Campus crime rate reaches highest point in MSC history

By Tom Boud

Last month's total of 63 Gass One Uniform Crime Reported Offenses is the highest amount of crime in the history of our force, according to campus police Lt. Michael Postaski.

"In September, the crime rate reached 58 Gass One offenses (1 robbery, 3 assaults, 5 burglaries, 34 larcenies, and 15 motor vehicle thefts including 8 attempts), and $72,341 worth of property reported stolen," Postaski said. "In the month of October, the crime rate went up to 63 offenses (7 assaults, 7 burglaries, 38 larcenies, and 11 motor vehicle thefts including 3 attempts). This is very high despite the fact that the value of reported stolen property decreased to $44,530."

Postaski added that the reported stolen property value dropped only because fewer automobile thefts occurred in October than in the previous month.

Postaski illustrated the increase in campus crime by comparing crime statistics of the past two years. "In September and October of 1983, the number of Gass One offenses was 24 and 23 respectively; for the same two months in 1984, the figure increased to 28 and 45 respectively," he said. "Now that the crime rate for September and October of 1985 is 58 and 63 offenses each, you can see that crime has increased almost threefold during the past two years."

Elaborating on the crime problem, campus police Chief Jayne Rich cited the lack of adequate manpower as a major concern. "When I first came on the force in 1978, there was a total of 34 police and security personnel," Rich said. "Now seven years later, we only have 24 such personnel so our manpower has been sharply reduced."

Rich further explained that the state of New Jersey places strict budgetary limits on personnel funds making it difficult for the college administration to assist in this area.

However, Rich said that some progress is being made in obtaining increased security. "At present, we are in the process of filling three more positions which will soon bring us up to 27 personnel," Rich said.

Campus police Detective Debra Newcombe also underlined the need for more security. "As it is now, there isn't enough manpower to answer all calls promptly," she said. "In fact, there are even some days when there is only one officer patrolling the entire campus."

In terms of student assistance, Rich stated that the parking lot attendants have played a major role in upgrading security. "Those extra eyes and ears out there provide a presence of security to all students who walk through the parking lots, especially during the night," Rich said.

Rich also stated that the private security guards stationed in dormitories and at the Clove Road Apartment parking lot have an additional conducive effect.

As for the escort service, Postaski said that underutilization is still a problem. "Students still don't use the escort service solely because we don't have a vehicle," Postaski said. "If we had a vehicle, such as a van or a golf cart, the previous escort service had, more people would be interested in using it." Postaski said that so far, neither the SGA nor the administration has given the escort service a vehicle.

Postaski said that the escort service has been reduced to three nights a week. "Our escort service has been reduced to this level because two of our escorts lost interest in the program apparently due to apathy concerning the service," he said.

In light of all the current problems, Rich said. "Our force is doing a 200 percent job considering the fact that our responsibilities have increased dramatically.

"During the past several years, there have been more people and students to watch over, more special events to cover, and more crime to investigate."

In reference to the public, Rich addressed the problem of unreported crime. "Unreported crime is a problem that we are having difficulty addressing. In my seven years with the department, there hasn't been one single incident of criminal retaliation that I could remember."

"As far as I can guess, probably anywhere between one half and three fourths of criminal retaliation that I could remember."

Affirmative action committee will undergo a reorganization

By Tom Boud

MCS's Affirmative Action Commission (AAC) announced its plans for reorganization at a meeting on Nov. 13.

According to Jose Magdalene, vice chairperson of the AAC, "This reorganization is significant for it has as a goal to better assist President Donald Walters and MSCCin maintaining equal opportunities for everyone."

Dr. Joan Shleefer of the AAC's ad hoc committee detailed her Oct. 23 meeting with Walters on the commission's revamp: "Basically we're dividing the 19 groups of the commission into six clusters," she said. "So that the committee be run in a more efficient manner."

According to the proposed reorganization, the first cluster would include student organizations such as the SGA and the Black Student Cooperative Union.

The second cluster consists of the Association of Black Faculty and Administrative Staff (ABFAS), the Hispanic Caucus, and the Asian Pacifc Islander Caucus.

The third includes women's groups such as the Identification Program for the Advancement of Women in Higher Education Administration, while the fourth contains other faculty groups, maintenance safety and security groups make up the fifth cluster.

According to Shleefer, the sixth is solely an "at large" cluster which is an equilibrium that will serve as a balance among the ethnicities in the commission."

"Five of the proposed clusters will have one representative each, and the second cluster will have two for a total of seven cluster representatives," Schleede said. "This is due to the fact that this cluster needs two representatives in order to be adequately represented."

Schleede said that these cluster representatives would be elected by each cluster group. These seven cluster representatives would constitute the Representative Council and would meet directly with Walters on matters pertaining to the AAC.

The commission considered the constitutional implications of the proposed reorganization and pointed out the need for a review board to amend the constitution. "We are either going to have to revise the current constitution or draft an entirely new one," Walters said. Consequently, a constitutional review board directed by James Harris will soon look into the matter.

At next month's meeting, all the current constituent groups will discuss and vote on the commissions reorganization proposal.
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Crime prevention seminar sponsored by MSC campus police

By Warren Thomas

Campus Police Chief Jayne Rich presented measures to prevent crime on campus, including self-defense tips for women, at a lecture on Nov. 19.

While noting that the difference between reasonable and unjustified fears is sometimes hard to discern, Rich said that the overall perception of crime on campus far outweighs the actual incidence of crime.

Rich noted that rumors play a large part in causing that misconception. "One recent rumor about a girl being raped in front of Sprague Library was so widespread that it even had the President's office calling us up about it," she said.

According to Rich, theft in the dormitories will continue to be a major problem as long as students feel secure enough not to lock their doors while sleeping or while they're out of their rooms.

"Students are our first line of defense," Rich said. "If you live in the dorms, keep those doors locked. It's an inconvenience but it's a security measure."

Rich cited Thursday nights when the Rathskeller closes at 2 a.m. as being a major campus security problem due to drunkenness, fighting, and general disorderly conduct. Rich urged students to avoid walking on the Mall in front of the Student Center late at night since it is frequently deserted. Instead, students should walk along College Ave, where there is more traffic. Rich also suggested using the student escort service at the campus police station as well as the shuttle buses, and walking with a group of people.

When women are attacked, Rich suggested kicking or kneeling the assailant in the groin as being one of the most effective self-defense methods. Thrusting upward with the heel of the hand into the attacker's nose was also cited as an effective means of self-defense.

Rich noted that women can use many different objects to defend themselves. "Anything you carry with intent to do harm is a weapon," she said. Plastic squeeze lemons filled with ammonia and stiff-bristled brushes are among the common household items women can use for self-defense.

Rich noted that the new sexual assault laws, expanding the scope of sexual assaults to include touching, have helped secure more convictions.

Rich said that a woman's physical manner can also help dissuade possible attackers. "Walk as if you're ready to take control of the situation," she said. "When attacked, first try to inflict pain, then try to get away."

Rich also stressed the fact that women have the right not to resist attack if they choose to.

In regard to car thefts in the campus parking lots, Rich urged students to notify police whenever they see anyone suspicious.

"If you see someone fumbling around a car, let them know you're watching," Rich said. "Don't be afraid to call."

The numbers for the campus police are 693-5222 for non-emergency and 939-4111 for emergency.

Tips to prevent auto thefts

The MSC Police and Security Department, despite its depleted numbers, is stepping up its attempts to prevent vehicle theft and vandalism. However, the campus community can help too.

Tips to prevent auto thefts

The proposed 14 mile, 300-foot-deep canal-type locks connect the steering wheel and brake pedal, preventing the steering wheel from turning or the brake from being depressed. Fuel cutoffs stop the flow of fuel to the engine unless disengaged. The car can be started but will stop shortly thereafter.

Ignition interceptors prevent the thief from starting the engine. These devices can be operated by key, hidden buttons or toggle switch. "Alarm systems can be sirens, bells or motion detectors," Rich said. "They can be activated by motion, sound, or by voltage changes, such as turning on a light, or by user-designed disabling mechanisms, and alarms."

Ignition replacement locks have been fashioned to be burglar-proof than the original ignition lock.

A cuff lock is an item that surrounds the ignition lock and steering column, designed to protect the lock from being overcome by force.

Headless door-lock buttons can replace the original mushroom-top lock buttons, thus preventing the door from being unlocked with a coat hanger or other stick.

Rich also stressed the importance of locking the doors of parked cars. "If you're parking in the lot at night, lock the doors," she said. "It only takes a second to do it."
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“Big Bang” Theory is discussed by Nobel prizewinner

By Tom Boud and Maureen Freeburg

“The Big Bang Theory,” a hypothesis about the origin of the universe, was the topic of interest at the third lecture of the Second Annual Nobel Laureate Series, sponsored by the department of mathematics and computer science.

Dr. Robert Wilson, head of the Radio Physics Research Department at AT&T Bell Laboratories in Holmdel, said, "The purpose of this lecture is to give the audience the opportunity to learn firsthand about the discovery I made along with my colleague Arno Penzias which changed science's perception of the formation of our universe."

For his work in physics, Wilson received the 1978 Nobel Prize.

Discussing the vastness of space, Wilson said, "When we move out into the universe, we move into a realm where light years (1 light year equals 5.878 trillion miles) are used instead of miles as the stellar standard of measurement. This is because the universe is too far-flung to be conveniently measured in miles."

Wilson cited examples to demonstrate this point. "For example, the center of the Milky Way is 30,000 light years from our solar system," he said. "So if the earth were to be represented as a piece of paper 1 of an inch thick, the distance to the center of our galaxy would be represented as a stack of papers 90 miles high."

Wilson used a similar example to illustrate the distance between our solar system and the Andromeda Galaxy, one of our nearest galactic neighbors. "The Andromeda Galaxy is located 2.2 million light years away from us," Wilson said. "Using the same scale, representing the solar system as a 1 inch sheet of paper, the distance to the Andromeda Galaxy would be a stack of papers 6,000 miles high."

Referring to the astronomical theory, Wilson mentioned that in the early 20th century, the advent of the spectroscope, a device which examines stellar light, led to the discovery that the universe was expanding. "In 1927, a physicist by the name of Edwin Hubble found that the universe was moving out from its central point," Wilson said.

Wilson said that this evidence was used to formulate theories concerning the origin of the universe. "Two theories were formed in an attempt to explain the origin of the universe," he said. "One was the Steady State Theory, which held that new galaxies were being formed to replace the old galaxies as they moved out into the cosmos."

The other theory, known as the Big Bang Theory, maintained that 10 to 15 billion years ago, all matter was closed together and expanded forth in a titanic explosion and has been expanding ever since.

Wilson then explained that after joining Bell Laboratories in 1963, he and Penzias began to look for evidence of the Big Bang. "Using a small, but highly sensitive radio telescope attached to the first Telestar Communications Satellite in 1965, we set out to find evidence which would help scientists understand the origin of the universe," he said.

"However, that search for evidence was frustratingly difficult. "We were picking up noise which was totally inexplicable," Wilson said. "The buzzing noise was present no matter where we pointed the telescope in the sky."

According to Wilson, "At first we thought there was something wrong with the instruments. But the research team in Princeton, who constructed the telescope, came to the conclusion that Penzias and I discovered the background microwave radiation thought to be the remnant of the Big Bang."

Wilson said that this background radiation is presently between 10-15 billion light years from the earth and is still expanding at the speed of light (186,282 miles per second).

Lastly, Wilson mentioned that a "Big Crunch," a reversal of the Big Bang theory, probably won't happen. "So, we haven't seen any radiation or matter coming back at us," he said.

The lecture attended by almost 100 students and faculty, was well received. MSC president Donald Walters said, "Not only was the lecture stimulating, but it was easy for the non-astronomical community to understand."

“New Horizons” will aid single parents and homemakers

By Ade Idera

A new program has been designed to assist single parents and homemakers, including adolescent mothers, gain access to vocational training programs. The program, entitled New Horizons, is the result of combined efforts by the Life Skills Center and home economics department.

According to the director of the Life Skills Center (LSC), Joan Bernstein, "The emphasis of New Horizons is the placement of women into non-traditional training programs and jobs." She said that the goals of the program are to provide assessment, career exploration and planning, job placement assistance, referral to training programs, and referral to support services.

Bernstein said the program will guide women step-by-step in identifying their interests and needs, investigating job market potentials, and making career plans. Also, the program will assist women with finding training and educational programs, getting and keeping jobs, and obtaining support services such as child care or transportation.

"The program," Bernstein said, "welcomes inquiries from prospective clients and employers.

The program, which is already in operation, seeks to provide aid for Passaic and Essex County residents interested in gaining access to vocational training programs.

The N.J. Division of Vocational Education has provided $50,000 for operation of the program.

For further information regarding New Horizons, contact Patricia Verden, project coordinator, or Marie Caruso, counselor, in Room 109, Finley Hall.

SGA Legislators

Karim Mahmud
Status: Sophomore
Major: Broadcasting
Hobbies: Writing, reading, modeling, dancing and lightifting
Activities: SGA, BSCU, PR Committee (SGA) and T.V. Center staff
Goals: To contribute input to school's administration and serve students by listening to their problems about the campus.

Patty Jones
Status: Junior
Major: English/Communication theory
Hobbies: Tennis, aerobics and jogging
Activities: Student aide at registration, secretary of public relations committee
Goals: To make students aware of the services provided by the SGA through various P.R. projects and to assist in decision-making which will benefit commuters and residents.

Jack Lyons
Status: Senior
Major: Biology/chemistry minor
Hobbies: Skiing, windsurfing and golf
Activities: SGA, CLUB, Class 1 Concerts, Delta Sigma Chi, chairperson P.R. Committee (SGA), student aide at registration
Goals: To represent the student body and vote on matters that concern students. Also, to improve the SGA image and stand up for student rights.

Patty Healey
Status: Junior
Major: Political Science
Hobbies: Football games, talking and being with friends
Activities: Sigma Delta Phi, president of Greek council, Class I concerts, club
Goals: To get involved by being a representative of students and standing up for their rights.

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By Linda Longo

Speaking on the culture differences in Niger, Africa, Joan Parrott discussed her challenging experience there as a member of the Peace Corps in a Nov. 12 lecture sponsored by the Black Student Cooperative Union.

Getting accepted into the Peace Corps is a complicated process. There is a two-hour interview with tricky psychological questions and a lot of paperwork. An applicant needs letters of recommendation from college professors, employers and members of his community. Parrott was accepted into the Peace Corps program and was originally supposed to work in Chile, but political unrest made the Peace Corps switch Parrott's assignment to Niger.

Parrott said that she got a lot of discouragement from blacks when she announced her decision to join the Peace Corps. However, she found that white people encouraged her, because joining the Peace Corps is considered "a middle-class thing to do."

Out of the 70 new recruits, Parrott was the only black one. "Most people could not believe a black would go into the Peace Corps," Parrott said. She did not let herself become discouraged even when the "first thing I was told when I got off the train was 'we had 10 black volunteers last year, but they all left.' I just took it with a grain of salt," she recalled.

"American blacks don't realize how unique-looking they are. No one else looks like you in the world. You all have different nose, build, and shades of skin color," Parrott explained. In Niger, the people's appearance was much more standardized.

Parrott commented, "I was looked at strangely because I didn't look black by their standard, and yet I didn't look white in comparison with the others. They insisted I was white even when I showed them a picture of my family. They couldn't understand that skin color can vary in shades within a race."

According to Parrott, the people of Niger are sheltered from the outside world. They haven't even seen their own capital and can only imagine what another country may be like. The villagers asked her if there were really black people in America. The only famous black American they knew of was Muhammad Ali.

Life in the African villages took a lot of getting used to—100° weather and the smell of open sewers; where sickness was rampant and no English was spoken. The average salary was $50 a year and houses, which looked like "run-down garages," were infested with rats and bats. Grains of sand were in everything, food and drink, since Niger is in the Sahara desert. Every meal consisted of one ingredient—millet, which is a course form of grain.

Parrott was surprised by the way people reacted to her in Niger. The natives could not believe that she was 28-years-old and single. In Niger, the average girl marries by age 13.

"It was a 27-month growth process the whole time I was there," Parrott said. "There are no telephones, no radios, no TVs. You have to deal with yourself."

Parrott had some advice for those considering the Peace Corps: "Don't do it unless you want to grow. The Peace Corps is a great vehicle if you want to know yourself. Don't be afraid to deal with yourself."

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By Vivette Watson

A 25-year-old MSC student was taken to Mountainside Hospital by ambulance after his '85 Mazda collided with a '79 Chevrolet at the intersection of College Ave. and lot 17 on Wed., Nov. 13 at 11:29 a.m. The Mazda's front fender and left side were damaged and the car had to be towed away. The Chevrolet's left front fender was also damaged.

According to campus police, the accident occurred when the student was exiting the lot while the driver of the Chevrolet was driving on College Ave. No complaints have been signed.

On Nov. 12, a student reported that a $50 cassette AM/FM radio was stolen from his '81 Toyota in lot 20. The door was also damaged. On that same day, a student reported that the hubcap rims and tires of her '85 Mustang in lot 21 were damaged in an attempt to remove the hubcaps.

On Nov. 12 at 5:40 p.m., someone removed a pocketbook left unattended from the back of a chair in Sprague Library. Total value is $70. At that same time, a $20 wallet was taken from a pocketbook.

A male student reported on Mon., Nov. 11 that his vest was stolen from a classroom in Patridge Hall between 1:55 p.m. and 2 p.m. on Fri. Nov. 8. Total value is $37.

On Nov. 12 at 8:28 p.m., a female Freeman Hall resident's left arm was cut and the nose of her left hand bitten during a fight with another female resident. She was taken to the college infirmary and treated. No complaints have been signed.

On Nov. 15, a custodian in Panzer Gym found six swimsuits and other garments slashed in the female locker room. A bomb threat on Nov. 16 at 12:06 a.m. forced residents of Freeman Hall to evacuate the building.

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Affirmative Action
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In another commission affair, a report concerning Governor Kean's Affirmative Action Awareness Program was disclosed. This program is intended to promote affirmative action by educating state employees of its true goal and purpose.

The report stated that 27 volunteer group leaders from MSC were trained during two sessions held in September and one held in October. These leaders are now beginning to meet with MSC employees in affirmative action workshops of 20-25 people each. This awareness program is scheduled to continue until next June.

The commission also revealed information in a letter from Jeffrey Shapiro, director of the Faculty Student Cooperative Association, concerning the nature of the Co-op's liquid assets in South Africa. As stated in the letter, the investments consist of bonds placed in the European Investment Bank and the International Development Bank, and cash deposited in the Provident and Pilgrim Banks.

In relation to these investments, Shapiro said in the letter that the cash investments were "in banking interest only." As for the bond investments, Shapiro said that he had no knowledge of their exact condition.

In response to Shapiro's letter, the commission moved unanimously to send a memorandum to Walters requesting him to work with the Faculty Senate in investigating the affair.

"We want to ascertain the exact condition of the investments so that if they are invested in South African interests, we can move to get them out there," Magdalene said. Fortunately some light has been shed on the issue because we received a letter from the Pilgrim Bank assuring us that none of their stocks or bonds are invested in South Africa.

With the support of James Harris, assistant dean for student affairs, the commission approved a motion calling for a census in minority student enrollment by academic department. "There are departments here that have low minority enrollment," Harris said. "These departments are aware of this but they are doing nothing about it.

"Using this information we can make suggestions to rectify this problem. Furthermore, we want to look into the case of minority students who have been refused enrollment at MSC and find out the reasons for this.

Crime Rate
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Crime Prevention awareness program is necessary to enlist and educate the campus of the crime problem.

"We want to reach out to the public and help them to understand the true nature of the problem," she said.

Rich emphasized that volunteer crime prevention officers are needed to make such an initiative a success.

"There isn't enough money in the budget to hire full-time crime prevention officers," Rich said. "So I am asking for a few volunteers to draw posters and spread crime prevention literature around the campus. We need to make the 893-4111 emergency number stick in everyone's minds so that they know precisely what number to dial in case of an emergency.

I'm interested in becoming a volunteer crime prevention officer can contact Chief Gayle Rich at 893-5122.

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Reasons for thanks

Thanksgiving is the time of year to give thanks. Not really much to give thanks for so it seems, right? Well take another look around you. Before you take that first bite of turkey, try to remember the famine victims of Ethiopia who can only wonder if they will have food to eat.

As you yell at your little brother or sister, try to visualize the Colombian volcano victims searching for their families. And the list goes on, full of the heart-breaking tragedies that we can only see through images on the TV.

Sometimes it seems like there really isn't much to be thankful for in our personal lives. But before you bemoan your fate, take a good look at someone else's. Then do what you can to help. Send a check for relief efforts. If you can't afford to help those around the world, then maybe give some old clothes to the Salvation Army or even just visit a lonely friend.

There's a lot more to be thankful for than we think.

We're back on track

In case you missed last Thursday's "mini" Montclarion (which wouldn't be too difficult since it was only four pages), the reason for today's issue is due to technical difficulties we encountered last Wednesday.

The processor for our typesetting equipment broke down and was not able to be repaired by press time. However, we felt obligated to publish something. So we put together a mini version Montclarion.

The processor enables us to print out, in different typefaces and sizes, material inputted on our typesetting machines. Without it, we were not able to output any stories, headlines, etc.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused to our advertisers or readers.

This will not mean a change in format. The Montclarion will continue to publish every Thursday. There will not be an issue this Thursday because of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Drop-In Center

Dealing with the effects of stress

By Cindi Slavinsky

College students are no strangers to stress. Nearly every life event may incorporate stress in some shape or form, whether you are going on a date or are getting an "F" on a paper. The stressor may be a positive situation or a negative one. In either case, the physical effects that result from both are the same. Your heart races, your palms sweat, your stomach is tied in knots, you are unable to sleep, and you have a lack of appetite.

Although stress is not something enjoyable, according to endocrinologist Dr. Hans Seyle (1907-1982), who formulated "Stress Theory," "freedom from stress is death." In that case, little stress might be a healthy thing. Since some stress is inevitable, the key is to control stress and use the energy it generates to your advantage. Recognizing stress as a continuous factor in your life may also be the first step in dealing with it. "Stress is like electricity: you can use it for good or bad, to light a lamp or ring a bell, to heat or cool. But it is all electricity." So if someone can control their anxious feelings they might work harder and get an "A" on their next paper, explains Dr. Seyle.

The physical sensations serve an important purpose. The body is prepared for any action. The pupils in your eyes dilate, muscles tense up, and your blood pressure rises. These are normal physical reactions to any possibly threatening situation. Dr. Seyle describes this as the first three stages of stress. He calls this the "alarm stage," preparing you for either "fight or flight".

This type of stress is good, in moderation. When a situation arises such as giving a speech in front of your class, or taking a test, the alarm reaction takes over. However, when a stress becomes a chronic response to a situation, it can be harmful and might lead to a variety of illness or diseases.

After the initial shock caused by the onset of stress, your body goes through a stage where it repairs any damage caused. If the stressor does not go away, the body must stay alert and cannot repair itself. If this continues long enough, exhaustion sets in and this is when one of the "diseases of stress" may develop such as migraine headaches, heart problems, cancer, or even mental illness.

After understanding stress, the next step is dealing with it on a continual basis. Along with using stress to your advantage, students can minimize stress by relaxing. Relaxation can be achieved through enjoyable activities such as jogging, tennis, meditation, taking a walk, or even having someone massage tense muscles in your neck or back. Dr. Seyle warns against drinking coffee during periods of stress because it causes the increase of a certain hormone which may increase the effects of stress. Some other ways to alleviate yourself from the effects of stress are biofeedback, medical hypnosis, Yoga and transcendental meditation (T.M.).

Stress information was part of the Drop-in Center's contribution to the Health Fair on Nov. 6. The center has available a good selection of information on stress and on how to deal with it, which is now available at the center. Feel free to drop in or call anytime. The Drop-in Center is open to all students and to the community 24 hours a day, and offers information and referrals on a variety of topics. The number is 893-5271.

by Berke Breathed
CLUB members defend Winter Ball ticket distribution

To the editor: 
In reply to the letter to the editor that appeared in the Nov. 14 edition of the Montclarion concerning the Winter Ball, the only thing I found unfair was the letter.

There is room for 350 people at the Winter Ball. With 10 people per table, that means there are 35 tables available.

Five of these tables were reserved before the selling of the bids. One table is for MSC President Dr. Waiters and other college administration. They are invited as our guests. One table goes to the executive board of the SGA. They pay for their bids. Three tables were reserved for members of CLUB. They also pay full price.

Members of CLUB were always given the privilege to purchase their bids a day before they go on sale. This is the way it always has been and always will be. Members of CLUB put a lot of unselfish time and effort into all the quality programming we provide for the whole campus.

The members get very little recognition except for their own self-gratification and thanks from a few. After all the hours they put in, purchasing a bid in advance seems only fitting.

It is the dedicated members of College Life Union Board, the ones who filled those 3 tables at the ball, who help make CLUB strong and successful and who try to reach all students in the events they program. If you are not satisfied, please stop in our office. I’d like to show you all the work and time that goes into one program, then you can multiply that by all the events we do, then you or anyone can tell me they don’t deserve to purchase their bids a day in advance. (Anyway, the night the bids go on sale, most of the CLUB members are busy, giving up their night selling bids to you and every other student!)

Karen Scheeck
Senior/marketing

To the editor: 
It is my opinion that Harry DiCalias does not have a clue as to what he is getting involved so that their wouldn’t be so much for each person to do and an event of this proportion.

The tables that we reserve in advance are for the deans as guests, the SGA executive board (all of whom pay full price), and the members of CLUB who work so hard to make each event a success (all of whom also pay full price). These gratuities are the least we could do to repay them for all of their personal time they dedicate to their organization.

We bust our buns in order to provide a variety of campus programming which is something we don’t have to do. We take time away from our own private lives to do that, therefore, the members of the SGA have a right to expect a profit for their efforts.

I am sure there are many other things a person could do instead of the work and then just pay them money and attend the event. But what we would prefer is more students getting involved so that their wouldn’t be so much for each person to do and an event of this proportion.

The Montclarion reserves the right to edit all letters for reasons of style and brevity.

Right-wing groups’ threat to rights

To the editor: 
This letter is regarding Ellen Goodman’s recent article on Title X and the continued funding of family planning programs (Nov. 7).

Ms. Goodman states that the radical right wing is trying to build a wall that would separate families from planning. The sad fact is that the right wing is not just content to outlaw abortion to conform to their convictions, but to dictate their beliefs regarding birth control on every American. Their position is that their view is the only “moral” one.

It is an unfortunate truth that these anti-choice groups have not only the minority behind them. Look at the referendum recently offered this past election day in Bristol, Connecticut. A blue-collar, heavily Roman Catholic town voted a resounding “No” to the question, “Should the 1973 United States Supreme Court’s decision legalizing abortion in Roe vs. Wade be overturned?”

Marla V. Natale
Sophomore/business administration

Student objects to vandalism

To the editor: 
I am distressed that students have been ripping the Snoopy posters off the SGA office window in the Student Center.

They are up there to dress up the Student Center and at the same time inform the students of the services available to them.

Each Snoopy represents a different service they are ripped off the wall, and they are not going to serve the intended purpose. This shows disrespect for the school and the SGA.

I am sure there are many other things a person could do instead of ripping down time-consuming projects. If you don’t like Snoopy, then stop by the SGA office and offer another idea. Don’t rip them off. It doesn’t serve any purpose to do that.

Remember that every student pays SGA fees, so really they are ripping their own money off the wall. Don’t ruin this project for everyone else.

There are some students what would like to take advantage of services that the SGA offers.

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Dave Campinile is first undergrad
to design set for Major Theatre

By Laura Wilcox

David K. Campinile, a senior at MSC, pursuing B.F.A. in Technical Design, will be the first undergraduate student at the college to design the set for a Major Theatre Series (MTS) production this fall.

Dave is a graduate of Parsippany High School where he was actively involved in the theatre program. He worked as a technician, lighting designer, and was a student technical coordinator at the school. He came to MSC specifically to pursue technical theatre design. At MSC, Dave has worked on many productions. He was lighting designer for the MTS production of "The Philadelphia Story", Players productions of "Rip Van Winkle", "Twelfth Night" and set and lighting designer for "The Girl on the Via Veneto". Dave has also been called on to design for a number of Studio workshop productions being staged by theatre students at MSC.

Outside of the college, Dave worked as set/lighting designer for the Actor's Repertory Theatre (ART) in Parsippany on their production of "The Elephant Man." During the summers Dave has pursued his craft as the Master Electrician for the New Jersey premiere of "Amadeus" with SummerFun and as an electrician this past summer for "Tecumseh!" the largest outdoor drama in Ohio.

In addition to his present job as set designer for "The Lark," Dave is also designing the lights for a production of "Twelfth Night" at Parsippany High School. Dave is a very busy and very dedicated designer.

In designing the set for "The Lark", Dave worked with guidance from Jerry Rockwood to communicate certain concepts by his design. Dave sees this play "revolving around Joan, who is trapped by her love of country, her love of God, and her commitment to her convictions." Consequently, Dave's design for the play resembles a cage which contributes to the feeling of Joan's entrapment.

Dave seems to have his future pretty well planned out. He will continue to design whenever he can. He has had job offers from theatres in Atlanta, and Ohio and his is interested in pursuing further degrees at some point.

You can see Dave's set and "The Lark", Dec. 4-7 at 8 p.m. and Dec. 6 at 2:15 p.m. in Memorial Auditorium. Call 746-9120 starting Nov. 25 for ticket information and reservations.

Laura Wilcox is a graduate assistant for MTS.

The Sutton Thomas Band

The Sutton Thomas Band is a focus for musical innovation

By S.L. Haines

When rock and roll awakens from its commercial hiatus and returns to its roots in radical philosophy, the Sutton Thomas Band will be a focus for musical innovation. The band now mainstreams for mass appeal, but also hints at directing rock toward a creative maturity. "This band is destined for success," writes Mike Raab of Musicmachine Magazine and after catching Sutton Thomas Band in Kenny's Castaways in New York City, it's difficult to disagree with that statement. This new four-member band easily blends hard rock beats with haunting ballads. Sutton Thomas, the band's keyboardist, writer and lead vocalist, creates a unique sound in pop rock. His voice ranges from defiant to lyrical, and despite any recognizable influence, the discriminating listener may hear Thomas defies imitation.

Lead guitarist Frank Perrego gives the band its hard edge with his heavy metal influence. Stepping into the spotlight during his solo, the guitarist proves his skill. Perrego explores the range of his instrument to create the musical moments audiences scream for.

Toop Floor anchors the band's sound with his solid bass playing and earthy vocals. The bass guitarist also contributes several songs to STB's line-up. Toop's somber chords smoothly blend into the band's sultry timbre.

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The Alarm plays at full Strength on newest album

By Mark Breitinger

When The Alarm's eponymously-titled debut EP was released in 1983, people rushed to compare this young Welsh quartet to guitar heroes like U2 and Big Country.

The Alarm had all the right stuff: galloping acoustic guitars, majestic political anthems and enough punk energy and anger to get their message across.

Sadly, their follow-up LP, Declaration, fell pathetically short of delivering on that promise. Marred by sketchy songwriting and lackluster performance, it only offered meaningless patriotic cliches and very little fire.

On their second LP, aptly-titled Strength (International Record Syndicate), The Alarm rediscovered their anger and gained, for the first time, a clear view of the world around them. The result is a crackling set of ten songs that play on all the band's strengths and avoid most of Declaration's failures.

Rather than shouting slogans (e.g. "going out in a blaze of glory"), these new songs effectively address poverty, unemployment and, above all, the numbing emptiness and isolation that plague modern society. Musically, this is the strongest showcase for the inherent love of humanity. "Deeside" is pure Clash and the seven-minute epic "Spirit of '76" sounds like it's straight out of the John Cougar Mellencamp songbook.

But one can't complain about a band that controls their influences as well as The Alarm does on Strength. The U2 guitar atmospherics on "The Day the Ravens Left the Tower" don't come across as facile imitation (doesn't everybody sound like U2 lately?), but rather illuminate the song's vivid post-apocalyptic imagery. Similarly, drummer Twist's pounding entrance in "Knifedge" sounds uncannily like Keith Moon, especially when joined by Dave Sharp's Pete Townshend guitar mannerisms, but that doesn't detract from the song's energy.

Don't get me wrong; The Alarm still have their faults. First of all, they're still disturbingly naive at times, and prefer to deal in generalities rather than specifics. Second, the songwriting—mostly credited to vocalist Mike Peters and bassist Eddie Macdonald—takes several wrong turns, especially in the lyric department ("Give me a future! I need it so badly for tomorrow," from "Father to Son"). Yet Strength comes out winning because it balances each bad moment with several good ones. Peters' vocals are more passionate than ever and would not be going your way, I would not be going mine," you have to sit up and take notice.

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— Peter Sarcos: Why are you so quiet? You have such potential, especially w/ those good looks!
— Kevin: We want our $20 now. Love a patient Sigma.
— To the guys I eat lunch with: Please clean up your jokes when I'm around. A nice Sigma.
— Karen Mauro: You're always welcome on Thursday nights! Love ya! Kim.
— Kevin Walsh: Zevade! Guess who? — Carlo: It's always better the second time around!!!
— Kevin Walsh: Thanks buddy. I want you too!
— Spot the pigeon! Be an 'Art Rock Gallery' groupie!
— Rixie: Love you! Love Bethie OXOX.
— Giggling Bondes: If you're going to write personals to my boyfriend you could at least spell his name correctly -- it's Allen! His # is 14!
— Tweety: Have always loved you, can't wait for the big day, Forever, Love Sylvester.

— John who fills the Vending Machines: Only 3 in one night???
— Patti & Barb: "Did you say anything?" In all seriousness, it's good to know I have friends like the two of you. Love, Your buddy Jack.
— Paul A: "Crush Grooving, Body Moving." Hay it's either your turn or Mike's to help push because I paid for this trip.
— Patty Jones: Glad to hear you're feeling better. "Remember Keep Smiling."
— "Dr. Snoopy" is definitely the Best.
— Barbara: Be on the lookout- "One good beer shower deserves another." Signed, Still wet and sticky.
— Robin: It's a very thick wall and about 45 feet high! M.H.
— Perry: You're simply awesome.
— #15 on the baseball team: I think your style is unique and I wouldn't mind a fast pitch by you. Love, your #1 fan.
— The sisters of Delta Theta Psi want to thank the brothers of TKE of NJIT for lovely candlelight dinner, the terrific music and the VIP lounge. We loved it!
— Kathy: Remember Dirt is Dirt; even if it's with your big brother; we all saw you in the stairwell but you probably didn't see us; P.S. You are now worthy of Delta.
— H.R.O: Please don't alienate your new members. Signed, a new member.
— Brenda: "Isn't the view lovely? Don't go in the bathroom!" We're sorry but it was pretty funny! Love, Sue.
— Mr. Gossip: All future weekends are ringless. Sorry to disappoint you.... Sue.
— Howie Mandel: Please come perform at MSC so we can all limp together. Two Apostles.
— Our Big brothers at TKE at NJIT: "We share our secrets and you share your wine." "The friendships we'll treasure we're lucky to find." Love, your littles.
— Jack: I still care about you a lot. It's too bad—maybe again sometime.
— Cheryl: I'm confused, #1 or #2. Love ya, Sue.
— Coleen and Maria: Saw you Nov. 14th. Visit me at Freeman Cafeteria Thursdays at 7 if you can. Paul Weekend.
— Spike: Where have you been? Even riding an elevator is dull without you! I really miss you! Mich.
— Anthony: I love you! XOXO, Love always, Martha.

The great beers of the world go by one name: Löwenbräu. Brewed in Munich, in England, Sweden, Canada, Japan and here in America for a distinctive world class taste.

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Hey, sports fans, here's a chance to test your knowledge of sports facts. Each week, the Montclarion will publish a list of sports questions and answers. In addition, there will be a sports stumper that will be answered in the following issue.

If you think you have the correct answer, drop your response off at the Montclarion, Room 113 in the Student Center Annex. The names of those who submit the correct answer will be published in the next week's issue. Deadline for submissions is Monday at 3 p.m.

1. Who was named basketball's "Man of the Half Century?"
2. The only Rose Bowl game not played in California was in what city?
3. What was the greatest number of home runs hit in one ball park by a player in one season?
4. What substance do umpires use on baseballs before a game?
5. Before 1850, what modern sports ball was made of a leather shell stuffed with feathers?

1. Wilt Chamberlain
2. New York
3. 61
4. Pine tar
5. Basketball

Triva

Time-out

The USFL's future may appear to be up in the air right now, but it has been a leader in sports innovation and excitement during the last three seasons. In addition to having the last two Heisman Trophy winners in the league, they have devised a system called the instant replay. The replay created excitement for the fans and helped officials decide close calls at the request of the coaches.

Although the NFL created the replay in 1978, the league felt the system was too expensive and would lengthen games by an average of 11 minutes. They wanted to use 10 different angles to help decide a play.

When the USFL revived the system, they did it right. They used a network feed to get a frontal and profile view of the play which didn't take more than three minutes and limited its use to twice a game for each team. The replay ended any doubt a coach might have had about a play.

The USFL used the system during 1985 season and it was a success. The USFL's future may appear to be up in the air right now, but it has been a leader in sports innovation and excitement during the last three seasons.

The replay in baseball will eliminate many coaches and players from getting away. Stan Musial; had 1,815 hits for home games and the same number for away games.

Last week's stumper answer:
What baseball Hall of Famer had the same number of hits both home and away? Stan Musial; had 1,815 hits for home games and the same number for away games.

Submitting the correct answer were: John Foley, Glenn Mackey, Dennis Mascali, Tom Dunn, Tom Dryl, Thomas Jaspen, Mike Shevlin, Greg Raimann, Manny LaSada and Pete DeLora.

This week's stumper:
Who holds the NFL season record for most yards per carry?

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By Jim Nicosia

"If we fail to execute, we will have a great deal of difficulty, but if we have good shot selection and play great defense," Gelston assured. "We have the potential to be a contender.

"All the good teams I've coached have had three things in common. They all shared the basketball, played great defense, and like one another were friends on and off the court.

"Those are the things we strive for."

Indian Info: Three freshmen have played their way onto the varsity squad this year: Wilson Rodriguez, Kenny Johnson, and Mark Scott.

Geo. Washington 87—MSC 59

George Washington University opened an 11-point lead with less than three minutes left in the first half and coasted by the Indians Saturday night. Robert Smith had a game high 19 points for MSC.

Forward Marcus Williams is expected to have a big part in MSC inside game.
Transfers and freshmen spark men's x-country team

By Anna Schiavo

The men's cross-country team laid the foundation this season for what promises to be an even better team next year. The team has acquired new players whose talent enabled the team to reach their 5-4 record including a win at the Drew Invitational.

"We were very fortunate to get six freshmen out for the team this year. We also got two transfer runners one of whom is Ron Kuik, Ron managed to qualify for the NCAA Division III National Championship, "said Head Coach James Harris. Another transfer student is Emanuel Mendez.

"He transferred from St. Peter's College in Jersey City. Manny won the meet against St. Peter's at Garret Mountain and became the consistent second place runner for the team all season," said Harris.

The freshmen were led by Oran Lucas. He was voted the most improved runner.

"Oran was on the championship team roster and was our fifth place runner. He has an excellent future in cross country because he has talent and is dedicated," Harris said. Louie Marreiros, a freshman from Portugal, has made "a good transition to cross country running in the USA. He became our sixth or seventh man in most of our meets and should be an important addition to the team as he gains experience," said the coach.

Other freshmen included Gaba Rodriguez, Rich Hoffman, Bob Degnan, Michael Ginch and Rudy Bodner. Senior Frank Guzzo was plagued by injuries until the middle of the season.

"He became our third man in most of the meets. He also finished number one in the Glassboro meet. He became the first runner from MSC in a number of years to beat all of the Glassboro runners," said Harris.

Senior Carlos Esteves of Newark, was an important part of the team.

"We will miss Carlos because his dedication to running was an inspiration for many of the freshmen and transfers," said Harris.

"Greg Spadavecchia, a senior from High Point, was showing excellent progress until he was injured in mid-season. He managed to recover from his injury to become our sixth man."

Sophomore John Hogan was "a consistent runner this season. John could be counted on to finish as our third or fourth man in every meet. John was the co-captain for this year and has been voted co-captain for next year," said Harris.