RATS!

1) No Rat-burgers expected until summer renovation

by Mary Kris Colaneri

The newly renovated and recently re-opened Rathskeller, located in the bottom level of the Student Center, will only be cooking pizza this semester due to an inspection failure, authorities said.

During the final inspection of the Rat, approximately two weeks before its Feb. 8 opening, state inspectors found that the cooking ventilation system installed 12 years ago did not comply with upgraded state regulations, said Robert G. Gieza, Director of the Student Center.

Currently, only the pizza ovens can be used in the Rat. This limits the kitchen to the production of pizza and other items which can be made in the oven.

In order to make the necessary renovations, the Rat will close during the summer months and re-open for the fall semester.

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2) Rat sales disappointing pending investigation

by Glenn Steinberg

Since the reopening of the Rat on Feb. 8, computerized register sales have indicated that less people are choosing to eat there. Students attribute the lack of attendance to several factors, including everything from the atmosphere to the limited menu. Administrators have their own opinions.

"From an outsider's point of view, the Rat is not attractive. But it is the right place for all of us," said Robert G. Gieza, Director of the Student Center.

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Student Center Director suspended pending investigation

by Glenn Steinberg

Robert G. Gieza, Director of the Student Center, was suspended with pay last Thursday and is the subject of an ongoing investigation involving financial irregularities, according to college President Irvin Reid.

Reid ordered an audit of Gieza's records by MSC Internal Auditor RayeJean Mastrangelo after a college official received an anonymous phone tip implicating Gieza last week, according to a source within the administration.

Phyllis Miller, Director of Public Information and Communications, told The Montclarion that the audit turned up several numerical inconsistencies. The investigation will determine if the problem lies in incorrect purchase orders or the actual laundering of funds, said Miller.

Gieza was unavailable to comment on the situation.

"When any alleged irregularities are brought to my attention, I must make an assessment of the need for an administrative review for which, in some cases, I may initiate an internal audit," said Reid.

State officials, most likely working with Mastrangelo seized Gieza's records and files Thursday afternoon, said Miller.

Miller said that at the end of the two week suspension, the investigation should be over and that the fate of Gieza will be decided at the end of this time.

Mastrangelo, who routinely audits all of the departments at MSC, does not always have enough time in the year to audit all of the departments, so it is unclear as to when the last time Gieza's office had been audited according to Miller.

### International

Two Human Rights groups have accused Indian troops of murdering health care workers, raiding hospitals and obstructing medical treatment in an effort to crush the Muslim Separatist movement in Kashmir Province in northern India. Security forces say that medical groups are aiding the revolt by helping the insurgents. Asia Watch interviewed 100 people compiling its report. The Indian government wrote a 15 page report explaining certain accounts and denying others.

Over 300,000 Muslims in eastern Bosnia eagerly await the U.S. relief supply dropping of food and medical supplies that President Clinton promised. According to Bosnian sources, the first drop missed its target and landed in the hands of the Serbs, while the Pentagon denies this claim.

Six former Soviet republics are seeking to form a N.A.T.O. style military alliance. Russia, Armenia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan will comprise the group. The six other members of the Commonwealth of Independents states will be encouraged to join.

U.S. support was given in an effort to bring China into the world trading system. China is the eleventh largest trading nation in the world. The move marks an erosion from Clinton’s campaign pledge to penalize China for its Human Rights violations.

### National

A recent report cited that the U.S. has not learned how to stop the process of cyclical urban riots. These race related riots have gone back to 1919. The report said drug prevention and treatment would be more effective than interdiction. Job training, turning low income housing developments over to non-profits groups and investing $15 billion in inner city youth projects would help to alleviate the problem.

Vernon Howell, known as David Koresh, opened fire on federal agents when they went to serve him a warrant for gun violations at the compound of his religious cult. Four agents, a two-year old and one of David Koresh’s followers were killed. The compound is in an isolated area near Waco, Texas.

The United States has agreed to buy 500 tons of enriched uranium being taken from weapons being dismantled in Russia. A tentative agreement is also being slated with South Africa which is dismantling its nuclear weapon program. The U.S. will buy the uranium change it from weapons grade uranium to fuel grade and sell it back to South Africa for its nuclear power industry.

### Regional

A bomb detonated in the lower levels of the World Trade Center that left five people dead and hundreds wounded on Friday. Many of the 50,000 people in or near the building were trapped due to smoke filling the stairwells. Part of the Path system was destroyed in the explosion. It is still unclear why the bombing occurred and who did it.

Pro-life supporters have been picketing several doctors’ homes who perform abortions at Morristown Memorial Hospital. Their protests sparked counter demonstrations by pro-abortion groups on the Morristown Green.

New Jersey governor, Jim Florio, is proposing a $1.4 billion highway and mass transit capital budget. The 1994 fiscal year plan contains $814 million for construction and may create as many as 42,000 jobs.

Jim Florio’s approval rating has been steadily rising since it hit rock bottom in 1990. 38% of those polled said he should be re-elected. 19% of those asked said he is doing a poor job.

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SGA pleads with B.O.T. and President Reid; musical Class Ones get charters

The Board of Trustees and the President of MSC wish to keep the tuition increase to the maximum of five per cent. As part of the recommendation, the SGA wishes to have all post-baccalaureate students, who are seeking teacher certification continue to be assessed at the undergraduate rate. All other post-baccalaureate students who wish to take undergraduate courses will be required to pay the graduate rate.

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the cost of the meal. The College Senate, according to Jerry Frungillo, Food Services Director, these changes most likely will not be made this semester. Until the exhaust is properly installed, French fries and burgers will not be on the menu.

Fruhl is pleased with the appearance of the Rat and said that the end result is "very attractive and tastefully designed." When asked why he thought the Rat is not as popular at it once was, he responded that it is "more popular and much nicer than it has ever been." He attributes the low attendance in the past three weeks to bad weather.

"We have an excellent staff who makes fresh pizza everyday, from scratch," Frungillo said. He believes they are producing a "better product" and a wider variety of pizza.

Because the Rat has just recently reopened, Krapa explained that more advanced advertising needs to be done. "People have forgotten about the Rat," said Krapa. He would like to see the students working with the other offices on campus in an effort to make the Rat a "local point of activities."

In response to serving alcohol when it is presented in the proper form, "It comes back the way it was before, it would be a big mistake," he said.

When asked what effect serving alcohol will have on attendance, Frungillo said, "Any type of programming will increase sales." He added, "Responsible adults will handle themselves in a responsible manner. That's what being an adult is all about."

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"Our goal is to provide alternate eating spaces that are conducive to their needs," said Gieza. "We desperately wanted to put the Rat back in service and rather than wait till the whole problem is solved, we've taken this interim step to try and meet the needs of the students," said Martin.

Students' reactions to the ventilation predicaments were mixed.

"For them to do this more than likely would mean the re-closing of the Rat. If such a thing would happen again, who knows how long they would be closed," said Gieza.

"I usually bring my lunch and if I don't, I eat pizza, so it doesn't really bother me," said senior Debi Allen.

Jamie Mahonchak, a junior, said, "I think that its a really good thing that the Rat is opened. At least they're trying to accommodate the students by bringing the foods downstairs."

The recommended tuition and "non-special" fee increases as released by the College Senate

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| **Undergraduate - Out of state** |                |        |
| Tuition            | $103.00        | $108.00 |
| Fees               | $17.00         | $18.25 |
| Total (per credit) | $85.00         | $99.65 |
| Cost per 32        | $3,816.00      | $4,016.00 |
| Credit Hour Course load | $3,816.00      | $4,016.00 |

| **Graduate - NJ resident** |                |        |
| Tuition            | $136.00        | $142.80 |
| Fees               | $11.50         | $12.50 |
| Total (per credit) | $147.50        | $155.30 |

| **Graduate - Out of state** |                |        |
| Tuition            | $171.00        | $180.00 |
| Fees               | $11.50         | $12.50 |
| Total (per credit) | $182.50        | $192.50 |

College Bowl team upsets heavyweights

The College Bowl Varsity Team (front row, from left) Chris Belle, Mike Costa, Sean "Soupy" Ramsey, Kevin Colligan, (back row, from left) Tony Floreno and coach Chuck "Get tough" Feiner.

MSC's first Varsity College Bowl team consisting of Tony Floreno, Sean "Soupy" Ramsey, Costa, Colligan and captain Michael Costa faced well in last Saturday's Regional Competition, defeating F.I.T. and LaSalle University before going on to topple N.Y.U. in the closing seconds of the game.

Chuck Feiner of Student Activities acted as the team's coach and was enthusiastic about the team, and the College Bowl's future at MSC. "I'm interested in possibly setting up a Class II organization devoted to College Bowls," Feiner said. He would also like C.L.U.B. to consider acting as the competition's sponsor.

The College Bowl is an academic competition in which two teams of four or five contestants square off against each other. The game features both "toss-up" questions which must be answered individually and "bonus" questions that may be answered after the team consults amongst themselves.

The University of Pennsylvania ultimately took the regional title. The MSC team came in fifth.
Campus Police Report:
compiled by Kelly J. Schab

Attempted theft thwarted, a reckless driver arrested and a male found in women's locker room

2/26/93 A female employee slipped and fell on the ice near college Hall and was taken to the infirmary.

Theft
2/23/93 A female resident of Blanton reported the theft of her purse in the cafeteria. She had left it behind.

Recovered Stolen Vehicle
2/28/93 An Oldsmobile was recovered in Lot 22. It was stolen from Bloomfield on Feb. 5.

2/28/93 A car stolen earlier this month which was located earlier but not caught, was found behind a Montclair liquor store.

Harrassment
2/23/93 A female student reported that she received a midnight call from a campus employee. The employee allegedly told her to stop parking in lot 29 or else her car would be ticketed and towed. The student claims that she doesn't park there.

2/26/93 A Bohn female resident reported receiving an obscene phone call. The off-campus caller called three times during the night.

Reckless Driving
2/27/93 An officer observed a faculty member driving on the lawn near Calcia Fine Arts Building near the information booth. The driver aimed that there was no room to drive elsewhere.

3/2/93 Thomas Gordon, a non-student, was arrested on counts of reckless driving, assaulting police, driving under the influence of alcohol, refusing a breathalyzer, and operating while suspended. All charges will be answered in Montclair Municipal Court.

Suspicious Activity
2/27/93 A white male was found by a swim coach in the female locker room. When the women noticed him, they confronted him and he fled. He was a white male, with blonde hair and weighed about two hundred pounds.

Medical
2/23/93 A staff member severed his toe when a water fed pump that he was moving on a dolly fell on it.

2/23/93 A Freeman resident reported that she slipped in the ice on the east side of College Hall on her way to class.

2/24/93 A female student tripped over a piece of rug behind the stage in the auditorium. She was taken to the Health Center then to Mountainside Hospital by a friend.

2/24/93 A male Freeman resident injured his right ankle while playing volleyball in class at Panzer gym. He was taken to Mountainside.

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Reported Theft of Motor Vehicle
2/24/93 A reported stolen car wasn't stolen. The owner thought that the car was parked in one lot and it turned up in another.

Attempted Theft of Motor Vehicle
2/24/93 An attempted car theft from lot 24 was reported. An officer patrolling around 1:30 a.m. observed a suspicious five foot eight inch African-American male of medium build, wearing a blue and grey jacket, a blue cap and jeans. The officer slowed down and the male ran away. He checked the car for any damages and saw that the steering column was broken, a sign of attempted theft. A search was conducted through campus but the male was never found. The owner of the vehicle is a visitor.

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Little Shop of Horrors

It's not often in the history of musicals that we can find one as twisted and odd as Little Shop of Horrors. (Now being presented by Players from March third through the seventh.) A fan of musical theatre, I can call to mind very few shows with a "horror", if you will, theme. Sweeney Todd is the only one which comes to mind. However, the current production of Little Shop shows us that black comedy can translate, and translate well, into musical theatre.

The story is set in "Mushnik's Skid Row Flower Shop," and has no real time frame. Seymour, who was taken in by Mr. Mushnik when he was young, is trying to prevent the shop's closure with a strange plant he recently found. He is also trying to win the affections of co-worker Audrey. She is having problems with her current boyfriend Orin, a dentist. The plant, however, will not grow and only when Seymour figures out how to nourish it, does the comedy and tragedy of this show get set in motion.

Matthew Gitkin directs this show for Players. Gitkin in short time and in short space, seems to have brought all the elements together, under control and produced a product that is both entertaining and fun to watch, Bravo!!

Matthew Horohoe is a splendid cast as Seymour. Horohoe's voice is the strongest, dearest and most consistent of the leads. His dedication to the show is evident in his performance. This is not "just another show" for Matthew Horohoe and I truly look forward to seeing him perform again.
Should the U.S. airlift food supplies to Bosnia?

Yes, I feel that the U.S. should airlift food and supplies to the starving people in Bosnia because if the U.S. doesn't help these deprived people, they will unnecessarily suffer for God knows how long.

Cherie David
Biochemistry
Junior

Yes, if we have the ability to help then we should.
Caroline Scharf
Speech Language Pathology
Graduate Student

Along with our allies, I feel it is a humanitarian necessity to do whatever we can to help.
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Social

3/2 TKE will be having its rush mixer at NJIT.
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3/4 Sigma Sigma Sigma and Delta Kappa Psi social.
3/4 Delta Phi Epsilon and Physical Education (recreational) majors mixer.
3/4 Theta Kappa Chi, Tau Phi Beta, Lambda Theta Phi, Lambda Tau Omega and Mu Sigma Upsilon 5 Way mixer.
3/4 Delta Kappa Psi is mixing with Sigma Sigma Sigma.
3/5 Lambda Sigma Upsilon is having a party at William Paterson College. General Admission is $4.
3/5 Phi Alpha Psi is having a party.
3/5 Sigma Gamma Rho is having a party/step show at Westminster Theater at Bloomfield College at & p.m.

Fundraising

Delta Xi Delta coupon books are still on sale. Only $5. See any sister.
Alpha Omega is having a 50/50 drawing. It will be held on 3/7. See any sister.
Alpha Iota Chi will be having a bagel sale in Partridge Hall on Tuesdays.
Delta Phi Epsilon associate members will be sponsoring a bagel sale on Thursday 3/11. Look for signs next week.
Sigma Sigma Sigma is holding a raffle for a free manicure. Each ticket is $50. See any sister or stop by our table in the Student Center.
Theta Kappa Chi is selling 50/50 raffle tickets. Stop by the table or see a sister if you are interested.
Lambda Theta Alpha is having a bake sale
in Blanton Hall from 4-7 p.m.
Sigma Tau Nu is holding a raffle for one month unlimited tanning. Each ticket is $1.
IFC is holding a raffle.

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3/28 Sigma Phi Phi, Sigma Tau Nu and Theta Xi are participating in the walk-a-thon for Multiple Sclerosis in Clifton, N.J. All are encouraged to participate.

Membership

Theta Xi associated 5 pledes on Sunday February 28. Good Luck to the Zeta Class.
Alpha Chi Rho initiated 2 on February 28.
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Ariodette Mangano was certainly an excellent choice for Audrey. There are times in Ms. Mangano’s performance where her voice is a little hard to hear, but such is the nature of the character. Her performance is otherwise flawless. Chuck O’Connor portrays Mushnik. O’Connor’s comedic timing and voice were a little weak at times. However, there are occasions where his right on and very funny. The “Urchins”, Crystal, Chiffon and Roxette (Nicole Burrow, Andrea Caskey, and Jo Anne Pringle) are all just wonderful! Each was strong and clear individually, and dynamic together with great choreography by Christopher Livsey.

Now, if those great performances aren’t enough incentive for you to come down and see the show, then the performances of John Henry Rew as Orin, the dentist and Christopher Livsey and Andrea Sprague as the plant, Audrey II, should be!

I’d admit that I was skeptical about John Henry Rew as Orin, the dentist, myself being such a fan of the Steve Martin Performance on the film adaption. And I found out I had no reason to be. Rew’s performance was incredible funny and played to the hilt. Bravo! I had similar reservations regarding Christopher Livsey and Andrea Sprague’s performance as the plant. But once again, my reservations were unfounded. Chris Livsey’s wonderful voice and Andrea’s energy in the plant were both delightful and amazing and timed perfectly.

In addition to the excellent performances, the set design by Sharon Meyerchak was terrific. The music, at times, was louder than it should be, which does contribute to not being able to hear the performers with weaker voices. Matt Nowak did an excellent job as Lighting Director.

Thus, I highly recommend Little Shop of Horrors for all my loyal readers and the rest of you to run out and see. Buy your tickets now!

I studied in Florence Italy for the semester Sept.-Dec. 1992. The reason I wanted to study abroad was a personal achievement- I wanted to see if I could do it and I did! I would encourage students to study abroad and travel- See the world!

(This view is of Florence. It’s taken from Piazza Michelangelo. It’s my favorite view—especially at night!)

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The third issue, and probably the most important, is selecting a product or service to sell in which you believe. If you think the product or service is worthwhile and beneficial you will feel comfortable explaining its advantage to others.

The career path from sales varies. Some sales representatives are so successful financially that they are content to continue as sales reps. Others move into management, supervising sales reps in a district, a territory, or nationwide. Some move to the marketing departments of their organization or a rival's. Another possibility is the career of training, for those who like to teach and mentor others. Usually these individuals design and implement learning programs for the sales staff.

A sales career is not for everyone but what I have outlined seems intriguing considering reading, "The 100 Best Companies to See For" and "Marketing and Sales Career Directory," which can be found in the library of Career Services, in the Student Center Annex, room 104.

Steppin' the A.M.

by Rich Adams

The men of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Kappa Epilson chapter at MSC, held a Stepshow Competition at Newmark's Symphony Hall on Saturday February 13. For those of you who don't know what a stepshow is, this article won't be able to give you a decent description since you have to see one to know what it is. But in a vain attempt, here it goes—a stepshow is a choreographed dance without music done by fraternities and sororities of primarily African descent. Beats, rhythms, and tempos are made by stomping of the feet and/or clapping of the hands. Along with the stepping and clapping, lyrics or chants may be used along with it to make a song. Those of you who have seen the Spike Lee movie School Daze, or have witnessed stepping know what I'm trying to describe. For those of you who don't, too bad.

The show began with the ladies of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, who happened to be founded in 1922 at Butler University in St. Louis, Missouri. They were the only sorority to perform since members of the other two scheduled teams, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, were hit by the recent flu epidemic that's attacked many students in the past few weeks. The Sigma Gamma Rho's, for their participation, received $1000 just for showing up and performing for fifteen minutes of excellent stepping. Following Sigma-Gamma Rho was the men of the social fellowship, Groove Phi Groove. This was a particularly interesting bunch since half of their team was over the age of thirty and the average stepper was between the ages of eighteen and twenty-four. These "Men Among Boys" almost stole the show and made an excellent showing with what those in the know call "Old School" steps. Their surprisingly great performance earned them second place in the competition.

After the "Grooves" came the men of Iota Phi Theta fraternity who tore down the house with a series of sexual gyrations that would have brought Marilyn Monroe back from the dead had they continued. Their show surprised many experienced step fans since they expected the "Iotas" to bore them to sleep. Instead they wowed everyone up for the intermission. Unluckily they only ended up in third place.

Once intermission ended, the men of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity took the stage. These gentlemen have a unique style when it comes to stepping since they employ the use of walking canes that they tape up with red and white tape. They twist and pass them through the air, tap them on the ground to use along with their beats, and one time I saw them do a whole routine blindfolded. When all is done right it makes for an unbeatable combination. Usually when all is done right it makes for an unbeatable combination.

Finally, on came the winners. Founded January 9, 1914 at Howard University, the men of Phi Beta Sigma. Since the show was put on by the Montclair Club and African American University, a team had to be invited from Cheney University, a predominantly African American school, from Pennsylvania. The "Sigma's" used a combination of smoke, lighting, and sex appeal to win over the crowd and the judges. They highlighted their performance by stripping down to the bare essentials, which worked out great for them, since most of the women in the crowd ended up screaming their heads off. Their heart-stepping performance earned them the victory. Now I know that some are saying "of course they won. It was their show," well that wasn't the case. The secret to make the judging as objectively as possible, two of the judges were administrators from MSC, Dean James Harold of the Student Activities office, and Dr. Patricia Hurt of the Legal Studies department as well as a...
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If imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, Star Trek- Deep Space Nine is in trouble.

Babylon 5 is a space station out in the middle of nowhere, kept there for basically policing the sector and being a port of call for ships passing through the area. Babylons 1 through 4 were lost in space or destroyed for one reason or another, and the fifth space station is supposed to be a tribute to the human quality of perseverance- we'll keep building and rebuilding something until it stays, said the commanding officer at the end of the show. Sound familiar?

The computer graphics are really good, and the makeup jobs can rival Jim Henson, but both won't hold up against the acting. In the beginning, Variety described William Shatner and Leonard Nimoy as wooden in the original Star Trek series. If Kiric and Spock were wooden, then the cast of Babylon 5 especially the lead characters, are downright petrified. The C.O. of B5 needs to get the starch out of his underwear and loosen up. The Japanese second in command is exactly the same way cold, unfeeling, and robotic.

Outside of this, the show isn't that bad. The special effects are good, and the story is decent. For all I know, it might develop a large cult following, and last a few seasons, but I doubt it. Babylon 5 will last maybe one season, if that, on WWOR, and then it will drift off into limbo with Time Trax.

On another note, Alien Nation may be off the airways, but the series is continuing in book form. The first book, The Days Of Descent, is a prequel to the movie that started it all. George Francisco is still aboard the slave ship, and his son, Buck, is being trained as an Overseer. On Earth, an astronomer sees the Tenctonese ship, and because of which, he is murdered. Matt Sikes, recently promoted to Detective, is assigned the case, and must find out why the astronomer was murdered, and come to grips with the fact that E.T. is coming to Earth.

The Days Of Descent is the first of many books to pick up where the series left off. The last show aired had George's family sick with some mysterious illness, and left you hanging just in case the show happened to come back. The second half of that episode will be published in the second Alien Nation novel, the title of which escapes me right now. I'm better than halfway through the book, and it looks like I'm in for another series of books to buy besides those for my 20th Century English Novel class. The Alien Nation books are published by Pocket Books, the same company that publishes Star Trek novels.

To complete my sci-fi theme for this week, long-time Nickelodeon watchers may remember a British sci-fi series called The Tomorrow People. Nick and company have remade it for a more contemporary audience, and the special effects aren't as hokey as they were in the original series. If you've never seen the original, Dr. Who's special effects are very similar to the old TP. I haven't had a chance to watch them yet, but as soon as I do, you'll hear about it.

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You have spent a whole day in your life within the bowels of Student Center and realize you’re hungry. Where do you eat? There is the lucrative College Store that will charge you double for any item, or the book store where you could pay $1.79 for a package of sesame sticks. There are vending machines or, for the budget-conscious, the Student Center Cafeteria where a bagel sells for .75 (without cream cheese or butter included).

One check in a student’s pocket and it looks like waiting for dinner at Freeman.

Our hunger pangs have been answered anticlimactically with the Rathskeller’s recent opening. At least partly. We don’t have the promised hamburgers, cheeseburgers or buffalo wings. Nor the fries. Just pizza. Pizza wrapped in a ball with cheese, pizza with eggplant, pizza with any kind of dead animal on it. Grease included.

Pizza, pizza, pizza. It may be affordable, but enough is enough. And where’s our beer? Is there a conspiracy to keep the students caged within a ring of malnutrition? Either slobber up the cafeteria grunge or face the greasy pit of pits, the Rat?

Return our dim lights, give us the whine of real music or at least the chatter of our big screen T.V. Who took the T.V.? Our Rathskeller looks as if some horrid gang of yuppies bought all of Channel’s’ pastel decorative department.

The polls are in and no one is showing up. The expected amount of customers is way below schedule. The weather you say? Never kept most students away from a party. Poor publicity? When the student body likes something, it doesn’t take a million colored flyers plastered on ever empty piece of wall to catch on.

The Rathskeller doesn’t offer what most college pre-adults want; variety, entertainment, and atmosphere. Why the canned music from the ceiling, the bright lights, the uniform pallidness?

The students want beer, not over-sweetened lemonade that tastes like Pledge. Instead of money being spent for the white washed greys (grey walls, grey chairs, grey cheese), why not spend it on the duct work so that we could pass the fire and safety codes?

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We at The Montclarion believe most students would rather sit in the old, red, darkly lit Rathskeller, with a cheeseburger and fries watching a rerun of Gilligan’s Island, resting on a spotted, comfortably worn leather seat than in the abyss of sterility that awaits us now.

But of course, why would the students’ fees be spent on something they want?
The nearby Vista Hotel. The explosion in the parking garage of the World Trade Center has led to a wave of fear and now Americans are wondering when, and where, it will happen again. Do not tolerate this at all. If seven groups claim that they planted the bomb, then they should be prepared to accept the penalties more severe.

The right to arms is well chronicled by the Constitution. The first complaint of “gun rights” activists is that a buyer has to wait four hours there would be no gun in that house that little girl would be alive today. The question over gun control is a simple one. Less guns means less gun related deaths. The NRA says that guns don’t kill people, people kill people. It is said that 90 percent of the gun related homicide rates in the “civilized” world. We have no choice but to make gun control laws much stricter and the penalties more severe.

The right to bear arms is whole chronicled by the NRA and other anti-gun control groups. What about the right of the people not to be deprived of “life, liberty...” or “to be secure in their persons, houses?” Can people live in peace in a society where guns and violence are condoned? The right to bear arms is like the right to vote. While it cannot be abolished, certain restrictions can be imposed. You cannot walk into the voting booth on election day and pull the trigger (gordon the pun). You must fulfill certain requirements and register. The selling of guns should follow a similar format only much stricter.

The first complaint of “gun rights” activists is that a waiting period is unconstitutional. Where they ever got that notion is incomprehensible. How many domestic murders could have been avoided? How often do we hear of a domestic quarrel where the husband leaves, only to return with a recently bought handgun and proceed to pour his wife full of bullets. Another common scenario is of a husband coming home to find his wife in bed with another man and shoot them both. A waiting period will give authorities time to do background checks on prospective buyers. Some states, like Virginia have no waiting period. All you need is a valid drivers license. Isn’t that a comforting thought?

The dispute over gun-control is one of the most ludicrous ones I have heard. There are a few steps we can take immediately to curb this violence. The first is a mandatory waiting period of 60 days. The second is the banning of certain types of weapons. The third is a set of laws on the federal level so all states are analogous. Last, and perhaps most important is setting up a national computer system to check perspective buyers.

The loudest supporters say that law abiding citizens will be hurt. Recently in MSC, a nine year old boy shot his seven year old sister to death. The gun was legally registered. The NRA will claim an unavoidable accident. But if there was no gun in that house that little girl would be alive today. The question over gun control is a simple one. Less guns means less gun related deaths. The NRA says that guns don’t kill people, people kill people. It is said that 90 percent of the gun related homicide rates in the “civilized” world. We have no choice but to make gun control laws much stricter and the penalties more severe.

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Happy Birthday Endangered Species Act

by Steve Caporel

The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) is the crown jewel of American environmental protection regulations. ESA protects and preserves the habitat and ecosystem of endangered plants, fish, birds and mammals from extinction either by man-made development or natural predation. The act in itself is more than the preservation of a few rare exotic plants and animals. It’s an acknowledgment to other living beings that we realize the planet is a place to be shared by all. The ESA is one of the few recognitions from one species to another that deals primarily with preservation.

In addition to recognizing that men have been the cause of species extinction in the past, the act protects species now who are being threatened. A species is determined threatened if its habitat is threatened or modified; if it is over utilized for commercial, scientific, recreational or educational use; if disease or predation are dominant; or if any man-made or natural factor affect its existence. The act protects the ecosystem upon which endangered or threatened species depend.

Enforcement of the act is carried out through heavy fines or possible jail term for those persons who happen to be caught on an endangered species habitat. The act protects spotted owls, sea turtles, grey whales, red squirrels, grizzly bears, gray wolves and smudgy bears to name just a few of the over 3500 plants, birds, fish and wildlife listed.

The ESA will be brought before this session of Congress for renewal. It will come under a lot of opposition from areas of the North-West, Alaska and California which feel the ESA is interfering with their economic freedom. The businesses representing these areas will use the country’s recent economic recession to promote development in areas habituated by endangered species. Grass-roots environmentalist groups are expecting to campaign vigorously in their local communities to encourage support for the bill.

Is the Bald Eagle a symbol of the past?

by Michelle Larderl

What is brownish-black, has big yellow eyes and squawks like a crazy? It’s a young eagle and you better keep that picture in your mind because the eagle is quickly declining in numbers. The adult eagle can hardly be seen stretching her 7 foot wing span high above the trees, almost reaching the clouds. The eagle symbolizes strength and freedom, thus she is our national symbol since 1782. The Bald Eagle used to be found in large amounts throughout the United States. However, now, pollution, pesticides and destruction of habitat has greatly reduced their numbers. There are two species of the Bald Eagle: the southern and the northern. With a population of about 300, it is the southern eagle who is becoming extinct. It is important to preserve our national symbol for the sake of the bird, ourselves and both our futures.

Check-off for N.J.’s endangered species

by Michelle Larderl

On the N.J. tax form there is a check-off box for a donation to N.J.’s Endangered and Non-game Wildlife Fund. That check-off is the only major funding source for the preservation of N.J.’s endangered wildlife. In the past, the fund has made great progress in saving endangered wildlife such as the osprey which has now been re-

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The act itself does not take into account the economic factor in deciding whether or not to list a species as endangered. Consideration for a species existence is based solely on the best scientific and commercial data available. The act states:

The Congress finds and declares that various species of fish, wildlife and plants in the United States have been rendered extinct as a consequence of economic extinction and development unencumbered by adequate concern and conservation. 

The same questions that persisted when the act was first conceived still persist today. What will happen to that particular species habitat now that the species is no longer there? What other species will begin to become overpopulated or extinct? What chain reaction will be set off?

"God Squad" opposes ESA

by Dawn D. Kelly

Twenty years ago this March, the Endangered Species Act (ESA) was established as a proud and uniquely American contribution to ethical development. The provisions of the Act require that the government take every step necessary to increase the population of endangered species until it is no longer threatened.

When the court rulings in the 1970’s forced the government to protect endangered species, whether they were large, cute and cuddly or not, the developers and certain right wing politicians responded with the development of the Endangered Species Committee. Dubbed the “God Squad,” this committee worked for loopholes and exceptions in order to proceed with "progress." The God Squad supports special interest groups and their money making schemes regarding whether these obstacles such as endangered species in their way.

The debate over the Northwest spotted owl turned into an argument over jobs versus the environment. Lumber companies railed their workers and focused on the efforts reduced logging would have on local economies. However, U.S. Judge William Dwyer ruled on this matter when the case of the spotted owl was brought to court. He concluded that "owls are not responsible for the decline of the logging industry, rather a combination of factors are at work, including overlogging, mechanization and export of raw unprocessed logs."

Environmentalists stand uncompromising in their assertion that we must not be the cause of species extinction. First and foremost we have no right, and second we have no idea of the devastating effects a species loss will have on other species, including ourselves. Scientists agree, life is a web of interconnected parts which we don’t dictate to but participate in.

The ESA has saved countless species from certain extinction including the bald eagle, condor, black footed ferret and the gray wolf. Endangered species and their habitats are critical to our own survival and well being. The ESA ensures that both will be preserved for future generations.

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A service to the SGA.
George's back, but can a leopard change its spots?

The day of August 20, 1990 was the day that most Yankee fans thought their team would sail a lot more smoothly. That was the day that George Steinbrenner was forced to resign as "The Boss" of his team.

Obviously, a good thing can't last forever. That's because George came back on Monday.

For 17 years he got involved in so many little things that he could. George has done it all, from constantly breathing down his manager's neck, to being publicly critical of his players, to getting rid of all of his young players who seem to become stars elsewhere.

Finally, he crossed the line by associating with Howie Spira in an attempt to dig up dirt on Dave Winfield.

That was the Yankees' ticket out of Steinbrennerland. Imagine all of the nonsense that everyone involved in the organization wouldn't have to deal with. Well, it was good while it lasted. But, just like The Poltergeist, he's back!

It is the hope of all parties involved that Steinbrenner learned that his meddlesome ways are not in the best interest of his ballclub. If he's left just takes their natural course and doesn't make any rash comments or decisions, Yankee Stadium could be the place to be this summer.

The new Yankees have the talent that's necessary to make a run at the Toronto Blue Jays this season, but any unnecessary distractions could keep them out of contention.

Other than just letting his team try to win its first division title in 12 years, here are some other reasons for "The Boss" to change his ways:

1. Free agents don't want to come to his team as it is, so he should look to improve what's wrong with the team's image, not build upon it.

2. They've finally got a top-notch pitcher in Jim Abbott. The team isn't in first place by June, don't fire the guy. Give him some time to develop this team into a contender.

3. Most importantly, the fans of this team deserve a winner for a change.

Sudden Impact, 44-35. BDP has beaten three quality teams, with the final spot.

Week two of the intramural basketball season saw the first change at the top of the six-pack, the premier of a player being ejected from a game and a few change at the top of the six-pack, changes of order took place this week. IDP is taking on all comers are the same, but some notable differences.

In every little thing that he could.

Calling the shots... The New Jersey Nets organization enjoyed its best day in recent memory this past Sunday (Feb. 28). They blew out their arch-rival New York Knicks, 102-76 in front of a national television audience on NBC... John Starks deserved the $5,000 fine that he got for his flagrant foul on Kenny Anderson. However, why wasn't he ejected from a game and a few change at the top of the six-pack, in change of order took place this week. IDP is taking on all comers are the same, but some notable differences.

The X-Men, who are threatening to run away with the league, are a combined 7-18 this season. Besides Delta Chi (3-2) and Death Rho (3-0), there are no other brotherhoods with a winning record.

More play and less studying brothers.

GIVE US A BREAK: If you look on your schedule and see Greek letters for your next opponent, you can probably be assured of a victory. The seven fraternity entries (2-0) and two free throws with: 10 left in the game.

The Poltergeist, ONE.

THREE STRIKES, YER OUT?: It was bound to happen. It took two weeks, but the first player was thrown out of a game Saturday night, and he may be tossed out of the league!

Johnathan Howard of Ruff House was slapped with a technical in the second half of his team's game against the X-Men while questioning a call by referee Jose Rebimbas, ONE.

Howard, the team captain, was then hit again with a "T" for disagreeing loudly with the first technical, which he believed to be a little quick. TWO. After a player receives two technicals the rule makes a decision," said SILC President Brian Pryor.

The game continued, despite a rule that states: If a team receives three technical fouls in a game, the game will be terminated at that point and deemed a forfeit. The X-Men shot six technical foul shots and finally won the eyesore of a game, 43-41, on Kiwali Nealy's two free throws with 10 left in the game.

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BLOWOUT OF THE WEEK: Sudden Impact ran Da' Bricks, 119-28 last Monday. Sudden Impact's single game total of 119 points is 29 more points than Da' Bricks have scored all year.

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Shaffer named NJAC Player of the Year
Star center reflects upon four-year basketball career at MSC

by Keith A. Idec

When Shannon Shaffer first came to MSC in 1989, she had a lot to learn, both on and off of the basketball court. After being named the NJAC's Player of the Year in women's basketball for 1992-93, the 6'0" center looked back at her four-year career as a tremendous growing experience that allowed her to mature a great deal.

Despite what she has achieved, Shaffer remains humble, "I had my moments and I enjoyed them. But when you're playing in a game, it has to end right then and there. You can't let things go to your head," she said.

"When Shaffer first came to MSC she didn't know what to expect on the court or in the classroom. "The jump from high school to college was hard," she admitted, "but you learn to adjust and go from there."

After coming off the bench in a season that saw her play in the NCAA tournament as a freshman, Shaffer became just what the Red Hawk program was looking for. Star center Carolyn Savio had just graduated and left a void in the middle for MSC. Shaffer stepped in as a sophomore, averaged 8.1 points per game and 9.2 rebounds per game and never looked back.

Shaffer's senior season was when she really blossomed as a player. She averaged over 13 points and 13 rebounds per game and earned First Team All-NJAC honors. She also recorded the school's first-ever "triple-double", with 13 points, 17 rebounds and 11 steals against Ramapo College.

This season Shaffer again was named to the NJAC's First Team as well as being named Player of the Year. Her 15.2 points per game and conference-leading 15.3 rebounds per game helped her to the award.

Over Shaffer's four years as a Red Hawk, the team posted an impressive 76-32 record. After all of her personal success, as well as the team's success, it's hard for Shaffer to believe that her college basketball career is over. "I don't think it has sunk in yet. I wanted to play in the NCAA tournament again, but I'm proud of what the team and I have done here," she said.

Shaffer plans to keep active in the Ocean City Summer League and would welcome a chance to play professionally, although the opportunities are few for women players. "I don't know if I'll get the chance, but we'll see. I know the pro leagues are very physical and I'd have to see how far from home I'd be," she said.

For now, the Recreation and Leisure Studies major plans to focus solely on school. "Now I can really take my time and concentrate on my schoolwork. I'm looking forward to graduating."

Rowan ends Red Hawks' season with first-round win, 66-54

by Brian Falzarano

On Feb. 25 an epic battle was to have taken place between David and Goliath. Fourth-seeded MSC was up against the No. 1 seed, William Paterson College, who were ranked first in the NJAC polls.

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During the regular season, Rowan defeated MSC twice (59-56 at Panzer Gym and 70-52 at Glassboro). The Prof's added to that total, sweeping the Red Hawks, 66-54 at Eshly Gym in Glassboro.

The ensuing minutes of the game were hotly contested, as MSC battled Rowan to a 15-15 deadlock. David looked as if he was going to steal the game, but we fought back and showed what we were capable of doing," she concluded.

Senior guard Kim Barnes added 11 points for MSC.

While DeFazio admitted that the loss was devastating for the MSC players, "It was really an emotional game that was not won on talent," said junior forward Judy Stair, who led the Red Hawks with 14 points. "Our defense kept us in the game, but we were off," she added.

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Senior center Shannon McWilliams' knee is to be examined this week, but DeFazio is optimistic about the guard's future with the team. "I am sure she will be alright for next season," she said...Shaffer on her performance: "I don't feel I played the way I'm capable of playing," she said. Maybe, but someone who average 15.2 points and 15.3 rebounds and will be remembered for having a great career should not worry about it too much...The loss to Rowan meant bidding a farewell to four seniors; Barnes, starting forward Jessica Mulhavy, Denise Morrow, and Shaffer...The team finished with a mark of 17-17 (11-7 in the NJAC)... MSC's home record was 10-2 and the road record was 7-7...Shaffer finished first in the NJAC in rebounding (15.3 ppg), second in steals (3.8 spg), second in blocks (1.6 bpg) and eighth in scoring (15.2 ppg)... Barnes finished fourth in the NJAC in free-throw percentage (.763) and tenth in scoring (13.3 ppg)... Lisa Villaro at first in the NJAC in steals (4.0 spg) and third in blocks (4.6 bpg)... Mulhavy was fifth in the NJAC in steals (3.52 spg).