is making the MCC of today a better school of tomorrow?

The members of the Student Senate have accomplished all of this and more. Although every student at MCC is a member of the Student Senate, there are a few elected officers who receive a small stipend to act as the voice of the student body. The executive board for the 2007-2008 school year includes President Narjis Xiong, Vice President Anthony Goiangos, Secretary Lizzy Ponchak, Treasurer Aaron Dowden and Executive Senator #1 Omar Khan.

"I love the Student Senate and Narjis. She is the one who got me involved in student activities," said Holly Mann, president of the Outdoor Club.

In addition to getting students like Mann involved in extracurricular activities, Xiong said the Senators are also concerned with making college facilities more convenient for students.

"As a team the Student Senate has accomplished many goals by working together with faculty, staff, and students to be as successful as we are this year," she said.

Just last semester, members of the Senate

worked with the administrators of the library to extend its hours during the final exam period. Xiong said she Senators plan to make the same arrangement this semester.

Senators are also finalizing a plan that will allow students to get discounts at several local restaurants - between 10 and 15 percent off - when students show their MCC Student I.D., said Ponchak.

The Senate operates with money it is allocated by the administration, part of which comes from the Student Activity Fee that each student pays. Earlier this month, Senate members voted to use \$1,000 of its budget to purchase cards used in the college's new pay for printing program. The free cards have been given out to students in the library on a first-come, first-served basis.

Holding events where students can relax and socialize is also a Senate priority, said Xiong. Last semester saw the start of Open Mic Nights where students can share their music and poetry.

The work of the Senate has won them the praise of many on campus.

"They're doing a great job. The open mic nights are awesome, and because of them clubs are growing," said Jeanine DeRusha, an assistant professor of English. "It's hard to motivate busy students, but the Student Senate is still able to get people involved in on campus activities."

Goals for this semester include installing flat screen televisions around campus to broadcast

emergency messages and establishing a coffee social hour, where food and beverages will be served. While there, students will be encouraged to ask questions, give suggestions, and bring up any concerns they have about MCC. This program, which will be planned in conjunction with the Student Life Committee, may happen in March or April.

Many students respect the work of the Senators.

"They do a lot of great work that's overlooked by most students, it all seems pretty under the radar," said Tom Nugent, a communications major. "It's unfortunate because they've done nothing but improve this school in every way they can. They're an impressive bunch of kids."

Despite the challenges of carrying a full load of classes, holding office hours and planning and running events, the Senators say they are committed to their work.

"To be a leader takes ambition to make changes to your surroundings, it just doesn't take one day, it takes many," said Ponchak, "with the secret of success being in patience and preparing good work today for tomorrow's students."

Currently the Student Senate Executive Board has open positions, including Executive Senator #2 and Social Vice President. If you are interested in one of these positions contact Narjis Xiong at ma-sga-president@mcc.comnet.edu or call her at (860) 512-3292.

MCC Summer Job Fair



Wednesday
March 26, 2008
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
AST Building

At this annual event, recruiters from local businesses will be on campus promoting a variety of both full and part-time short term and/or seasonal positions. Recruiters from Summer Camps and Resorts in and around CT will also be here promoting summer employment opportunities in the areas of camp counseling, recreation, hospitality and food services.



For more information about the MCC Summer Job Fair, please call Julie Greene, Sr. Assoc. Director of MCC Career Services at (860) 512-3374, or stop by Career Services in Lowe 177, opposite the bookstore.



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Great Path Academy

Great Path Goes Skating

By Kara Somers-McKeever
Live Wire Staff Writer

It was a day of fun, falling and laughter Dec. 20, when the faculty, staff and students of Great Path Academy went ice skating at Veterans Memorial Ice Skating Rink in West Hartford.

The start to the day was delayed by a mix-up, but attendees made the most of it, playing games in the arcade or just sitting and talking while Principal Thomas Danehy worked out the delay.

Teachers Alan Pauluck and Mary Caplan helped to organize the food and pass out the drinks, and we all sat down and ate. Then a short while later we were allowed on the skating rink. That's where the real fun began, and the surprises. Many teachers and students really knew what they were doing. Mike Sirios, the history teacher was a pro, most likely because he plays hockey. Paul Muska, GPA's guidance counselor, was very graceful on the ice. But let's not forget the females, like science teacher Mary Ann Brady, who was skating like a gold medalist, and some of the GPA students were just as good.

The other teachers, who had

enough sense to stay on solid ground, chatted at the tables in the café. Some students, like your writer, were about as steady as a building during an earthquake, and for the few minutes I was on the ice I stayed firmly either glued to the side of the rink, or on someone else's arm. (Sorry Kayla!).

For the more talented ice skaters, there was even a conga line. Others skated in groups or pairs. Even the best skaters lost their balance at least once, and it made for some funny moments.

All in all it was a great experience, and a great way to end the year for students and teachers alike. This is the second time GPA has gone ice skating and it has now become a GPA tradition. As a senior, I had a blast and really cherished this chance to see my teachers out of their element. Seeing everyone laid back and laughing was so great.

Though I can most certainly guarantee that I won't be skating anytime soon, it was day for me that won't soon be forgotten. Many students learned how fun the ice can be, even if you can't skate, as long as you're with friends.

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GPA train on the ice rink



Carlese Welcome barely keeps her balance!



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Arts and Entertainment



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She Said

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Are men afraid of Buicks?

Yes, men are horrified of Buicks; the Buick is most likely the most intimidating of man's fears. It all started back at the dawn of man's existence. Buicks would hunt down men, eating them whole. Here is an artist's interpretation of what the earliest Buicks looked like:



Courtesy of Google Images

I was with a man for 2 years and then he dumped me. Then 2 months later he calls me and begs for me back, then he dumps me again. This has become a never ending cycle. What is wrong with him?

Since I don't know the specifics of the situation, all I can say is that if he keeps leaving you, he's probably trying to find someone else. He'll explore his options for as long as he can and, if he can't find anything better, he'll just go back to you. This man is basically just using you as a safety net. You should dump him. He's totally worthless to you if you're not his top priority. Find a man who loves you and who's willing to stick around; not some loser who's fickle and confused. Nobody deserves to be tugged around; it's a waste of time. Call this guy and tell him what the great songstress Fergie would: "No, no, no, no, don't punk with my heart!"

Sex! Why is it I can go without it and it doesn't bother me, but my boyfriend makes such a big deal?

Well, if you're sexually active it's only natural for him to want to make love to you. It's a very important aspect of a relationship, for both men and women. It's frustrating for guys to not be able to have sex with their wives or girlfriends. I personally think withholding it from them is unfair. I also, however, believe that if the sex is not entertaining for you, then it's a problem, and should be dealt with. Try watching online or televised tips on cable stations or Web sites, buy a self-help book, or explore yourself and see what does it for you, and try your best to instruct him. It could be difficult at first, but eventually you could both really benefit from it. Sex is a wonderful and beautiful thing for the two of you to share and it should never become a burden for you. If that's the case maybe it's you and not him.

Now on the other hand, if you have yet to have sex, don't feel pressured into it. Just do it when you're ready and willing. Never let a man try to boss you into sleeping with him. It's unfair to you as a woman, and he should respect your wishes.

Are men afraid of Buicks?

Hmm...well... yes... men are afraid of Buicks in a way. Who wouldn't be? The car is pretty much a clunker. It's big, and bold, and probably takes a great deal more effort to park than my own small car. I would say men are more intimidated by Buicks than afraid of them because driving one shows that you are confident and can hold down a ridiculously giant car. Maybe men you know just can't deal with a girl who can handle something of its "size"?

I was with a man for 2 years and then he dumped me. Then 2 months later he calls me and begs for me back, then he dumps me again. This has become a never ending cycle. What is wrong with him?

Sweetheart, where do I even begin? It's not what is wrong with him...it's what's wrong with you. You need to drop this jerk fast. I mean delete his number out of fav five, change your number if you have to and sever all forms of communication between the two of you. Any man, *if you choose to call that scum bag a man*, who compulsively uses you and dumps you, is not worth the time, or the emotional baggage that comes along with his mind games. Stop caving in to his "please I really miss you" and "please take me back" and start standing up for yourself. It's obvious that he has commitment issues and it's even more obvious that you are allowing him to treat you like nothing more than a toy that he can pick up and put down any time he feels like it. And, newsflash, he knows this. He knows you will always take him back when he wants you to, which, while very convenient for him, doesn't work so well for you. So cut the B.S. already and tell that jerk that if you're not worth more than a convenience to him, then he's not worth anymore of your time and that he has wasted enough of it.

Seriously, for all the girls out there who find themselves with a man who can't seem to make up his mind what he wants from you and your relationship, DUMP HIM! Find a real man out there who is willing to actually put forth the effort that comes along with a relationship. And sweetie, real men don't play selfish mind games.

Sex! Why is it that I can go without it and it doesn't bother me, but my boyfriend makes such a big deal?

Not to stomp on the party bandwagon here or anything, but it sounds like your man craves more of the "physical" aspect of your relationship over the "emotional." To a man, sex is, well, a HUGE deal. How else can they prove their manliness? It's what I like to call the "you Jane, me Tarzan" complex. Sex could be the only way he knows how to show you what he feels when his words are otherwise lacking. If you're a guy, and you're reading this, bravo, it's the next best thing you have to Cosmo right now. Now guys, take notes. Try to do something more, well non-sexually oriented. Buy flowers on a random day just because. Surprise your girl with something special, maybe something that reminds you of her, or something she's been hinting at wanting. Girls love gifts. It doesn't matter how much it costs. It really is just the thoughts behind them.

Arts and Entertainment

“Across the Universe” Has Fun with Beatles Tunes

By Tom Nugent
Special to the Live Wire

“Across the Universe,” a movie that was largely ignored by the Academy of Arts and Science, which hands out the Oscars, and the general public, recently arrived on DVD. The film, a musical based on the songs of The Beatles, seems like it could be polarizing, and at times it is.

I watched the film with six people and, of the six, three absolutely adored it and the other three absolutely despised it. After watching the movie multiple times, I fall into the first group.

At first, the concept of the film seems like a recipe for disaster - something as polarizing as a musical movie using something as universally beloved as the music of The Beatles. While there are a few missteps - some of the songs seem like they were shoehorned in, and at two and a half hours long, the film tends to drag a bit - “Across the Universe” is an engaging, funny and, at times, touching experience.

Set in the 1960’s, amid protests against the Vietnam War and the civil rights riots, the film follows a young Englishman named Jude (who is cleverly named after the song “Hey Jude,” and is a native of Liverpool, The Beatles hometown). Leaving his home for America in search of his father, Jude bonds with the draft dodger Max (played by Joe Anderson), falls in love with Lucy (played by Evan Rachel Wood), Max’s activist sister, and lives with Sadie, (played by Dana Fuchs) his Janice Joplin-esque landlord. The songs are all used in very clever and inventive ways, including a somber and subdued version of

“I Want to Hold Your Hand,” performed by Prudence, who is in love with the head cheerleader.

My favorite performance was the rendition of “Let it Be,” which is sung emotionally and powerfully by an amazing church choir. In all seriousness, I was nearly in tears by the end of it.

The cast is phenomenal. British actor Jim Sturgess (Jude) shines in one of his first major American movies. Fuchs is a dead ringer for Janis Joplin, and would someday be excellent in her biopic. The true star of the movie, however, is Wood. The young actress, better known for her work in the disturbing film “Thirteen” and for dating rocker Marilyn Manson, is a force of nature onscreen, and surprisingly has a wonderful voice.

Throughout the movie, there are also some very cool cameos. Musician Joe Cocker, well-known for his gravelly rendition of “I Get By,” leads an excellent version of “Come Together.” U2 leader Bono has a surprising part as Dr. Robert, a hippie author who gives partygoers LSD and sings “I am the Walrus.” Also of note is the amazing handlebar mustache and cowboy hat that Bono rocks. British comedian Eddie Izzard leads a very funny version of “Being for the Benefit of Mr. Kite,” which is what I would imagine an acid trip to be like.

“Across the Universe” is a very fun film.



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Colors Blends the Whole Crayon Box

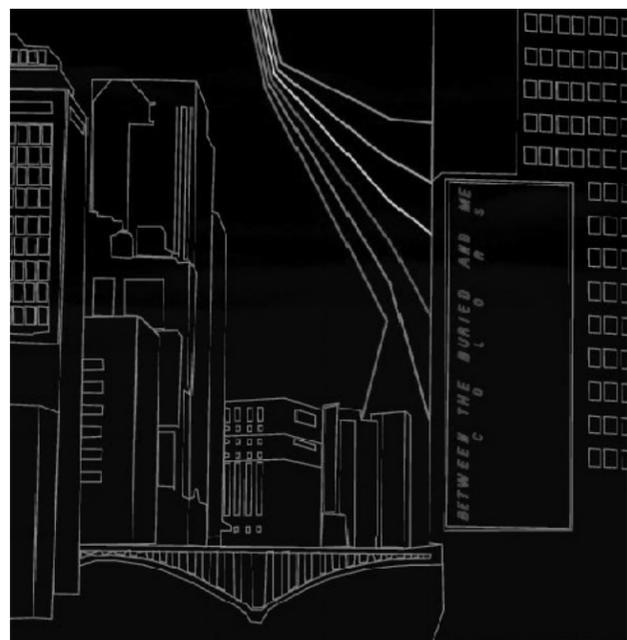
By Jeff Raymond
Live Wire Staff Writer

North Carolina’s Between the Buried and Me’s new project, ironically named “Colors,” doesn’t miss a beat (literally) with its new album. It features colorful, yet brutally technical, jazzy swirls of intense death metal and math rock all mixed into one extremely long song after another.

Colors takes us on a whirlwind of musical influences, all bashed into one giant battle of the bands competition, all playing at the same time. The band picked up right where they left off from their last three releases (*Silent Circus*,

Alaska, and *Anatomy Of*) with their relentless death metal howls and breakneck time changes and have created another dose for us eager listeners.

The album is a noticeable difference in growth for the band and the musicianship between members has created some of the most influential music and utterly confusing pieces of work I have ever listened to. But the album’s quirkiness converts into genius after a couple of listens and leaves you standing and asking



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Between the Buried and Me
Colors
Victory Records

yourself, “what the hell was that?” Between the Buried and Me’s *Colors* will leave you dizzy and begging for more. Two thumbs up for this instant classic.

“Whenever I passed Buddy in the halls, he would say, ‘Hi, young fellow.’ And the older I got, the better it felt! ... he did excellent work over many years. I hope he’s already enjoying retirement to the full; I’ll be joining him in just a few short months.”

-Pres. Jonathan M. Daube



Bye, Bye

By Jason Cu
Live Wire E

Manchester Community College lost a part of its history when worker Wilbur “Buddy” Russell retired after 30 years of service.

Russell was one of the few people still on campus before the two new buildings, the Arts, Science, and Learning Resource Center, were erected.

“My fondest memories of the school were sitting on the bench in the pond on our lunch breaks,” he said. “

Over his time here, Russell, 64, of East Hartford, Conn., was MCC Pres. Jonathan M. Daube.

“He and I would conversate all of the time,” said Daube. Russell. “I also really enjoyed [English professor] Mike DiRaimo. His wife and I were some of the most down to earth people I’ve ever met. Something from Mike. He always had a smile on his face.”

Russell was philosophical while reflecting on his career. “I gave 120 percent and went home tired every day. No matter what, I knew I was giving my best effort.”

He was known as “Buddy” by most of the staff and faculty for his intelligence, and interest in learning.

“The maintenance staff on many [college campuses] are the most delightful, decent, and wonderful people I’ve ever met,” said Mike DiRaimo. “They’re fascinating, hardworking, and deserve our utmost respect. Without them there’d be no school.”

Though Russell is no longer working he plans to go fishing and spend time with his family.

“I’ve enjoyed retirement thus far,” he said. “I’m going to Georgia on a train. I might move down there. I’d like to get a nice 16 foot boat and coast nice.”

The faculty and staff of MCC sent Russell a farewell party in the Jarvis Dining Room. There he received a certificate of appreciation for 30 months of service.

Best wishes to you Buddy, from the Live Wire staff.



Russell prepares to eat his face!

“He was always really friendly, and fun to talk to. He was always smiling, and listening to what you had to say.”
-Rae Strickland, Associate Professor of English.



Buddy!

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Wire and everyone here at MCC.



Russell tries out the rocking chair that the college gave him as a retirement gift.



“Buddy was a mentor, a quiet intellectual giant. I never walked away from him without a smile on my face. I feel lucky to have known such a genuine person.”
-Alfred Carter, Dean of Student Affairs

Editorials

Remembering a Friend Who Gave More than He Took

By Jason Cunningham
Live Wire Editor



I come from a town where people are close. Everyone knows everyone, and everyone knows everything about everyone. It's impossible to go into the Big Y and not see someone you know. My high school class was typical, we all laughed together, we fought with each other, and we survived those four excellent and turbulent years together.

I come from a small part of the world called Stafford Springs, Connecticut, and right now that part of the world is hurting. A devastating blow has hit all of us, especially those of Stafford High School's graduating class of 2006. On a cold night last month we lost Josh Smialek to injuries he suffered in a car accident.

He was one of the nicest kids you could ever meet. He attended classes here at Manchester Community College, and if you ever had the opportunity to have a class with him, you'd see that his presence, intelligence, and humor could brighten up any situation. If you were privileged enough to be one of his friends, you knew that his companionship, kindness, and loyalty were unmatched. Josh touched countless lives, and he will be greatly missed.

"He could always make us laugh, and he himself was always wearing a smile," said John King, a friend of Josh's and also an MCC student.

Josh, 20, of Stafford Springs, was known for his determination to succeed in sports, but beyond that many of his teachers recognized his determination to succeed in the classroom as well. Lois Ryan, a professor at MCC, remembered Josh from her public speaking course.

"Josh often told me how shy he was, and how difficult it was for him to speak in front of the class, but he kept on trying, and he did very well in the course," she said. "I was happy to see him work so hard to overcome his shyness so that he could achieve his goal of passing the class with a good grade. When I attended his funeral, his mother told me how proud Josh was of his final grade."

Josh made the Dean's List last semester and he planned to transfer to Bryant University in Rhode Island, where he was going to major in business.

Beyond academics, Josh was also remembered as the life of the party, bringing smiles and laughter to the faces of all of his friends. Echo Paixao, a longtime friend of Josh's, said he had a wicked sense of humor.

"I think his best quality was his loving humor. He never knew how funny he was," she said. "Sometimes he wouldn't say much, and then all of the sudden he'd tell a joke, and you'd be laughing so hard it would hurt. If he made a joke about you, the zinger was always followed by a hug and a smile, you could never be mad at that boy."

Josh was also known for his athletic abilities. He was captain of his high school basketball team, said Keith Ricci Jr., who called his former teammate and friend "Smiles."

"My fondest memory of Josh was his competitiveness," he said. "I can remember the one and only time I EVER beat...him at anything. It was a spring day in 5th grade and I got off his bus after school and...we decided to play a one-on-one game of basketball. First one to 100 points wins. Four hours later, I beat him 100-96. He was livid; in fact that great smile of his was unseen that afternoon."

The two held a rematch, the next day and Josh beat Ricci by more than 50 points.

"He smiled as if to say, 'I knew you weren't better than me,'" Ricci said. "I have always truly admired his desire and passion for sports and how well he honored the game."

Josh played football with neighborhood kids every Saturday, and never missed a game.

"Just a few weeks ago, he shoveled off the football field for an hour and a half just so we could play on it for an hour or so," said Ricci.

When trying to sum up a life, people search for so many words to use, hoping to encapsulate it perfectly. No matter what words I could use in my description of the mountain that was Josh Smialek, none of them would quite do him justice. So I'll just keep it simple, and use one word to describe the impact Josh's life had on those who knew him: Lucky. We were lucky to know Josh. Each and every person who talked to him, played sports with him, had a class with him, or saw that wonderful smile, was very, very lucky.



What Does it Mean to be "Black"

By Jamar Johnson
Live Wire Staff Writer

Roberto Clemente, Kofi Annan, Ziggy Marley, Denzel Washington and Barack Obama.

If you were to ask the average person what these five randomly selected men have in common, they may conclude that well, they're all famous to varying degrees. Yet more commonly, one would make the obvious physical connection between all five men: they're all "black."

Sure, all of those men do share the similar characteristics of being "black." They all undoubtedly have a significant amount of sub-Saharan ancestry, which is the United States Census' definition of their racial classification. Their skin tones are varying shades of brown. Their hair textures are different variations of thick and tight curls. Their likelihood of hailing a cab in Brooklyn is slim. These things, all those men have in common.

Yet aside from meeting the bare "requirements" of being a "black" man, those five aforementioned fellows have very little in common ethnically, culturally and even biologically. In fact, it could be argued that calling all of these men "black" is not only generic and overly broad, but misleading.

You see, late baseball Hall-of-Famer Clemente was of Puerto Rican ancestry; Annan, former Secretary-General of the United Nations, is from Ghana, in West Africa; Marley, son of Bob (who himself had a Caucasian father) is a proud Jamaican; Washington, the Hollywood maverick himself, is as American as apple pie; and Obama, a U.S. Senator representing Illinois and a presidential hopeful, is the "biracial" son of a Caucasian woman from Kansas and an African scholar from Kenya.

To merely write off men of such diverse backgrounds as just merely "black" is ignoring who they truly are. The African diaspora is easily more diverse than that of the European diaspora. While people whose "racial" origins are defined as "white" have strong populations and ties to North America, Europe, Australia and perhaps Latin America, the spread of people of African descent practically spans the entire globe, from the U.S., the West Indies and South America, to Europe, Australia, Africa and even Asia.

It is due time that the culture and origins of people of sub-Saharan African ancestry all around the globe be acknowledged and celebrated. Although a Nigerian cabdriver, a Belizean Creole, and a Rastafarian mystic all have similar genes, they are all as different as night and day. Because despite the looks of things, "black" isn't just black.

Editorials

An open letter to MCC students:

A new semester has just begun at MCC and I can't help but notice how vibrant our campus has been these last few months.

Construction on our new middle college high school is in full swing and that has added a great deal of activity to an already busy place. Other events on campus add to the atmosphere that makes this a very exciting place. Every week different activities are held on campus that appeal to diverse groups and interest a wide array of people. Ever increasing enrollments mean more and more students on campus, and the college is humming with search committees and other hiring activities that bring additional staff and faculty to our college. Parking woes aside, we should be gratified to know that all of these are indicators that MCC must be a good place to work and study!

The vibrancy of our college cannot be ignored and it made me consider how fortunate we all are to be here. I think there is a certain irony about feeling so positive about working at the best community college in one of the best state higher education systems while recognizing that there is still a negative perception of a community college education. As I reflected on that irony, I wanted to write an open letter to all the students who have decided to enroll here. My message is the following: be very proud of the decision you made to attend a community college. Not only are you receiving a quality education at an incredibly affordable price, you are part of the MCC legacy. That means if you do your part to make this a better place, others who follow you will inherit an even better institution after you leave.

My daughter recently graduated from high school and a group of her friends was gathered in my kitchen one May afternoon talking about their future plans. I asked each of them where they were headed to college and each of them told me the school they had chosen. When her turn came, one friend replied "Oh, I'm just going to MCC." Well, of course I couldn't let that comment pass without going into full-out "MCC ambassador mode"!

I pointed out the many wonderful things about MCC and assured her that she had made a fine choice that she probably would not regret. The truth is that MCC is very lucky to have this person attending because she is a great kid and a good student, but she is also lucky to be here! The sooner our students get over the mentality of "just" attending community college and proudly claim MCC as their chosen (not default) school, the closer we will move towards erasing the negative perception of a community college education. As I see it, doing well here and then transferring to a four year school means that you have saved tens of thousands of dollars and will still receive the same diploma engraved with the name of your transfer school at the end of four years. That's nothing to be ashamed of – in fact, I say congratulate yourself. That's brilliant!

I am a graduate of a community college. When I think about the rest of my education that followed at two other universities as I obtained a bachelor's and then a master's degree, I truly have the fondest memories of my teachers and classes at that two year college. Those are the professors and courses I remember the most vividly. While there, I admit I felt like perhaps some of you do - that my school was not one to be proud of or brag about. Now I can honestly say I'm sorry I felt that way. If I had it to do all over, I would have embraced my two year alma mater and been proud to call it my own while I was there.

Fortunately, I did work hard and did well there because my career in education began from a connection I made with an accounting professor at my two year college. I kept in touch with him and years later, after I had obtained my master's degree, he asked me to come back to teach an introductory accounting class. I can say without a doubt, the high point of my professional career was the first time I stood as an adjunct professor in front of the very same room in which I had sat as a student six years earlier. I still get a thrill when I think of how I felt that day. I'll never forget it. How different my professional life may have been had I not made the decision to go to that community college.

In closing, I would like to tell everyone that if you have decided for whatever reason to attend a community college, make the best of it. Join a club, try out to play a sport and above all make a connection with the faculty and staff. One of the very best things about attending a small college is that you have the opportunity to be a star. Go for it...you never know where it will take you!

Georgia Buckles is associate professor of Accounting and Finance and chair of the Accounting, Business and Paralegal Department at Manchester Community College.

Smoking Policy Needs Enforcement or Change

By Joe Marandino
Live Wire Staff Writer

The Manchester Community College smoking policy states: "MCC is a smoke-free campus. Smoking is prohibited inside all campus buildings and in the areas immediately surrounding them and among them. Smoking is permitted in areas away from the buildings, in the parking lots exclusively. Appropriate containers for disposing of smoking materials are provided in the parking lots and students and visitors are expected to use them at all times."

Despite this clear policy, the smoking on campus has gotten out of control. Many people smoke right next to the entrance doors on campus and it is totally unfair for the non-smoking students, staff and faculty to be exposed to secondhand smoke while entering and exiting the campus buildings.

Frequently, some smokers blow their smoke in the building doorways after discarding their cigarette and entering the building. Most of the time cigarette smoke flows into the entrance doorways because people are smoking directly outside the doorways. During inclement weather, many smokers stand right outside of the doorways and smoke. This is especially prevalent by the entrance near the library with the electronic chimes surrounding it, and by the entrance to the Lowe building right by the cafeteria.

It's bad enough that some smokers think they have the right to smoke wherever they please, but it is even worse that these same smokers feel they have the right to throw their cigarette butts, cigarette pack cellophane wrappers and cigarette packs on the lawns, sidewalks, and in the landscape beds. That is just total ignorance and laziness at its finest.

Next time you walk around outside, take notice of the immense amount of cigarette butts and cigarette-related garbage that keeps accumulating everywhere on campus in the areas where smoking isn't permitted in the first place.

Some students, staff and faculty have health issues like asthma, chronic bronchitis, severe allergies and other conditions that are affected by secondhand smoke. Athletes and health conscious individuals take an

enormous amount of time, pride and effort to maintain good health and should not have to be forcefully subjected to secondhand smoke. The non-smokers have every right to complain about this situation because it is a major health issue and the MCC campus policy clearly states where smokers are permitted and prohibited to smoke. If secondhand smoke wasn't such an enormous health hazard, then why isn't smoking permitted in the campus buildings?

Unfortunately, the MCC campus police are understaffed and have so much to take care of as it is, so they are not to blame when it comes to not being able to enforce the smoking policy 100 percent all of the time. But I feel there needs to be a stricter policy and penalty implemented in an effort to stop this out of control situation. A policy of one warning for the first offense and then a fine of \$10-\$20 for each offense after that would be a justifiable and effective deterrent.

This would be a great way to take care of the problem and at the same time raise money for the college or charity. Whether the college administration enacts fines or finds some other way to improve things, MCC should address this serious health issue.



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Sports

Limited Budget Equals Limited Sports

By Stephen Lemaire
Special to the Live Wire

Manchester Community College has a strong athletics program despite the fact it has to operate on a limited budget. Funding for athletics comes from a variety of places; however, it is just enough to keep the program going.

MCC offers men's and women's soccer, men's baseball, and women's basketball.

Although this doesn't seem like much, what they have is a lot more than most of the community colleges in the state.

"No other community college has as many athletics as we do," said Cynthia Washburne, the director of Athletics and Fitness.

The majority of funding for athletics comes from the college's

general operating fund, said Washburne. Some money also comes from tax dollars and a portion of tuition.

"Proceeds from the colleges annual 'An Evening of Fine Wines' fundraiser go to equipment purchases," said Washburne. "Athletics receives 10 percent of the average \$100,000 this fundraiser generates."

The college used to offer men's basketball and women's softball, but due to a lack in funding, these teams had to be cut. However, said she Washburne plans to bring back these teams along with a women's volleyball team in the near future.



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Health

Gardasil: Can you really be "One Less?"

By Rachel Freeman
Live Wire Staff Writer

There has been a lot of talk about, Gardasil, the Cervical Cancer/ Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine, since it was approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration for females, ages 9-26, in June of 2006.

According to Gardasil's Web site, the vaccine protects against four of the most common strains of HPV: types 16 and 18, which cause 70 percent of cervical cancer cases, and types 6 and 11, which cause 90 percent of genital warts cases. The vaccine comes at a critical time. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has estimated that approximately 20 million people in the United States are already infected with some form of HPV, and 6.2 million people are infected each year. It is becoming a silent epidemic.

In most cases the virus clears out by itself. But if it does not, it

has the possibility to develop into genital warts. These strains of HPV can affect both men and women. More severely, it can develop into cervical cancer in women due to the environmental conditions within the cervix. Many people who have HPV are not conscious of the virus because many times there are no visual effects. This is why it is being transmitted at such an alarming rate. Furthermore, you do not have to engage in sexual intercourse to contract HPV. Any form of genital contact is equally as dangerous.

Women who have had a strain of HPV can still be vaccinated to protect against future forms of the virus. It is important to note that Gardasil does not protect against other sexually transmitted diseases or all forms of HPV.

"When women decide to get the injection, it is not the end-all," said Tracy Decker, center coordinator of the Manchester branch of Planned Parenthood. "There are still many other strains out there. Make sure to always protect yourself."

The vaccine is administered as a series of three injections with the same dosage over a 6 month period. The first dose is given when you make an appointment with your physician, the second is injected 2 months after the first dose, and the last comes 6 months after the first injection. All three injections need to be given for the vaccine to be fully effective.

The most common side effects of Gardasil are redness, itching, swelling, bruising, and pain at the injection site. Some also experience a fever after receiving the vaccine. In extreme cases, asthmatic problems, vomiting, and inflammatory issues were reported. According to officials at Planned Parenthood's Manchester office, where most of the vaccine's recipients are between the ages of 18 and 26, irritation at the injection site was the most common side effect.

As it has for other new medications, the Internet has become a popular place for users to talk about their experiences with the drug. On www.webmd.com, consumers rate the vaccine and post comments. Many rate Gardasil's effectiveness at a 5 on a 1-5 scale. These same people gave a rating between 2 and 4 regarding their satisfaction. Many posters say problems with



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the vaccine occurred after the third injection, including a rash, headaches, and fatigue.

Despite the side effects, Decker said she believes "the benefits are typically outweighing the risks."

Whether or not to use Gardasil is a decision that each woman will have to make for herself and her children, but is this decision in jeopardy? In light of the vaccine's projected effectiveness, Merck, the company producing Gardasil, has set out to lobby states to mandate it. This raises some concerns because of a lack of information.

It is unclear exactly how long the vaccine will protect women since there have not been any published studies measuring its long-term effectiveness. This is a critical issue. The CDC reports

that in 2003, the median age of women with cervical cancer was 47. Without knowing the length of the vaccine's protection, we cannot be positive that giving it to women in the approved age bracket will ensure their safety from cervical cancer due to HPV in the future.

Despite the lack of information, on Feb. 2, 2007, the governor of Texas, Rick Perry, passed Executive Order RP 65, which states that all girls must be vaccinated with Gardasil prior to entering the sixth grade. But so far, Texas is the only state to mandate a vaccine.

There are many issues that need to be addressed when deciding whether or not to be vaccinated with Gardasil. For now, it is up to the individual, but that may not be the case for long. Use this choice wisely and stay informed.

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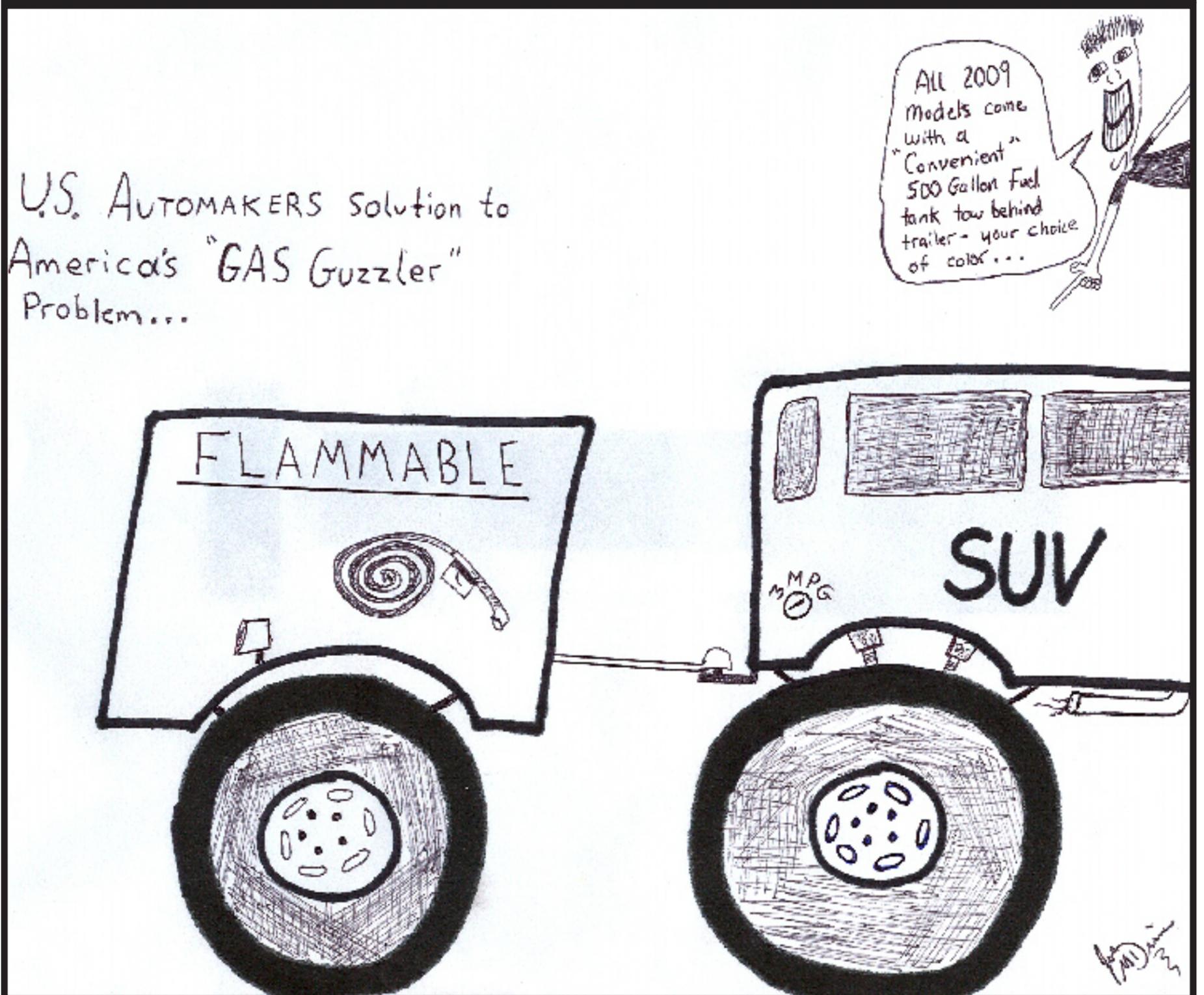
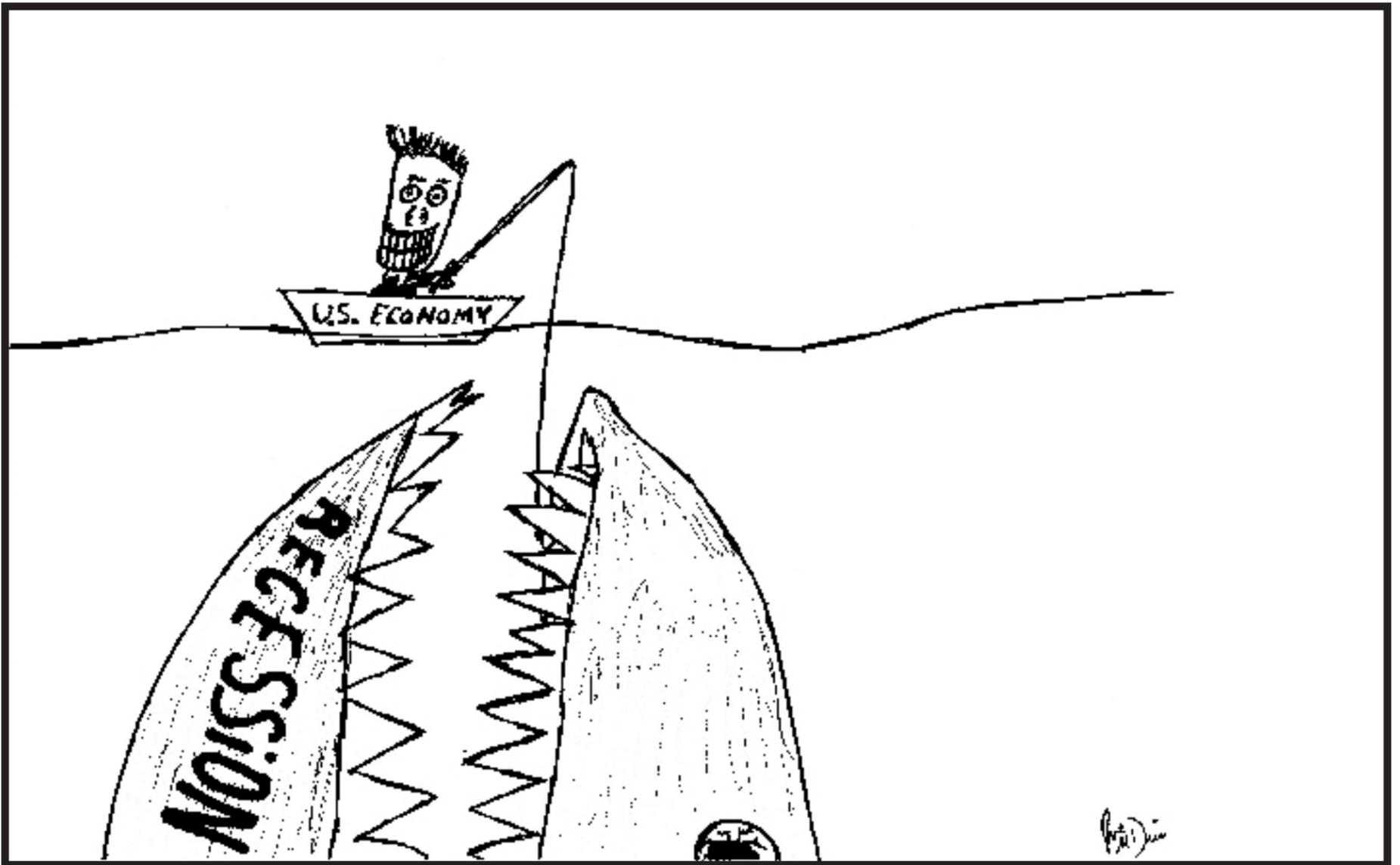
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WORD on campus

What are some improvements you would like to see the new president make at MCC?



Jonathan Albizu
Liberal Arts

"They should add more athletic teams, like adding a men's basketball team. The school would be a lot better, and more people would probably want to come here."



Krista Janzura
Liberal Arts and Sciences
Pre Med

"The Lowe building needs improvement. It is really ugly compared to the niceness of the Tower. But the school offers a really nice program. I came here because of all the options available."



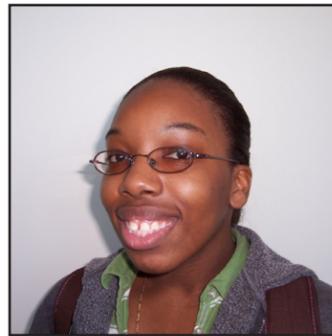
Brian Sward
Mathematics

"I like the school the way it is. I feel like if you put in hard work and effort, you're going to get a lot out of it. If you're lazy, your grades are going to reflect that. This is the place where a lot of people go to start over, or for opportunities they didn't have elsewhere, so it's what you do from here that matters."



Denise Ocasio
General Studies

"The Registrar's office might need more people. There always seems to be long lines; people don't have all day."



Michelle Ruby
Engineering

"I think it is pretty good, but the Lowe building could use improvement. You can see holes in the ceiling. They should also hurry the construction up, it's causing a lot of problems."



Anastasia Yach
Liberal Arts and Sciences
Pre Med

"It would be nice to have more common areas to serve as quiet places to study. The cafeteria food needs improvement, because it can be pretty bad. But I like the school's programs and the quality of the faculty."

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