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 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 collected 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 has been 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 as they have on the lottery." (Approval of a state lottery was given by New Jersey voters last November, but the plan has yet to be finalized by the Legislature.)

Full House: 10s and 20s are part of the estimated $200-million receipts from a Vegas-type Atlantic City.

"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.

McDermott suggested that revenue from legalized gambling would eliminate the need for the state income tax, which would eventually be necessary to finance New Jersey's programs.

Agora, Delta Take Follies Firsts

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Benitz in Running for SGA Top Spot

—SEE STORY ON PAGE 3.

By Frank Sepe, MSC security guard, the blaze was visible for miles.

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 section of slate roof 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.
**NEWSPAPER UPDATE**

**Wednesday, March 25**

**Opera Excerpts Recital.** Newark State College, 3:30 p.m. (By Susan Dominski)

**Graduate Exhibitions.** Montclair State College, Sprague library foyer, (thru May 9). (By Michael Cripps)

**Peter Fisk.** Fairleigh Dickinson University, Hackensack, Edward Williams College, 150 Kotte Pl. (thru March).

**Recent Paintings.** Seton Hall University, art gallery, student union building. Weekdays 10:10 p.m.; Sundays 2:10 p.m. (thru March 22).

**Sculpture and Abstract Watercolors.** By James Ruban. Paterson State College, Harkrider hall wing, 300 Pompion Rd., Weston, Mo. (thru March).

**Contemporary New Jersey Masters.** Drawing, oils, watercolors by 13 artists. Heritage Art Gallery, 24 First St., South Orange, Mon., Tues., Thurs., 10-4 p.m.; Wed., 10-6 p.m.; Sat., 10-2 p.m. (thru March).

**Drawings.** Drawing, watercolors, oil, watercolors. Bloomfield Public Library, mezzanine gallery, 90 Broad St. (thru March).

**Textile Art.** Art of silk screen, and stencil and silhouettes. Newark Public Library. 5 Washington St. Weekdays 9:9 p.m.; Sat. 9:5 p.m. (thru April 25).

**Hina Matsuri.** Japanese Doll Festival. Annual exhibit of original mobiles, Kimmidoll (paper dolls), Harle-E (collage painting), ceremonial dolls, miniature Japanese house and garden. Montclair Art Museum, 3 S. Mountain Ave. Tues.-Sat., 10:5 p.m.; Sun. 2:5-5:30 p.m. (thru April 12).

**American Indians.** Apollo Lunar Mission, American Indian Studies Program, 49 Washington St. Weekdays 12-5 p.m.; Sun. 1-5 p.m. (thru March).

**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., Trenton. Mon.-Sat. 9:5 p.m.; Sun. 2:5-5:30 p.m. (thru April 26).

**Thursday, March 26.**

**Film.** Art Series. Nine shorts. Lehman College, Gillet auditorium, New York. Tickets $1.50.

**Friday, March 27.**

**Mixed Media Service.** First Presbyterian Church, Rutherford. 8 p.m.

**Saturday, March 28.**

**Concert.** Orchestra Sinfonia di Como. Queens College, Golden center, New York. Tickets $4.50, $3.50. $3.80. (thru April 2)."
Greengrass Saves the Day

The nationwide postal strike has brought a sobering effect to the country's economy. Business losses totaling nearly $60 million a day have hit New York alone and 10,000 main businesses have been forced to halt service for the duration of the strike.

"This is indeed a horrifying situation," claimed Max Greengrass, President of the Junk Mails Association of Greater New York. "We had to find other ways of distributing our vital mail." Greengrass has already made plans to deliver his orders. "Certainly," Greengrass said emphatically, "the postoffice will do it."

Benitz in Running for Top Spot

The campaign for 1970-71 Student Government Association offices at MSC got under way last week with the announcement of Thomas Benitz as candidate for the SGA presidency.

Benitz, a sophomore business education major, informed the MONTCLARION he will seek the top slot on the SGA bill, currently held by Kenneth Traynor. Traynor has not declared his intentions concerning reelection.

Another possible aspirant for the office is Dennis Popeson, '71. While Popeson has not officially announced his candidacy, sources close to the junior class president indicate he will be on the ballot.

Benitz is currently a business department rep to the SGA and vice-president of external affairs. He served on the planning committee for the proposed collegewide senate and is a Psi Chi brother.

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 afternoon panic and do little more than try to get their name on record occasionally.

The controversy....
**Appeals Board Overturns Ruling by Dorm Director**

Rusell Layne Gets OK to Stay in Webster

By Sharon Wanchos
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, 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 Taubald, director of men's housing, was defeated. A resolution to place Layne on probation in the residence hall for the remainder of the fall semester was passed unanimously. Any infractions incurred by Layne would 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 I 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."

Layne was one of the originators of the initial visitation policy in the mens dorms. The result of a recent survey taken by the Webster Hall dorm council indicated that the majority of resident assistants 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."

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However, there were conflicting views as to what Richards said when he confronted Layne with the violations. Money Antebi, Layne's roommate, attested that Richards gave Layne a warning and he was not going to report the violation. Richards denied this allegation.

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**Eco Prof Marcotulli May Face Dismissal**

By Robert Watson
Staff Reporter

Dr. 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 of non-tenure instructors who also were not pursuing graduate courses. Marcotulli feels 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.

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Layne's case was symbolic. "Russ Layne was one of the first people to stand up against the rules of the dorm," said Taubald.

Reference to Marcotulli's alleged misbehavior 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 rather than work for a doctorate as grounds for rehiring. Two weeks ago, Marcotulli had a meeting with Dr. Samson McDowell, acting vice-president of the faculty.

Marcotulli: May Be Other Reasons

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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.

Some of the books available, beginning April 1, are "Eco-tactics: the Sierra Club Handbooks for Environmental Activists" with an introduction by Ralph Nader; "The Population Bomb: "Air and Water Pollution;" and "Moment in the Sun." Photos Cullen, Smith's florists, Bond's and other Distinctive Shops are presently searching for ways in which they could participate in Earth Day.

In an attempt to coordinate local activities on environmental education, a steering committee of students and faculty have set up Case's speech, to be followed by panels of industrial, political and educational leaders. The panel, consisting of seven members, including representatives of the department of health, American Cyanamid, as well as experts in the fields of biology and environmental science.

Starting around 11 a.m. on April 22, Case and the panel will discuss "Case's" and "Coincidence" on pollution control, the problems and money involved and field questions from the audience. The SGA passed a resolution that will cancel classes during the three-hour period, if approved by the Faculty Council at their next meeting.

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 Committee as relevant to their study.
"Expect the unexpected," John Burke, senior business major and chairman of this year’s Experiment in International Living, warns 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 knows 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.

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Those who wish to participate in the Experiment apply thru the school to Putney, Vt., 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.

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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.”

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

Often there is more to pledging than meets the eye. Most fraternities have each pledge class organize some project to raise money for the frat. This year Psi Chi’s pledges sold green St. Patrick’s day carnations, and each semester the pledge class of Alpha Phi Omega, service fraternity, paints the Newman house steps.

“Pledging is an important time for the brotherhood,” an Agora pledge, dressed in the traditional black suit, derby hat, and cane, said: “pledging for Agora is perhaps the toughest pledging on campus, and you can’t do it alone. You need the help of the other members of your pledge class, to get you thru.”

“My brother, who organizes some project to raise money for the frat,” Doucette explained, “who treated you the roughest during pledging is over, even the brothers who treated you the roughest during pledging are really glad you made it.”

Tom Reeves of Phi Lambda Pi thinks there is another side to pledging. Reeves continued, “we don’t expect our pledges to allow themselves to be degraded. They have the right to refuse to do anything that they feel would be humiliating.”

“I was giving a pledge a real hard time once and he belted me. 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 nite to study. Study time is a rare and valuable thing during pledging.”

“They were so tough.”

Pledge’s Lot Is a Tough One.

By Sharon Wando
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In Tanzania, native life is observed by interested American students.
Reportage: He Won't Be At Graduation

By Richard Blanchard
(Editor's note: Mr. Blanchard is a staff photographer.)

Montclair


There has been a great deal of discussion about the relevance of present education. With the formation of free universities the emphasis is on the McLaughan, Godard and Cleavers of this world that education is useless to the university it demands. The "Blueprint" is an attempt to coordinate everything that has been written in recent history on the education revolution. It is designed to make "students" interact with everything from films, to student demonstrations, to political campaigns, to psychedelic light shows. The book - or the "shooting script" as they call it - is an amalgamation of quoted tables of contents from hundreds of other books and journals. Consider these few examples: it begins with "The Gutenberg Galaxy" by Marshall McLuhan, moves to Herbert Marcuse's "Soviet Marxism" to "The Art of Love" by Erich Fromm to the 1966 edition of Sight and Sound magazine. It moves thru names like Freud, Thoreau, Jung, Gandhi and concludes with "101 learning aids" by Don Krohn," which include such things as "18. Buy a cute pet or have a baby."

Whatever, these are the superficial blueprints. Beneath the ink on the pages is some statement about the state of education and life itself. Everything we do everyday is connected with some previous activity and will influence the future. In doing research on McLuhan, Stein and Miller they find a definite connection between McLuhan and the Romantic poet, William Blake. According to them the connection in everything is the strange line that brings Newark poet Stephen Crane together with Stanley Kubrick's film classic "2001." It only leads to the conclusion that a man existing in the mechanized revolutionary world of the 21st century has to and will have to be familiar with the great minds of the past.

It might be interesting to note that, of all the references in the book, fewer than a dozen are the active vocabulary of the average college student. It would seem that this fact makes a blueprint for a counter education necessary. "If you don't start doing something, you might as well stop!" or alternately, you are doing, if you don't start noticing what you are doing, you will never understand it.

Moron

Blanchard

During my three months of naval training, I not only gained an education which has proved meaningful to me, but I have also completed five rather difficult academic courses. In that three-month period, I learned as much as I would have normally been offered at Montclair State in a year. I believe that this training has been a vital and important part of my total "education" up to this point.

UNIFORM

Unfortunately this view has not been shared by the faculty nor the administration. About two weeks ago, I asked for permission to wear my white officer's uniform for the graduation ceremony this spring. The reason, I believe, lies in my original statement on education.

This past summer, I completed officers training for the Navy at Pensacola, Fla. I will be commissioned and enlive within two days of graduation. This September, I will return to Florida for flight training.

In the past week, I have received many calls requesting draft counseling. In most cases you have received yours, notices of draft physicals on your way. It seems that when physical notices are given, young men suddenly become aware that they are about to be drafted. Just as importantly, however, they realize their own inadequacies in dealing with such an inconsistent and complex law. Let me make it clear: your draft board is not about to explain the law. In some cases, they are as ignorant as you are in this respect. In all cases, their job is to register, classify and draft - nothing else.

WHO WANTS IT?

I doubt very much if I could have volunteered to be drafted (even those with American flag decals on their cars). Your first step should be to see either a draft counselor or an attorney familiar with the selective service law. I know of no draft counselor who charges for services. Most draft counselors have contacts with lawyers or legal organizations. If your case it court action is necessary. Draft counselors are usually specialized in certain areas of the law. If they are unable to handle your case, they will recommend another one.

Who is the counselor's job? The counselor is an adviser and resource person. The counselor is not a decision maker. You must decide what is best for you. All the counselor is able to do is to help you find a loophole in the law, just like an accountant does for his client in avoiding income taxes. Seeing a draft counselor is not illegal. The only time it becomes illegal is if the counselor recommends that you leave the country or resist. Resistance will not stop your draft - nothing illegal is if the counselor recommends that you leave the country or resist. Resistance will not stop your draft - nothing illegal is if the counselor recommends that you leave the country or resist.

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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. 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.

Work of A

Twisted Mind

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 sickly feelings between Montclair and the campus community.

The next edition of the MONTCLAIR will be published on Wed., April 8. The deadlines 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 1947, graduated from MSC in 1948 and launched a successful career in education. He taught 12 years on the high school level, went on to collect a P.A.D. government from NYU, then began to help Newark State shape into a multipurpose institution. A colleague of the new NSC president remarked: "Since Weiss assumed the position of acting president (earlier this year) a whole new spirit took hold of Newark State." Weiss has committed his college to issues facing American society today - the challenges of urban, technological and educational advances.

Our best wishes to a progressive educational leader.

CAMPUS WHIRL

The Two-Way Split

And Mr. Traynor

As we predicted last week, Thomas Benitz and Dennis Popeson made the news public - they're leaving the SGA at the end of the SGA rainbow.

Our analysis of the presidential pot at this early stage is, in a word, low-keyed. Both Benitz and Popeson have found ways of expressing their magnetic personalities. Both men are shy and avoid public exposure for any great deal of attention. Benitz is usually found hiding behind a book, while Popeson secludes 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 contest 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-DiPalma 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 nearly-bankrupt National Student Association in Washington, D.C. The liberal-bent, financially-ineffective N.S.A. has been bent with various kinds of turmoil since militant blacks seized control of their El Paso, Tex. campus last summer. At the time NSA officials pledged to give the blacks $50,000 in reparations but they never did come thru.

Traynor's now concentrating on national events. And now, SGA has passed (at yesterday afternoon's meeting) a bill that allows the Montclair Athletics Commission to completely structurally autonomous from the SGA. The reason is allegedly problems in organizational structure and minor bookkeeping problems.

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 smoke screen 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 faltering 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 political 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 "anti-pollution 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 to expect the 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 Bechuith, Bertrand Boucher,
History Department.
(The letter was also signed by Charles Mortensen, Karen Prag.)

Clarifies 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 homos 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 benefit mankind. Maybe a "Homos 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. 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.

Joan Mascari, '72.
Female Fratmen? They're TOPS

By Mauricio J. Moran Jr.
Managing Editor

Tau Omega Phi (TOP) may become the first fraternity in New Jersey to include a new kind of brother in their Greek organization — these brothers are girls.

Don Diorio, TOP President and senior distributive education major, said the idea was actually that of the girls themselves. "Several girls had been frequenting our table in the cafeteria and became close friends with the brothers," he said. "One day, one of them said, 'you know, it's too bad I can't be a member.' That gave us the idea and we voted it in at our next meeting." Tom O'Reilly, head of the committee to establish pledging procedures, said their basic problem is pledging. "We have to have respect for the girls," he said. "We don't want people to get the wrong idea of why they're joining us." He mentioned that the activities, which will coincide with girls' pledging, will be mostly "mental...more fun than usual...it's not the 'we don't want you' attitude, it's friendly — not as sadistic as pledging is historically noted to be."

The question most fratmen ask is why the three-year-old Greek organization decided that it was a good idea in the first place. "The original idea of Greek fraternities and sororities was brotherhood and helping each other. Individually, that's true. But that isn't the way it is on these groups on campus. Everyone is separate," continued Diorio, "we don't get help or cooperation from other frats, not to mention the sororities." So, they decided to have their own sorority, established under the name of the fraternity.

The outcome will be the same — with two "separate but equal" groups, working together in Carnival, Homecoming and all the other campus activities. Before this becomes official, however, there has to be a change in TOP's constitution. But, according to Diorio, it has a pretty good chance of becoming a reality. They hope to start the girls' pledging on April 6. "Any MSC woman is invited to stop by our table and talk to us to see what we're doing," Diorio remarked. "It might be interesting."

April Fools 'Call for Dr. Cod'

By Linda Monaco
Staff Reporter

The funniest thing about April Fool's Day may be that no one knows how it started. Annually celebrated on April 1, April Fool's Day may have originated as a celebration of the vernal equinox, when the sun passes directly over the equator. At this time, traditional claims, nature "fools" Man by suddenly changing from showers to sunshine.

Zoos and aquariums have their hands full on April Fool's Day, receiving telephone calls for such personages as Dr. Cod or Mr. Camel. The custom became so annoying to some zoos and aquariums in New York that they have their telephones disconnected on April 1.

April-foozing may have started in France with the change of the Julian calendar. It was customary for people to make calls and exchange new year's gifts on April 1 of the old calendar. After the calendar was changed, pranksters continued to send mock gifts to make fools of those who had forgotten the change of date. A person fooled in France is called a poisson d'ave, an April young fish, since young fish are easily caught.

The day has been of advantage to some characters in history, such as the Duke and Duchess of Lorraine who were prisoners at Nantes, France. On April 1, dressed as peasants, they managed to escape by sending an informer ahead to tell the guards that they were escaping. The guards, remembering that it was April Fool's Day, just laughed. The Duke and Duchess escaped.

HOW TO CATCH AN ELEPHANT

Catching an elephant is a little easier these days, thanks to something new — the helicopter — and something old — the crossbow. In Kruger National Park in South Africa, rangers lean out of the helicopter with their crossbows and shoot a dart full of tranquilizers at the elephant. A ground crew then guides the sleepy beast into a truck, reported in a recent issue of Science Digest.

April Fools: They're Off to Appalachia

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

Dr. James Mullen, JCSC 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., the heart of the Appalachia poor.

William Dusenberry, JCSC 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," Dusenberry 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 Dusenberry, 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 Slade, also a sociology instructor at JCSC, 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 Appalachian 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.

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IT'S HER BAG: Mrs. Helen Barker peeks out from behind mail sacks piled up due to postoffice strike.
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 Psi 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

IN THE READING CENTER: Students gather for help in reading in one of the Reading Center's classrooms in the basement of College Hall.

By Chris MacMurray

College students need not spend all their time wading thru their reading assignments.

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 assures 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 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."
Oscar time -- there's always theater

By Don Pendley
Managing editor

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.

BEST PICTURE
We immediately eliminate: "Hello, Dolly!" starring Barbra Streisand galloping around as middle-aged Dolly Levy on city streets too clean to be from anywhere but the studio; and Anne of the Thousand Days, whose normally-fine acting talents must have gone to the guillotine far ahead of the Boleyn. Otherwise, Peter O'Toole played the juicy headmaster's lead in "Goodbye, Mr. Chips" to the hilt -- and did it well.

"Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" was the best picture the Academy nominated. Blessed with a great screenplay, Paul Newman and Robert Redford turned in some fine performances. A good balance of comedy and drama was achieved, and the photography was superb. Oh yes -- the best picture of the year was really "They Shoot Horses, Don't They?" with "Easy Rider" in second place -- but don't tell.

BEST ACTOR
One only really poor job here. Richard Burton in "Anne of the Thousand Days," whose normally-fine acting talents must have gone to the guillotine far ahead of the Boleyn. Otherwise, Peter O'Toole played the juicy headmaster's lead in "Goodbye, Mr. Chips" to the hilt -- and did it well. John Voight in "Midnight Cowboy" did a good job satirizing himself in "True Grit.

Now to Midnight Cowboy -- both Dustin Hoffman and Jon Voight are nominated, but our choice is Voight. Hoffman, tho a good actor, seemed to depend too much on Rizzo's idiosyncracies than his character. Voight, tho, 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 "Streisand 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-butt-I'll-keep-trirying attitude that keeps the film moving. And remember -- there's always theater.


Drama & Arts

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-week season opening night program, February 25, began with its traditional opener "Viva Vivaldi!" This Spanish-tinged work explodes into patterns of fireworks across the stage. The ensemble was impeccable and Liza Minnelli's bravura variations were breathtaking.

John Cranko's popular English ballet "Pineapple Poll" for the Sadler Wells in 1951, adopted the admirable policy of re-staging works of merit from the past or from other companies. However, "Pineapple Poll" is 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 turned in an elegant and witty performance as the captain. The Joffrey has

Felini: the guilt of innocence; Godard: political 'Sympathy'
by Hal Plain
Staff reviewer

NEW YORK -- "Felini Satyricon," now being shown at the Whitney Magnet Theater, 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 "Felini Satyricon" is 140 minutes of total boredom. The film is co-directed by Federico Fellini and Bernardo Zenapoli and produced by Alberto Grimaldi.

Felini'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 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 gloradiator, I'm only a student" shouts the young man to the gloradiator who is about to kill him. "This is not cowardice, it is good sense," replies the gloradiator, as he embraces the youth. The audience breaks into laughter. They are laughing at Felini.

By Ellen Shaffer
Staff reviewer

NEW YORK -- Jean-Luc Godard's film "Sympathy for the Devil," which premiered at Hunter College last week, is a very segmented piece of political commentary, held together by narrations from a political sex novel and scenes of the Rolling Stones working on the title song. The segments are very long, and once they have made their point, tend to keep right on making it, but nevertheless do have some very pointed and very apt things to say about American society which make the movie well worth seeing.

Godard strikes out against propaganda, the press, stereotyping of the revolutionary, and the use of "culture" to pervert or destroy democracy. A perfect example of this use of culture is the film of today, and Godard, no hypocrite, ends his film by poking at himself. As the characters are machine-gunned on a beach, the narrator asks and then answers "What are all those people doing running around the beach? They must be making a movie."
Media Studies: 'A Swinging Thing'
New Courses Will Be Offered

By Lorraine Piano
Staff Reporter

Film is “a swinging thing” to Dr. Steven Earley, professor of English, whose “Film and Society” course was the first media course at MSC. It is to be followed by two more courses, French Cinema and Art and History of Radio and Television, to be offered in the coming fall semester.

French Cinema will delve into French films with an emphasis on contemporary productions. Louis Roederer, French department chairman, explained that a “distinguished visiting professor has been contacted” to teach the course.

Art and History of Radio and Television is a preparatory and introductory class, said Wayne Bond, assistant professor of speech. Students will study the history of radio and tv and, said Bond, “will consider if and how it is an art form.”

Earley stated that Film and Society is such a success that students were “turned away from it” because of overcrowding. After MSC becomes a university, said Earley, he hopes to see “the School of Fine and Performing Arts develop to include radio, television and film courses.”

Roederer is also concerned with a special project between the French and art departments. An educational film is to be made with the proceeds going to finance students who study abroad.

The radio and tv course, said Bond, may one day deal with the “actual production of radio and television programs. A workshop will include how to direct and write a script.”

A major in mass media or a similar topic at MSC seems bright. Earley explained two new courses he hopes to soon see in the curriculum. One deals with the Italian and French cinema of the last decade. The other involves viewing plays and then seeing the film remains of them.
MSC Players: Go West, Young Man

Members of the MSC cast for "West Side Story" spent the afternoon of March 22 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."

Tho 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 he face that the advance sale of group rate tickets is the largest in the history of MSC.

THEY'RE JETS ALL THE WAY: Kevin Gilmore (left) as Tony, Steve Insolera as Riff and Dennis Pandolfi as Deliel got a first hand look at the story of the West Side.

ON THE WATERFRONT: Kevin Gilmore'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.

'AIYEEEEE!': 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 $97½ million Athletic and Convocation Center.

Dale Rodgers and Dave Bryer

Deon and Maddie

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