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The Rat

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, said Dr. Edward Martin, Dean of Student Affairs.

Although Gieza did not know the specific cost of this project, he said that student tuition would not be affected. The funds would come from the allotted building budget.

The original plan for the Rat was to utilize the new deep fryers and the grill to cook items such as mozzarella sticks, buffalo wings, hamburgers and french fries. Without the state approved certificate of occupancy, however, this new equipment cannot be used.

Instead of delaying the opening of the Rat even further to make the necessary ventilation adjustments, the school decided to open the facility on time and work around the problem for the duration of the semester, said Martin.

To accommodate the situation, food items prepared in the upstairs cafeteria are now being served in the Rathskeller, said Gieza. In addition, students are encouraged to purchase food upstairs and bring it to the Rat or to the other designated eating areas.

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 atmosphere to the limited menu. Administration has their own opinions.

"From an outsider's point of view, the new Rat may be attractive. But I liked the old, dark, dingy, can't-see-across-the-table atmosphere. It fit the name better," said Junior Vittorio Bertuzzelli of Phi Alpha Psi Senate.

Many students preferred the old, brick bar to the brand new bar which is closed. Aside from installing a working bar, some other improvements students would like to see are dimmed lights, the return of the big-screen TV and a different variety of music.

"The Rat as it existed before was a filthy mess. Dinginess gave it that impression," said Andrew Krupa, Assistant Director of the Student Center. In order to give it a brighter, cleaner appearance, a lot of money was invested in the Rat.

Although Krupa feels that the tables and chairs are "decorative and appealing," he admits that some of the choices he would not have made. Krupa said that from a facilities point of view, the construction of the furniture makes it difficult to move and store, two factors which are crucial in furnishing a multi-purpose room. Krupa also agrees that the TV, which is believed to be in storage, needs to be brought back.

No fried foods can be served because of the ventilation adjustments, the school decided to open the facility on time and work around the problem for the duration of the semester, said Martin.

A group of student government members dine at the Rathskeller.
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.

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 seize 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.

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.

The Multi-Cultural Fair will be held on April 24-25 with the support of the Greeks and all Class One organizations. The fair will incorporate the themes of dance, music, arts and food in order to let each nationality display its ethnic pride.

WMSCFM received their Class One Charter. The radio station has 55 members and is non-commercial and offers free ad space for all MSC organizations. They train students for any positions available in the radio field.

Class One Concerts also received their Class One Charter. This organization plans many different activities for the campus. They are in charge of putting on open mic nights, small band shows, concerts and a few large concerts. They are also planning to have at least two musical functions in the Rat once they start serving alcohol.

Students’ reactions to the ventilation predicament were mixed.

Sophomore Taylor said, “I usually bring my lunch to class. When I asked whether I could bring my lunch and wait for the Rat to open, she told me no.”

Junior Debi Allen.

“Many people want to try and meet the needs of the students,” said Martin.

The ex-kitchen is properly installed, french fries and burgers will be on the menu.

Frungillo 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.” “If 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.”

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

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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, Chris Belle, Kevin Colligan and captain Michael Costa fared 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.

Check 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.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 confers 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

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.

2/26/93 A female employee slipped over a piece of rug behind the stage in the auditorium. She 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.

Reported Theft of Motor Vehicle

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

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.

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 admitted that there was no room to drive elsewhere.

3/2/93 Thomas Gordon, a non-student, was arrested on counts of reckless driving, allowing 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.

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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 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.

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All around campus...

Should the U.S. airlift food supplies to Bosnia?

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

Caroline Scharf
Speech Language Pathology
Graduate Student

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

Social

3/2 TKE will be having its rush mixer
NIJT.
3/4 TKE will be having its rush mixer at MSC.
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 Alpha, 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 6 p.m.

Fundraising

Delta Xi Delta coupon books are still on sale. Only $5. See any sister.
Alpha Omega is selling a 50/50 raffle book. 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 manicura. 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.

Phi Alpha Psi Senate is having its annual trip to the Bronx Zoo.
3/9 Alpha Omega and Phi Alpha Psi mixer.
3/11 Alpha Iota Chi and Zeta Beta Tau mixer.

Philanthropy

3/28 Sigma Psi 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 pledges on Sunday February 28. Good Luck to the Zeta Class.
Alpha Chi Rho initiated 2 on February 28.
Anoizette Mangan was certainly an excellent choice for Audrey. There are times in Ms. Mangan’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 Roomette (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’ll 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 Srague’s performance as the plant. But once again, My reservations were unfounded. Chris Livsey’s wonderful voice and Audrey’s energy in the plant were both delighted 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!
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Sales careers shouldn't be sold short

In spite of the negative stereotypes connected to selling, there are reasons to consider a sales career. Since sales drive the bottom line of most organizations there are more opportunities for entry positions in sales than in any other field even in this tight economy. Good sales representatives are always in demand and will usually be the biggest wage earners in any organization. For example, Ross Perot was one of IBM's top sales representatives. He left to find EDS when IBM changed its compensation package, limiting his earnings. Career sales people are called by a variety of names, including sales representative, marketing representative, account executive, and account representative. Whatever the title essentially their tasks are the same. They sell a product or service to a potential user, who may be an individual, a business, or even the government.

Some students say they want sales because they like to deal with people. Although it is important to be good with people, it is your interest in making a lot of money that is the prime reason you should be considering sales. More importantly, you should feel confident connecting your productivity to your income. Ads for sales representatives usually ask for the following: high energy, effective listening and organizational skills, persuasiveness, enthusiasm, and the ability to handle rejection. These qualities are essential to succeed in sales.

If you are considering sales, there are three issues that should be closely examined. The first is training. Comprehensive training is very key to achieving success. It should focus on product knowledge and sales strategy. Usually training occurs in the classroom and "on the job." The classroom section is very much like college where there are readings, tests, and oral presentations. In the "on-the-job" segment you would accompany an experienced salesperson to watch how to conduct yourself. Then you would be eased into the situation with the senior person giving you helpful hints and feedback about your performance. Training, depending upon the organization, may last from three weeks to two years. There are some colleges that interperpose their classroom training with work in the field.

The second issue when considering sales positions is the method of compensation. There are a variety of compensation packages offered, the riskiest being straight commission. In this arrangement you only earn money if you make sales. The next is the combination of salary and commission. Many companies begin new people with a salary and a small commission for sales made. After six months or one year, the salary portion of the package diminishes drastically and the commission part increases substantially. Many experienced sales representatives work solely on commission.

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 paths from sales vary. 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 if what I have outlined seems intriguing consider 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.

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 Chapter of the Current East Coast Champions, a team had to be imported from Cheney University, a predominantly African American school, from Pennsylvania. The "Sigmas" 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-stopping 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. One of the greatest parts of making the judging as objectively as possible, two of the judges were administrators from MSC, Dr. James Harris of the Student Activities office, and Dr. Patricia Hurt of the Legal Studies department as well as a

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A Step Show, from page 9

The special thing about this evening was the attendance of over 35 African-American East Orange High School students compliments of the Greeks ofMSC. The Greek Council alone bought fifteen tickets while Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) and Tau Phi Beta (The Bulls) franchises bought five each. Sigma Delta Phi sorority bought three. Delta Chi fraternity, Alpha Kappa Psi Co-ed Business Fraternity, and Theta Kappa Chi sorority all bought two each. While Delta Kappa Psi fraternity, Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority, Theta Psi fraternity, Pat-Art Humphrey, and Roberta Vega, the Greek Council Advisor all bought one ticket. All these tickets were donated by these organizations and individuals for the primary purpose of showing these young African-Americans that college can be fun for them as well as educating. This was done keeping in mind the horrifying statistic that there are more African-American college age males that are in jail than there are in college. A lot of these young people are far behind others in educational achievements and this could be one of the reasons why they had to turn to crime to make money. Also in mind was the fact that most of the movies about college, that we have all seen while growing up, were portraying white kids having fun while there were few portrayals of African-Americans enjoying themselves. This is important since most of us can remember while we were teenagers that the thought of going to college was a painful one. Kids need more encouragement than a teacher and their parents telling them that they have to go to college.

Another of the many reasons these people were motivated to buy tickets was that all of the recipients come from an economically depressed area and this was a great way for them to know that there are people out there who care. It should be noted to the reader that all of the donors know that there are people out there who care. They don't take advantage of tax deferral and wind up sending Uncle Sam money they could be saving for retirement.

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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. Babylon 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 Kirk 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.

Live long and prosper, die well, and may the force be with you.
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main EDITORIAL
Thursday, March 4, 1993

The unpopular grey Rat

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 every 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?

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?

Quote of the Week by

Bob Gieza, Director of Student Center pg.1

Our goal is to provide alternate eating spaces that are conducive to their needs.
A twenty seven year old man, angry over his recent breakup with his girlfriend, enters the school where she teaches and kills her and 14 first graders with an automatic rifle. He then Shoots himself with a semi-automatic pistol. Does this scenario sound familiar? It occurs periodically throughout the country because of the relative ease in acquiring a firearm.

The "right" to bear arms is well 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.

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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.

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The United States is a melting pot, we've heard that expression often enough. Some of the different parts of that soup haven't been dissolved, and shouldn't be. Differences are what make this country strong. But we have also seen that they can be a very dangerous weakness.

When so many people of so many different ethnic backgrounds are living together, communication is essential. Inter-religious (and international) discussions are very educational; everyone involved learns more about their own religions and each other's. That's fine. That should be encouraged. I was shocked at some of the misconceptions my co-worker had about my religion. I was perfectly willing to clear up her mistakes, that's what communication is all about.

But caution is also important. Everyone - whether Jewish, Catholic or whatever - takes their beliefs very seriously. Religion is a touchy issue to discuss, especially when religions are related, as are Judaism and Christianity.

I was discussing the sak of learning, but I think her goal was to save my soul. There is nothing wrong with an exchange of ideas, as long as no one involved feels that they are being given the hard sell. I do not approve of proselytizing, and I don't think it should have any part in America or anywhere else. Everyone has his own path to God, and no one has the right to dictate what someone else's path should be. It's in the Constitution; it's called freedom of religion.

Understanding another person's religion is important, but so is respecting a person's constitutional right to practice their own religion as they wish. I heard someone call it "fear of the Other". If you learn more about the Other, they become much less scary. Try it some time. Pick someone who believes something else, and sit down and talk. It can be an enlightening experience.
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EARTH WATCH

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.

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?

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 endangerment is based solely on the best scientific and commercial data available.

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Is the Bald Eagle a symbol of the past?

by Michelle Lardler

What is brownish-black, has big yellow feet and squawks like 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 barely 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.

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

by Michelle Lardler

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 restored.

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"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 no longer threatened.

When the court rulings in the 1970's forced the government to protect and develop certain right wing politicians responded with the development of the Endangered Species Committee. Dubbed the "God Squad," this committee searches for loopholes and existence in order to proceed with "progress." The God Squad supports special interest groups and their money making schemes regardless of whether these obstacles such as endangered species in their way.

The debate over the Northwestern spotted owl turned into an argument over jobs versus the environment. Lumber companies referred their workers to the effects 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 gray wolf. Endangered species are connected parts which we don't disconnect." 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 isolate to but participate in.

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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 that their team's ship would sink 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 just a little thing 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.

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 teams getting in the win column for the first time.

SHAKING THE SIX PACK: The teams in the six-pack are the same, but some notable changes of order took place this week. BDP is taking on all comers for the first time.

A VIEW FROM THE PRESSBOX
by Keith A. Idec

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 lets things just take 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.

3. Buck Showalter is the best manager that the Yankees have had in a long time. He relates with his players real well and he's got an unquestionable understanding of the game. This means that if the lefty ace will be a free agent after next season, so don't turn him off any more than he already is. Remember, he's not too happy about his salary arbitration loss. Get him signed already, so he's not lost to the free agent market.

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

A VIEW FROM THE PRESSBOX
by Craig Berosh

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 foul that is independent and not determined by the league office.

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 says: He will be ejected from the game, as well as receiving a two-game suspension.

Well, that did not stop Rebimbas from giving Howard one more "T" for throwing the ball out of bounds. Three. We are going to get together with all the parties involved and find out exactly what happened.

Then the executive board will make a decision," said SILC President Brian Pryce.

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 Kwealiyi Nealy's two free throws with 10 left in the game.

FRATRICIDE: 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 in 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 brotherhoods.

BLOWOUT OF THE WEEK: Sudden Impact ran Delta 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.

CB's SILC SCOOP
by Craig Berosh

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"Now what?"

"Hey, Mattingly, get a haircut. AND Boggs, get rid of that beard!"

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 Derrick Coleman fined for his retaliation foul on Greg Anthony? Oh, I forgot. Coleman was trying to hold Anthony up when he accidentally drove his head into the basket support..... Have a nice week.

In the bleachers...

HANDBALL COURT 5
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 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.

As her basketball skills developed rapidly, Shaffer saw changes in her personality as well.

“You have to realize that everyone is different. I always say what I have to say and I think that has helped me. But you have to learn not to bring personal business onto the court,” she said.

The Linwood native applied her strong ability to get along with people with her basketball talent to produce a career full of highlights.

Two weeks ago, the senior became only the third player in MSC women’s basketball history to score 1,000 points and pull down 1,000 rebounds, joining Carol Babineau and Pat Carnabat. This accomplishment places her in some exclusive company and has undoubtedly left its mark on the rich tradition of MSC women’s basketball.

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.”

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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 a team that featured the tallest player in the nation along with three other 6’10” players.

The Profs added to that total, landing the Red Hawks in 66-54 at the University of the Arts in Glenside.

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 alter the game, but we couldn’t score," said head coach Alie DeFazio. "I am really disappointed. We set a goal at the outset of the season to make the NCAA’s and we didn’t achieve that," added the second-year coach.

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