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From the editor’s desk...

Calle-in-Chief

Greeting’s & salutations! I am freshly returned from the SGA leadership Conference held this weekend. It was an excellent opportunity to get to know all the SGA members. The legislators were very hospitable and the E-board worked furiously to make the weekend a success. My unending gratitude to all of you. (One suggestion - lose the megaphone, Liz)

Upon returning to sunny Newark, I was greeted by news of the civil unrest in the equally sunny Moscow. The images I watched on CNN the wee hours of the morning were incredible. My fear that violence would erupt in the then unfolding situation last week became real. The hardliners holed up in the Russian White House pushed the hand of the democratically elected President Yeltsin into using force. What happens next is anyone’s guess. But one thing is certain, these violent power struggles in countries with nuclear capacities are disturbing. (SDI doesn’t; it sound like such a bad idea after all does it?)

Monday afternoon was not without its share of tragedy for Americans either. In Somalia, [see p16] 12 more American lives were lost and an undisclosed number were reported missing in action.

Regardless of what some may think of American responsibility in the Somalian conflict, it is clear that President Clinton’s decision to sent 200 additional troops onto the theatre of action in response to these casualties indicates an escalation of forces in that country.

Black, White, Hispanic, Asian, (fill in your own classification) male and female. Americans continue to lose their lives everyday. Didn’t Vietnam teach us anything?

In an anonymous letter addressed to me, a person describing herself as “a woman of color” who is “not an American”, objected to my calling for the withdrawal of troops from Somalia. Had my words been turned to action by President Clinton seven days ago, the families of the newly dead 12 American soldiers would not be grieving today.

To say that America’s years of “forceful human bondage, hate and greed” obligates this nation to sacrifice it’s young is greed on your part “Ms. Anonymous.”

She continues on saying that “this (my comments on Somalia) is only the “feeding fuel for others like yourself.”” So “Ms. Anonymous” it is you who hates. Hates me for expressing my view that calls for the safety of our American troops of all races, beliefs, gender etc., All of them equally my beloved fellow Americans.

As for the issue of “forceful bondage”, it is clear that you have not done your research “Ms. Anonymous.” Most if not all of the slave trade that came to the New World originated on the West Coast of Africa. Somalia is on the East Coast.

So Ms. Anonymous”, before you label someone you didn’t have the decency or courage to confront face to face a bigot or a racist, do your homework and learn the facts.

My concern for American troops neither indicates nor contains any preference to the color of their skin. To me, an American is an American and by your own admission “Ms. Anonymous”, you are no American.

God Bless America

George Calle
Editor-in-Chief

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Dead U.S. soldiers in Somalia desecrated

• Up to 8 more held captive

by George Calle

The corpse and limbs of dead U.S. GI's were dragged through the streets of the Somali capital, Mogadishu, after fierce fighting in that city this past Sunday which left 78 Americans wounded, 12 dead and up to 8 others missing in action and assumed captured.

The Clinton administration responded by ordering 200 more troops to the theatre of action thus escalating the operation.

The casualties sustained in a series of battles with the renegade warlord Mohamed Farrah Aidid have captured the attention of congressional leaders. A Republican coalition on Capitol Hill yesterday submitted a formal statement to President Bill Clinton urging him to define his policy in that operation.

Leaders on both sides are calling for a much larger response than Clinton has offered demanding whatever action necessary to liberate the captured U.S. soldiers. Once liberated they are calling for the immediate withdrawal of all American troops from that country.

Disturbing images of captured Blackhawk helicopter pilot, Army Chief Warrant Officer Michael Durant were aired on television prompting President Clinton to issue a stern warning. In his speech he warned that if any U.S. soldier is mistreated "the United States not the United Nations will view this gravely and take appropriate action."

The 32-year-old Durant was shown with cuts and bruises and asked by an off-screen voice how he felt about the American operation in that country to which he responded, "I'm a soldier. I have to do what I'm told."

When asked about his sentiments on the deaths of innocents he replied, "Innocent people being killed is not good."

Since the 400 Rangers sent to capture Aidid arrived in Mogadishu in late August, they have engaged in dozens of nightly raids in the Somalian capital. Congressional leaders now question the top brass' decision to withdraw most of the force of 28,000 that were initially in the theatre of operations without having completely disarmed the warlords' troops.

United Nations Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali, responding to recent developments in the operation said, "This problem of Aidid strengthens a conviction I have held for almost a year...this is that our efforts to restore peace and prosperity in Somalia will not succeed unless we can disarm the clans and factions."

SGA news: CLUB budget frozen

by Gail Corrigan

At the SGA meeting on October 6, 1993 President James Appetite Cotter reported that CLUB's budget (College Life Union Board) is "Frozen," but the $80,000 appropriated to them by the SGA may be used if the activities have the potential to increase membership.

Janie DeLuca, Director of the Childcare Center addressed the SGA with the concern that the cost of the program is quite high for most student mothers on campus. A bill was passed in which $5,600 be appropriated to the childcare Center. At this time, the cost is approximately $140 a week per student. The money will relieve some of the pressures and ordered to be sent to the Internal Committee of the SGA.

Presently 81 children are enrolled in the Child Care Center; 49 of which are mothers on campus. A bill was passed in which $80,000 be appropriated to them by the SGA. Presently 81 children are enrolled in the Child Care Center; 49 of which are children of students at Montclair. The bill was passed 36-0-1.

Sal Anderson and Michael Costa, the voting and non-voting student members of the Board of Trustees attended the annual Board of Trustees retreat on Sunday, October 3, 1993. The petition was approved by the board unanimously for university status and ordered to be sent to the chancellor immediately. This opens the possibility of becoming Montclair State University by the end of the Spring 94 semester. Sunday marked the first time that MSC students were allowed to participate in the bi-annual evaluation of President Reid's performance. At this time Anderson & Costa were allowed to give their perspectives as students as to President Reid's accomplishments over the last two years.

Tammy Sayers spoke on behalf of BACCHUS (boosts alcohol consciousness concerning the health of university students) to announce that Sunday, October 17, 1993 begins National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week. A bill was passed in which SGA will co-sponsor the event by donating $500 to BACCHUS. The bill passed 25-2-6.
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Students and faculty express concern about overcrowding of classrooms

by Debi Allen

Overcrowding in classrooms at MSC are causing students grief as well as causing teachers to lose their morale and their ability to teach effectively.

According to Dr. Judy Shillcock, a member of the Biology faculty, the huge demand for classes and the decreasing number of full-time faculty are two of the reasons.

Shillcock said that some of the Biology labs that are properly equipped for 24 students are currently seating 30 or more. In order for a lab to be conducted so all students get the instruction they need, Montclair has to start limiting the number of students, she said. Students can not learn if there are numerous amounts of people in the lab, let alone be safe, Shillcock said.

Accomodating students

Dr. Arlene King, Chairperson for the Department of Counseling, Human Development and Education Leadership, said that since Montclair is a state college it is necessary to accomodate all students.

“We are here to serve the public and help them get the tools they need to succeed in life,” King said.

King said that she has to draw the line, but if a student needs a course to graduate she will make exceptions.

According to King the limit for her departments classes are 24 and for smaller discussion classes it is 18.

“Beyond 24 students we lose our ability to teach effectively,” King said.

King said that it is a judgment call that every Chairperson has to make and that they can only stretch the class limit so far before they undermine their programs.

Both Shillcock and King mentioned a concern for the decreasing number of full-time faculty over the past five years. Both the Biology and Counseling Departments have had faculty retire and die.

The increasing number of students and the decreasing number of faculty are factors that are hurting some departments more so than others, Shillcock said.

Class One treasurer stripped of position at WMSC by SGA

by Christina Anello

The treasurer of Class I Concerts was denied her request to remain treasurer of WMSC this past August. Janet Besterci, 21, was forced to resign after the new SGA members took office.

WMSC held a spring election to fill the position of treasurer. The Attorney General for SGA, Francois Dauader, was at the election and made sure that it complied with all SGA regulations. Besterci was legally voted into office.

“There was no rule against it,” said Besterci. On June 1, SGA members changed and said that Besterci could not hold two office positions.

SGA felt that in order to fulfill all obligations of an office such as treasurer, the student must concentrate on one position.

“It’s like me rubbing my stomache and chewing gum at the same time... which I can’t do,” said President of SGA, James A. Cotter.

“SGA wants both organizations properly staffed, ” he said.

Cotter also feels that its most important in an organization to ensure that people have enough time to devote towards one position.

“It’s ludicrous to think that anyone can do both,” Cotter said.

Besterci held both positions over the summer.

“Neither position took much time. WMSC has only three bills a month and Class I Concerts only has bills when they have a concert. Depending on the paperwork it was no problem to do all of it,” said Besterci.

She explained that the only problems were complaints on behalf of SGA when she handed in her paperwork.

“The Purchase Requisitions were a little confusing for SGA because of the same name on papers for both organizations. The didn’t know which was for which. They asked General Manager of WMSC, Mike Hyde, why this was happening,” said Besterci.

Hyde, 22, and a senior at MASC said that “having two positions could not be effective because you’re just too busy.” He said that “...the SGA’s decision was valid and that’s why I respected their request.”

The former treasurer prepared herself for the two positions by taking only 12 credits and not working. “I had half a week to do one and half a week to do the other. I could get everything done and have extra time left over. But my priorities changed in the summer when SGA’s President said no. The President of SGA has 12 times more work than two treasurers would have. Even though there were complaints I had the job and I thought I should do it,” said Besterci.

Kathleen Dillon, who was previously trained by Besterci, has been elected as the new treasurer for WMSC.

Students' gripes

Students have voiced their opinions about overcrowded classes to the Montclarion in hopes that some measures can be taken to resolve the situation.

“I have to run to class to get a seat, because there are 35 people in my Foundations of Western Civilization class,” said Susan Abplanalp, a senior Family Child Studies major.

She said that students have to get chairs from other classrooms in order to sit in the Russ Hall classroom.

A graduate student who wishes to stay anonymous said that he has a counseling class that has 40 students in it and he is concerned about safety and fire hazards.

Kristen DiNovi, chair of Academic Affairs, said that students can hand in their grievances about overcrowded classes to her or to Vivian Rodriguez, President of Student Academic Affairs. Their office is located in the Student Center Annex room 112.

Clinton's national health insurance to decrease birth defects

by Glenn Steinberg

President Bill Clinton’s American Health Security Act is receiving praise from the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation.

The Foundation said that Clinton’s plan would guarantee health coverage for all women and infants in America, which nine million women who are of childbearing age who do not presently have any health insurance.

It is believed by officials of the Foundation that the coverage proposed for mothers and babies will not involve much more than is currently spent.

“We believe the President’s plan would mostly redistribute existing resources to find prenatal care and other preventive services,” said Dr. Jennifer L. House, president of the March of Dimes.

According to the House, a recent study that was conducted by RAND fund that, for mothers and infants, the nation already spends $2.4 billion on uncompensated care and government payments to offset these costs, primarily for deliveries and care of sick newborns.

“It makes more sense to reduce the economic and human costs, which are both much higher than necessary, through preventive care up front,” House said.

It was also found in the study that only five percent, or $27.8 billion of total U.S. healthcare costs is spent on maternity and infant care. The majority of this goes towards labor and delivery as well as impatient care for sick newborns.

“Currently, we spend only a fraction of the $27.8 billion of prevention, when we know that more preventive maternity care will result in more healthy babies,” House said.

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CLUB's events limited in order to gain membership

by Glenn Steinberg

The College Life Union Board's (CLU B) programming has been limited for the month of October by the SGA. CLUB is a Class One organization of the SGA that presents different entertainment skits such as a comedy show or talent night for the benefit of the campus community, according to Sam Rock, president of CLUB.

According to Rock, the schedule for the month of October will be limited as a result of the small membership which they now have.

"We usually do several programs a month," Rock said.

CLUB is now forced into recruiting members and forego programming for the month of October.

According to James Cotter, the SGA president, the constitution for Class One organizations states that there must be a minimum of 15 general members, excluding any executive-board members.

At the present, Rock said that he has 17 members, four of which are executive-board members, seven which are chairpeople and six general members, nine shy of the needed 15.

Rock said that because of the low membership, CLUB now has to put all of their effort into getting more members to join.

Rock did add that it was possible that they may present a comedy show on Oct. 25, because plans were made in advance and it could possibly recruit members.

Cotter said that from now until Oct. 10, CLU B's responsibility is Homecoming and from Oct. 11 to Nov. 1, their job is to recruit members.

Rock said he agreed that he needed more members, adding that 35-40 stable members would be good.

Rock did express mixed emotions though, stating that he was in a "Catch 22."

Rock said the best way to attract members is to put on big shows and without the big shows he is not sure if he could attract the members.

"To attract members," Rock said, "there is not much more we can do."

He said they have had fliers up and set up tables out in the Student Center quad and now they will also make announcements on WMSC and hang sheets in the quad.

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MONT CLARION 9
The Prophet interviews a Hollywood legend

by Kevin Schwaebel

Welcome, loyal readers, to another classic, episodic adventure that I like to call PROPHET BLOG!

Once again I had the opportunity to sit down with a famous personality. Well, actually, a famous personality who photographed other famous personalities.

His name is Gerasimos Livitsanos-Well, I've shot several magazines. We'd do a story and it would go to several magazines: Life, Sports Illustrated.

G.L.- Well, it was a group of magazines. We'd do a story and it would go to several magazines: Life, Sports Illustrated. I think for about 10, 12 years I was in seven or eight magazines every day. There wasn't a day that went by that I wasn't in some magazine.

Q- How did you get into all of this?

G.L.- I was studying engineering but I never made out on it. I graduated [from] Rutgers and all that stuff. It (photography) was a hobby for me, so a friend of mine asked me if I wanted to take some pictures for travel brochures. I said sure and made 192 voyages on the big ships of the world.

Q- Do you see any of these people anymore? Do they remember you?

G.L.- Some of them remember me.

Q- Is there any body that you didn't photograph that you wish you could have or still would like to?

G.L.- I would like to do a series on Madonna. But I'd like to do it the way I'd like to do it. Marlene Dietrich also.

Q- Do you recollect how many people you've photographed?

G.L.- No. In fact sometimes I go through my negatives and I find someone who I forgot I ever shot (laughter)!

It has been said that anybody who is anybody has been photographed by Livitsanos. I was honored to be one of them.

Batman 3 will not be directed by Tim Burton. That is the bottom line from Warner Bros. who were not happy with the job done on Batman Returns. They have decided to give the job over to Joel Schumacher (Dying Young, The Lost Boys).

Burton, however, will direct, should he decide to, the Catwoman movie now being developed.

Audrey Hepburn in one of Livitsanos’ best.

Art festival to bridge racial gap

by College Press Service

CLEMSON, S.C.- Can art help bridge the differences between the races? That is the kind of question that will be raised during Clemson University’s first Festival of African-American Literature and the Arts to explore the role of race in novels, films and other art forms.

The Oct. 20-24 festival will feature playwright Alice Childress, novelist Dori Sanders and poet Nikki Giovanni, whose book to discussing family history and problems and leadership types is one of the differences between the races? That is the kind of question that will be raised during Clemson University’s first Festival of African-American Literature and the Arts to explore the role of race in novels, films and other art forms.

The passion she had as a free-lancer was for the Washington Post, whose steamy memoir titled “Volunteer Slavery” has cause a stir among journalists of all colors, tells the story of a black bourgeois “princess” who, much to her chagrin, discovers the Washington Post mirrors society at large.

The autobiography, subtitled “My Authentic Negro Experience,” is told within a frame of interviews. Her story is told chronologically, beginning first with former Post Editor Ben Bradlee.

She writes of talking high society with Bradlee and, wearing a blue suede dress and tight high heels, positioning herself as a potential feature writer for the Post’s Sunday magazine.

Nelson writes with a mixture of sarcasm and wit, an incredible sense of humor and brutal honesty. But Nelson, who arrived at the paper in 1985 and stayed until 1990, failed to realize what she was getting herself into when she decided to write for the paper.

Not much of the book focuses on her highly dysfunctional family, which includes two drug addicts, a Jack Daniels-drinking mother, Nelson’s self-centered daughter (who wants to cast her mother as Claire Huxtable), a father who is tired of putting on airs, and Nelson herself, who makes the foolish moves only a novice is expected to make.

Nelson devotes about half of the book to discussing family history and the Nelson way of doing things. Little space is devoted to the work she did at the Post. Either her stories did not pan out, or the work was stripped of Nelson’s voice when it was published.

The passion she had as a free-lancer was for the “Village Voice” and “Essence” is gone by the time she entered the Washington hall of the Fourth Estate.

Nelson’s analysis of management problems and leadership types is one of “Slavery’s” significant features. However, she makes several false moves.

Please turn to BOOK, page 11
What is the future of the future? The 24th Century, regrettably, has a limited lifespan on television. Of course, I am talking about Star Trek, in all its incarnations. Deep-Space Nine and The Next Generation. ST:TNG is being voluntarily axed next June for good. No one expected it to go for seven seasons (an impressive run for any series), and after the Enterprise makes its final spaceldock, it is off to the universe of movies, like the original cast has been doing since 1979. And, yes, Virginia, there is a Star Trek VII.

DS9, however, has a history of being a bit bland. The first season was so-so, and the most exciting episodes so far have been the Bajoran religious faction planning a coup and the outing of the Starfleet presence from Bajor. Rick Berman, successor to the late Great Bird of the Galaxy Gene Roddenberry, has a few ideas to jumpstart DS9.

Being a guest-star on any Trek episode is almost a personal status symbol, next to having your own series, of course. TNG has attracted Corbin Bernsen, Whoopi Goldberg, and Dwight Schultz, and DS9's guest list so far includes Frank Langella (Dune), Richard Beymer (Twin Peaks), Louise Fletcher (One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest) and Steven Weber (Wings), all as Bajorans.

I mentioned the upcoming coup; the third of the three partners will be airng this Sunday. If the series doesn’t get any better, they at least have one saving grace—TNG is off the air—except in reruns—in June 1994. Also, DS9 will have a new crew of bad guys to join the Cardassians to come across the wormhole. Even the Trek mucky-mucks don’t know what they’re playing with. —David Blair

Still more bad guys. Supposedly Michael Piller said they might be called The Dominion.

But, let’s be reasonable here. I like Trek in all its forms, some more than others. So do a lot of people. Let’s face it—Trek’s heyday is almost up. Fans clamored for a new series, and they got it—TNG. They still wanted more, and they got DS9. After DS9 runs its course, I have serious doubts that Trek will have other incarnations. I have no doubt that the Trek universe will continue to grow, and be no less entertaining than it is now. It just won’t be on television. DC Comics has been putting out some damn good Trek comic books, and Pocket Books has been putting out at least two new Trek books a month—one the original cast, one TNG. DS9 books haven’t caught on as much as the other two have, but give it time. But further than that, where will it go?

Off to the movies it goes. Star Trek VII is the last and absolute final Trek movie with the original cast. It sounds morbid as hell, but after ST VII, I don’t expect most of the original cast to live for too much longer. James Doohan, Leonard Nimoy, and Deforest Kelley are all in their 60’s or above, with the others not too far behind. Then again, Patrick Stewart isn’t exactly a spring chicken, but he stands a better chance than, say, Dr. McCoy. Then Star Trek: The Next Generation—The Motion Picture, et al begins. But after TNG and DS9 warp off in the sunset, I think Paramount will have to find a new block-buster (as well as cash cow) to send off to where there no one has gone before. See you next week.

Art, from page 10 will discuss their work, and an art exhibit and jazz and gospel concerts.

Harvey Gantt, former mayor of Charlotte, N.C., will deliver the welcoming remarks. In 1963, Clemson University was the first college in the South to be integrated peacefully by Gantt, then an architecture student.

While Clemson is proud of that heritage, it doesn’t consider itself a model of racial relations. “Like all campuses, we have had our share of racial tension and dissonance,” said Dean of Liberal Arts Robert Waller. “Clemson took the lead in 1963, and we’d like to do it again, with some honest talk about the issues that are shaping our country’s future. This festival is an attempt to show that bridges are being built.”

The “Environment,” a series of paintings by the Senegalese Abdoulaye Ndoye, addresses a concern that’s on the minds of most people.

Several of the paintings, “Conformation: Environmental l&II” and “Environmental Aujourd’hui” show the artist’s interpretation of the present environmental situation and a hopeful expression of what the environment will be in the future.

The paintings also represent different locales, such as “Environment I’Arizona” and “Environment du Pole Nord.”

Ndoye uses such mediums as oil and canvas, ink and paper and even metal and ceramic for the sculpture “Hommage le Monde Noir.”

These paintings represent one person’s interpretation of our environment. Visit Gallery I and see if you don’t agree.

The paintings will be on display in Gallery I-Life Hall Annex from October 4 until October 30.

There will be a reception for Ndoye on October 9, from 6p.m. - 9p.m.

Book, from page 10 For example, she claims from the outset that she didn’t want to get involved in newsroom politics. Eventually, though, she runs for chair of a newspaper union, and later signs a travel voucher that was supposed to be signed by a superior. Nelson walks the fine line between gossip and her own rich voice. Most of the time she does it so well that it could either be declared a non-fiction equivalent of “Waiting to Exhale” or a juicy telephone conversation.

She doesn’t spend enough time dishn dirt on Bradlee and his colleagues. Her analysis of the black and white communities and power circles is quite strong. Had she spent more time in the newsroom and less in the bedroom, it would have been an interesting read.

As an African American, she engages in a struggle to find that space where both the mainstream sphere and the "authentic Negro" sphere overlapped. Once she defines that experience, it’s obvious that what Nelson needed was a clear idea of what she wanted as a writer.
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The Last Word
by Kevin Colligan

As editorial editor it is my job to reflect the collective views of our staff in our the paper’s main editorial. Occasionally, however, I feel so strongly about an issue that I must take it upon myself to bump one of my columnists over a week and express my views in a forum unthertened by the heartfelt opinions of others. If you picked up this week’s paper hoping to read Frank Fleischman’s From the Left, I’m afraid you’ll have to wait a week. My apologies to Frank.

If you turn the page and take a look at the letters the paper has received this week, you’ll notice an overall theme. The Montclarion is racist. The paper is racist because it reported on the coach Blanton story. The paper is racist because it chastised the college’s black president for his participation in the Miss America Pageant. If one also considers complaints about cartoons poking fun at slaves and throw-away lines concerning the economic condition of Somalia it would seem the editors are conspiring to rename the paper the Mont-Ku Klux-Klaxon.

Before anyone starts a picket line, however, I suggest they try to set aside their bruised feelings and take a rational look at the situation.

To this point, there has been no scientific discovery linking the existence of melanin in one’s skin to the existence of a teflon coating around their character. President Reid and Coach Blanton are two high-profile, public figures in the MSC campus community. Therefore, their actions, or actions taken against them, are newsworthy.

The North Jersey Herald & News put the coach Blanton on the front page of their Sept. 28 issue. Clearly, if an outside newspaper found the story to merit front page space, it merits at least the same treatment in a newspaper devoted almost exclusively to the news of this college.

For anyone to argue that the Montclarion was guilty of sensationalism with the story or its front page photograph should sit in on one of the college’s journalism classes.

To object to the news story as racist simply because it reflected badly upon an individual who happens to be black is ludicrous.

“[P]eople have a right to voice their opinions, but... Dr. Reid should be shown the respect he deserves as the most prominent African-American on campus,” writes Erik Hunter, the director of Stone Hall. Should he? Are we to handle the president of this institute with kid gloves simply because of his race? This call for special treatment on the basis of ethnicity is, by its very nature, racist. It redefines traditional standards of conduct along a sliding racial scale. An attitude of this kind harkens back to a different time in when non-whites were treated with condescendence because “they didn’t know any better.”

The sole criteria for the editorial content of this or any newspaper must be this: Is it newsworthy? If a person, or actions of a person, involved in a potential news story will in some way impact the lives of a publication’s readership, it must be reported. The Montclarion, so long as I have any influence over the organization, will not dole out special consideration to any public official for any reason. No person, regardless of his or her race, regardless of outside political pressure, will be considered untouchable.

If that were the case, the Montclarion would cease to be an exercise in journalism and become an exercise in public relations.

Stop, you’re killing me!

Reflections
by Lisa Cohn

Beginning next week, the English department will be distributing razor blades.

At least, they might as well. Have you ever noticed that most English teachers (high school or college level) and most English majors are preoccupied with images of death and dying? I could understand it to a point, but so many people are so morbidly fascinated with the subject of their own mortality that it just gets frightening, and far from healthy.

It’s not a problem unique to this school either. My sophomore English class in high school was a fine example. Every book we read had something to do with death or dying. The only book I liked that year was The Crucible, mainly because the people were actively killing each other instead of depressing themselves to death. At least those people didn’t want to die. Our final exam in that class included an essay on which piece we enjoyed the most. I answered Thoreau’s Walden, because it was the only one that didn’t mention death. I must have read it too quickly. It seems that he didn’t want to rest on the green grass (as I thought) and enjoy nature; he wanted to be under the grass. That was truly the most depressing class I’ve had yet, although many of my English classes have been trying to break it’s record.

Although I haven’t yet had one of my poems published in a school literary magazine, I have noticed that most of them seem to be following the tradition of depressing imagery. One editor of a literary magazine told me once that they considered my poem because it was the only cheerful one they received (that wasn’t the only reason they considered it, it was a good poem).

This morbid concentration on death and dying is just not healthy. I’m sure many doctors have told their patients that they should think happy. I read one book in which a doctor said, “I would never tell a patient I couldn’t cure them. Half the time, they wind up curing themselves.” When all you can think about is your own death, you’re missing out on your life. In addition, it’s an insult to the people who gave you life (and to whatever Deity you believe made your life possible).

Instead of moaning and groaning about how short your life may be, concentrate on living that life. Make the most of the time you do have. Why is it that so many people can’t appreciate life until they’re about to die? Anyone of those who are dying would willingly trade for your health. A healthy life is a precious gift, don’t waste it by failing to appreciate it.

Biting the hand that feeds

Before President Bush left office last January, he sent troops to Somalia to help bring down the warlords anarchy in what could only have been loosely described as the country, although warily, seemed to generally approve of this humanist decision, stark images of death and hopelessness flickering nightly on our brittle, withering human skeletons were replaced with United Nations’ efforts to save the Somalians, tearing and dragging the remains of an African war into Mogadishu. In the next instant, we see video reports of massacres, interrogated by Somalis.

The sad fact is that America and the UN undertook this desperate and dying people only to have those people turn violent. Instead of moaning and groaning about how short your life may be, concentrate on living that life. Make the most of the time you do have. Why is it that so many people can’t appreciate life until they’re about to die? Anyone of those who are dying would willingly trade for your health. A healthy life is a precious gift, don’t waste it by failing to appreciate it.

America should take any necessary action to gain the freedom to withdraw from Somalia.
hand that feeds you

last January, he sent troops to help end the strife and been loosely described as the “country” of Somalia. The country was replaced with United Nations relief stations brimming thanking their American saviors. Of course there was mention of the country still loyal to various warlords, but that was a minor change.

e display of savagery paraded before the jaded eyes of Americans have been forced to bear witness to a mob of barbarous dragging the remains of an American serviceman through the next instant, we see videotape of a captured American being tortured.

When is a person complete? Graduation does not exactly certify that you have reached your peak of maturity. Notice some of MSC’s fine graduates as they linger still in our halls, lost, incomplete, and ungrown. Where is the bar* that we can cross, Tennyson, here, while we are alive, so that we may understand better the changes we are experiencing? I am unable in classrooms to travel beyond any sunset. In fact, I am hindered by those walls, made to see things in a given merited way, unable to think for myself, buried alive under deadlines and chapters to read. I have not realized, during these four years that I have turned the advanced age of twenty two, that I am almost finished with my education, and that I am actually going to live for myself within a few months. Live for myself?

At the Gold Star diner just last Monday night, my boyfriend, casually spooning his favorite turkey dinner into his mouth said, “I think it’s time we move in together.” What? My libido was fine, but all I could think of were the lines of priests my mother would be sending to our apartment.

As I spin this around in my head, Oprah is engaged in interviewing young women bound not to ever love again, their heartbreak having crippled them at thirty. Virtually dead, never having sought to find themselves, they looked toward men to fulfill their questioning. Commercials intervene and spout continuously where I should be. “Be young. Have fun. Drink Pepsi.” What is that? “Right now, Hey! It’s your tomorrow, it means everything.”

Maturity comes with the separation of family and the renewal of your own individualism. But how far is enough? Where is that bar that distinguishes enlightenment and freedom from failure and poor choices? Is God an actual option or another commercial to be this way. If Hell is a truth, I could live with damnation. But what if I am right, and actual enlightenment occurs only through you, through correct estimations considered by you and the only truth is what happens when you alone “cross the bar”?

Are we alone? I will swing in guilt, as I lay the carpet on my new apartment floor, between parental expectation and my own reality. But my question still goes unanswered. Whether my life is my own or a creation from another energy leaving me not to think, but to memorize rules and commandments. The struggle for everyone is to find the truth that is yours, what you are to do, where you will go now and after. And like Tennyson my one hope is to meet my pilot face to face and when I finally cross the bar.

Phoenix Rising
by Christina Tischio

I lay the carpet on my new apartment floor, between parental expectation and my own reality.

Have you read anything in our issue that has given you ulcers? Feel any aggravation today? Stay cool- Write in and tell us.

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Editors
racially
insensitive

Dear George [Calle]:

As editor-in-chief of a well-read news publication, I feel it is my job to take into consideration the sensitivity of your readers. It seems to me in the short period of time since I've been here at MSC that the Montclarion shows a lack of sensitivity to the issues which affect the African-American population on this campus.

In the Sept. 30 issue of the Montclarion comic section, The Far Side's depiction of a slave ship with "asparave slave" is insulting to me as an African-American. It not only shows a lack of understanding of what my people had to go through, but also a lack of insensitivity to the 45 million Africans who died during slave trade. Slavery is not something which should be made light of in a tasteless comic strip (I know it's a syndicated comic, but I feel it was inappropriate for the school's paper). This does not promote an understanding of this time in American history, nor the history of African-Americans; it only mocks it.

In addition, I feel it's one thing to publish people's opinions, people have a right to voice their opinions, but another thing to take open shots at the president of this institution in your editorials. Dr. Reid should be shown the respect he deserves as the most prominent African-American on campus, and not depicted as a sexist who is insensitive to women, and a cheap thrill seeker. This is the impression I got from the cartoon of Dr. Reid at the beauty contest.

Finally the Sept. 30 edition of "Montclair State's Most Wanted" (the American on campus, and not depicted as the most prominent African-American of this institution in your editorials. Dr. Reid should be shown the respect he deserves as the most prominent African-American on campus, and not depicted as a sexist who is insensitive to women, and a cheap thrill seeker. This is the impression I got from the cartoon of Dr. Reid at the beauty contest.

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Blanton victim of racism

To the editor:

We want everyone to know that we as a chapter love and support out Brother Coach John Blanton and his family during this time of turmoil. We will no longer tolerate people here at MSC attacking our brother and friend. Furthermore, we find it disgraceful appalling that every year there is an attempt to discredit, destroy and unemploy Mr. Blanton.

Coach Blanton has been a very positive force since he arrived at MSC in 1988. In spite of the manufactured controversy surrounding him John Blanton has actively assisted, counseled and support the endeavors of the students. In addition, he has demanded that his athletes not only be outstanding on the track, but more importantly, in the classroom. He and his assistant coaches have made it a requirement that their athletes attend study hall sessions several times per week. For MSC athletics, in particular male sports, this was a very bold and revolutionary concept. Furthermore, under Coach Blanton's leadership, the track and field program has gained national attention for its outstanding achievements.

In closing, we ask that people who know Coach Blanton, rally around him and his family. The alleged victim of racism is one of engaging in rhetoric conversation about the answers to question which are unknown, we should try to break away from the division that is provoked and expected of us by some. We should take a more communal stance on this issue because no matter what the outcome is, there is still going to be hurt and scars to deal with. It is up to us to be supportive of our friend Mr. Blanton and his family. The alleged victim also deserves to be supported by those that know her. We also need to remember that we only have allegations before us, not proven facts, and we should be slow to judge. I hope that instead of becoming another scornful event in the African-American community we can use this as an example of how through unity, love and respect we can help those affected to heal and grow.

Erica S. Smith
O.S.A.U. President

Piss-poor editor-in-chief
angers "Woman of Color"

To the Editor,

As I read your [Editor-in-chief, George Calle] article in the Sept. 30 edition, I was so furious that before I began to write this response it took me at least an hour and a half to calm down.

What high horse did you get off of when you wrote this? I'm not referring to the part on Willoughby's. I don't give a damn about it! I'm talking about your comment on Somalia. Did you have to go there when you indirectly called it a "piss-poor barren land?" I think not. At first I thought, "well maybe he's bored with playing himself so he wrote this." I don't think that's the case.

Before that "so long" George Bush packed his bags and left the White House (which should be painted black), he decided to send out, or should I say "the," American troops into Somalia. Being the liar and conniving American man that he is, he knew well and before about the situation going on over there. Besides, most if not all of the American troops should be there and fighting as American soldiers to help make up for its (America) years of forced human bondage, hate, greed and corruption.

By the statement "We have no interest in Somalia." may be true for you and any other nonchalant arrogant ass whose head is too much which causes you to make statements like you did. This is only the feeding fuel for others like myself to hate! Had it been directed toward America, although I can relate, I'm not American therefore I wouldn't really give a hoot. I say this because America is one "piss (take away poor) barren land." With its War, corruption, hate and greed.

You see with people like you God gives me strength to feel pity on and the other "piss-poor barren place is your arrogant and ignorant ass mind! "Hey George, Back to Africa.”

Signed,
A Woman of Color

OSAU Prez stresses unity

I would like to see the African-Americans on this campus exemplify more Afrocentric behavior. Instead of engaging in rhetoric conversation about the answers to question which are unknown, we should try to break away from the division that is provoked and expected of us by some. We should take a more communal stance on this issue because no matter what the outcome is, there is still going to be hurt and scars to deal with. It is up to us to be supportive of our friend Mr. Blanton and his family. The alleged victim also deserves to be supported by those that know her. We also need to remember that we only have allegations before us, not proven facts, and we should be slow to judge. I hope that instead of becoming another scornful event in the African-American community we can use this as an example of how through unity, love and respect we can help those affected to heal and grow.

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9. Shout out a letter and a number and hope for a Hit, not a Miss.
10. Press levers to get all your balls on your opponent’s side.
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20. Land on another person’s piece to send them back home, then maniacally press the Pop-O-Matic bubble.

CULTURAL IDIOCY QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Monopoly
2. Operation
3. Perfection
4. Cootie
5. Hungry Hungry Hippos
6. Candy Land
7. (The Game of Life)
8. Twister
9. Battleship
10. Cliff Hanger
11. Don’t Break the Ice
12. Aces & The Pants
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15. Cops
16. Mynx Date
17. Mr. Mouth
18. Mouse trap
19. Toss Across
20. Trouble
Aries: (Mar. 21–Apr. 19) Don’t let ignorance be your enemy! Find out what “fetching” is before letting the plumber do it to increases your popularity, but also makes shaving difficult.

Scorpio: (Oct. 24–Nov. 21) Unite with the ancients through fash-

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2 Of the mouth
3 Ambition
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5 What person?
6 Fishing poles
7 Specialized vocabulary
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12 Low card
13 Place of protection
14 Bosc and Anjou
15 Door fastener
16 Bose and Anjou
17 Place of protection
18 Spotter horse
19 Merry
20 Door fastener
21 Angry
22 Oil-rich bean
23 Kingdom
24 Allots
25 Set of players
26 Gym pads
27 Watery snow
28 Spotted horse
29 Stride
30 Certain TV program
31 Theatrical plays
32 Certain appellation
33 Singing voices
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(The section listed in "Schedule of Courses", ENWR 315-02 T,R 8-9:15 p.m., has been canceled.)

Journalism at Montclair State
Injuries continue to plague men's soccer

Red Hawks lose to Vassar, 2-1; hindered by loss of four starters

by Keith A. Idec

An old adage warns that "all good things must come to an end."
Head coach Rob Chesney and his MSC soccer team hope that the same is true for all bad things, especially losses and injuries.

The Red Hawks continued to struggle on Saturday, dropping a 2-1 decision in overtime to Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

MSC took an early first-half lead in the non-conference game on freshman Julian Roca's goal, but couldn't hold the lead. Vassar's two scores were scored by Vic Moncato, who is nationally ranked in Division III in many receiving and punting categories and had a FDU school record 70 yard punt in the fourth quarter, and Plefka then turned into what was literally a two-man drive.

He took a pass from Plefka at about the 50 after torching the entire MSC secondary and went untouched for his sixth touchdown of the season to give FDU a 12-9 lead.

A win may be a win, but this was as sloppy and disorganized as they come. The performance could be blamed on having two weeks off. Hell, it could even be blamed on the pre-game meal-maybe they didn't get enough fiber.

But how could a team that looked so good in wins over nationally-ranked teams such as Cortland State and Ithaca be this rattled against a team on par with previous opponents?

The loss dropped the Red Hawks' record to 6-3-1 (2-1-1 NJAC). Although MSC held the lead early in the game, they couldn't take advantage of it.

Chesney felt that his team didn't come out ready to play.

"Saturday was a bad one," said Chesney. "We played with a lack of intensity and pretty poorly overall." Injuries have had a major effect on the team's performances over the past several weeks. Back Melkin Noriega and midfielder Alex Zapata have both missed extended periods due to their injuries. Forward Ricardo Jaramillo has also missed two games due to strained ligaments in his ankle.

And All-America back Dom Bucci came out of the Vassar game with a minor injury. Chesney refused to blame all of his team's problems on the injuries. "You don't replace guys like that," he said.

"When you take away players like that, you are going to struggle."
**Profs teach MSC a lesson in field hockey, 1-0**

*by Glenn Steinberg*

For some people, a victory is just not enough. Just ask Mary Marino, head coach of the Rowan College Profs.

The Profs (5-1, 2-1 NJAC) scored the only goal of the game when the NJAC scoring leader, Marni Henry, scored her 15th point of the season with 22:11 left in the first half to give them a 1-0 victory over MSC.

After the game, Marino showed her displeasure with her team’s performance by making her team run laps around the field and do push-ups.

“They played as individuals, not as a team. They just want to give enough to get by,” Marino said.

Marino believes the Lions are a talented team, but that they could do much better.

“They have the potential to be an outstanding team, and right now they’re not doing that. I think MSC did a better job of playing as a team than Rowan did today,” Marino said.

The Red Hawks (3-6, 1-3 NJAC) have now lost three in a row, and have been shut out in all of their losses. Their next opponent will be a home game against Keen College, whom they have already beaten on the road.

**Red Hawks win pair, tie school win record**

*by Nicole Festa*


According to Brown, preparation was the biggest factor in the Rowan loss.

“We didn’t prepare intensely enough during the week,” Brown said on Saturday.

LuAnn Zullo, assistant coach of the Red Hawks, was pleased with the team’s performance, however.

“Rowan’s a tough team; they’re an excellent club. But they (MSC) played well today,” Zullo said after the game.

Brown and Zullo agreed, though, that Katrina Anderson, a senior back performed well.

“Katrina always stands out. She’s a big communicator on defense,” Brown said. Zullo also added that Anderson was the heart of the defense, as she keeps everyone together.

Brown also said that Robyn White has been a solid force as a goalkeeper.

White, the starting goalie for the Red Hawks, has allowed an average of only 1.89 goals per game. She has also made 72 saves on the season and has posted two shutouts, a 4-0 victory over Manhattanville and a 1-0 win over Keen.

“The goal scored by Rowan was a very lucky one, none the less it was a goal,” White said.

She believes that there is a big difference in this year’s team from last year’s.

“Last year we were individuals with a lot of talent,” White said. “Now we are a team working together and using the talent we have to our benefit. We’re all come to realize that there is no “I” in “Team,” and our improvement from last year is more than demonstrates it.”

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**MSC Sports Schedule**

Thursday, October 7:

- Men’s soccer (home) vs. SUNY-Albany, 7:30 p.m.
- Volleyball (away) vs. Ramapo College, 7 p.m.

Friday, October 8:

- Women’s tennis (away) vs. Upsala College, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 9:

- Men’s and women’s cross country (away) The Drew Invitational at Drew University, all day.
- Volleyball (home) vs. Kutztown University, 11 a.m.
- Women’s soccer (home) vs. Manhattanville, 1 p.m.
- Women’s tennis (home) vs. Rowan College, noon.
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**Volleyball**

“I feel pretty good about the season,” said Kubicka. “The talent we have this year is a notch above that in the past.”

She also added, “It’s a young team that has both experienced players and new faces.”

Both veterans and rookies combined for an excellent performance. Anneliese Fejan, the NJAC leader in kills with 122, padded her stats with eight kills to leave her 10 shy of the school record. Also, Yocasta Garcia added to her school assist record (215) with 14 assists.

But it was freshmen Krista Gastelu and Dadrian Garrison who pleased Kubicka most. Gastelu and Garrison combined for 11 kills, giving the team an extra edge this season.

“Krista’s confidence has risen throughout the season. She is becoming more comfortable with the team and is doing a very nice job,” Kubicka said.

On Garrison’s play, Kubicka said, “Dadrian is getting better and better each game, and, of the team, has the highest vertical jump.”

Prior to that, MSC received 11 kills and 15 digs from Fejan in an easy win over Bloomfield.

However, last week did not start off well for the Red Hawks, as they dropped a match to NJAC foe Stockton State, 15-4, 15-11, 12-15, 15-9.

Despite the loss, Fejan and Garcia turned in good individual performances.

Fejan, an exchange student from Austria, went on a “killing spree,” contributing 16 kills and two aces.

“Anneliese is a welcomed addition to the squad because she adds another dimension to the game,” Kubicka said.

Garcia posted 20 assists, a stat which has been key to the Red Hawks’ success, which Kubicka discussed. “Yocasta is doing an excellent job this season, said Kubicka. “She’s finally able to set to good, solid hitters.”

- Men’s soccer (home) vs. Ramapo College, 3:30 p.m.
- Women’s tennis (away) vs. Pace University, 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 13:

- Men’s soccer (away) vs. Ramapo College, 3:30 p.m.
- Women’s tennis (away) vs. FDU Madison, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 14:

- Field hockey (away) vs. Vassar College, 2 p.m.
- Women’s tennis (away) vs. Upsala College, 3:30 p.m.
Red Hawks dodged bullet, but shouldn't have had to

by Keith A. Idee

The MSC football team learned a valuable lesson on Saturday night. Never underestimate your opponent. Prior to Montclair's 22-12 comeback win in the 15th Annual Pride Bowl, the undefeated Red Hawks (3-0) made it clear that they were aware of FDU-Madison's abilities. But were they?

"If you go in with the idea that you're going to roll over somebody without playing up to your capabilities, it just doesn't happen," said MSC head coach Rick Giancola. Giancola knows that his team was lucky to squeak by, no less roll over the Red Hawks. The other stop came with 2:10 left in the first half. On fourth-and-goal from the 2-yard line, Plefka's pass attempt to Vic Moncato was broken up by Keith Davis.

Davis, a senior defensive back from Newark, also set up Montclair's eventual game-winning score with an interception with just over seven minutes remaining. "We just came out flat and we had to get it going," said Davis. "After giving up that deep pass I felt that I had to redeem myself," Davis said.

The pass Davis was referring to was a 74-yard touchdown from Plefka to Moncato in the second quarter. That combination of Jersey Devils kept FDU-Madison in the game. Moncato, the game's Offensive MVP, caught four passes for 103 yards. He also returned three kicks for 56 yards. "I feel that we beat them up and down the field," Moncato said. "But we just didn't execute twice inside the 5-yard line, so we beat ourselves. That's so frustrating."

As frustrated as FDU-Madison may be, on Saturday night it proved that it was capable of beating the top teams in Division III football. That is of course if it had not proved it two weeks earlier when it defeated No. 15 Lycoming (Pa.), 21-20.

MSC plays Kean College next week in the annual Homecoming Game. The Cougars upset William Paterson 14-10 on Saturday and will obviously be looking for their second straight upset. It seems as if there's no better time than the present for MSC to take that "different approach."
Air Jordan flies no more

Throughout his nine-year career he had always said that he was going to retire when he was still in the prime of his career. In every sport players retire when they are virtually forced to, whether it's due to injury or diminishing skills or whatever. No one had ever just walked away because he felt like it. Until yesterday.

I guess that's what Michael Jordan is all about. He does things no one else can do.

No one dunks like he does. No one completely dominates a game like he does. No one is as calm, cool and collected as he is. No one is as smooth as him. No one is as competitive as he is. No one has ever lace up a pair of sneakers. And those sneakers even bear his name. It's the best basketball player to have ever lived it.

But the time has come for Michael Jordan to do what's best for him.

Now he can spend time with his wife and children. He can be close with his family and they can help each other get through the trying experience of losing a loved one to such senseless brutality. He can play golf or go to a casino whenever he feels like it.

He can almost be normal. Then again, if he was normal, he wouldn't be Michael Jordan.

The murder of his father, James Jordan over the summer has had a traumatic effect on Jordan. He made it clear yesterday in the press conference that the death of his father was not the sole reason for his retirement. Maybe so, but obviously it has a lot to do with it.

Jordan, 30, took solace in the fact that his father watched him play his last NBA game, in Game 6 of the NBA Finals on June 20.

Jordan referred to an analogy that George Brett made when he announced his retirement a few weeks back.

Jordan said, "When you ride a cyclone for nine years, you want to ride something else."

But Michael's been riding the Cyclone, not just any old rollercoaster.

Anyway, what it comes down to is that Jordan has had enough. He still loves the game, but going to the arena every night just doesn't motivate him anymore. He's lost the desire to play an 82-game schedule in the regular season.

Also, he has gone through some very difficult times over the past three years and it has taken its toll on Jordan.

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These incidents, added to the fact that he can't go to the bathroom without someone knowing about it, have put Jordan in the position he is currently in. He is a prisoner of his own fame. And there's nothing he'll ever be able to do about it. It all comes with the territory.

Monday night I was talking with my friend Anthony about how unstoppable the Chicago Bulls were going to be this year. They added Toni Kukoc to compliment Jordan, Pippen, Grant and Armstrong. Plus, Jordan would want to dedicate the season to his father, right?

Not once did either of us stop to think that we would never see Michael Jordan on a basketball court again.

It's all pretty sad. Jordan has been the human phenomenon that my friends and I have grown up admiring. Everyone wants to "be like Mike." It's like a given.
Thanks for the memories!

More on Jordan's shocking announcement (Idec, p. 27)