Union head: ‘No progress’ at talks

By Monica Olina
Staff Writer

The possibility of a faculty strike remains after contract negotiations yesterday between the N.J. State Federation of Teachers and the state did not produce an agreement, according to Marcoantonio Lacatena, president of the State College Council.

"There was little progress," Lacatena said.

MSC's faculty is continuing its preparations for the strike by constructing picket signs and organizing members, according to Dr. Dick Franke, vice president of the AFT.

In the event of a strike, MSC faculty will not schedule extra classes to recoup lost time, said Catherine Becker, president of Montclair State Federation of College Teachers.

"The percentage of the staff participating in the strike will be the overwhelming majority.

Nobles lectures on state of African males

By Dwayne Marshall
Staff Writer

African-American males are no better off today than they were in 1890, said Wade Nobles, a distinguished African-American scholar, in his lecture last Wednesday night in the packed Student Center Ballrooms.

According to Nobles, blacks are no better off because "the power structure in America is performing genocide against them.

Power, he said, is the ability to define what reality is, and blacks don't have that kind of power.

Dr. Nobles, who lectures at schools and universities throughout the world, holds a doctorate in psychology from Stanford University. His book, "African Psychology," is a required text in a psychology class at MSC.

Nobles named three "avenues" that he says have been used to perform genocide on black males: drugs, the government, and religion.

The control center is a tool that was originated by the students at MSC when they shut down the campus on May 7, 1970 in protest of the Vietnam War.

Moore said, "We learned a lot from what they did then."

Moore emphasized the importance of maintaining continual and accurate contact with the student body throughout the ordeal. "What often happens is strange rumors circulate. Therefore, rumor control is important. Our intent is also to maintain telephone contact with the student body through SGA officers," he said.

Moore added, "Our objective is to shut down the campus by picketing at the two main entrances on Clove Road and on cont. on p. 3

Students' involvement in College Senate debated

By Dan Olawski
Staff Writer

The controversy of the Shared Governance proposal arises from the non-voting status of the students. Mary Jane Linnehan, Student Government President, says that the purpose of the College Senate is to "Create a collegial democratic body...in which faculty, administrators, and students would be represented...with a meaningful voice in institutional governance. If students are to have a meaningful voice, they need to be granted the right to vote on the College Senate," she said.

Linnehan said that students are in favor of having voting rights on the College Senate and mentioned the student referendum that was held last semester.

"Ninety six percent of the students participating in the referendum voted for student voting rights," she said. "The students are a large group and majority opinion should be taken seriously." Linnehan said.

Linnehan will be discussing the topic of voting rights for students when she meets with the Faculty/Senate before they vote. "Our hope is that the faculty, via the Faculty/Senate, cont. on p. 3
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Brown lectures on image of blacks

By Dwayne Marshall

The “dangerous” image and stereotype of African-American youth “exist due to a lack of awareness and education in society about black people,” said Lorraine Mayfield Brown last Wednesday afternoon, to a standing-room-only Rush Hall Kops audience.

Brown, who has a doctorate in sociology, is a sociology professor at MSC. Her speech, the “Endangered Status of African-American Youth,” was attended by 50 African-American students from Martin Luther King Jr. High School in Newark.

Brown added that lack of education has created low self-esteem for African-American youth.

Brown mentioned three ways to solve these problems: change the way American History is taught to all students, make African-American literature more accessible to students, and enhance children’s self-esteem with the help of community organizations.

According to Guthrie, the original draft of the All College Senate had students with a vote, but there wasn’t big support among faculty and there was a lack of response from the students.

Bond and Guthrie said that they are supportive of the proposal and believe that it will pass either as is or with some changes. If it is passed as it exists now, there may still be the possibility of changes in the future. “Organizations are always subject to change,” Guthrie said.

If current model of the All College Senate is passed on Feb. 21, the final part of the proposal will be voted on in March. “Upon final approval of the Shared Governance proposal it would take about a year to revise the constitution of the Faculty Senate and change it to the All College Senate,” Bond said.

Strike

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Normal Avenue from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.”

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SGA News
Administration will try to avoid strike

By Tracy Williams
Staff Writer

Administration will try to avoid strike

He also stressed that in the event of a strike the college will be open and functioning to the best of its ability. Students are urged to attend classes if possible, and those living in dorms should not expect difficulties. “Depending on the nature of a strike and how long it goes on,” was Waters’ response to a question regarding the fates of students who fear they might be the losers out of this whole situation. Unease was apparent as questions were left unanswered.

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Waters’ view is the opposing administration is one that will try to avert a strike at all costs.

Mary Jane Linnehan, president of the SGA, brought up the issue regarding the switch of styrofoam to paper products used in the cafeteria and the Rat. Styrofoam is not biodegradable, and never decomposes. This is a major concern for the future of our environment, Linnehan said. Students feel that banning the use of styrofoam at MSC would be a start in the right ecological direction.

However, Linnehan said that switching from styrofoam to paper would increase the price of food five cents.

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Legislators were asked to think about the pros and cons of the situation. One view was to take long term environmental results into consideration. While on the other hand legislators felt that over a period of time five cents would begin to add up. So we must weigh all the consequences carefully, said one concerned legislator.

“The MTA account will be running low in a couple of months. It only seemed wise that the SGA be aware that there might not be enough funds for trips at the end of the term,” said legislator George Ohshen.

“The MTA account has never been exhausted in the past,” Tom Czemiecki, vice president, assured all members. He also reminded all legislators that they were the sole decision makers.

The
College Tutorial Center
located in Building E, is posting its hours for the Spring ’90 semester.

The center is open from 9 am to 5 pm Mondays through Fridays. Evening hours are also available.

Workshops in study skills are also available for the spring semester. Topics such as “Listening to Remember” and “Managing Stress” will be discussed.

Sign-up for tutoring services will continue through April 6. Faculty and professional staff are encouraged to refer students to the center before this date.

Further information may be obtained by calling the Tutorial Center at 893-4364.
Overnight parking crackdown in Lot 13

By Dan Grossman
Staff Writer

A number of residents have had their cars ticketed for parking overnight in Lot 13.

"Lots 13 has not been designated as an overnight lot, but campus police have rarely given citations in the past. However, starting this semester, the police have begun to crack down on overnight parkers. Many students, especially Freeman Hall residents who park there frequently, are in an uproar over the situation.

Thomas Stepnowski, assistant vice president for Facilities, said the recent issuing of citations is a "direct response to student complaints last semester." Towards the end of the last semester, an increased number of students began filing complaints claiming it was unfair that residents were allowed to park there overnight. Overnight parking in Lot 13 greatly diminishes the parking opportunities for commuters.

"All of the complaints were investigated and found to be true," Stepnowski said, adding that three additional part-time parking attendants have been hired recently to help confront the problem.

"This is not a new policy" and "if we had not responded, then you would have been in my office asking me how come we were not doing anything about it," Stepnowski said.

Philip R. Calitre, director of campus police and security, said that tickets had been given in the past, but the police "couldn't really be consistent with it" due to a lack of resources. Calitre said that the three new parking attendants have helped them crack down harder on overnight parkers, and that allowing overnight parking is unfair, both to commuters and to residents who work. He added that in the event of overnight snowstorms, it becomes extremely hard to plow Lot 13 when cars are already parked there.

Calitre said many members of the faculty have also filed complaints directed at students who park in Lot 4, which is the faculty-only lot at the corner of Russ Hall and Chapin Hall.

On the other side of the Lot 13 issue, tempers are flaring. Many students are simply not content with the Administration's stance on the issue. Ten Freeman Hall residents who have been ticketed have filled out appeal forms and have handed them in, along with their citations, to the ticket appeals office of the SGA. Sophomore Cheryl Symington, a Freeman Hall resident, said, "I don't think it's fair that we should be punished for living in Freeman Hall. Everybody parked there last year and there were no problems...it's not right to start ticketing all of a sudden." Symington also said that there were no warnings given to students.

Calitre said "this has been an ongoing process since I've been here," and that the police have always "tried to warn students (about the risks)." Calitre added that the next two steps after the issuing of campus summonses are the issuing of municipal summonses and, as the last alternative, the towing of the vehicle.

Chevy Cavaliers are priced to go

By Seth Leibowitz
Staff Writer

In recent weeks the theft of cars in the parking lots on the MSC campus has reached outrageous proportions. In response to the thefts, campus police have rerouted traffic and have been monitoring the parking lots closely, in both plain clothes and uniforms in order to keep a closer watch in order to control the wave of thefts. Campus police have also been working in collaboration with the Essex County Auto Task Force in order to help identify the people involved.

Campus police have said that students can also help control these thefts by reporting any suspicious incidents or people that they might notice in the parking lots by using the call boxes that are found in the quarries.

On Feb. 8, between 6:30 and 8 p.m., a 1990 Chevy Blazer was stolen from lot 30. The vehicle was recovered on Feb. 11.

On Feb. 8 between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., in lot 22 a 1988 Nissan Pickup was stolen. The vehicle was recovered in Passaic on Feb. 12.

On Feb. 10 between 8:30 and 9:30 p.m. the steering and ignition column were damaged in an attempt to steal a 1986 Chevy Camaro on West Quarry Way.

All Around The Campus

By Peter S. Rebovich Jr.

If the faculty does go on strike, how do you plan to spend your free time?

"Take a little vacation, play some football, hang out." — Dean Rogers, Junior/ Accounting

"I plan on partying and bugging my roommate." — Corinne Molter, Junior/ Accounting

"Trying to get to my dorm without looking like a strikesbreaker! (that should get me an A)" — Eric Erb, Senior/ English

"I'm sick so I'm going to sleep and shop." — Barbara Smith, Senior/ Management

"Add more hours to my work and keep up with my studies." — Joe Infante, Senior/ Business

"I'm going to spend an extra hour on the phone with my parents." — Cheryl Symington, Sophomore/ Freeman Hall

"I'm going to watch the hockey game on TV with my roommates and hang out with my friends." — Melody Symington, Sophomore/ Freeman Hall

"I'm going to do some work around the house and eat some Chinese food." — Joe Cali, Sophomore/ Mathematics

"I'm going to do some yard work around the house and hang out with some friends." — Anthony Cali, Sophomore/ Art

"I'm going to spend the whole time studying for finals! I can't believe finals are almost here." — John Cali, Sophomore/ Mathematics

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Campus Police Continued

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□ On Feb. 12 between 4:45 and 8:20 p.m., in lot 6 a 1989 Chevy Cavalier was stolen. The car was recovered on Feb. 13.
□ On Feb. 12 between 7:40 and 9:25 p.m., in lot 30 a 1990 Honda CRX was stolen.
□ On Feb. 12 between 6:20 and 9:15 p.m., in lot 24 the steering side door were damaged due to an attempted theft.
□ On Feb. 13 between 7:30 and 11:00 a.m., in lot 21 a 1987 Nissan two door was vandalized resulting in a punched out lock but no theft was reported.
□ On Feb. 13 between 7:30 and 10:55 p.m., in lot 26 a Chrysler Conquest, 2 door was stolen.

New conductive plastic developed at MSC

By Belinda Diaz

Two chemistry instructors detailed a patented plastic developed at MSC that conducts electricity like metal at the Board of Trustees’ Feb. 1 meeting.

Jack Isidor and Brian Humphrey, who have doctorates in chemistry, said research on the plastic began five years ago. For the project’s success the board presented them with a printed commendation.

Humphrey said the invention combines a conductive polymer, normally a very brittle substance, with cellulose, a flexible polymer found in wood, to act as a reinforcing frame, this on a molecular scale.

“Once we first made one in 1986, we broadened our investigation to make it better,” he said. Some 40 MSC chemistry students were involved in the process. The project has produced improvements, but Humphrey says they aim to make it conduct electricity more readily.

Also commended for six years of service at the meeting was Philip Thayer, secretary of the Board of Trustees and representative to the New Jersey State College Governing Board Association. Robert Altman, MSC board chairperson, read a statement of thanks to Thayer, and presented him with an engrossed and sealed version of the state.

Also receiving recognition was the work of MSC’s Dr. Robert Taylor and five alumni from the Urban Studies Program, for their 1989 research on senior citizen housing in nearby Clifton. The research is said to have saved Clifton residents thousands of dollars.

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By John Paul

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Student voices needed

A powerful new force will surface on campus in the near future. The final proposal for a system of academic shared governance has reached the powers that be at MSC and the installation of a College Senate is drawing near. 

The addition of a College Senate to MSC’s existing hierarchy is clearly a boon to everyone involved. The concept of faculty powerlessness is widespread at MSC, for there is no unified body of representation on campus to serve as an outlet for their opinions. The senate is designed to provide an atmosphere where faculty, administration, students and other members of the college community can discuss policy issues and present a unified opinion to the Board of Trustees for final evaluation and passage.

The philosophy of shared governance calls for the dispelling of a “we/they” mentality and the provision of an atmosphere of collegiality and trust. The Faculty Senate has already accepted this philosophy and has to vote now on issues of representation and committee structure.

While the proposal for the College Senate calls for thirty-five voting members there is no provision for student voting. Students have been reduced to occupying five of the sixteen non-voting positions on the Senate. Students serve as voting members on the various committees within the Senate, but are barred from making final policy determinations. Why is this?

There is only one reference to the participation of students in the report drafted by the Joint Committee on Academic Shared Governance, which hardly justifies their proposal regarding students: “it was the majority opinion that students should be a part of the deliberative process but should not serve with vote at this time.” Not even a justification is provided.

It seems that this is just one more way for MSC’s powerful elite to reduce student voices to mere mumbles. Students’ input should be recognized on all levels of government as equally legitimate and worthy of recognition. Having students work on committees is blatant tokenism and hypocritical to the philosophy of shared governance which has already been accepted.

Faculty Senate members should vote to include student voting rights in the plan for the College Senate, if for no other reason than to avoid being hypocritical.

Welcome to Daytona Beach, Florida

To the Editor:

Over the past forty years, the City of Daytona Beach has become the nation’s most popular retreat for college students during their Spring vacations.

For the most part, the vast majority of Spring Break vacationers are disciplined, courteous and well-behaved visitors who make every effort to respect the rights of others. However, Spring Break 1989 manifested a different display of attitudes and behaviors among many of the visiting college population.

Enormous property damage, littering, alcohol violations, indifference to parking and traffic restrictions, sporadic acts of random violence and total disregard of private property rights characterized the overall period of Spring Break, 1989.

In an effort to curtail the behaviors exhibited last year by visiting students and to ensure that an environment exists for the enjoyment of all, public safety priorities will take the form of unbiased, strict enforcement of traffic and criminal laws, as well as City Ordinances.

Those laws regulating possession and purchase of alcoholic beverages will receive special attention.

We are asking for your support and assistance in informing your student population that public safety issues will receive the utmost attention during Spring Break 1990. Our sincerest concerns are for safety, relaxation and enjoyment for all visitors.

Over the past years, injury and death has occurred to some visitors who climb balconies at the motels. The practice is illegal and is considered DISORDERLY CONDUCT, an arrestable offense. Florida State Statute 509.143.

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Paul B. Crow  
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"Take one from me...!"
Undisciplined rock star

To The Editor:

During a concert in Springfield, Mass. on December 27, Sebastian Bach, lead singer of the rock group Skid Row was struck in the head with a bottle. The singer used many four and seven letter words to describe who threw the bottle but was unsuccessful. At this point, he allegedly threw the bottle back into the audience striking a seventeen year old girl in the face. He then allegedly jumped feet first into the audience striking another young male in the jaw.

I say allegedly because Bach has been arrested on two counts of assault, two counts of assault with a deadly weapon, and one count of mayhem, of which he did not have been in the stadium, but Bach should learn some self-discipline.

I really feel that this was a violent display of anger and I think that music that Skid Row and other bands of this type play incite this kind of violence in their audiences.

I think that if Skid Row had a little more touring experience, Bach might not have done what he did. But it does not excuse his actions at all. Two people were seriously injured and since when does stardom give you an excuse to assault others? Zsa Zsa Gabor may have only received a slap on the wrist but I feel that Sebastian Bach should be punished to the fullest extent of the law. I can only hope that the bootleg footage seen on MTV can be used in the trial.

Susan Keefe
Junior/English

Mary Jane Says...

Accusations need more evidence

Over the past week, a student approached me with great concern over a problem she just encountered. I write of this particular problem because it is not uncommon to many students, and students should be informed of their options.

The student took a quiz in a class and handed in the quiz plus calculations of her answers. Upon receiving the test after it had been graded, the student was accused of cheating because her answers were the same as the student next to her. The quiz consisted of four questions for which she had calculations to prove most of her answers. The professor said she would split the two students' grades in half or make them both take the test over.

The accused student was a senior who had never been accused of cheating and was extremely upset to be accused. The professor had no actual grounds for the accusation of cheating, like answers. Not knowing where to go, the student approached me.

Her dilemma was to take the halved grade or retake the test, she claimed. Neither of these alternatives seemed viable. What is a student to do? What is a student not to do - is to be forced into a situation that totally opposes what the student believes in.

If the student were to quietly and submissively retake the test, in essence the student could be taken as admitting to cheating. If the student took the lower grade, she would be penalized for an action she strongly believed she was not guilty of. My advice was to appeal this decision to the chairman of the department and work up from there until this matter was democratically resolved.

While it is time that professors must uphold quality standards in the classroom, an accusation of cheating without adequate evidence can do more damage than good. I implore students to protect their rights. If any student feels unjustly acted upon in class or out of class, do not submit to an infraction of your rights. If a student truly believes in his/her self, then that student integrity should not be compromised without a fair deliberation.

If any student has been in a similar situation, please speak out and let us assist you.

Mary Jane Linnehun
SGA President

Use condoms wisely

To the Editor:

Today is February 15, and National Condom Week is officially underway. Many students have seen the Condom Week flyers posted by the SGA, and have laughed. "What a stupid idea", they say. Or is it?

Think about it. We live in a dangerous time, one where sexually transmitted diseases, most notably AIDS, are killing people. Very few people are willing to practice abstinence, so sexually transmitted diseases, most notably AIDS, are killing people. Very few people are willing to practice abstinence, so

Is saving lives such a joke? Is preventing unwanted births and abortions such a laughing matter? We, as young adults, think we are invulnerable. Those things don't happen to us. Until we get our girlfriends pregnant or we catch the HIV virus.

If the SGA, one of the sponsors of this event, thought it was such a joke, would they sponsor it? I think not. Attend the lectures. Read the literature. Use the condoms wisely. Is dying a laughing matter?

It's your life...your body...your choice.

George Olczewski
Sophomore/Journalism
SGA Legislator

Veterans support strike

To the Editor:

The Veterans Association, a class III of the S.G.A., hopes that we do not have to see a strike between the A.P.T. and the college.

However we will support the teachers, honor their picket line, and would encourage our fellow students to do so also.

Michael B. Chiaet
Chairman, MSC Vets Assoc.

Reviewer feeds flames

To the Editor:

I would like to respond to George Thistle and Brian Prey's letter to the editor in which they took offense to my review of Billy Joel's song, "We Didn't Start the Fire".

To begin, my article was in the arts section of the newspaper and not in the news section as they professed in their letter. Obviously, Thistle and Prey have not noticed that nearly all of the articles in the arts section are opinionated.

Although their letter frivolously attacked my negative review of the song, they said absolutely nothing to support the song or any of its laudable qualities, of which there are very few.

Thistle and Prey also asked what made me an authority on the subject. Does this mean that only authorities are allowed opinions? Furthermore, what makes the two of them any more authoritative than good. I implore students to protect their rights. If any student feels unjustly acted upon in class or out of class, do not submit to an infraction of your rights. If a student truly believes in his/her self, then that student integrity should not be compromised without a fair deliberation.

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Dan Grossman
Freshman/Undeclared
The time is 1979 and the sexual revolution is in full gear in Chicago. Danny Shapiro and Deborah Soloman, much to the dismay of their respective best friends, [Bernie Litko and Joan Webber], find themselves involved in a sexually charged relationship. The play is a hilarious exploration into the contrasting attitudes and relationships of the single men and women of the late seventies. The play is directed by John Wooten and will take place in the Student Center Annex: Rm. 126, February 21-25 at 8:00 pm with a 2:15 matinee on Friday the 23rd.
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By Chris Roelof 
Correspondent

The universality and expression of man's political, social, and spiritual struggles took center stage as The Organization of Students for African Unity welcomed renowned Afro-American artist Ben Jones, in the student center at Montclair College.

Ben Jones, presently a professor at Jersey City State College, has travelled extensively, exhibiting his works of African and Afro-American origin to people all over the world. His exhibits have been seen at the International Exhibit in France, the Los Angeles Museum, the Museum of Modern Art in New York City, and presently are being shown at the Montclair Museum and the Museum of Life and Culture in Dallas, Texas.

Throughout his lecture, Jones stressed the existence of man's struggle, and the need for mankind to evaluate awareness and discover the individual balance within this struggle, in order that unity may be achieved.

Jones immediately cited the recent release of Nelson Mandela as a sign that the world indeed was perhaps moving to a stage where "race becomes irrelevant and we can begin to relate to one another as human beings."

However, the triumph of Nelson Mandela, Jones stated, must also be coupled with the ugliness of drugs, AIDS, poverty, and their predecessor, greed.

"In our world today, there is an abundance of material, yet we are deplete in spirituality." This overwhelming degree of contradictory elements infiltrating our lives serves as the inspiration for some of Jones' paintings in the "Transformations" series. These paintings are just a juxtaposition of modes, moods and painting styles. According to Jones, each is a separate entity. However, each is unified by its dichotomy.

"One work makes you more conscious of the other." The same may be said about the progression and change seen in the works throughout Ben Jones' career.

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Waive goodbye to a GER

By Ruth Leopold
Correspondent

All students at MSC are currently required to take a speech course to fulfill their speech communication requirement. Students overwhelmed by GER’s often wish for a way out of this class but have no idea that an escape hatch does indeed exist.

Every semester, the Speech and Theatre Department offers a test called the Speech Waiver Placement Evaluation. Those who pass it can forego the speech course. They do not earn any credit for the exam, but they are free to take an elective of their choosing in place of a GER.

The test itself takes about an hour. The student sits in a small room with about six other students and two examiners from the Speech Department. The student is asked to read a short paragraph aloud for meaning. He or she is also asked to give a short impromptu speech from a list of topics given at the beginning of the test. The last part of the evaluation involves listening to a short tape and answering some questions about it.

The Speech Waiver Evaluation is no piece of cake, but it is not hideously complicated either. The examiners are trying to determine if the speaker can express his main point clearly and support it logically, and use non-verbal skills to re-enforce his views. As one examiner put it, “We are looking for effective speakers, not perfect ones.”

Students who think they fail into this category may register for the evaluation on Monday, Mar. 5 and Thursday, Mar. 8 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Evening students may register at any of these times.)

The registration table will be located outside the Speech and Theatre Office, Room A126, Life Hall. The registration fee is $15.00. The evaluation sessions will begin on Wednesday, Apr. 4.

For further information, please contact Ruth Leopold at 893-4217.

Direct Effect—an alternative to P.S.A.’s

By Robert Bilotti
Staff Writer

When I was first asked to attend a press conference given by Michael Stipe of R.E.M. and filmmaker Jim McKay detailing the start of their new non-profit organization Direct Effect, I was a bit hesitant.

While I enjoy R.E.M.’s music and am impressed by the list of people contributing to the organization, Direct Effect is an effort whose methods are to make “politically aware” Public Service Announcements (PSA’s). Sure, I try to be up on current events, as much as college-life allows, and I did cut up my Exxon card after the Great Spill, but I still do not consider myself to be politically aware.

After consideration, however, I convinced myself to attend by the simple fact that I am the reason for an organization such as Direct Effect. Of course, not me specifically, but people like me—the average person. The goal of Direct Effect is clear: to reach a broad audience and educate them on topics, such as abortion, racism, and, chemical farming, which are grossly overlooked by the media because of their “controversial” label.

With this new enthusiasm, I set out for the press conference which was held at the Anthology Film Archives building in New York. Upstairs, the seven or so celebrities were seated in front of the press, with a tremendous American flag draped behind them, a powerful effect.

Michael Stipe, being the ring leader and the most prominent and familiar name, started with a few opening remarks about the purpose of Direct Effect.

If you can remember the PSA depicting a crying Indian remorseful over the garbage situation, then you have an idea of what Direct Effect is trying to accomplish. They will broadcast a series of PSAs that will air on MTV, VH-1, and the major networks (at the respective programmers discretion, as it is not mandatory any more for a network to air P.S.A.’s).

The spots channel the need for people to speak out and to seek involvement and action. Stipe went on to point out that these are not government issues. Direct Effect is trying to reach the people, who are the core of the problem as well as the core of the solution.

The spots opened statements, the audience at hand got a peek at seven PSAs, part of the first series to be released. Each spot is short (only about 15 seconds), with each celebrity personally directing and choosing the topic and style.

The clips began with the issue of garbage. The message is “what does away mean?”, symbolizing the fact that one-half of America’s land fills will shut down this year due to over capacity. Jane Pratt, editor in chief of Sassy magazine, displays her thoughts that “Pro choice IS Pro life.” Jim McKay’s spot deals with historic preservation.

Later, Jim explained his choice of topic by the statement “it’s time to go back a little in the 90’s.” An actor, Tom Gilroy, tackles the issue of racism in what is my opinion, the best PSA of the series. It simply portrays an interracial couple and child clearly enjoying the company of one another with a caption simply stating “Love knows no color.”

Stipe’s clip is a humorous one, bringing to the attention the amount of chemicals the US agriculture system uses. Lastly, KRS-One, the rapper from Boogie Down Productions, asks the question “If everybody wants world peace, how come it is so hard to achieve?”

When the lights went up, I was semi-impressed, not overwhelmed. I agree these are important issues and the only way to sort them out is for everyone to do his part.

However, these particular PSAs do not seem to achieve that goal. I hope I am wrong. The problem I have is that one of the minor characteristics of Direct Effect was to avoid being alternative and to concentrate on the mainstream. I can not help but think that these clips are too avant-Garde, and that the only place they will be aired is on MTV’s 120 minutes (an alternative rock show).

What would move me to action is, if a man respected by millions, like Michael Stipe, got up in front of the camera and spoke his mind. Celebrities have tremendous influence over the public. If people will cut their hair like R.E.M., or even if people will buy Nike because “Bo knows they’re good,” then people might not want to eat the same chemically treated food that R.E.M. will not eat, just like they buy Bo’s sneakers.

To repeat myself, I hope I am wrong. These issues have a profound effect on ALL of our lives and they should be addressed. It is difficult, however, with technology the way it is today. Like Jim McKay pointed out, the procedures used to develop the film taken on that day also pollute the environment.

Hopefully, Direct Effect can start a trend. They have the star power now and the offers are pouring in. Natalie Merchant of 10,000 Maniacs has scheduled a clip dealing with neglected children for the next series release. If the effect is notable, maybe it will be like a “continuous Live-Aid”, when people will stop and think about their neighbor and environment.

Whether such a utopia is achievable is unknown. What is known is that not trying to conquer these issues only hinders everyday life, giving more reason for awareness and the need for an organization such as Direct Effect.
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The Bottom Line

by Matt Wintner

James "Buster" Douglas floored the boxing world and Mike Tyson last Saturday night with a stunning tenth round knock-out before 40,000 open-mouthed fans at the Tokyo Dome. Douglas, 29, (30-4-1) was virtually unknown, before rocking Tyson's undefeated world, while separating the outraged public.

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Unfortunately for Douglas, the integrity of boxing, the upset victory was protested by Tyson and the boxing of cancer, Don King. The protest stems from the controversial long count in the eighth round when a letter "R" on the floor that Tyson caught Douglas with a right uppercut that sent the challenger to the canvas.

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This is why King will do everything in his power to make sure that Douglas-Tyson II takes place before a Douglas-Holyfield title match becomes reality. This is also why Tyson and King sang the praises of Douglas at Tuesday's press conference taking the "you can get more with honey than vinegar" attitude in hopes of pulling off a rematch.

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The second period belonged to the Washington Capitals as they totally outplayed the Devils. The second period ended with the Caps leading by the score of 3-1 on a goal by Ridley and Scott Stevens. But the second period wasn't a total loss for the men in Christmas red (the Devils' away colors).

A fight between Devils' defenseman Craig Wolanin and Capital Neil Sheehy left Wolanin's blood spilled on the ice (he hit his head) and a stain for remembrance. This seemed to wake up the Devils and they played with the intensity that it's going to take down the stretch and hopefully into the playoffs if they want to be successful.

Coach John Cunniff put the line combination of Muller, MacLean, and Sundstrom together for the third period, and this line won the game for the Devils.

The Devils scored four goals in the period, lifting them to a thrilling 5-3 come-from-behind victory. Albelin scored his second of the game and pulled the Devils within one goal with 14 minutes left to play.

Kirk Muller scored two goals (first star on the night) and added two assists as this line played like they've been playing together for years.

Patrick Sundstrom added an empty net goal to cap off the victory, and the Devils flew to St. Louis following the game with a much earned win.

If the Devils could play with the same intensity that they displayed in Washington, they would be tough to beat, but it's never that simple in the land of the swamps.

The Mens' Hoops split two games

By Michael Frasco

The MSC men's basketball team split a pair of games last week, winning one against William Paterson, and losing one against Jersey City.

In the victory against William Paterson, the home court Hawks and the Pioneers battled each other closely in the first half, as there were 6 lead changes and 5 ties.

With ten minutes to go in the first half, MSC's lead grew to 7 points on a free throw by Wil Jones. After that free throw, MSC saw its lead decrease until the end of the first half, when the Pioneers took the halftime lead 36-35.

In the second half, the Hawks and the Pioneers maintained a see-saw battle with the contest changing leads eighteen times. Amod Field, who turned in a fine performance by finishing with 18 points, hit a jump shot with 4:35 to play to give the Hawks their first lead of the game to ice the victory for the Hawks.

MSC also got a fine performance from sophomore Larry Halsey who finished with 22 points.

Playing at nationally ranked Jersey City State, the Hawks did not fare as well, losing 90-77.

MSC, playing without Amod Field, kept the game close in the first half by being down by eight at the intermission, 48-40.

But in the second half, Jersey City, led by All-America candidates, including Lamont Halsey and Pat Brunner who scored 18 and 17 points respectively for the Hawks. MSC's record now stands at 8-15, (4-12) NJAC.
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*By Michael Frasco, Sports Editor*

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