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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 into 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 Somali 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 T o 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.”

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.

Yeltsin crushes rebellion as Russian White House burns

by George Calle

Communist hardliners holed up in the Russian Parliament in defiance to democratically elected President Boris Yeltsin’s decree which dissolved that body, were flushed out by Russian tanks last Monday morning.

The leaders of the rebellious group, former Vice-President Alexander Rutskoi and former Parliament Chairman Ruslan Kasbulatov were taken into custody after a 10-hour assault by forces loyal to Yeltsin.

Communist sympathizers had raided the television building in Moscow during the weekend on the bequest of the rebel leaders.

The confrontation between the two sides had been on-going since late July.

The hardliners who were leftovers from the ex-Soviet administration had been challenging Yeltsin’s reforms towards a free-market economy since then.

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 Somali 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”

MSC students expressed concern over recent events. John Tornichio, a sophomore Biology major said that he feels "we are getting into another Vietnam." Other students and faculty echoed this fear and expressed concern over the safety of our troops.

The Clinton escalation in the conflict signifies the administration’s resolve to carry out the mission.

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 expense for students that apply for the program. The guidelines for eligibility will be set this week by the Welfare and Internal Committee of the SGA.

Presently 81 children are enrolled in the Child Care Center; 49 of which are children of students at MSC. The bill passed 36-0-1.

Sal Anderton 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 trustees were allowed to participate in the bi-annual evaluation of President Reid’s performance. At this time Anderton & 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 accommodate 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, and 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 Dauder, 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 stomach 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 MSC 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.

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 and 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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MONT CLARION
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, CLUB'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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The Prophet interviews a Hollywood legend

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

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 and I sat down with him at a showing of his work at the Lena DiGongi Gallery and studio in West Paterson.

Q- You have met quite a number of famous people.
G.L.-Well, I've shot a lot of negatives. I did it for a period in the '50's into the '60's.

These were all appointments and we met them at different awards and premiers.

We would do things three or four months in advance. We'd do a Christmas shot in August or July.

We'd go to their homes and they'd show us around the house and what they do when they're there.

Q- Two of the many people I recognized in your work were Jane and Audrey Meadows.
G.L.-Well, I did a series on them. They lived together and they were actually born and raised in China.

We never got to do Jackie Gleason though. I think he was more of a private person. I mean, you never see anything about his family life.

Eddie Fisher was public, so we were able to shoot him, Gleason was not.

Q- Your photographs have opened in many magazines including Life...
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 at least one of them.

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, a sport. I do it when I'm there.

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 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.

by Kevin Schroeber

The Forgotten Slavery: a tale 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.

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 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.

by Ericia Schiefe

The Daily Cougar

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Like many of the disenfranchised who travelled railroad to liberation in the 19th century, Jill Nelson a person in whose arms she could find security and relative peace, a rescuer.

Nelson's 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.

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The Couch Potato Update

by George Oleshowsk

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 spacial dock, 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 jump-start 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 (Dover), 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 airing 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 doing. seriously, 'cause they wanted more, and they got it.

The "Environment", a series of paintings by the Senegalese Abdoulaye Ndoyo, addresses a concern that's on the minds of most people. Several of the paintings, "Conformation: Environmental IdII" 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 L'Arizona" and "Environnement du Pôle Nord." Ndoyo 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 Ndoyo on October 9, from 6p.m. - 9p.m.

Environmentally conscious paintings at Gallery I

by J. Alexander

The "Environment", a series of paintings by the Senegalese Abdoulaye Ndoyo, addresses a concern that's on the minds of most people.

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

Review: Bad Behaviour—Look Ma, no script!

by Mark Loughlin

If you're getting a bit fed up with what American films have to offer lately, then perhaps you should take a trip to the city and catch Les Blair's Bad Behaviour. Yes, that's o.k. This is an English film and they have a tendency to misspell words. Bad Behaviour deals with an Irish husband and wife, living in an English suburb and some of the challenges they face being what could be termed a "successful" couple.

To be honest, that is all that I can tell you without either making it seem totally uninteresting, or just making a fool out of myself. This being a film that was conceived and shot outside of the United States, it is a character driven, rather than plot driven. But what characters?

The great Stephen Rhea makes a nice comedic turn from The Crying Game, by playing Gerry, a city planner, whose wife (Sinead Cusack) is becoming a little disenchanted with their home life. Their two sons are still in the growing-up stages, and their financial situation is such that they won't be getting off to the Mediterranean anytime soon. Bad Behaviour chronicles about four days in the life of this couple.

If you look closely at the credits, you will notice that there is no writer listed. That's because it was filmed in an improvisational style that was based on a two page outline from director Blair. Supposedly, there were many rehearsals, so by the time it was filmed, the actors knew their characters intimately.

Whatever happened, the result is exhilarating. Rhea gives such a warm and beguiling performance that is not hard to see how one of his young colleagues could be taken with him. Cusack, looking very much like Miranda Richardson, becomes more and more attractive as the movie progresses. She changes not just physically, but also emotionally, as she begins to realize that her family is a much better deal than she expected.

There is a small subplot involving a scheming, land developing neighbor, but it is all on a personal level, giving it a higher degree of believability. Forget all the Hollywood hype, this is the most pro-family movie of the year.

Bad Behaviour contains a remarkable and uplifting finale that begins with Cusack and her friend at a salsa dance, where she has a strange encounter. Meanwhile, at home, Gerry is watching the kids. Later on, when Gerry goes to retrieve the cat that the women abandoned, you realize that you are seeing a decent man who truly loves his family. Actions speak louder than words.

So remember, Bad Behaviour. It's one of the reasons we must venture away from the multiplex every once in a while. Did I mention that it was funny, too?
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The content of character, not color of skin

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 opinion 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 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 Africa-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 too, 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 you

Before President Bush left office last January, he sent troops to Somalia. Americans have been forced to be with grateful Somalis thanking their American savior of guerillas in the rural villages of the country still loyal to various problems to be solved quickly.

Once again, the images have changed.

In perhaps the most horrific display of savagery paraded since the Vietnam war, Americans have been forced to see Somalis beheading, degrading and dragging the remains of a blind man along dusty roads of Mogadishu. In the next instant, we see videotape 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 phrase "Biting the hand that feeds you" been more appropriate. Somalia and gotten Somalia’s worst in return. The guerillas loyal Farrah Aidid have hardened the generous hearts of this country directly involved in this disgusting affair, by standing idly by, helplessly.

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

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.

To cross the bar....

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

Phoenix Rising
by Christina Tischio

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MONT CLARION
Editors racially insensitive

Dear George [Calle]:

As editor-in-chief of a well-read news publication, I feel its your 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 aslave ship with “apsarave 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, or the history of African-Americans, it only mocks it.

In addition, I feel it’s one thing to publish peoples opinion, people have a right to voice their opinions, but its 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

To the Editor,

American troops should be there and fighting as American soldiers to help make up for its (America) years of forceful 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-barren place is your arrogant and ignorant ass mind! “Hey George, Back to Africa.”

Signed,
A Woman of Color

Piss-poor editor-in-chief angers “Woman of Color”

Blanton victim of racism

To the editor:

We want everyone to know that we as a chapter love and support out 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 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 sorrowful 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

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 there 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 sorrowful 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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The better-equipped slave ship, of course, always carried a Span.

Reader Erik Hunter was insulted by this Gary Larson comic strip edition with John Blanton’s picture on the front page. This is not the post office so why must this man’s picture be plastered all over campus before he is given a fair trial? Has anyone considered what this could do to this man’s career and more importantly his family? I guess not. By the way I missed the article on Bob Gieza, or wasn’t there a picture of him available? If your going to call what the Montclarion does as reporting the news at least be consistent.

I’m really tired of picking up the Montclarion and seeing African-American people depicted as rapist, perverts and chattel. Journalism such as this gives the Montclarion the credibility of Mad Magazine or The National Enquirer. I think the Montclarion should review the journalism guide on ethics and common decency, or maybe look in the mirror and “check yourselves.”

Erik Hunter
Director of Stone Hall
NOTICE TO ALL CURRENTLY ENROLLED STUDENTS WHO WILL BE RETURNING IN THE WINTER SESSION 1994 AND/OR SPRING SEMESTER 1994

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All students who are enrolled for the Fall 1993 and who are eligible to return for the Winter or Spring 1994 had a Registration Appointment Card mailed to them during the week of September 27, 1993.

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16. Mystery Date
17. Mr. Mouse
18. Mousetrap
19. Toss Across
20. Trouble

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Your Real Horoscope

by Ruby Wyner-lo
A.A.B.P.-certified Astrologer

Aries: (Mar. 21-Apr. 19) Don’t let ignorance be your enemy! Find out what “fetching” is before letting the plumber do it to you.

Taurus: (Apr. 20-May 20) This week will be devoted to affairs of the heart when the ghost of Bruce Lee yanks it from your chest and shows it to you while it’s still beating.

Gemini: (May 21-June 21) A mysterious letter will arrive from an exotic place, but it’s for your roommate.

Cancer: (June 22-July 22) Your career as an exotic dancer is cut short when a prankster removes your feet at the ankles.

Leo: (July 23-Aug. 22) Release the inner child within. Poop in your pants.

Virgo: (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Quit your job at the dog Chew-ee factory and become Emperor of the Planet instead.

Libra: (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) The position of the planets increases your personal magnetism. This increases your popularity, but also makes shaving difficult.

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

Sagittarius: (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) It’s a beautiful day for a walk, but you’re locked in John Wayne Gacy’s basement, so forget about it.

Capricorn: (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You try to help the less fortunate by volunteering at a soup kitchen, but some half-starved crazy will shove the soup ladle down your trachea.

Aquarius: (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Polaris’ position in the sky allows you to “score” with the opposite sex.

Pisces: (Feb. 19-Mar. 20) You’ve got something to smile about, but don’t, because then we’d have to see your mossy teeth.

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Journalism at Montclair State
**MSC thwarts FDU-Madison, 22-12**

by Brian Falsarano

Despite an uninspired and seemingly nonchalant performance, MSC, aided by Darren Volker's 13-yard touchdown pass to Tyrone Rolls with 5:58 left in the fourth quarter, defeated upset FDU-Madison, 22-12, in the 15th annual Pride Bowl at Sprague Field before a crowd of 7,105.

Football

That the Red Hawks (3-0) even won this game is amazing considering how flat they were at times. They were prone to big plays and just looked stumped that the Jersey Devils (2-1) could even play with them, let alone beat them.

"We thought they weren't going to give us a fight," said punter Darryl Pellegrino. "We thought we were better, much better." If it wasn't for Keith Davis, MSC might still be wondering "what if." After numerous drives that amounted to little yardage and spurred little hope, it was Davis who brought his teammates and the fans back into the game.

Just before the seven minute mark, FDU quarterback Frank Plefka dropped back to pass on third and 11 from his own 27. He proceeded to throw an interception. 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.

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**Injuries continue to plague men’s soccer**

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

by Keith A. Idee

An old adage warns that "all good things must come to an end." Head coach Bob 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 could not find the net again.

The Vassar defense tightened and held the MSC offense scoreless throughout the second half and overtime, while the offense scored two goals for the win.

Stowe into Davis' hands, which Davis returned 16 yards. After a late hit call against FDU gave MSC the ball on the Jersey Devil 41, Volker quickly repented for his past wrongdoings. First, he hit freshman Dion Bernardini for eight yards. Then, he hit Brian McNair for five yards, and after a late hit call against FDU, MSC had the ball on the 13. Two plays later, Volker hit Rolls on a play-action pass to give MSC the lead for good, 15-12.

"That's what you need in a game like this, you need a spark," said MSC head coach Rick Giancola, who won his 80th game as Red Hawk coach, of Davis' interception.

With the score 9-6, after a Scott Rubinetti field goal with 14:03 to go in the first half, Vic Moncato, the Pride Bowl offensive MVP, took the ensuing kickoff to the FDU 26.

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.

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The loss dropped the Red Hawks' record to 6-3-1 (2-1-1 NJAC). Although MSC held the lead early on, 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 few weeks. Back Melkin Noriega and midfielders Alex Zapata have both missed extended periods due to their injuries. Forward Ricardo Jaramillo has 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. However, that doesn't excuse the lack of effort that we have been putting forth. Fortunately we have time to correct that problem."

The Red Hawks will get their opportunity to turn things around tonight when they take on SUNY-Albany to officially kick off Homecoming weekend at 7:30 p.m. The Great Danes are coming off of a recent win over No. 12 University of Rochester. RED HAWKS NOTES....In earlier action last week, MSC shut out Rutgers Camden, 4-0....Three of the four injured players will return to action tonight. Bucci, Jaramillo and Zapata will be in the starting lineup, but Noriega's return is still in question. ....Forward Erik Neubart leads the NJAC in scoring with 14 goals and 31 points, including five game-winners....Goalkeeper Mark Williams is fifth in the NJAC in goals against average at 0.81....MSC leads the NJAC in goals and assists.
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

The Red Hawks tied an MSC record for victories in a season this past Saturday by defeating Bloomfield College, 15-5, well for the Red Hawks, as they dropped over Bloomfield.

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 Kean.

"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've all come to realize that there is no "I" in "Team," and our improvement from last year more than demonstrates it."

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, added 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, according to Kubicka. "Yocasta is doing an excellent job this season, said Kubicka. "She's finally able to set to good, solid hitters."
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 FDU-Madison (3-1). He's just hoping it doesn't happen again.

"We have to take a look at some films and take a different approach," he said.

Had it not been for the MSC defense (eight sacks, three blocked kicks and three interceptions), the outcome would likely have been very different. Especially if it had not been for the game's defensive MVP Jeff Bargiel, Keith Davis and Mark Gatto.

Had the Jersey Devils capitalized on their two golden opportunities, they would have been the team to leave Sprague Field undefeated. However, on two different occasions the Montclair defense held the FDU-Madison offense scoreless when it was inside the 5-yard line.

On third down-and-goal from the 4-yard line with 7:05 left in the third quarter, Gatto sacked FDU-Madison quarterback Frank Plefka for an eight-yard loss. That forced a 29-yard field goal attempt by Jason Herrick. Bargiel, who also had 3 1/2 sacks, blocked the attempt and recovered the ball for 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 what is 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 smooth as him. No one is as competitive as he is. No one has more admirers than he does.

That's what makes him Michael Jordan.

I never realized how odd the moment would be until Tuesday night when I first heard that Jordan was going to announce his retirement from basketball the following morning.

He wins World Championships, he wins MVP's, he wins Olympic Gold Medals, he wins scoring titles.

Why would he give it all up? The list in the previous paragraph actually explains it.

There's nothing left for Michael Jordan to accomplish on a basketball court. He's proven to the world that he is the best basketball player to have ever lace up a pair of sneakers. And those sneakers even bear his name. It's all anyone could ever ask for and he has lived it.

In yesterday's press conference, 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.

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.

Prior to his father's death, Jordan had to deal with accusations from the likes of James "Slim" Bouler and Richard Esquinas. And of course there was his infamous late night trip to gamble at an Atlantic City casino after Game 1 of the Eastern Conference Finals against the Knicks in May.

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.

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 the Michael Jordan.

In the Bleachers...

by Steve Moore
Thanks for the memories!

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