Benitz in Running for SGA Top Spot

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**Agora, Delta Take Follies Firsts**

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**Montclairian**


**Suspect Arson In Normal Ave. Railroad Blaze**

Webster Station, Set for MSC Use, Is Destroyed

By Paula MacIntyre
Special to the Montclarion

Arson may be the cause behind the fire that gutted the Normal avenue railroad station early Saturday morning. An investigation into the possible causes of the fire is being conducted by the Montclair Fire Department.

Preliminary investigation has revealed the fire was started outside the west wall of the building, according to Deputy Chief Eugene Johnston who was later interviewed at the scene. “We have not found any natural causes for the fire,” he said.

“ATOP A BED OF CINDERS”: Rests the skeleton of the Normal avenue train station. No natural causes have been found for the destruction of the station, soon to be used by MSC students.

**Jersey Education May Benefit**

**Politico Would Turn Atlantic City Into A Floating Jackpot**

By Robert Watson  Staff Reporter

Atlantic City could become the Las Vegas of the east by 1971 and yield additional funds for education if State Sen. Frank McDermott (R-Union) has his way.

In his resolution, presently before the state legislature, McDermott proposes a legalized gambling center at that shore resort. He estimates a $200-million annual tax jackpot for the state treasury, “a good portion of which could go to education.”

In a recent telephone interview the senator related that “an estimated $2 billion in gambling play could be realized from within a 50-mile radius of Atlantic City.” He based his projections on the $456 million Las Vegas take last year, of which the Nevada estimated nearly 10% in taxes.

McDermott was unable to estimate what portion of the state’s share of the Atlantic City play would be earmarked for education. “Until the resolution is approved and the revenue becomes available no decision will be made concerning its appropriation,” he said.

A public hearing of the proposal will precede voting by the two houses of the legislature. Should the resolution then carry a three-fifths majority in each house, it would be put on a referendum in November as a constitutional amendment.

McDermott estimated that “funds from the gambling center could begin swelling the state treasury as early as 1971. This is provided,” he added, “that the state doesn’t linger on the proposal.”

“Public support for the Atlantic City gambling resolution appears to be 100 to one,” McDermott concluded from unofficial responses he has received. He feels the proposal would receive wide approval on the November ballot.

“How many people,” he asked, “would it take to vote a resolution to help the state’s programs.”

**A Dream That Went Up In Smoke — See Page 3.**

Several nearby residents witnessed the fire. Jay Duke, 563 Upper Mountain Ave., stated that he heard an explosion just prior to seeing the fire. Duke, an amateur photographer, filmed the blaze at its peak.

Altho it had rained heavily the evening before, the building was completely enveloped by flames at the arrival of the fire department, according to Johnston. He said the blaze was visible for miles.

Damage to the station was so severe that MSC security personnel at the site prevented on-lookers from nearing the building. The action of state roofer left standing remained in constant danger of collapsing. The area was later roped off. Erie-Lackawanna officials have arranged to demolish part of the structure still standing.

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CLOSEUP
Frank Cripps: War Weary
By Susan Dominicki
St.01! Government
Association at Montclair State is in danger of being programmed
out of existence, according to Frank Cripps, a senior and social
science representative to SGA for three years. The new governance
system by which each school will have its own dean and legislature
"will divide the present student activities fee according to need,"
Cripps said.
"SGA has three basic in­
terests," he maintained.
"students, faculty,
and admin­
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overall interest
of students is best met by the
system we have now.
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politics politician who campaigned in
Pasaic county for Nixon in 1968 and Farinella for freethinker in 1969, he expressed his
"dis­ap­pointment in the people in SGA who claim to be responsible. They are not in the mood to just
"fight a battle. Sometimes you must reach a stage when you stop
"fighting and you just stop.

This native of Atlantic Highlands believes "there is a need to dissolve the SGA for honest politicians." He feels a
"syndrome of despair is blanketing the country and "people are convinced that there is nothing they can do to change it. The Mafia is an
able to survive because many people are either afraid or they don't care."

Cripps plans to travel down South after graduation, visiting his relatives in North Carolina and Florida. He also anticipates
traveling through the country, "People get blinded by the media," he explained. "In order to reach a stage when you stop
fighting and you just stop.

The author of the weekly MONTCLAIRON column named "Woitight," Cripps is in­
terested in bringing conservatism to local government. There is a need to restore the balance between local, state and federal government," he stated.
"in men in local and state government who have got to see the initiative."

Besides politics, the legislator enjoys classical music, especially Wagner and country and western, especially Buck Owens. He has
written numerous short stories and a novel which has been submitted to a publisher.

MONTCLAIRON COLUMN
Cripps may well be the end of the new law school on the horizon.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25
OPERA EXCELSIUS RECITAL. Newark State College.
Graduate Exhibitions. Montclair State College, Sprague library foyer. (thru May 9).
West Orange, (thru April 26).
PETER S. FISK, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Hackensack, Edward Williams College, 150 Kotte Pl. (thru March).
Sculpture and Abstract Watercolors, by James Ruban. Paterson State College, Sprague library foyer. (thru April 26).
Contemporary New Jersey Masters. Drawing, oils, watercolors, Bloomingdale Public Library, mezzanine gallery, 90 Broad St. (thru March).
New Jersey Contemporary Artists. 5 Washington St. Weekdays 9:30-9:30 p.m. Sat. 9:30-5:30 p.m. (thru April 12).
MIXED MEDIA SERVICE. First Presbyterian Church, Cherry Hill, 8 p.m. (thru March).
MONTCLAIRON COLUMN
A calendar of events and places in the metropolitan area.

Thursday, March 26.
ART FROM NEW JERSEY-1970. Fifth annual competition open to all artists of 18 or over living or working in state. Drawings, paintings, prints, sculpture. New Jersey State Museum, West State St. Sat. 10:30-5 p.m. Sun. 2-5:30 p.m. (thru April 12).
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A diary of student and faculty news notes.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27
MIXED MEDIA SERVICE. First Presbyterian Church, Rutherford, 8 p.m. (thru March).
SATURDAY, MARCH 28
CONCERT. Orchestra Sinfonia di Como. Queens College, Golden center, New York. Tickets $4, $3.50, $3.80 p.m. (thru April 26).
Claim Threat to SGA’s Existence
Legislators Fear Power-Play by Schools

By Robert Watson
Staff Reporter

An alleged threat to the continued existence of MSC’s Student Government Association (SGA) and charges of apathetic representation highlighted the heated March 17 session of the SGA Legislature.

Acting class of ’70 rep Frank Cripps, author of a bill strengthening SGA control over donations to its member subdivisions, defended the bill against heavy legislative opposition. “It appears that the (newly-created) various schools are chopping away at the subdivisions of the SGA,” Cripps warned. “This bill would remove the opportunity for class-one organizations to be controlled, thru contributions, by the schools or other sources outside the SGA.”

Following its later rejection, English department rep Timothy Fanning, cosponsor of the bill, denounced representatives at the meeting. “There are a number of apathetic representatives to this body who don’t know or don’t care what is happening here,” Fanning charged. “They are merely attending a Tuesday afternoon picnic and do little more than try to get their name on record occasionally.”

The controversial bill would require all direct donations to class-one organizations (such as Players or the Music Organization commission) to be deposited in the SGA unappropriated surplus account. The donations earmark the contribution for a particular organization, but appropriating of the money would be at SGA discretion.

The bill further provided that another class one organization could receive up to 20% of the donated money under emergency provisions. SGA President Kenneth Traynor emphasized the “emergency” stipulation of this clause, but an unidentified representative suggested “the SGA has too much opportunity for ‘emergency.’”

One-third of the representatives chose sides; the rest sat back. Almost half of the voting body was absent from the meeting. Within 30 minutes of its introduction there were three motions for the bill’s amendment, a withdrawal by its sponsors, a resubmission in its amended form and SGA’s minority vote favoring the revised edition.

Opposition to the bill was directed at paragraph 4 which permitted the SGA to make emergency appropriations from the donated money to any class one organizations. Physics-earth science rep Thomas Hayes, who is also freshman rep, voiced the opposition. “The SGA has no right to channel earmarked money into other organizations,” he argued.

A motion to strike that clause from the bill was made by class of ‘71 rep Sharon Wachoski and carried by a 14 to 5 vote. Cripps then withdrew the bill stating that in its amended form “it has no teeth.” He restated his concern for the future role of the SGA. “Pratt wants to see the SGA broken up,” Cripps said. He suggested that the administration’s proposal for a collegewide senate is a step in that direction. (Dr. Samuel Pratt is MSC resident planner for academic affairs and has been instrumental in reorganizing the college into individual schools.)

Following its withdrawal, math department rep Julius Wargacki read sections 1 and 2 of the paragraph four. He said he felt the SGA wouldn’t want to see the SGA broken up,” Cripps said. He suggested that the administration’s proposal for a collegewide senate is a step in that direction. (Dr. Samuel Pratt is MSC resident planner for academic affairs and has been instrumental in reorganizing the college into individual schools.)

To Watson, Blaze Didn’t Make SENSE

“‘It’s like when you’re a three-year-old and you’re building skyscrapers and they fall down.’”

That’s how R. Scott Watson, senior speech major and head of the “Students for the Establishment of a New Student Senate” (SENSE) described his disappointment at the Saturday morning burning of the normal avenue railroad station.

“It was a good idea while it lasted,” lamented Watson, who had hoped to remodel the station

So you’re taking your vacation without me?
WELL — drop me a postcard.

My address is “Letters to the Editor” Montclairon, Life Hall. Have fun.
**Appeals Board Overturns Ruling by Dorm Director**

Russell Layne Gets OK to Stay in Webster

By Sharon Wanchko
Staff Reporter

Russell Layne, junior speech major, was dismissed from Webster Hall two weeks ago for having a female in his room on a weekday afternoon. As a result of an appeal made by Layne to MSC President Thomas H. Richardson, an appeals board met to hear the case and reversed the decision.

"I wanted to test the law democratically," stated Layne. "By breaking the rule and having the administration challenge it was the only way to get the rule changed quickly."

The board deliberated behind closed doors for over 30 minutes, during which time two votes were taken. The first, to consider whether to uphold the dismissal decision by Richard director of mens' housing, was defeated. A resolution to place Layne on probation in the residence hall for the remainder of the fall was passed unanimously. Any infractions incurred by Layne will lead to immediate expulsion.

Randall Richards, Webster Hall resident director, had no comment on the outcome. Taubald was in agreement with the decision. "I feel he acted fairly and objectively," said Taubald. "The board handled the appeal very well."

Layne stated that he knew he could be caught. "By putting myself in jeopardy," he remarked, "I wanted to test the law democratically."

Layne was one of the originators of the initial visitation policy in the mens' dorms. The results of a recent survey taken by the Webster Hall dorm council indicated that the majority of residents were in favor of extending the visitation policy to 24 hours, seven days per week.

During the meeting, it was pointed out by John Diamant, Webster Hall resident assistant, that Layne's case was symbolic. "In dismissing Layne," said Diamant, "the administration is really rejecting the wishes of the dorm residents."

Layne's violation was reported by a janitor to Richards. Richards then reported the situation to Taubald, who stated:

"I had no recourse but to dismiss Layne from the dorm with a two-week notice. He had violated a rule of the dorm handbook."

However, there were conflicting views as to what Richards said when he confronted Layne with the violation. Morey Antebi, Layne's roommate, attempted to retrieve Layne's case for the appeal. Richards denied this allegation.

In reply to a question on the extension of the visitation policy, Taubald stated that a limitation is needed. "There are many sides," he observed. "The dorm residents range from the very immature to the very mature."

Layne said he was very appreciative of Richardson's concern in this matter. "If it weren't for him," he stated, "the appeal may not have been handled.

**Eco Prof Marcotulli May Face Dismissal**

By Robert Watson
Staff Reporter

Mr. Richard J. Marcotulli, assistant professor of economics, may not be rehired at the end of this academic year.

Marcotulli, a non-tenure teacher who has taught at Montclair State for two years, is being dismissed for not continuing graduate study, according to Marcotulli. However, he knows other non-tenure instructors who also were not pursuing graduate courses, Marcotulli feels that there may be other reasons for his rejection.

He lists some of these as his age, 24, a sex conflict with his department chairman, Dr. Gladys Ellenbogen; a different economic philosophy than his department chairman; and most probably, a different political philosophy than his department chairman.

Dr. Ellenbogen had no comment on Marcotulli's alleged dismissal other than that "Montclair State College has criteria for faculty reappointment. These criteria have been observed by the department of Economics."

Marcotulli, currently on leave from a four-year doctorate program at Yale University, said that he submitted his resignation as a matter of procedure, giving his lack of compliance with the administrative policy of not pursuing graduate study as his reason. At that time, said Marcotulli, he was advised by Dr. Ellenbogen that chances were 95% in favor of his rehiring.

In February 1970, said Marcotulli, Dr. Ellenbogen told him that his "chances of being rehired were remote." Marcotulli then withdrew his resignation. During December and February, the Faculty Council had unanimously decided to attempt a policy change, placing teaching competence higher than work for a doctorate as grounds for rehiring.

Two weeks ago, Marcotulli had a meeting with Dr. Samson McDowell, acting vice-president for academic affairs, and was told his chances of being rehired were remote. He submitted his resignation.

**Conference with Candidates**

An open press conference with SGA presidential candidates Dennis Popeson and Thomas Benitz will be held in the Montclairian office at noon, Thurs., April 9. At that time, Montclairian reporters will question the two major candidates about their campaign platforms. If you are interested in participating in the press conference, our office is on the second floor, Life Hall.

**Eco Prof Marcotulli Holds MA From Yale**

The economic background of Richard J. Marcotulli, assistant professor of economics, currently in danger of not being rehired, is as follows:

BA in economics, from Oberlin College, where he graduated summa cum laude and sixth in his class of 456. MA from Yale University in political economics. Currently enrolled in PhD program at Yale, on leave to teach at Montclair State. He is attending Yale on a fellowship, but has received numerous other scholarship offers, including one from Harvard University.

He received the "Outstanding Young Economist" award from the Wall Street Journal. He also has had a graduate paper dealing with "the standards for guiding monetary policy" presented to the U.S. Joint Economic Committe as relevant to their study.

**Montclairian Classified Information**

By Maurice J. Moran Jr.
Managing Editor

He'll Present His 'Case' on MSU Earth Day

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The surrounding communities would also like to be involved in this heightened interest in ecology. One of the first moves is being made by the Distinctive Shops of Upper Montclair, Mrs. Robert Kapp of the Book Corner, Upper Montclair plaza, has announced the formation of a "conservation department" of books and a window display of books available in environmental education.

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‘Expect Unexpected’ On the Experiment

American Students Live as Natives Abroad

By Sharon Wando
Student Reporter

"Expect the unexpected," John Burke, senior business major and chairman of this year's Experiment in International Living, warned the 41 newly-chosen ambassadors from MSC. They will be participating in the program this summer.

The Experiment gives American students the opportunity to live as a native in the country of their choice. For a period of six weeks the ambassadors function as a member of a family - they are not just tourists.

Burke knew what he is saying when he warns all new ambassadors to "expect the unexpected," which is also the motto of the Experiment. Last summer, Burke went to Italy on the Experiment. Things started to happen before he even left the United States.

"We were supposed to leave at noon on a chartered jet," John began, sarcasm touching his voice. But, as everyone knows, planes do not always stick to a schedule. "The plane didn't come until 2 a.m.,” he continued. "It was a different plane because the first plane crash-landed on the way to pick us up."

One of the most frightening things that John remembers was the first day in Italy — "We had to stay in a monastery the first night," he recalled, "because no families had been assigned to us." The next day John was dropped off at his family's home. "I was just left there," he said. "There were no introductions, nothing, I had to do it all!"

Those who wish to participate in the Experiment apply thru the Experiment's headquarters. Three recommendations, a "Dear Family" letter, and recommendations from the chairman at the school they attend are required. Students are chosen on the basis of the requirements mentioned above and their ability to adjust to new situations.

The Experiment in International Living is open to every high school and college in the United States. It also brings American students to live with families in countries from other countries.

Is the End Worth The Means?

By Cyndi Lepre
Staff Reporter

"When a guy decides to pledge a fraternity he knows what type of pledging they have," the young man from Psi Chi smiled, "then he must decide if the end is worth the means."

Altho the pledging system is often criticized, both brothers and pledges alike agree that strict pledging makes a strong brotherhood.

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I wasn't too happy about getting hit, but I was glad to see him stand up to me." "Then," Reeves said, "I knew he was the kind of guy I wanted for a brother."

Greg Doucette, a brother of Omega Chi and SGA vice-president, feels that there is some amount of status involved in bullying pledges.

"There was one guy in the frat," Doucette explained, "who told all the pledges to come to clean his apartment at 8 p.m. and expect to stay til midnight. Later he called up each pledge and told him to bring his textbooks, so they could have a whole night to study. Study time is a rare and valuable thing during pledging."

"Still," Doucette explained, "the next day all the brothers looked up to this guy thinking he was so tough."

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Bulay — Lomeo Photos.

OBSERVING THE ORANGES: Two American students watch Israeli orange-pickers.

IN A LITTLE STRAW HUT: In Tanzania, native life is observed by interested American students.
Barbara Fischer: Opinion Left

Draft Board Won't Explain Law

Minireview

"Blueprint for Counter Education" with curriculum - three wall decorations

Viewpoints

By Richard Blanchard

Reportage: He Won't Be At Graduation

By Mary Bredeemeier

Clarify Position on Faculty Evaluations

Rebuttal

Montclair

A Sad Story
The story of the Normal avenue railroad station is a sad one. The ambition and idealism of a few key people aiming to mold a center for education should take place out of thin air.

The information we received from a general surveillance of the train station site indicates that the blaze was the work of an arsonist who knew what the goals were of MSC's students. We suspect that a perverted, twisted-minded individual poured gasoline in the old train structure, lit a match and killed the hopes of Scott Watson and his colleagues.

We are in possession of the alleged fuel canister, which was fresh with the odor of gas when it was brought to our offices last Saturday morning. People in the neighborhood, we've discovered, claimed that they heard the sound of an explosion before the blaze. And one college official admitted that it was all too obvious that a fire should take place out of thin air.

Suspicious? Apparently Montclair town officials are lax in trying to uncover what took place in the wee hours of Saturday morning. We call upon Montclair Mayor Matthew Carter and the town's fire department to set up a full-scale investigation into this horrifying situation.

Laxity on the part of municipal officials will only add to the tickety feelings between Montclair and the campus community.

The next edition of the MONTCLARION will be published on Wed., April 8. The deadline for all advertising and news releases is noon, Wed., April 1.

A Progressive Spirit
We're extending our congratulations to Dr. Nathan Weiss, an alumnus of MSC, on becoming president of our sister college, Newark State. Weiss, who played guard for the undefeated Indian football team in 1948 and launched a successful career in the Legislature, is usually found hiding behind a book with Popeson sealing himself behind a deck of cards.

The race started earlier than previous SGA presidential campaigns. Obviously, both men feel uncomfortable facing a student-body who never heard the names of Benitz and Popeson. They want the student to know who they are before they mouth any official policy statement.

NO MORE CANDIDATES
It looks almost certain that no other person will enter the scene to upset the two-way split. We've heard that John Diamant, a left-leaning studious type, has considered joining in, but he's afraid of the political game. Diamant says that he's not built for promising things that can't be delivered.

In a random sampling of SGA legislators, we found Benitz taking an early lead over Popeson. It's too early to get a complete story, but the Diamant-Diablos bloc has indicated support for Benitz. Allegiances, however, shift as fast as rabbits multiply in the Legislature.

WHERE'S TRAYNOR?
Where does outgoing President Kenneth Traynor fit in? He's playing it cool for a while. After a year in the limelight, tho, he's not about to settle down. Traynor, according to a high SGA source, plans to run for the presidency of the near-bankrupt National Student Association in Washington, D.C. The liberal-bent, financially-insureable NSA has been bent with various kinds of turmoil since militant blacks seized control of their El Paso, Tex. powwow last summer. At the time NSA officials pledged to give the blacks $50,000 in reparations.

To the Editor:
The proposed program for an all-college teach-in on environmental pollution on April 22 calls for an all-college examination of what may really be taking place. The examination need not question the sincerity of those who plan to take part in the proposed program. Pollution is a major problem to all mankind and especially to Americans who do the major portion of the world's polluting. Every intelligent person recognizes this and sincerely wishes to reverse the ugly and dangerous process.

There is a need, however, to question the sincerity of the present administration with its all-too-obvious promotion of the teach-in. Is it possible that we are being subjected to a smokescreen of gigantic proportions in order to draw attention and energies away from issues which are far more important today than pollution? Is this all a calculated device to lead college students away from the expanding war in Vietnam and away from the fumbling struggle for civil rights for all Americans?

There is ample evidence to suggest a positive answer to both these questions. Student demands and activities on these higher priority issues have been an embarrassment to an administration which appears determined to remain in Vietnam in spite of phony and highly-publicized "withdrawal" plans. And student action on civil rights has embarrassed an administration more anxious to build poll-favoring fortunes in the South than to build freedom and equality for all Americans.

Is it not revealing that administration spokesmen and the mass media predicted last fall that "antipollution will be the next big concern of the college generation"? Are they really that clairvoyant, or are we being led down a nice safe path where no one will be embarrassed and where nothing really will happen? The technology to control pollution already exists. Is it reasonable for the present administration to adopt the strong measures which alone can force the major polluters to change their ways and use that technology?

Vietnam and civil rights remain the major problems facing America today. The solution to these problems will not be reached thru "benign neglect." The time for action on these problems continues to be now. They require our undivided energies, now. In our priorities we must continue to list Vietnam and civil rights first, followed closely by poverty and pollution. Do not be taken in by the administration-sponsored and sanctioned "Great SmokeScreen of 1970."

Robert Beuchath, Bertrand Boucher, History Department.
(letters was also signed by Charles Mortens, Karen Prag.)

Clariifes Position
To the Editor:
I deplore the high incidence of theft on this campus. In the past two months I have been aware of four such incidents and I am sure there have been many more.

The campus species of homo-sticky-fingers feeds on anything from urban geography books to umbrellas, to brief cases and is a dangerous animal. Eradication of the species' sticky-fingeredness would be mankind. Maybe a "Homo's Sticky Fingers Anonymous Club" could be formed to help lick the sticky finger bit. The species must honestly ask itself why it steals.

In all seriousness, I feel that a great loss of trust of other people will result as long as stealing continues. It's a pity we don't think this country can afford the repercussions of such a loss. We are the future leaders and citizens of this nation and world and therefore we have the responsibility of keeping ourselves honest and sensitive to other people.

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Jersey City - While most students will be taking off for Fort Lauderdale or Bermuda during their spring vacation, a group of Jerseyl City State College (JCCS) students will spend their free time with the poverty-stricken families of Appalachia.

Dr. James Mullen, JCCS president, announced that as part of a new course, "Appalachia Field Study," the 30 students will spend a week during their spring vacation living with the poor families in Mingo County, W. Va., in the heart of the Appalachia poor.

William Dusenbery, JCCS instructor of sociology who originated the idea for the course, said the field study tour is being arranged in cooperation with the Mingo County Economic Opportunity Commission.

"The idea is living with the families in Appalachia is nothing new," Dusenbery noted, "but few outsiders visit the area during the winter or spring. Our group will spend the week of March 19 thru March 26 there."

According to Dusenbery, each of the 30 students on the tour will pay $100, most of which will go to the families with which they'll live. One or two students will be housed with each family.

Dusenberry and Mrs. Phoebe Sade, also a sociology instructor at JCCS, will accompany the tour and serve as chaperons.

Many books and articles have been written about Mingo County and its families. The students live with a typical family, eat at their table, sleep in their beds, get acquainted with the children and listen to tales of Appalachia folklore. They will attend community meetings and observe the poor making decisions concerning the operation of their anti-poverty programs, county issues, etc.

Median family income in Appalachia is $4400 a year and unemployment a burdensome 14%. Of the 38,000 inhabitants of Mingo County, 21,000 are considered to be in poverty.

The 30 students who will make the trip will first attend a series of seminars, which include films, to prepare them for their visitation, according to Dusenberry.

The Hangar

By Linda Monaco
Staff Reporter

The Hangar...
Vietnam and Vaudeville In ‘Follies’

The women of Delta Omicron Pi presented the annual Greek talent exposition last Friday evening to a standing room only Memorial auditorium.

When all was said and done, Agora emerged with top honors in their anti-war production of “The Great American Eagle Tragedy.” First place in sororities was awarded to Delta Theta Pi for “Age Before Beauty.” Second place awards were: (fraternity) Phi Lambda Beta for “Electric Football,” and (sorority) Delta Sigma Chi for “Foot Prince thru my Mirror” or “Searching My Soul for a Heel.”

RETURNS UNHARMED: Kappa Sigma Rho receives third prize for its presentation of “The Wounded American.”


Reading Troubles? The Center May Help

The Reading and Study Skills center of Montclair State College, consisting of room 107, lab 109 and study skills lab 113, all in the basement of College Hall, is equipped to improve reading speed and comprehension of students. The center, to be part of the special instructional area of the School of Education, is in operation under the direction of Miss Maria Shantz.

There are several programs in progress at the reading center, including two academic programs, a reading minor and a masters degree in reading. Besides the academic services offered by the center, there is also an extensive reading improvement program underway that is available to every MSC student.

Starting this month, there will be an open reading improvement session every Friday at 2 p.m. and all students are welcome. For those who are not free at this time or who wish additional help in reading improvement, a special program will be worked out.

Students can receive help in reading either on a tutorial basis or on a do-it-yourself basis. A lab provides all the necessary materials for improvement in reading skills, including rapid reading paperbacks, reading workbooks, college, high school and junior high study skills materials, software, partially programmed demonstration kits and instrumentation such as controlled readers and language masters. Miss Shantz assured that “the only material to be provided by the student is motivation.”

The reading center also runs an adult basic-literacy program, a diagnostic clinic for those over the age of seven, and a treatment clinic for ages 10 to 17.

Money’s the Problem

By Sharon Wancho
Staff Reporter

Money seems to be the major problem in setting up any worthwhile community programs, and the Urban League of Essex county is no exception.

Under the direction of George Whaley, the league has been working with colleges in the area in setting up community programs since last October. “But without more funding, the programs cannot grow,” remarked Whaley in a recent interview.

At Montclair State College, the Urban Institute, a program to assist surrounding communities in attempting to solve social problems, has been working very closely with the league, supplying a work force of interested, energetic students.

The Urban League of Essex county has a professional program for college students and members of the community to learn many fields of endeavor, from medical doctor or dentist to business administration and scientific and medical writing.

There is also a program to train students who, when they graduate, would like to enter a field other than their major area of study.

At the Glenfield School in Montclair a community school has been set up. Educational-tutorial programs and some black studies have been instituted.

North Jersey colleges have been working with the urban regional consortium in special problem communities regarding education.

Out of the Urban League of Essex county have come antipoverty workers, social workers, urban renewal and even a jailorientation program. This last program trains those serving short sentences in various fields.

“The results have been good,” stated Whaley. He went on to say that the number of college students participating is increasing. “The students are a great help,” he remarked. But again there is the problem of money. “Once there is more funding,” he concluded, “the programs can be enlarged and we can have more participation.”
It’s Oscar time again! It’s time for the Midas man to award everyone in the film industry from actors to script girls with huge increases at the box office. Here are our views:

BEST PICTURE
We immediately eliminate: “Hello, Dolly!” starring Dolly Leavy on city sets too clean to be from anywhere but the studio; and Anne of the Thousand Days, starring Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn has lovely scenery, but little else.”

“Z,” a new type of Greek tragedy concerned with recent political problems in Greece, was a slickly made political thriller — a picture the Academy nominated.

Now to Midtown Cowboy — both Dustin Hoffman and Jon Voight are nominated, but our choice is Voight. Hoffman is a good actor, seemed to depend too much on Rizzo’s idiosyncracies than his character. Voight, the avoided the heavy-handedness that his part of the stud could have had. Both did well, but Voight’s performance came off a bit better.

BEST ACTRESS
Quickly eliminated: Jean Simmons in “Happy Ending,” who played the drunk, viciously-bored housewife rather sloppily, and Liza Minnelli in “Star! Cuckoo!!” Miss Minnelli did better than expected in this role (she must have learned from her father) but it’s still not worth the award.

On the good side, Maggie Smith in “The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie” gave a great rendition but didn’t quite equal Zoe Caldwell’s stage version. And Genevieve Bujold played Anne Boleyn (“Anne of the Thousand Days”) with great preciseness and the proper dash of bitchiness.

The runaway favorite, of course, is Jane Fonda (finally she learns to act!) in “They Shoot Horses, Don’t They?” Miss Fonda gives exactly the right amount of despair but still keep-trying attitude that keeps the film moving.

And remember — there’s always theater.

Joffrey offers exciting potpourri of dance
by Neil T. Nicastro
Staff reviewer
NEW YORK — The Joffrey Ballet has settled in the City Center for a six-month opening night program, February 25, begun with its traditional opener “Viva Vivaldi!” This Spanish-tinged work explodes into patterns of fireworks across the stage. The ensemble was impeccable and Luis Fuented’s bravura variations were breathtaking.

John Cranko’s popular English ballet “Pineapple Poll,” for the Sadler Wells in 1951, received its American premiere in a restaging by David Blair of the Royal Ballet. The plot, inspired by Gilbert and Sullivan, concerns a ship’s cook who takes good looks incite the women of the seaport he is docked in to dress as sailors and stow away aboard his ship, the H.M.S. Hot Cross Buns. The humor was impossibly heavy handed as were most of the performances, notably Rebecca Wright’s exaggerated Poll. Only Burton Taylor turned in an elegant and witty performance as the captain. The Joffrey has adopted the admirable policy of reusing works of merit from the past or from other companies. However, “Pineapple Poll” is the award.

WAR EXPLODED
Time has not diluted the impact of Kurt Joos’ anti-war masterpiece “The Green Table,” created in 1931. In eight expressionistic tableaux Joos and the narrator asks and then answers “What are all those people doing thru their meager parts, except for Catherine Burns who spiritually performed as a liberal bishop. John Glessor’s superb lighting and the “rockabiliy” sound of the Holy Modal Rounders provided the only worthwhile entertainment in the entire production.

Operation Sidewinder:
More technicals than talent
NEW YORK — When an audience enjoys the music and lighting of a play more than the acting and direction, you sense that the play has not been a total success. Such is the case with The Repertory Theater of Lincoln Center’s production of Sam Shepard’s “Operation Sidewinder.”

Michael Smith and Jacques Levy, directors of other Shepard plays may write “All Sam’s plays use the stage to project images: they do not relate to the spectator by reflecting outside reality (they are not psychological or political); rather they relate to reality by operating directly on the spectator’s mind and nerves... It’s always hard to tell what, if anything, Sam’s plays are “about” — although they are unmistakenly alive.”

Well, Shepard’s play certainly does something to the spectator’s mind and nerves — it sets the brain to wondering how soon this boring nonsense will end and the nerves either to restlessness or sleep.

Conglomeration of cliches
Shepard’s conglomeration of an American Indian snake myth (“sidewinder” refers to the snake of the Below), a mystical marriage of the lowest centers of earth and man with the Lord), Black Panthers, a hippie, mocks on the military, law and order, political leaders, Las Vegas divorces and other such cliched topics flatly surrounds the contrived tale of an Air Force Laboratory computerized snake.

Most of the cast simply walked thru their meager parts, except for Catherine Burns who spiritually performed as a liberal bishop. John Glessor’s superb lighting and the “rockabilly” sound of the Holy Modal Rounders provided the only worthwhile entertainment in the entire production.

Fellini: the guilt of innocence; Godard: political ‘Sympathy’
by Hal Plain
Staff reviewer
NEW YORK — “Fellini Satyricon,” now being shown at the Montclair, 57th St., between 6th and 7th Ave., is repulsive, hideous and ugly. The film is a wretched, grotesque portrayal of life in late Republican Rome as seen by Federico Fellini. Even an ugly, grotesque film can be intriguing and draw the viewer to it, but “Fellini Satyricon” is 140 minutes of total boredom. The film is co-directed by Federico Fellini and his partner, Federico Zappoli and produced by Alberto Grimaldi.

Fellini’s thesis is that anything seen thru innocent eyes is innocent. He set off to prove this to you by showing you scenes of horror, passion, sex and bestiality, thru the eyes of two bisexual students as they wander in and out of their escapades. Repulsive and gross men and women parade before your eyes and you soon become bored and disinterested.

The cinematography is excellent and the picture is painted in muted browns and greens, with a splash of red blood. It is apparently trying to deal with the student in society. “I am not a student in society,” the narrator asks and then answers “What are all those people doing running around the beach? They must be making a movie.”
I A SPECIALIST TO UPGRADE COURSES

Dr. Delmar W. Olson, graduate chairman of the department of industrial arts education at North Carolina State University, will meet with members of the MSC I.A. faculty to review their present course offerings in an effort to refine and upgrade MSC's industrial arts program.

Olson, a former president of the American Industrial Arts Association, will also meet with students on both the graduate and undergraduate levels.

BALFE APPOINTED NBC ELECTION SUPERVISOR

Dr. Harry Balfe II, a member of the political science faculty at Montclair State College, has been appointed New Jersey State election supervisor for the NBC-television news unit. Balfe will gather data about past voting records in 276 key New Jersey districts and will analyze this information in the light of changes in boundaries and in population composition. His findings will be used by the network's commentators in predicting election results.

The professor will be assisted by district reporters in gathering pertinent material. On election night the reporters will be stationed at polling places selected for a final sample to report returns as they come in.

Balfe feels that his new assignment will be of help in his teaching, particularly in the case of a course in state and local government he is scheduled to teach in the fall. A graduate of Trinity College with advanced degrees from American University and Catholic University Law School, he joined the Montclair State faculty in 1966. He formerly taught at Montclair Academy.

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MSC Players: Go West, Young Man

Members of the MSC cast for "West Side Story" spent the afternoon of March 22 acquainting themselves with the real west side of New York City. On the waterfront, under the west side highway, in the warehouses, all of the Jets and Sharks got a first-hand view of the kids who are "depraved on account of their being deprived."

The original story by Jerome Robbins and Arthur Laurents was based in the New York of the 50s, it was evident, according to director W. Scott MacConnell, that the scene hasn't changed much.

The story, loosely based on Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet," seems to be extremely popular, based on the fact that the advance sale of group rate tickets is the largest in the history of MSC.

'They're Jets All the Way': Kevin Gilmartin (left) as Tony, Steve Insolera as Riff and Dennis Pandolfi as Deisel got a first hand look at the story of the West Side.

On the waterfront: Kevin Gilmartin's Tony promises Riff (left), the new leader of the Jets, played by Steve Insolera, that he'll come to the dance that night, neutral territory for a meeting with the Sharks.

Cheese It, The Cops: Just before the police arrive at the rumble beneath the highway, Jet Diesel (Dennis Pandolfi) makes his last punch count to Shark Chino, played by Ish Quintana in the MSC production of "West Side Story."

They're Jets All the Way: Dale Rodgers and Dave Bryer

AIYEEEE!: Dale Rodgers parries an attack from the University of Pennsylvania's all-American Van Lovisa, in an epee bout this past weekend at Notre Dame's $56 million Athletic and Convocation Center.