The bar was open. The pizza was hot. The music played.

The party was set, but no one came.

Last Wednesday night as part of a four-week trial period the Rathskellar opened its doors from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. to all students from the college under the age of 21. Everything that the Rat normally provides during its Thursday night hours was there. Everything, that is, except the alcohol.

"We didn't have anybody," said Karen Katt, director of auxiliary services, who organized the event. "We made signs and flers, and make announce- ments in all the dorms. A lot of people came by, but nobody wanted to be the first one to walk in."

Katt designed the non-alcoholic Wednesday night as part of a service to the students, mainly those under 21 who aren't allowed inside the Rat on Thursdays because of the drinking age.

"There's really no place for students to go if they don't have a car, and you're not facilitating to the majority of the students by offering this service only one night a week," she added.

Katt's objective is to try to make Wednesday night at the Rat as similar to Thursday night as possible, with the exception of alcohol. For example, if there was a live band or comedy act set to appear on one night, it would appear again on the next night.

The bar would be open on both nights also; only the drinks would be different. "I want them (the students) to understand," Katt explained, "it's not just soda. We have non-alcoholic beer and wine, sparkling grape juice, Sundance sparklers...I'd like to get into making mock cocktails, but I'd hate to make an investment if the students don't participate."

Light student participation is one aspect which worries Katt. "We're open to suggestions. I'd like to see a student committee of maybe five or six students work with us in promoting this idea so it doesn't get boring or mundane. There are so many things you can do with this-holidays, a New Year's Eve party the week back from Spring Break, a Hawaiian luau, 50's night. We need student input."

"If the idea is a success past the four week trial period, Katt plans to make the non-alcoholic Wednesday night a regular part of the Rat's weekly activities. "If it's very successful, I'd like to add another night, perhaps a Friday for those students who stay here on weekends."

"They (the students) have to take the responsibility of voicing what they want and what happens in there. I think that if the students don't utilize it at all, they'll put the administration in a position where they'd view it (the Rat) as a waste of time," she added.

Chris Williams, a senior who has been hired as the D.J. on Wednesdays for the trial period, feels there's a need for the Rat to be open during the week to those under 21. "It's something to do," he says.

"It's interesting to see how groups of people work. Last Wednesday I figure about fifty to seventy people came by and hung around outside by the candy store. It's like people don't have identities for themselves. They were either put off by having to pay (admission charge was $1.50 with student I.D.) or that no one was in there. People have to see something happening," he added.

Nevertheless, Williams remained optimistic. "I think it'll work from what I saw on Wednesday. Not people coming in but just coming. It's obvious to see that they would have a good time."

"If they just do it for the four weeks and then drop it, it won't work," he said. "They have to give it time."

This Wednesday free admission was offered between 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The Freeman Hall CHEERS association also plans to organize an "invasion".

Sexual harassment proposal rejected by trustee members

By Carl Chase
Staff Writer

The Board of Trustees fell short of adopting a resolution prohibiting sexual harassment of students and employees. Two board members opposed and two more abstained after concerns were aired about the document's wording.

The resolution, which condemns harassment in the workplace and in academic settings, promises to develop investigative and disciplinary procedures and outlines how the college will define the offense. It was this definition which prompted student representative Robin Miller and Mr. William Wimberly to oppose, leaving three "yes" votes of the seven voting members present. Four "yes" votes were required to pass the measure.

According to the resolution, "Sexual Harassment is defined as" any of various forms of mistreatment whether "verbal or physical in nature; and where" the harasser uses any of various abuses of authority to compel the victim to submit.

"The purpose of this test is to determine how well our students are being taught, the strength of our programs, and what needs to be improved to make each department the best possible," McCormick said. McCormick also teaches in both the psychology and Spanish/Italian depart- ments said, "So much breath of new knowledge has arisen recently, it's hard to look at our students periodically to see how well they are handling it." MSC's constant additions to and revisions of its programs is evidence that this is already in progress" he said.

Reviewing previous tools for more successful proposals to determine the goals and objectives for this major and for the mission statement, the Institutional Assessment Council of IAC is already being developed for IAC, said Nagle. "I'm looking forward to the end product which will be the depart- mental improvement."
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Rat starts no-alcohol night

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of the Rat of Freeman Hall residents next Wednesday night to show its support.

Student reaction to the whole idea is somewhat mixed. A number of students felt that opening the Rat on Wednesdays is "a great idea," but that the problem lies with Wednesday night itself. Several commented that students still have classes and other obligations on Wednesdays, and that a Friday or Saturday night would be much better.

Other students felt that the lack of alcohol would make the idea less than successful. One student commented that he'd rather stay in his room and get drunk.

"One of the reasons people go to a place like the Rat is to drink. I know if I were 21, one of the only reasons I'd go is because they serve alcohol, it's on campus, and it's convenient," one sophomore said.

A majority, however, are optimistic, and only feel that the idea "needs more hype."

"I could see it working," one freshman said. "It's gonna take a while to get it started...It needs to build up a reputation."

"I think it's a good idea. Especially for me because I don't have a car and I can't get to clubs," another added. "It's a great way to meet people."

"Because it's a school night it might be a problem," another freshman agreed. "Everybody's been to teen dances. I've had a lot of fun and there's no drinking there. I'll try it."

"We had a couple of teen clubs down the shore," another said. "You could dance and eat and hang out and they were really popular. They'd have to publicize it, though."

One sophomore summed up the situation. "There seems to be a lot of apathy on this campus," she said. "They're gonna have to let it go for a while and see how it does."

Keeping gym in schools

By D. Thomas Chekur

SGA President Thomas Mergola announced his disapproval last night over Governor Kean's recent proposal to remove the physical education program from public schools.

The bill being considered states that the four years of physical education presently required to graduate public school should be changed from mandatory to optional.

Mergola told the 27 legislators attending the meeting that Kean lacks an understanding of what physical education is. "Governor Kean is under the impression that a fat kid will remain fat all his life," Mergola said. "Some people in Trenton don't know what's at stake here."

Dr. Sharon Spencer of the English department said that Kean would be substituting additional reading and writing courses for physical education in order to improve academic standards. She also said that lengthening the school day to accommodate athletics, was a proposal which received partiality.

Mergola, who was once a physical education major, circulated a petition to be signed by those legislators who were opposed to Kean's bill. The petition supports a drive called "Health and Fitness: Perfect Together," which has been designed to keep physical education in the public school curriculum. In response to a list of recommendations on how to deal with gay bias, Rutgers University may establish lounges for gay and lesbian students. Mergola said that previously, gay people were forced to meet in bathrooms to avoid public exposure. Mergola also said that since Montclair and Rutgers are both state institutions, "some of these recommendations may filter down to us."

The ZBT fraternity chapter located on the Teaneck Campus of Fairleigh Dickinson College, has been linked to the theft of numerous flags in that area. "It doesn't reflect on our own ZBT," Mergola said. "We don't have pledging here." ZBT, a nationally recognized fraternity, was granted a charter at MSC last semester.

In closing, the Computer Science Club was awarded a class II charter. The club organizes a computer-disk sale each semester, and is open to any student on campus.

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Proposal is rejected
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it may be construed as requiring
that two parts of the definition
must be present to recognize the
presence of sexual harassment.

He cast a supporting vote
when it was decided the wording
would later be adjusted.

Dr. Edward Goldberg said
"Every college needs a state­
ment of policy" and "it's better
to pass it now and pass any
changes on March second."

No board member expressed
disagreement with the overall
concept of the resolution.

Drop-In Center announces new training hours

On Feb. 5, 1989, the Drop-In Center began its 19th year of training. The training period will last two weeks. Students are being introduced to the reflective style of listening essential to Drop-In Center volunteers.

The Drop-In Center, a service of the SGA, is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. For information call 893-5271 or stop by.

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The Psychological Services Center will offer five workshops designed to help students manage academic stress and develop their potential. Each one helps the participants take a close look at one dimension of their lives and make whatever changes are necessary. They will meet one hour a week for six weeks. These workshops are in addition to the regular program of individual and group counseling and psychotherapy offered by the Psychological Services Center.

Adult Children of Alcoholics
Time: Fridays at 12:00 noon, beginning February 24, 1989.

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Parenting
Time: Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m., beginning February 21, 1989.

Rap Group
(for Women who have been victims of physical, verbal or sexual abuse.)
Time: Wednesday at 12:00 noon, beginning February 8, 1989.

Personal Growth-Taking Charge of Your Own Life
Time: Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m., beginning February 21, 1989.

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Time: To be arranged. Sign up and we will call you.

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To sign up for these workshops come to Psychological Services Center, Gilbreath House, or call extension 5211 (Ms. Thompson, Secretary).

By Paul Mampilly
Staff Writer
A vehicle stolen in Clifton was found in lot 30 on Feb. 5.
Four lockers were broken into in Panzer Gym between Feb. 4 and Feb. 6. The locks were cut in an attempt to open the lockers. Based on an initial investigation, the contents of the lockers were not stolen.
Seven locks were also cut in an attempt to open lockers in the Student Center. The break-in occurred between 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. on Feb. 5. Approximately $145 was found missing.

A male was charged with disorderly conduct and harassment of a resident in the Clove Road apartments. The male allegedly threatened and pushed the resident; he also allegedly forced his way into the apartment and would not leave. The male has been charged and arrested. The incident occurred on Feb. 6.

A stereo, television, and Nintendo set were stolen from an apartment on Clove Road. The thieves apparently entered through the apartment window. The theft occurred on Feb. 5.

A female resident in Blanton Hall complained that she received a phone call from a male who said he wanted her to talk dirty to him while he masturbated. He also talked about his penis and its size. The resident then hung up. The complaint was reported on Feb. 2.

A stereo was stolen from an 82 Mazda between 9 p.m. on Feb. 4 and 1 p.m. on Feb. 5. The stereo was valued at $200.

An employee of the bookstore pleaded guilty and was convicted of shoplifting earlier this week and fined $205 for the crime. The incident occurred last month.
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Additional days may be Rat's only solution

The Rathskellar and administration have had an on-going, off-again affair in recent years at this college. Every couple of years, administrators threaten to close down the Rat; this usually occurs after a particularly violent event, such as a fight or vandalism.

The close-downs all have one thing in common: the violence occurs on the Rat’s busiest night, Thursday. It’s no coincidence that its busiest night is also the only night it serves alcohol, except for the occasional attempt at a dry bar.

Many under 21 students have complained to Rat personnel of a feeling of exclusion from Rat activities. They want to socialize in the Rat, but the one night it is opened for this purpose is the only night they can’t participate.

Yet, when a night is set aside for the under 21 crowd, students cower behind the doors like sheep, afraid to be the first person to enter.

Why is this? Many successful clubs host “teen nights” one night a week, and these go over well for the most part. Those who can’t get into the “real clubs” happily settle for the atmosphere of a club minus the drunkenness.

Other than the obvious social benefits of scheduling “dry bar” nights for a portion of the campus, what other reasons can there be for opening the Rat up on nights other than Thursday?

Well, a good reason might be to safeguard Thursday nights for those students who are of age. A time-proven administrative argument for the closing of the Rat has been the simple economical fact that it just isn’t used that much. If students use it more, it will have more value for the college.

Perhaps, if the Rat was open four nights a week with every other night an alcohol-free one, a dual purpose would be served: student participation in on-campus activities would increase, and the Rat would be a preferable place to hang out.

If a student knows the Rat is open Monday through Thursday on a regular basis, and not just for the occasional attempt at a teen dance, the urge to “drop by” will be much stronger.

Another good idea would be to remove the “under 21” label. No one wants to feel as if he or she is still in high school, attending sweet sixeens for entertainment. If older students are encouraged to fit in those under 21 on alcohol-free nights, it would not be such an “uncool” place to be.

Time to lose the burden of SDI

President Bush has hardly settled into his chair and already our defense policy has caught up to last year’s Westhouse Science Fair. Isn’t it amazing how often life imitates comic books?

John Tower, Mr. Bush’s choice to head the Defense Department, announced at his confirmation hearing last week that Ronald Reagan’s famous Strategic Defense Initiative—Star Wars—was a fraud. Oh, he didn’t say that exactly (conservatives have a difficult time speaking the truth about weapons systems, or Ronald Reagan for that matter) but he did acknowledge that it was impossible to “devise an umbrella that can protect the entire American population from nuclear incineration.”

That was the deal, remember. President Reagan sold the country on Star Wars by postulating a defense system that would protect us from nuclear attack in the manner of an umbrella protecting us from rain. I recall seeing television ads featuring crayon missiles bouncing off of crayon umbrellas above crayon school-houses—Dick and Jane Go to War. But it was enough to convince Congress to sink tens of billions of dollars into the project work.

It seemed a harebrained idea at the time, and I was fortified in my skepticism by the work of one Vijay Pande, a high school student who won $10,000 in a Westinghouse science contest with an analysis of how many satellites carrying laser weapons it would take to form an effective anti-missile shield.

He found it would take 8,000, at $2 million a satellite, to protect us from 2,400 Soviet missiles, assuming the lasers were the relatively low-powered models now available. If we could build lasers 10 times stronger we could get away with 200 or so but such instruments are 40 or 50 years in the future. In any case, the young man made it obvious that we were talking about a weapons system that cost hundreds of billions and perhaps trillions of dollars. And that’s assuming it would work, which most scientists dispute.

So why are we pouring money into this turkey, just a few trillion dollars in the current budget? It appealed to Ronald Reagan’s scientific imagination, an amalgam of Edward Teller and Buck Rogers. It seems that in 1979 Mr. Reagan visited a missile base and was struck by the realization that an American president, in the event of a Soviet nuclear attack, could do nothing to save his country, he could only launch a counter-attack.

It’s not just the money, you know; five billion more or less isn’t going to solve our budget problems. But we have limited scientific research resources, and they are being drained by contriving things that we don’t use and wouldn’t work if we tried.

Electronics executives recently warned that the Japanese are pulling ahead of us in technology vital to the manufacture of computer chips as well as other important technologies, such as super computers. We have sunk beneath western Europe and the Far East in the teaching of math and science; we’ve even behind the Russians there.

We can’t compete with the world in the manufacture of cars, television sets and VCRs. We are sliding toward economic disaster. If President Bush is ready to dump a dizzy scheme like Star Wars it might be a sign that he knows that and is going to try to do something about it. Let’s cheer him on.

From that stunning insight sprang SDI. Once elected Mr. Reagan brought up the subject of a defensive missile system in a general way, with the Joint-Chief of Staffs and his science adviser and received vague reassurance that it might be a good idea. Within three years, without much further exploration, he announced that the United States would undertake a project to end the threat of nuclear war forever by making itself vulnerable to missiles. It was a breathtaking leap of the imagination and really dumb.

Once launched, the idea developed an irresistible momentum. The military embraced it because it meant bigger defense budgets, the right wing because it demonstrated our resolve to defend ourselves against the Evil empire, defense scientists because it meant work for them. The scientific community as a whole was appalled by the scam and said so but SDI went forward, proving once again that there are few things more powerful than a bad idea whose time has come.

The Tower testimony is the first indication we’ve had that common sense is beginning to reassert itself in our defense policy. SDI won’t be cancelled, of course—it has become virtually impossible to cancel major weapons system/ jobs program once it has started—but we can expect to see it scaled down and perhaps even to be used as a bargaining chip in our disarmament negotiations with the Soviet Union.

It would be wonderful if it were so.

Donald Kaul is a syndicated columnist with the Tribune Media Services, Inc.
Viewpoints/Right

Jurors a problem for North trial

The business of finding 12 jurors in Washington, D.C., who so to speak never heard of Col. Oliver North assumes ludicrous proportions, something like the obverse of Diogenes' search for an honest man, only what Judge Gerhard Gesell and the defendants appear to be looking for is Seven Truly Ignorant Washingtonians, who will approach the question of Col. North, guilty or not guilty, in tabula rasa—with absolutely unfounded opinions.

In the dark days of World War II, when gasoline was rationed to a couple of gallons per week and rubber tires were non-existent, the story was told of the motorist who stopped at a remote gas station in Maine, counted out his available coupons, and asked for 1 1/2 gallons of gas. "Why so little?" the old attendant asked inquisitively. "That's all the coupons I have. Why do you mean? What's a 'coupon'?" (Exasperated) "The coupons that entitle you to buy gas. Hell, we've had them since Pearl Harbor." "Pearl Harbor? What's that?" the motorist asked, and in the look of rapture floods his face. "Mister, never mind the gas. Just give me four brand-new tires.

Somebody ought to ask the question whether anyone in Washington who has no idea who Colonel North is has any idea whether it really matters what Colonel North did.

The business of being tried by your peers, which is the governing rubric in these matters, makes you wonder whether there isn't a hearing between finding Colonel North's "peer," and deciding what it is that he is being tried for.

He is going to plead a distinction subtle enough to breed ambivalence in political philosophers, but the business of making it difficult to find qualified jurors is taking the business of an unbiased jury and running just a little bit too far with it.

To say that Mrs. Jones is unbiased in the matter of Col. North because she was unaware of him, notwithstanding that Col. North dominated the news in the press, on television and on radio for about three weeks two springs ago, isn't to come up with a fine mind that missed the entire episode because she was absorbed in eremitical pursuits, chasing butterflies in Uganda, or worshiping Buddha in India. The probability is that you will come up with a very dumb lady, and the notion that justice is practically made out by dumb jurors is taking the business of an unbiased jury and running just a little bit too far with it.

Granted, the defense hopes to profit from the business of making it difficult to find qualified jurors. And Judge Gesell is saying the question of the disreputability of the appointment, Mayor Walker smiled following day by a reporter about the disreputability of the appointment, Mayor Walker smiled and answered that his objective had been to make sure that Brooklyn juveniles would be tried by their peers.

A few years ago I figured in a trial in Washington and on Day Two of the trial (we plaintiffs were alleging libel by a racist hate-sheet) the attorney for the defense asked for a mistrial, on the grounds that The Washington Times had published a story about the preceding day's activity that was prejudicial to the defense. Solemnly, each of the six jurors was questioned individually by the trial judge. Had they read that morning's issue of The Washington Post? No. The New York Times? USA Today? Wall Street Journal? No. Why had they not seen a newspaper that day? Answer: None of the six jurors ever reads a newspaper.

When the verdict finally came in, a juror explained the reasoning that had guided them in their $1 judgment against the defendant. "It's just this simple. Both the parties are pro-Reagan, and anybody who is pro-Reagan is racist, so what's the fuss all about?"

The whole idea of the juror ignorant of any knowledge of the facts under contention is to find an unprejudiced evaluator. But the platonic ideal of the unbiased juror presumes a quarrel in which there hasn't been any significant national involvement.

To the editor:

This week I was faced with a barrage of posters which I found discriminatory and insulting. Apparently, Tau Kappa Epsilon found it necessary to diminish their formerly reputable standards in an attempt to attract members to pledge their organization.

It is a shame when such a seemingly respectable fraternity chooses of its own volition, to degrade itself.

Undoubtedly, this was not their intention. However, if foresight, moderate intolerance and slight social awareness was incorporated into their choice of poster, they might have avoided dishonoring themselves.

On a campus where intelligence and an ecletic understanding of the world is stressed, it is disheartening when a representative organization publicly negates these principles.

Next time boys let your mind direct your decision making process, not your hormones.

Judith Quinlan
philosophy/psychology

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Letters must be signed, but names will be withheld upon request. These guidelines must be met or the letter will not be printed.

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

T.K.E.'s sexist poster

To the editor:

As a graduate assistant working for student activities, I am concerned about the communication exist within the student community. Is it possible to establish an ongoing column in The Montclarion dealing with issues that affect the minority communities?

I see the need to open communication regarding attitudes between the various ethnic and racial communities. I believe that if given the chance, students will be highly vocal in articulating incidents redolent with strong emotions about interacial and ethnic relations.

I am organizing a forum to both discuss such feelings and to develop an agenda dealing with them. I invite anyone interested in being involved on any level to contact me at Ext. 4404 or to visit me in the Student Center, Room 400, Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday.

Remember, "silence is the voice of complicity!"

David Ciampichini
Office of Student Activities

Reader defends Gag

To the editor:

I found June C. Fadule's letter to the editor last week to be shallow, defensive and misrepresentational. Her letter concerned John Paul's Gig Reflex comic strip, which she refused to call a cartoon because it wasn't funny and "cartoons are supposed to be funny."

First off may I say that her definition of a cartoon lacks quite a bit. Not all cartoons are supposed to be funny, maybe the ones next to horoscopes, but there are political cartoons, adventure cartoons, and heaven forbid even pornographic cartoons. Even by her definition, I know many people who consider it funny. I personally wouldn't call it a cartoon, favoring the word comic strip or comic.

Secondly, she found the cartoon (dare I use the word), "insulting to all mothers." I know one mother who found it funny, my own. She even took it to work.

Thirdly, I believe there is a big distinction between finding something offensive in a newspaper, and the overall poor taste of the editorial board. I generally find something offensive in the newspaper every day, but it's generally associated with the people in the news rather than the ones resenting it.

Finally, I hope you understand the story behind the joke. The one about the editor of The New York Times, and his response to a letter from Virginia. She was a young girl who wasn't sure she believed in Santa Claus. The closing paragraph started with the sentence, "Yes Virginia, there is a Santa Claus."

The comic was very funny to a lot of people, and I'm truly sorry you couldn't appreciate it. This does not mean however, that you can accuse John Paul for having no respect for his mother. I find that to be obscene.

Name withheld by request
The Custom of the Country makes its American premiere

By Luisa Carrizo
Arts/Entertainment Editor

The following review is from the preview showing of The Custom of the Country.

Romantic interludes, hilarious interactions and superb acting mark what was a distinctly entertaining American premiere of The Custom of the Country written by Nicholas Wright and directed by Bruce Goodrich.

The Custom of the Country, set in South Africa during 1890, reflects the lexical and stylistic range of the strife that has shaped today's current affairs. But, as Director Goodrich states, "love rises above all" even in the midst of turmoil.

The plot unfold as an ena­mored missionary Paul du Boys elopes with Tendi, the native girl as played by Amy Figueroa. In their undertakings, they interact with distinct personalities that mold views on love, marriage and power.

Paul, as played by Michael Friedman, is an honest, sincere man that is deeply involved with his emotional life to the extent of getting married after the end of the play. He is a strong willed womanizer who is bril­liantly performed by James Gushue. Gushue has a true grasp on the role and his execution is without flaw.

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The lighting design, as com­plemented by James Giordano, complemented The Custom of the Country to a great extent. The performance floated without difficulty which is a credit to the production crew.

To those who have read these words, take heed. Do not miss The Custom of the Country.

Performances will take place Feb. 8 through 11 at 8:00 p.m. in the Studio Theatre with matinees on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 11 and 12 at 2:15. Admission is $3.00 standard; $2.00 for MSC students with ID, faculty, staff and senior citizens.

Nolan's Notes

By Jarrett Nolan

Hello and welcome to another edition of Nolan's Notes. Those up for best new artist show a variation but with a seemingly clear winner: British pop sensation Rick Astley, folk singer Tracy Chapman, soul stylist Toni Childs, a capella group Take 6 and former Miss America Vanessa Williams.

Album of the year nods go to: Faith/George Michael; ...Nothing Like the Sun/Sting; Roll With It/Steve Winwood; Simple Pleasures/Bobby McFerrin and Tracy Chapman's debut album. My predictions: Chapman and Michael, respectively.

MINI-NOTES I: Madonna is set to co-star opposite Warren Beatty in a movie version of the comic strip series, Dick Tracy...Anita Baker was married in Detroit on Christmas Eve...Guns N' Roses has two albums in the top 5 on the album chart. This has not happened since January 1974 when Jim Croce placed two albums in the upper levels of the chart - four months after he died in a plane crash...

Paula Abdul hits the top this week. The singer/choreographer, who taught Janet Jackson her "Nasty" moves, is the second dancer to top the chart. She does so with "Straight Up."

MINI-NOTES II: Isn't life funny? She sleeps with Jim Bakker; gets caught up in the P.T.L. sex scandal; gets her breasts enlarged; rolls around the ground in Sam Kinison's "Wild Thing" video; and lands a spot, for a short time, on a Phoenix radio station. But ladies and gentlemen, Jessica Hahn is not a bimbo!...

"The answer to last week's question: The Star Trek episode in which Leonard Nimoy chants "Pure Energy" is "Return to Forever." This week's question: I mentioned earlier that Abdul was the second dancer to go to number one. Who was the first and what was the single? Hint: It was recent. Think about it...Until next week...

No lightning on Ryder LP

By Paul Mampilly
Staff Writer

Gene Ryder is seen on the cover of his new LP Last Cigarette and a Blindfold in some very rock-n-roll type poses, which is an accurate description of the music on the album. Ryder is a storyteller with his songs. The image conjured up is that of a Bruce Springsteen with a grassroots twangy guitar. I think this album is a case of one social rocker too many. Lots of rock-n-roll philosophies and love stories constitute the meat of the lyrics. The music is average with the obligatory guitar solos packaged in to give it the complete rock-n-roll touch.

This is not a bad album, but it's not too good either. It's a safe, packaged piece of rock-n-roll that, if lucky, will get a break on the charts.

Despite the mediocrity, there are a few good tracks on the album: the opening track, "Willy," "Higher Ground," and "It's Only Thunder." Yep, that's right. Only thunder. No lighting to make it complete.
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Field to compete in Vitalis meet Saturday

By Kenny Peck

Track and (Amiod) Field  Amiod Field will once again represent MSC at the United States Olympic Vitalis Games on Thursday, October 9th at the Meadowlands Arena. Last season at the Vitalis meet, Field finished second in the 500 meter ICAA and also participated in the 1600 meter relay event, which the team won. Meanwhile, Regina Ladson qualified for the NCAA Championships in the 55 meter dash with a time of 7.3 seconds. Speaking of Nationals, MSC swimmer Andy Pecoraro will probably be representing the Indians at this year's championships. Any way you look at it, Wade Boggs is pretty screwed...it's kind of easy to say now, but the baseball team is semi-loaded with talent. At the MSC Football Banquet last week (which we weren't invited to, hence no story), defensive end Paul Cioffi won Defensive Most Valuable Player of the Year, while offensive tackle Doug Robb claimed the Offensive MVP. Rob Merola was named Most Improved. Also, next year's captains were announced: John Hernandez, Amiod Field, and Jeff McGregor. Congratulations to everyone on a great season...The Knicks are gonna do it, and so are the Range-well, it's a weak joke on that...Special thanks to Cioffi for that $18.20 horse last night. For that feat, Paul is the first ever (and last) On the Inside Corner Most Valuable Handicapper...

At the Meadowlands We're going to try something new. Beginning today, we'll print the selections of some of MSC's handicappers every week. Just to make it interesting, the team with the best return on a $2 across the board bet at semester's end will receive an 'as-yet-to-be-determined prize.'

Keep in mind that we in no way condone gambling, nor do we expect or encourage you to bet these horses. It just gives "Precious Paul" something to talk about in the cafeteria.

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Skii team between a rock and hard place

By Anthony DiPasquale Staff Writer

The increase in success and popularity of the MSC ski team has given rise to questions concerning the funding of student organizations. The ski team, which was cut from Student Government Association's (SGA) budget last year, now receives limited funding from the athletic department. The team, which placed 14 out of 500 colleges in last year's National Collegiate Ski Association competition, was placed into the athletic department because of high liability insurance. Under the athletic department, however, it is hampered with serious financial crises. For now, the team pays for most of its own expenses through fund raisers and out of their own pockets.

"We did as well or better than any other team in the school," said John Dorval, "People from around the country know MSC from the ski team, and considering the school's benefitting from the recognition, it should give us more funding." This season, the team ranks in the top two of the division as it sets its sights towards the Regionals in Virginia.

"We have a strong team this year, with two of the best racers (Richard Kennedy and Beerman) in our league," said team president Andy Goodman.

Dr. Jack Samuels, ski team advisor, feels the team is caught between two political forces.

"The team is not really getting any money from athletics because they really don't have it in their budget right now, nor does the SGA feel they are entitled to any funding because they're no longer an SGA student organization," Samuels said.

The team would like the administration who made the decision to move all the sports activities into the athletic department as sports clubs to transfer some of SGA's funds to compensate for the increase. SGA knows about the need but there has been no formal action taken. As the ski team works toward the Nationals, Samuels feels, "Somebody has the money to help these kids, and they shouldn't be worried about the policies because it's all for the benefit of MSC and its students."

Capristo provides MSC with unique trait—unselfishness

By Mary Carmolomagno Staff Writer

Jon Capristo has a unique outlook on the game of ice hockey.

In a game that is known for its brutality. Capristo has been criticized for being too nice. His strategy is simple: "I would rather pass than score," he said. Although the four-year veteran admits he is not a player that can score at will, he feels that he has the judgement to know when to pass and when to score.

At last Sunday's game against Columbia University, Capristo proved that he certainly knows when to score by leading the team to a 11-2 victory. Capristo scored three goals, sparking the Indian victory.

"Goals are easy," Capristo said. "A good assist is what I appreciate." This team player feels fortunate because he has been very well coached.

"We've learned to see myself two or three plays ahead. Because hockey is so fast, this is a definite advantage," Capristo explained.

Capristo typifies the attitude of this unorthodox hockey team. They came to the league as an independent club in 1985 and won the championship. The team finds itself trying to play by its own rules in a league where there is much animosity. Now, more than ever, the Indians are trying to prove themselves.

"Teams don't just want to beat us, they want to kill us," said Capristo. "Since we were new to the league, we took everybody by surprise." The resentment and hostility toward the non-conforming hockey team caused the victorious 1985 squad to be brought to Division II in 1986.

"It's hard to keep your head up when everyone is constantly trying to bring you down. Unfortunately, this is what has happened," said Capristo.

The opposing teams have come to expect a different brand of hockey from the Indians. "They expect us to be good, and they try to rub it in our faces. It has become a burden for us," explained Capristo.

Returning this semester, Capristo feels that although the competition is tough, "we still are in contention for the playoffs. I don't think we're playing as a team yet. Any team that can work together can win. We still need to do this."

Encouragement and love of the game are only two of this player's assets. He cited last week's Upsala game as an example.

"The bench was very quiet and down, when what we needed was everyone to work together. We need to encourage, not criticize.

Capristo's philosophy is basically to enjoy the game. "If you can't enjoy yourself out there, then you shouldn't even be out there," he says.

When asked why he decided to return this semester, he said, "I missed it and I wanted to contribute to what could be a very successful team."

"I'd like to finish the season with no regrets," Capristo continued. "Even if we lose, it must be with our heads held high."

Trivia Time-Out

Each week, The Montclarion publishes a list of sports questions and answers to test your knowledge of sports trivia. In addition, there is a sports stumper which will be answered in the following issue. If you think you have the correct answer to the stumper, drop it off at The Montclarion office in Room 113 of the Student Center Annex. The names of those submitting the correct answer will be published in the next week's issue. Deadline for submissions is Monday at 3 p.m.

1. In what city is the Cotton Bowl played?

2. Who was the NBA's most valuable player in 1976-77?

3. How many winners did Eddie Arcaro ride in the Kentucky Derby between 1938 and 1952?

4. What NFL coach was embarrassed and fined in 1981 when a Monday Night Football microphone picked up some off-color remarks?

5. Who portrayed Alex Karras in the movie Paper Lion?
**Did Iowa State stall?**

**Monaco nipped by Krieger in controversial match**

By Kenny Peck

**Men lose to Jersey City St., top Rutgers-Camden again**

By Jan Saarmann and Bryan Morytko

**Swimmers finding best stroke at a fine time**

By Kenny Peck

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**This Just In...**

The MSC women’s basketball team topped Jersey City State last night, 77-61. The Indians were led by Sue Becker, who had 21 points. Fran Collins registered 17 points and Kim Wilson netted 16 for MSC (15-7, 8-2). Carolyn Savio grabbed 10 rebounds.

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**Gonzalez, wrestling team shooting for the top**

The MSC wrestling team, ranked seventh nationally in Division III, is gearing up for its run at the Division III National Championship by wrapping up its dual meet schedule and priming itself with some multi-team competition.

At the Essex Cup this past weekend, MSC walked away with the title, defeating Seton Hall, 37-9, and Rutgers-Newark, 29-12. At the 126-pound level, Dave Boncher won both his matches (21-7 and 10-2), the only Indian grappler to wrestle twice on the afternoon due to opposing injuries in the matching.

MSC will travel to the Metropolitan Tournament at Trenton State this weekend before its final dual meet of the season, a February 16 matchup with Glassboro State. February 19 will bring the New Jersey Athletic Conference Championship, a tourney MSC has never won for the final dual meet.

According to MSC head coach Steve Strelnik, the team has a “good shot” at finishing in the top three among Division III schools. According to Pete Gonzalez, their chances are better than that.

“I just know we can do it,” said Gonzalez, co-captain of the team. “It would be nice to finish up as National Champions in our last year. It will be a rough road, but we can do it."

Gonzalez attributes the success of the team to a closeness the squad has developed over the course of the season. “At the beginning of the season we were a little shaky,” said Gonzalez, defending the Division III National Champion. “Now, the team is closer. We made it a point to be with each other, think like that.

On a personal level, Gonzalez’ ultimate goal is to win the Division I National Championship. Right now, the squad would like to “all the way through the Division III Championships.”

“I don’t think anyone has ever done that.”

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**Ollie’s 500th!**

Ollie Gelston, head coach of the MSC men’s basketball team, hit a milestone this past weekend with the Indians’ 76-62 victory over Rutgers-Camden Saturday night, as it was his 500th career win as a basketball coach.

Gelston is now 500-371 in 25 years of coaching, which includes a 293-246 record spanning 22 years at MSC. His total collegiate mark stands at 418-308, which includes eight years at Jersey City State.

Mike Fitzpatrick hit a free throw to bring the Indians within one point at 25-24. The Knights’ Billy Harrison answered with six straight points to bring Jersey City State into the lockerroom with a 31-26 lead.

The Indians fell behind by seven at the start of the second half but battled to a tie at 33-33 after a 7-0 scoring burst. The two teams exchanged baskets and then Liddy gave the Indians the lead with a layup.

The Knights tied the game once again the next down, then Gulbin hit a layup as he was fouled. Gulbin hit both shots and gave the Indians a four point lead.

From that point on though, it was all downhill for MSC. The Knights quickly turned the game around and won at the 9:58 mark were up by nine points.

The next 20 seconds and 2 minutes saw only six points scored, as the Indians fell behind by 11. MSC never got closer than five points of the rest of the way, finally losing by fourteen.

Gulbin was high-scorer for MSC with 23 points.

MSC 76-Rutgers-Camden 62

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**Swimmers finding best stroke at a fine time**

The MSC men’s swim team beat Rutgers-Camden last night, 109-99, for their second victory in a row.

The team was led by freshman Aaron Miller, who swam three personal bests to propel MSC.

The Indians needed a big performance from their relay team in the meet’s last event, which they led by only five points going into it. The team, consisting of Miller, Jim Madden, Karl Angersbach and John Harding, responded strongly, winning by over 19 seconds to secure the win.

The team really came together as one to make this meet a success,” said Mike Pavolony, who contributed to the victory with an un-posed win in the 200 butterfly. Pavolony also combined with Angersbach, Tim O’Connor and Rich Volpi to register a win in the 400 medley.

“I was happy with my performance,” said O’Connor, who registered two other victories last night. “I’ve been putting a lot of time into workouts and I think it’s paying off.”

O’Connor isn’t the only one reaping the benefits of hard work. The entire MSC team is swimming well, and head coach Mickey David couldn’t have timed it better, with the Metropolitan Championships just around the corner (February 23-25 at the Metropolitan Championships).”

“For the numbers we have, everyone’s doing pretty well,” O’Connor continued. “But our lack of depth is becoming a factor.”

Coming into the season, the Indians seemed to have no problems concerning team depth. But several players have left the team for a variety of reasons, and, like last season, the team is hurt by a lack of swimmers.

“We still look pretty good coming into the Mets (Metropolitan Championships),” O’Connor maintains.