Smoking, or non-smoking?

Fire in Blanton damages student property and leads to thefts (Patriot, p.3)
SGA First Amendment rights temporarily obstructed by campus police misunderstanding

by Melissa Brannan

First Amendment rights were obstructed when an SGA sign posted in the Student Center Lobby sponsoring a trip was confiscated. The sign was quickly returned by campus police Friday as a result of a communication error, police said.

The sign, sponsoring a trip to Bloomfield College on Thursday, March 17, to protest Governor Chris Whitman’s tuition hikes to state colleges, was taken down by Officer Juan Rivera after he misunderstood a dispatch by Officer Burnell Laury to simply retrieve a flyer about the protest. Bloomfield College had requested a flyer for more information about the nature of the SGA’s protest.

Melissa Ardire, a freshman legislator for the SGA, said that it was a “misunderstanding within the department” and that a written apology was sent. Rivera took the sign away, Ardire said. Fifteen minutes later, Rivera returned and reposted the sign, apologizing for the misunderstanding, said Ardire.

Director of Campus Police and Security, Phil Calitre, said that it was a “misunderstanding within the department” and that a written apology was sent. Calitre also said that “hopefully the incident can be forgotten."

Although it was an error in communication between the officers, the students involved felt an enormous threat to their First Amendment rights. President of the SGA, James “Appetite” Cotter, said that “Our gripe is that as a campus police officer, you have to understand the environment in which you work. You have to be verse in First Amendment rights.”

Cotter said that even if the sign had been illegal, they had a right to keep it up. Cotter also said, in a memo to Calitre, that he was thankful that the officers had “graciously apologized for the incident” and that he was appreciative of the “institution’s resolve to address this issue swiftly.”

The rights of the student were also the concern of the Dean of Students, Carl Snipes. In a memo that he sent to Calitre, he said that the incident was “an extremely serious matter.” That “if handled differently, this could easily have qualified as an infringement of First Amendment rights.” He is concerned that “we have officers patrolling the campus who have not been adequately exposed to the important issues of the students’ rights and privileges.”

Vice President of Administration and Finance, Thomas Auch, said in a memo to Cotter apologizing for the incident that he wanted to “reaffirm, that our security department is here to protect the right and property of students, faculty, staff and visitors to the campus.”

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Early morning Blanton fire caused by clogged vents

by Jeff Zarillo

A vent with a burnt out motor, that was claimed to have been reported broken, ignited a fire Sunday morning in the adjoining bathroom of rooms 4C06 and 4C08 on the fourth floor of Blanton Hall, Campus Police said.

Kenneth Doremus, 24, was the only resident of the two rooms present at the time of the fire. He later suffered from nausea and dizziness, caused by something burning in the fire and went to East Orange General Hospital in East Orange. He was treated and released with medication.

Doremus was awakened by the smoke detector around 3 a.m. on Sunday. After checking to make sure his suite-mates were not in their room, Doremus informed security and the fire alarm was pulled. The building was evacuated and Little Falls Fire Department responded to the fire. Campus Police Sgt. Debra Newcombe said the building remained evacuated for approximately 90 minutes.

Doremus claims that two weeks ago he personally filed a "work-order" stating that the bathroom fan was "very stuffled up." It was never fixed. Director of Residence Life, Margaree Coleman-Carter, said that her office, which has copies of all work-orders, "can't find any such report." An investigation into the missing work-orders is underway.

Mike Pisano, 19, and Peter Beckus, 18, who occupy the adjoining room returned to the college on Sunday evening. According to Pisano, "No one called and informed us. We just arrived there, with no one there and no answers." They also found many of their valuable personal items, such as a word processor and a leather jacket ruined by the fire.

Coleman-Carter said that the residents will be reimbursed for any damages to their personal items.

as far as the possibility for any legal action, Pisano said, "Everything is going in the right direction, as long as that continues, no legal action will be taken." Coleman-Carter said that a fire restoration company will be coming Tuesday afternoon to access the damages to the bathroom and its adjoining rooms. According to Doremus, the bathroom is "totally destroyed" and the rooms were covered with residue from the fire.

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Doremus and his roommate, Tom Cullen, 21, as well as Pisano and Beckus, have been relocated to two rooms in Bohn Hall.

Thefts

An employee teaching a class in Panzer Gym reported his jacket, which contained his wallet and keys, was stolen from the gym. The jacket was later found, but all the valuables were missing.

A student reported her purse stolen out of her book bag in Life Hall on March 4.

On March 5, a student reported her credit cards, keys and license stolen out of her pocketbook while it was left in Panzer Gym. Discover Card security reported her stolen credit card being used by a male in New York City.

A cordless phone was stolen from the office of an employee in Chapin Hall on March 4.

On March 4, a student reported the theft of three rings from a ladies room in Sprague Library, which she had inadvertently left behind after washing her hands.

A 1990 Toyota was stolen from lot 24 on March 8. The vehicle has not yet been recovered.

A student reported her wallet stolen from the Library on March 9.

A student left her ATM card at the bank machine in the Student Center on March 9 and reported it missing.

Harassments

A resident of Webster Hall reported being harassed by a former roommate. Due to fears for her safety, she returned to her parents' home. The matter is being handled by Residence Life.

A student in Blanton Hall was assaulted by a former boyfriend, an MSC student who lives in Stone Hall. No charges have been pressed.

An off-campus student reported receiving harassing phone calls from a former boyfriend who is not an MSC student. The matter was referred to the Montclair Police Department.

A faculty member of Building B reported on March 8 that an obscene phone call was left on his answering machine.

Burglary

A Blanton Hall dorm room was reported burglarized on March 7 and property stolen from the residents of the room. There was no sign of forced entry and the matter is currently under investigation.

An employee reported on March 8 that an office in Richardson Hall had been vandalized. File boxes had been pulled open and a file cabinet had been forced open. There was no sign of forced entry and nothing appeared to be missing.

A custodian in Richardson Hall discovered graffiti above the doors in classrooms on the second floor.
Attention Students!!

The Academic Affairs Committee of the SGA is sponsoring an "Excellence in Education Award" for the Spring 1994 semester. If you would like to recommend any professor, adjunct, or teaching assistant -- pick up information in the SGA office: M-F 8:30-4:30, Student Center Annex, Rm 103.

Attention Students!!

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Any Money Involve??? Are u kidding... ABSOLUTELY NOT....
"Adult Literacy" was the topic of the first of the Joseph F. Brunner Memorial Lectures on Tuesday, March 15. Joseph Brunner was a professor in the Department of Reading and Educational Media until his untimely death two years ago due to heart complications. In a fitting memorial, the Joseph Brunner lectures will all focus on his field: reading, education and the problems and solutions involved in the field.

The guest speaker was Dr. Irwin S. Kimble of the Educational Testing Service in Princeton. Dr. Kimble was the Director of the National Adult Literacy Survey (NALS). The NALS was a "test" given to a randomly picked sample of American adults to find out the level of literacy that they were at and to take that level and relate it to their education/employment/social status/etc. ETS was sponsored and charged by an Act of Congress to create the NALS to test national level of literacy and to develop one's knowledge and potential. Literature was also broken down into three parts: prose, document and quantitative. Prose literature is information written in charts and graphs. Quantitative literature is information written in "paragraph" form. Document literature is information written in "paragraph" form. Document literature is information written in charts and graphs. Quantitative literature is information written in a computational format; materials like order forms, menu and loan applications.

Dr. Kimble explained that the test was constructed to test the subject not by the traditional "school modeled" multiple choice method, but to test how the subject processes printed information by underlining important data, explaining passages, copying information, computing information and writing paragraphs about the passages. The scoring was based on a 500 point scale and the scale was divided into five classes; Class I being lowest, easiest reading/writing tasks, all the way to Class 5, which included reading high-level literature and writing complex works.

The scores were the most interesting and perhaps the most unsettling of Dr. Kimble's presentation. The average was 270. And for the first time ever, he released the scores for New Jersey, which has an average of 273. All three scores fall within the limits of a Class 2 Literacy. Dr. Kimble also gave the scores in relation to schooling; adults going to school 0-8 years had an average of 161, adults with a high school diploma had an average of 268 and an adult with four years of higher education had an average 376. He remarked that literacy skills may directly influence a student's mindset, making him/her want to stay in school longer than those who don't have the higher skills.

Employment status was also shown in relation to the median grades on the NASL. The more hours worked, the higher the score was. Also, the type of job seemed related to literacy. Professionals had a 300+, salespeople had a 280, craftsmen/service: 250, laborers: 230. People who felt they were passed over for a job had a Class 2 level of literacy. Dr. Kimble stated that literacy was becoming a "currency" where those who have great levels of it can succeed and those who don't have less money to work with.

Dr. Kimble finished off his lecture by discussing the problems with society's aspect on literacy and possible solutions. He felt that society is imposing higher and higher goals for literacy and less and less people are able to achieve those goals and that we need to focus on the way our teachers teach and make sure that they include all three types of literacy into their teaching and we as a society need to realize that the problem is not singular, it is very much plural meaning that the solution has to come from all aspects of society: school, home, workplace and community.
Cappy:
A Prime Example of Persona-Non-Grata

by A Fellow Clove Roadian

When someone first enters college, it usually takes them about a month before they find a good friend that they can hang with. Then again, it can take some people a little longer to adjust and shit... then there's CAPPY!

Would you ever think of moving to Clove Road by yourself? Probably not, because you would want to live with your friends, right? But this sorry chap, or "cap," did. All right, so he moves to Clove by himself because he has no friends and into the humble abode of super-stud athletes with names like Ty-ski, the Stump-master, Dino Bravo, and the late, great, immortal "cap": THIT MAN. Let me give you a little update: Over the next couple of weeks, every "option" was searched out to get THE SHIT MAN in. Let me give you a little chronological re"cap":

FIRST: An attempted switch in rooms is made between SHITTY and CAPPY. CAPPY declines, saying the occupants of that apartment "party all night until five," his friend told him so.

SECOND THRU FOUR: Other vacant spots in Clove are searched out for CAPPY to move to. Three spots were found open on different occasions. CAPPY again declines, saying he feels comfortable here being surrounded by all of his girlfriends downstairs and next door. Besides, CAPPY says he has early classes, so he will never be around.—Feels comfortable? After being insisted to leave?

FIFTH: A fourth spot was finally found for CAPPY, a regular apartment. Now he has to agree, and against his will, does. Finally things can go as planned.

Well, before you can say "Chicago's in Lodi," Mrs. Valenti had filled that spot. (About 20 minutes after Maureen Gallogher, head of Clove housing, told her to hold it!) Sounds kind of fishy, right??—Now things start to get desperate.

SIXTH: CAPPY is asked by his roommates to "please go" (to one of the open apartments). CAPPY declines once more, saying he feels comfortable here. (About 20 minutes after Maureen Gallogher, head of Clove housing, told her to hold it!) Sounds kind of fishy, right??—Now things start to get desperate.

Finally things can go as planned. CAPPY, now knowing that he stays, if he wants, starts kissing a little ass to try to become friends with his new roommates. He even went as far as giving them tender kisses and affectionate touches and massages. What a pitiful fool!

Now let me give you a little update: CAPPY's ass-kissing turns out to be the hardest "fresh" bread from his dad's bakery, two and a quarter gallons of milk, and no stereo or phone/answering machine. He got fired from both his jobs! (The motherfucker never leaves!) He never goes to class, even though he still sets his alarm to get up early—which I hear pretty soon is going to catch him a supreme beatdown from D. BRAVO! He sits on the phone all day. (NO LIFE!) Has a car with NO REVERSE! He can't get laid in a morgue (even though he tells stories of hooking up with three and four chicks a night!) He has entered the squared circle with STUMP-MASTER and SHITTY (going 0-2 in those battles). He owns some of the most Quido-rat clothes ever invented. The only good thing he's done is that he finally cut his fucking wings on his head and his food cabinet is considered open season.

So, I suggest to all you out there who think you got it bad, think again! It doesn't get worse than this. These poor souls didn't deserve this unruly inheritance of the man they call "CAPPY". Let's just hope there aren't any other CAPPY's out there. But let's not forget that the original CAPPY is still among us and I heed a warning to the suckers who get that Mother Fucker next year:

SEE YA! WOULDN'T WANNA BE YA!

Talk-Show Host Sally Jessy Raphael Will Discuss "Women in the Media" at a FREE Lecture on March 29.

The third-ranked morning talk-show host, Sally Jessy Raphael, will present a free lecture entitled, "Meeting the Challenge: Women in the Media" on Tuesday, March 29, at 8 p.m. in Memorial Auditorium. Raphael will speak about her career as a woman in the media and offer insight and advice to the audience about their own careers. It is sponsored by the Women's Center and the Office of the President with support from the College Life Union Board and the Women's Centers at William Patterson and Jersey City State colleges.
Conservation on Campus

by Joe Garaahan

The Conservation Club at MSC was founded in 1969, during a trek through the wilds of New Hampshire. It was atop Mt. Monadnock where several students and teachers realized that if the human race was to continue to live in harmony with its natural environment, affirmative action would have to be taken. The original members of the Conservation Club were inspired so deeply by the beauty of the mountain that they vowed to do all that was necessary to ensure that future generations could share similar experiences, where the fullness of life can truly be felt. Thus, the Montclair State Conservation Club was established, dedicated to the principal that man can take delight in the wonders of nature and use it to suit his needs and purposes, we must give back to her what she so graciously gave to us.

The club’s primary goals have been to motivate, educate and inform the student body as well as the greater society to save our natural resources and the environment. Along with the organized hiking and camping trips, the Conservation Club runs whale watches, Earth Care, Earth Day/Week festivals and Adopt-A-Highway.

In its 25th year as a Class One Organization of the SGA, the Conservation Club and its members continue to keep the torch burning bright. With their strength and unity they invite all to participate in the activities they have planned for the Spring semester of 1994. Adopt-A-Highway is one of the ongoing projects that the Conservation Club has instilled. This project encourages the students, friends and family to become aware of the pollution that has accumulated along our highways. The club asks that people take responsibility for their actions by coming out for a few hours on Saturdays and clean up the mess that we have carelessly made. Your time and support are greatly appreciated. Every spring the Conservation Club holds its Earth Day/Week festival. These events have lifted the spirits at MSC as well as raising the environmental consciousness. This years festivities will be held from April 18 to the 24. They will include the flag raising ceremony and campus clean up (Monday, April 18, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.), various lectures and speakers and environmental open mic. in the quad (Tuesday, April 19, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.), adopt a tree and tree planting ceremony (Wednesday, April 20, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.), MSC Earth Day which includes 50 Environmental organizations and environmental vendors along with live music and entertainment (Thursday, April 21 all day outdoors), National Earth Day celebration (Friday, April 22) and a whale watching expedition in Massachusetts (Friday-Sunday, April 22-24).

Last fall the Conservation Club, along with the Youth Environmental Society (Y.E.S.), was responsible for the organization of the Earth Care Seminar, a project which allowed for over 350 high school students from local schools to sit in on a series of lectures concerning different aspects of environmental education. Lectures included topics on “Pesticides in the Home,” “Endangered Species Act,” “The Rainforest,” “Passaic Flood Tunnel,” “Bridges to the Natural World,” “Environmental Education Through Music,” “Adventures of Trees,” “Grass Roots Organizing” and “Recycling.” The seminars were a huge success and are something to look forward to.

In addition to these activities, the Conservation Club made a major public protest in support of the Endangered Species Act. Some 45 people gathered in the rain to pay respects to the 3,000 endangered species in New Jersey that have been overlooked by the Endangered Species Act. In a mock funeral, students, teachers and government officials marched chanting “save endangered species,” and “protect the animals.” Tombstones were made for the rattlesnake, the green turtle, the tree frog and other endangered species. College students throughout the country are holding mock funerals to gain support for the country are holding mock funerals to gain support for the act.

A major concern and focus for the Conservation Club is the neglected recycling bins that can be found all over the campus. People are using products that can easily be recycled but are either too lazy or are unaware that there is a proper place for that product when they are through using it. Please make use of the blue recycling bins that have been made available for our benefit. Some things to be aware of are: only purchase items that are biodegradable or recyclable, don’t use paper bags, carry a lunch box (or at least reuse the same bag), buy loose fruits and vegetables, and reuse gift wrappings.

Anyone who is interested in or would like to learn more about the environment and what they can do to make the world and their life a pleasant place to be should drop by the Conservation Club office room 120 in the Student Center Annex. Any comments, concerns and suggestions are welcome. For more information of the upcoming events call 655-5102.

Watch Out!!!
The last day to withdraw from a class without an automatic “F” is March 28.

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- Fridays by appointment only.

Carpe Diem
MSC’s television show “Carpe Diem,” which airs on CTN, has another exciting episode to offer our community!

On March 21, a student produced segment featuring Dr Rob Gilbert and his motivational techniques, can help students focus on better study habits. The second topic highlights a unique program in Newark called “The Ready Foundation,” a program which offers counseling, academic support and financial opportunities to disadvantaged families in the area.

Don’t miss this episode of “Carpe Diem” produced by Broadcasting students Jeff Zarrillo, Dean Spinogatti, Kellie Van Middlesworth and Michelle May. See your local television listings for times and channel.
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The Veldt are a band out of the Chapel Hill, N.C. area and if they are any indication of the local music scene, Chapel Hill has a bright future. Combining a hard edge sound with R&B, funk, hip hop, rock and great harmonizing, Afrodisiac (Mercury), is packed from start to finish on eighteen songs. The songs are so diverse it sounds more like a compilation rather than what this quartet put down in a studio. It’s Over” takes advantage of the harmonizing vocals of Daniel and Danny Chavis (two different guys) as does “Revolutionary Sister” an upbeat message for women.

The Veldt show their musical styles with “Jucy Sandwich,” a 70’s style R&B melody, interlaced with a heavy guitar riff, “Wanna Be Where You Are” a funky, hip hop sound and “Dusty Chain” a harder guitar-driven song. It is refreshing to hear a band with original ideas and a unique sound that draws from all aspects of music that is blended into one album. Definitely a disc worth checking out.

Billy Falcon

Letters from a Paper Ship (Mercury)

Billy Falcon is the kind of guy you would hear down the shore in some local dive, except with a bigger budget. His new CD, Letters from a Paper Ship (Mercury), is a cross blend of bar band rockers, pop, mellow ballads and honky tonk, but it all gets lost in the production. The leadoff track, “Wonder Years,” is a mild rocker about Falcon’s carefree childhood as opposed to his daughter being exposed to too much, too soon. It toes the line of sentimentality without going over. While other songs such as “I Like How It Feels” and “Don’t Want Any” rock, “Drinks and Jewelry” is just way too cute for a guy who’s supposed to rock (!). “Lovebirds” is a mellow ballad that tends to get better every time it’s played and “Paper Ship” sounds like the adult-contemporary special-of-the-week.

Letters from a Paper Ship has some bright moments in which his fans would be satisfied, but the album is just too refined and overproduced for rock. Just when he should let go with a burst of energy, Falcon pulls back. Otherwise it’s a pretty good disc with some rough patches.

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The Fashion Boutique
by Deanna Mazza

According to GQ Magazine (March 1994), mens' spring essentials take root in white and navy. The most accepted trend is dressing down in classic style, skillfully illustrated by Polo Sport by Ralph Lauren as well as other well-known designs.

Designer Tommy Hilfiger uses his American image to create a clean, crisp statement with ribbed cotton knit crew necks. Pajama-style pants are practical for those laid-back days. These vertically striped pants have graced the runways before and are rejuvenated in linen by KIKIT (Maurice Sasson). Likewise, the large button-down shirt is making a comeback because it's constructed in lightweight linen fabric.

An interesting combination that works in dressing up a sporty look is the pairing of navy and white garments with tan linen. This catches the eye because these colors are preferred for this season.

A smart look can be achieved by combining a tan linen sport coat with a navy and white button-down shirt (striped, checked or plaid). Completing the outfit is easy using a pair of jeans or tan linen trousers. Remember that the way to wear oversized shirts is to cast the rules aside; shirts are receiving acclaim in their individual careers.

Edmund Battersby and the Orion String Quartet will repeat their recent Lincoln Center concert Saturday, March 26, in Memorial Auditorium at MSC.

An active recitalist, Battersby is also on the music faculty here. The Orion String Quartet are renowned artists who have received acclaim in their individual careers.

The Oscars are only a week away, and since we're all going to be as far from campus as possible (or as far as we can afford) next week, and since there will be no Montclairian next week, here are my picks for the big shindig in Hollywood. Keep in mind these are who I would like to win, not who will win.

Best Picture: The Fugitive. Yes, Schindler's List was a moving movie, and it will undoubtedly win, I still enjoyed The Fugitive more. Some may argue that List educates others about the Nazi Holocaust, but I go to the movies to be entertained, and Harrison Ford did it a little better than Liam Neeson.

Best Actor: This was a toughie, but I'd say Liam Neeson, with Tom Hanks running a close second. Anthony Hopkins is decent, but the stiff upper lip is getting to be a little much.

Best Actress: Angela Bassett. She was fantastic in the Tina Turner biofilm What's Love Got To Do With It? Rough competition awaits from Holly Hunter and Emma Thompson, and I don't think she'll get it, but one can always hope.

Best Supporting Actor: Tommy Lee Jones. Equal billing for The Fugitive didn't stop him from stealing the spotlight from Harrison Ford.

Best Supporting Actress: I'd like to see Holly Hunter walk away with this one for her work in The Firm, but the odds on favorite has to be Emma Thompson in In The Name Of The Father.

Best Director: Steven Spielberg. A shoe-in. There is no way the Academy can ignore the biggest box-office selling director in movie history, or his directing skills. He's been nominated many times, and he's always been snubbed. Come on, guys, give the man his due.

Best Cinematography, Best Editing, Best Sound, and Best Sound Effects Editing: The Fugitive. The train wreck, the waterfall, the whole nine yards merits an Oscar.

Best Makeup: Mrs. Doubtfire. If you've seen it, you know why.

Best Song: "Streets of Philadelphia," by Bruce Springsteen. Bruce Can'tsingsteen did good this time. A nice, mellow, kind of grey song, to describe a grey movie.

These are the big ones, and I really don't feel like wasting my time on picking Best Film Shot Underwater With A Camcorder In July When The Planets Are In Perfect Alignment. To be honest, I'm not even going to watch the awards presentations. It's like watching the State of the Union address-boring. If you're not there in person, why even bother? Just pick up the paper and read who won the following day.

Believe it or not, Billboard Magazine has noticed this trend. Just about all televised awards shows have been getting crappy ratings, from the ACE Awards to the Oscars. The actors and actresses and everyone else deserve the awards, don't they? Get me wrong. It's the presentations that need work. Oh, well. C'est la vie.

See you after Spring Break.

Orion String Quartet and Edmund Battersby to play at MSC

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Best Supporting Actress: I'd like to see Holly Hunter walk away with this one for her work in The Firm, but the odds on favorite has to be Emma Thompson in In The Name Of The Father.

Best Director: Steven Spielberg. A shoe-in. There is no way the Academy can ignore the biggest box-office selling director in movie history, or his directing skills. He's been nominated many times, and he's always been snubbed. Come on, guys, give the man his due.

Best Cinematography, Best Editing, Best Sound, and Best Sound Effects Editing: The Fugitive. The train wreck, the waterfall, the whole nine yards merits an Oscar.

Best Makeup: Mrs. Doubtfire. If you've seen it, you know why.

Best Song: "Streets of Philadelphia," by Bruce Springsteen. Bruce Can'tsingsteen did good this time. A nice, mellow, kind of grey song, to describe a grey movie.

These are the big ones, and I really don't feel like wasting my time on picking Best Film Shot Underwater With A Camcorder In July When The Planets Are In Perfect Alignment. To be honest, I'm not even going to watch the awards presentations. It's like watching the State of the Union address-boring. If you're not there in person, why even bother? Just pick up the paper and read who won the following day.

Believe it or not, Billboard Magazine has noticed this trend. Just about all televised awards shows have been getting crappy ratings, from the ACE Awards to the Oscars. The actors and actresses and everyone else deserve the awards, don't they? Get me wrong. It's the presentations that need work. Oh, well. C'est la vie.

See you after Spring Break.

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out the years is a drum solo from Neil Peart. Peart's six minute solo was highlighted by his complex rhythm arrangements as well as an impressive array of electronic devices. One device created an echoeffect by having the sound of Peart's drums not only come from the stage but also echoed through the speakers at the opposite end of the arena.

A large aspect of what makes a Rush concert unique is their use of lights, lasers and video footage. The different lights and lasers added emphasis to the songs as did the video screens which flash images to accompany the lyrics to the songs. Rush don't hold back on production, making their concert a complete audio-visual experience.

Rush are a band who give an energetic performance which the audience feeds off of. The emotion and enthusiasm with which the band played gave their show an intimate character despite the fact that they were playing to twenty-thousand people. At the end of the night, the most important thing was the feeling of satisfaction that I sensed the audience, including myself, left the show with as they headed home.
Le Saut de tremplin
By Dave Standridge

As I sit and look out of my window at the scars of our society: the parking lots, the basketball courts, side walks and streets, it occurs to me that most people don’t see these things as I do.

People today see a gravel driveway as natural, or a rock garden or dirt instead of pavement. In the world we live in the gray sky has become less beautiful than the blue. The rain less inviting than the sunshine. Today a well trimmed lawn takes the crown over a field of wild flowers as old as the earth. We would call them weeds and pluck them in disgust. Today a sunset must fill the sky with its radiance as if it had been wounded and was bleeding, in order to make us stop and stare. If a song bird wakes you from your sleep at dawn with its melody, is it a nuisance? Do we in fact wish it to stifle it somehow? Shouldn’t it be a wonder, to be savored? Today people call skyscrapers beautiful; a mountain undeveloped is missing something—conords perhaps.

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Letters ...

Protest Whitman

Protest! Protest! This is what will be happening on Thursday, March 17 when our newly elected Governor Christine Todd Whitman speaks at Bloomfield College in Bloomfield, N.J. Many of the state college students from various colleges will be going to the college to protest the cutting of the New Jersey State College aid and the increase of tuition by approximately 40 percent. She is placing everyone who goes to a N.J. state college at a tremendous monetary disadvantage. I have two young adults in state colleges in New Jersey and we are at a tremendous monetary disadvantage. I have two

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Look out at the conceit

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I have just experienced a situation that I believe to be inherently insulting. I was asked to show the contents of my bookbag at the desk of Blanton Hall. Not only is this a violation of my constitutional right of privacy, guaranteed by the Fourth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, but also an insult to me as a person. I certainly am not guilty of any act that warrants the searching of my belongings, but was made to feel as though I was.

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In reading the student handbook, I came upon a section that lists the desk assistants responsibilities. I then noticed a section just below the former entitled "Obvious intoxication." Under this heading is printed in bold type that "You may be asked to reveal the contents of bags, boxes, etc. if the presence of alcohol is suspected." I and it should be run as such?

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Keep the pressure on Trenton

I do not believe so. Big Brother may not be watching, but Big Sister is.

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Michael A. DeAngelis
Just few moments this St. Patrick’s Day...

by Kevin Colligan

Ireland, for most Americans, is an enigma. It is, at the same time, the land of lush countryside and good-natured folks depicted in A Fit Lingus and Irish Spring commercials and the land of political chaos, often mentioned in the same breath as the Middle East by Dan Rather and Tom Brokaw. Every March, shamrocks, leprechauns and Guinness Stout are added into the equation.

Particularly confusing to Americans is the conflict in the Northern Ireland. Is it a war for Irish independence from Britain? Is it a religious war between southern Catholics and northern Protestants? Is it a war at all, or are the “troubles” simply the work of ruthless terrorists as the British government would have us believe?

These are questions that America, a nation with close historic ties to both nations, should ask. And since Americans celebrate Saint Patrick’s Day—an increasingly popular holiday—this week, perhaps we should set aside a few moments to understand the nation of Ireland, consider the historical origins of today’s violence, and explore avenues that may lead to peace in a land that has been in turmoil for over 800 years.

It is impossible to understand the violence in Northern Ireland today without first briefly reviewing Irish history. While that history is complex, there are several formative events that have led to today’s violence. In the early 12th century, Ireland was ruled by many regional “kings” who formed shifting alliances and warred amongst themselves. In 1170, Dermot Macmurrough, the King of Leinster invited Strongbow, the British Earl of Pembroke to Ireland to help him in a dispute with another Irish king. With the aid of Strongbow’s superior military technology (armor and archers) Macmurrough won his dispute. Strongbow stayed in Ireland, married Macmurrough’s daughter and eventually succeeded Macmurrough as King of Leinster.

Through intermarriage and the gradual adoption of Gaelic customs, Strongbow and his men—still subjects of the British royalty—assimilated into Irish society. For close to 400 years the descendants of Strongbow’s men lived amongst the Gaelic Irish, with little interference from Britain. In 1534, however, King Henry VIII, unhappy with the lack of deference shown to British authority, decreed that all Irish land was to be surrendered to the Crown, then regranted (subject to revocation upon bad behavior), thus assuring British control of the unruly island.

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Many Catholic and Protestant Irish nationalists contributed to Ireland’s quest for independence throughout the next 200 years. In 1845, however, the Irish nationalist movement was derailed by the “Potato Famine.” The Famine in Ireland followed the failure of the potato crop is often mistakenly seen as an unavoidable natural disaster. While the Phytophthora infestans fungus destroyed the crop, the Famine can also be blamed on the “landlord-tenant” system the Irish labored under at the time. Under this system, the Irish were forced to run farms for absentee British landlords. In return, the Irish farmer was given “a” small plot of land on which to grow potatoes to sustain himself and his family. Ireland produced an abundance of produce and livestock during the peak years of the Famine; the Irish farmer, however, was forced to turn over his produce and livestock to the absentee landlords under threat of eviction (and certain, immediate starvation) by the British army. At least one million people died of starvation between 1845 and 1849.

After the Famine, nationalism reasserted itself in the person of Charles Stewart Parnell. Parnell, a Protestant landowner from Wicklow county, entered Britain’s House of Commons in the 1870s. In 1879 he became president of the Land League, an organization devoted to reforming Ireland’s landlord-tenant system. Building upon success in that arena, Parnell became a leader in the nationalist movement. Unfortunately for Ireland, his political career was ruined when it was disclosed that he was having an affair with a married woman. Ironically, the Catholic Church was instrumental in his political destruction. In the wake of this scandal, the Irish party split between pro-Parnell and anti-Parnell camps.

By the time a group calling itself the “Volunteers” took control of British-controlled Dublin in what would come to be known as the Easter Rebellion of 1916, Ireland had secured Home Rule from the British government. While this allowed Irish politicians limited control of domestic affairs, the Irish were still dissatisfied (particularly offensive to nationalists was the oath of loyalty to Britain all Irish parliament members were forced to take). The vastly outnumbered Volunteers managed to hold off British troops for a week before being overwhelmed.

This group was soon renamed the Irish Republican Army and led by Michael Collins. The IRA would lead a guerrilla war against the occupying British army which eventually forced Britain into negotiations. As a result of these negotiations, Ireland—without the six northern counties today known as Northern Ireland—was granted “dominion status.”

Michael Collins was killed soon after by hardline nationalists who vehemently opposed his “abandonment” of the six northern counties. On Dec. 21, 1948, Ireland declared itself—six northern counties included—an independent nation. Britain allowed Ireland to withdraw, but reasserted her claim to Northern Ireland.

Today we see the natural continuation of the Irish nationalist movement. Britain, as she has in the past, can be expected to attempt to thwart these aspirations, but if history is to be our guide, it is not likely Ireland will see lasting peace until the nation is allowed to choose her own destiny.
NOTICE TO ALL CURRENTLY ENROLLED STUDENTS WHO WILL BE RETURNING IN THE SUMMER SESSIONS 1994 AND/OR FALL SEMESTER 1994

Registration for the Summer Sessions 1994 and Fall Semester 1994 will occur simultaneously between April 5-21, 1994.

All students who are enrolled for the Spring 1994 and who are eligible to return for the Summer or Fall 1994 had a Registration Appointment Card mailed to their home address during the week of March 21, 1994.

Undergraduate students who are currently enrolled for 12 or more credits were assigned an in person registration appointment date and time. Undergraduate students who are currently enrolled for fewer than 12 credits and Graduate students were assigned a range of dates during which they should submit their registration form and Appointment Card to the Office of the Registrar.

Cards were not generated for students who are on the May 1994 Graduation list. Students who are graduating in May and who wish to register for Summer or Fall 1994 courses should contact the Office of the Registrar at 655-4376, for direction.

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You must have this card in order to register. No one will be permitted into the registration site without a Registration Appointment Card. Registration forms submitted to the office will not be processed without the Registration Appointment Card attached.

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Advisement should be obtained prior to registration.
To Carlos the Best Man, Good Luck in pledging! I know you can do it!
Wishing you the Best as always and still thinking of you,
The Maid of Honor

To my Buddy the Gigilshoe Jeanette, Can you spare a man? I need one!
Effective immediately!
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To the one with the view and the air-
Now what do I have to offer you?

To my new spades partner:
Blow!
Love, Mich

MSC-
Pig Rast III Coming soon...

Darlene (AKPs)-
You really put your butt on the line for us Friday, Thanks for reminding us what brotherhood is really about.
Love, an appreciative Brother

Chantelle-
Well, babe, here we go! Just me. you...and
Love, your "roomie"

"Killer B's" (AKP&i)-
Good work...

BETSY! Get ready for the time of your
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"Killer B's" (AKPs) -
How about showing those "Wanna-B's" (Mu Nu) what a real pledge class looks like!
Your "one and only" - literally!!

To the Sigma Pledge Class, to the little
pledge class that could and would, thanks for everything. I never would have met this far if it wasn't for you girls.
Love, Lauren Shaprio

To the Gamma Chi pledge class of 1994,
Thanks for being "Simply the Best!"
Love, the Sigma Pledge Class (the
Hippies of the 90's).

To Carlos and Charlie

To Gamma Chi -
Keep up the good work.
Love, Sigma

To Spinozatti and Beagan,
Who's gonna be the most ripped, shredded mother fucker in Cancun? We'll
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To the brothers of OX:
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Love DXD #11, #22, #23, #25, #27

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You may feel that this is insensitive but if you want to get on with your life and not have never ending repetitive conversations about her orgasm, her needs, your inability to perform sexually (and this is where let’s talk ends up) you would have to be a brave person not to follow my advice.

For the girls, let’s talk has the same disadvantage. Do you want to go out with some mealy mouthed SNAG (Sensitive new age guy)? Or do you want a real man who displays his emotions through the barrel of a gun? If you do want a SNAG as a companion for life then be ready for endless conversations about his feelings and needs, his insecurities and how to cook snow peas.

A real man, on the other hand, rules with an iron hand, is a good father, reacts correctly to ‘let’s talk’ and is easier to cook for. Now no matter how you react to the end of the honeymoon period (knife fight or endless diatribe) one issue will confront you. If you do decide to “make a fist of it” or “I hate you but don’t think I can get someone better” and that

Love is a mysterious thing.
MSC starts off 1-1; drops from No. 1 to No. 13

by Brian Falzarano

One doesn’t have to have a degree in philosophy to debate whether MSC should have descended from its perch atop the NCAA Division III rankings to its current No. 13 ranking after an 11-5 loss to No. 26 Mary Washington College on Sunday.

That’s because debating it is irrelevant. There’s nothing that can be done about the recent past. Conversely, the win aided Mary Washington (9-0) to ascend to 11th in this week’s national rankings. Mary Washington played eight games coming into the contest, while MSC had only played one, the day before. Coincidentally, that was also their first appearance on a baseball field outdoors this season due to Mother Nature’s interference.

MSC (1-1) led this contest 4-2 in the sixth inning and was on its way to beating the Fredericksburg, Va. school again (they defeated them last year in the Mid-Atlantic Regionals of the NCAA tournament, 10-4). But their defense fell apart at the seams like a bad hem-job on a pair of old dungarees in the sixth inning.

Mary Washington first baseman Brian Lillis (3 for 4, 2 RBI) led off with a single and scored two batters later on MSC senior second baseman Rob DiLaurenzio’s error on an errant throw home with runners on first and third. The error was the first of his two and of the Red Hawks three in the inning.

Senior lefty Drew Yocum, making his first appearance since off-season arm surgery, then missed a sign and the ball went through to second instead of going back to the mound.

That laid the foundation for a four run inning which handed Chris Rampone (0-1) his first loss since 1992. Rampone, who came in after starter T.J. Costello was knocked out after two innings, gave up three hits and four runs (one earned). Again it was the errors that pulled the plug on MSC.

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Blomn set to make noise at NCAA meet

by Karen Plumstead

Before this season started, expectations were high for freshman swimmer Billy Blomn.

Proving that he is all that he was advertised to be, the 6-foot-3, 180-pound Clifton native has already left his mark in the MSC records book, as well as the Metropolitan record books.

Swimming

Blomn distinguished himself as a competitor to look out for at this weekend’s NCAA Men’s Swimming Championships after a strong showing at the Mets.

Blomn shined in the 1650 freestyle, leaving his closest opponent a tremendous 44 seconds behind. The 16:08.77 time was an MSC record breaker.

This time was also a record-breaking time in the MSC books.

Blomn’s accomplishments at the Mets did not go unrewarded. Blomn received the Rookie of the Year award at the conclusion of the that meet.

“I was honored to receive that prestigious award,” said Blomn.

So, you might ask, “What helped to make Blomn the champion swimmer he has become?”

Blomn started swimming competitively at age 7. Throughout his development, he was greatly influenced by his brother and sister, who were also avid swimmers.

Blomn says, “You have to keep working at it and build momentum and a routine.”

Head coach Brian McLaughlin agrees with Blomn and also states, “Blomn is a champion swimmer due to his ability to deal with pain in and day out. That is a key to a becoming a champion swimmer.”

Blomn’s future goal is to become a national champion.

“I want to be the top swimmer in the 500 or 1650 freestyle.”

McLaughlin feels Blomn is “one of the top distance swimmer in Division III and if he continues his work ethic, he can accomplish his goal.”

RED HAWK NOTES... Senior Marriana Krivak, a native of Hasbrouck Heights, placed 26th in the NCAA Women’s Championships this past weekend. She was the first woman from MSC to qualify for the NCAA’s since 1987.
Softball looks to "shine" during Florida trip

With offensive weapons & pitching, No. 7 MSC shouldn’t miss a beat after 31-10 season

by Keith A. Idec

Despite the loss of four starters, there is plenty of room for optimism in the Red Hawk softball lockerroom.

"This is the most depth we’ve had in the four years I’ve been here," said head coach Anita Kubicka, who has compiled a 77-48 mark at MSC.

"We’ve got the experience necessary to do some good things this year. From one through nine in our lineup we really don’t have any weaknesses."

Although Kim Drager, the team’s leader in batting average, RBI and hits last season has graduated, Kubicka will still be able to regularly pencil in an explosive lineup that should send MSC to the NCAA tournament for the fourth straight year.

Also lost from last year’s squad, which went 31-10 (5-3 NJAC) and finished as the Mid-Atlantic Regional runner-up in the NCAA tournament, are First Team All-NJAC performer Shannon Malone (.346), Sue Stoft (.327) and Krissi Kressler (.290).

The Red Hawks, who will face some stiff competition in the NJAC this season (three Top Ten Division III teams in Trenton State, Rowan and William Paterson), open the campaign with a grueling seven-day, 12-game trip to Ocoee, Fla., beginning with a doubleheader on Saturday. Seven of the teams MSC will face during the trip are nationally ranked.

"I don’t think it would do us any good to play weaker competition to begin the season," Kubicka said. "This type of trip is good because it prepares us for conference play."

The catalyst for MSC will be junior second baseman Jen Finn. The offensive and defensive standout was named a Division III All-American last season after hitting at a .389 clip with a .434 on-base percentage and team-highs 38 runs scored and 12 stolen bases. Also, Finn committed only four errors in 41 games at her middle infield position.

The Red Hawks’ major run-producer will be senior catcher Kristi Kuchinski, who is also expected to contend for conference player of the year honors.

Kuchinski, who like Finn is an excellent defensive player, hit for a .403 batting average and a .612 slugging percentage, while collecting team-highs with 43 RBI and four home runs.

Another of MSC’s strengths is its three-pitcher rotation. Returnees Michelle Serio and Denise Warnock will team with freshman Robyn Baron to comprise a formidable 1-2-3 combination.

Warnock (16-4), the NJAC Freshman of the Year last year, Serio (15-6) and Baron provide the Red Hawks with added maneuverability, especially when playing back-to-back games.

"We will use that to our advantage," said Kubicka. "Having three arms enables us to have a relief pitcher, which is not as common in softball. With the third pitcher, we won’t have to tire our starter for our next game’s arm."

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Talent-rich Red Hawks expecting big things

by Maureen K. McLeer

Due to excessive snow fall and poor field conditions, Red Hawk lacrosse practices and preparation have been hindered. However, despite these minor setbacks, the team has been practicing indoors and gearing up for what could be one of its best seasons yet.

Lacrosse

Returning to the position of head coach is Doug Alsotom, a graduate of and former player at Rutgers University. In addition to the head coach, there are many key players returning to the team this year.

Senior tri-captain Keith VanNess will be back as one of the top midfielders in the Knickerbocker Conference. Van Ness was named freshman athlete of the year nearly four years ago and has improved steadily each season.

Another tri-captain, Chris Bill, is returning to MSC as a senior midfielder. Last year Bill was named to the second team all conference, and his talent will be heavily relied upon this year as the Red Hawks strive toward the NCAA’s.

The MSC lacrosse team is also graced with the presence of a potential All-American in senior midfielder/defenseman, Neil Blaney. Blaney is no stranger to the game and he believes that the team should go undefeated, no doubt.” According to Blaney, “the team this year is really, really super.”

Intimidating size is one of the keys to success in lacrosse. Luckily, MSC has two tall and talented members of its team.

John Belotta, a senior midfielder, and Mike Bruten, a junior attackman, will be instrumental in the team’s success. “Both Belotta and Bruten are powerful players,” said tri-captain Niles Furlong. "Their presence on the field is intimidating to our opponents," added Furlong. MSC is also expecting great things from junior attackman Jim Nugent.

Accompanying these seasoned veterans onto the field will be several talented freshmen and transfers.

Dan VanNess, a freshman attackman, has great speed and field sense. The younger Van Ness will be a strong addition to the team this year. Another bright star on the field this year will be Mike Como. Como is a sophomore transfer who was recruited for his special talent as the “best face-off man around.” Como plays midfield and there will be a great deal of pressure on him to perform at his peak this year. A third key addition to the team this year is Frank Morano. Morano is a transfer from Richard Stockton and was named second team All-NJAC last year.

After finishing at .500 last season, there is an "NCAA's or bust," attitude in the MSC lockerroom, according to Furlong.

As a powerful defender, Furlong, a senior, "is a destructive force on the field," according to Keith VanNess. However, Furlong sustained a severe knee injury last weekend at practice. Furlong tore his ACL, but he’s confident that he will be able to play this season because as the optimistic Furlong put it, "no one want’s it more than me.”

In the bleachers...

"Fool! Can’t you read?... Quick, someone pull the plug!!"
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inning, we lost our poise,” said a composed MSC coach Norm Schoenig. “I’m sure that won’t happen again.”

Kevin Cooke got the win for Mary Washington, pitching a strong eight-plus innings in relief of starter Jeff DeSanto, who was taken out of the game after getting only one out.

Chris Roof, as was expected of him, had a good day, going two for four with two RBI, enabling the Red Hawks to jump out quickly.

Roof was also a key in MSC’s win over Bridgewater College this past Saturday.

The sophomore left fielder crushed a pinch-hit 440-foot three-run round trip- per, piloting MSC to an 8-2 victory over No. 28 Bridgewater (7-2) this past Saturday.

Ralph Yezza (2 for 4) singled to start the inning off. Two batters later, Jason Scavalla walked to give Roof the spotlight to show he is on his way to big things.

John Carlon, the 5-foot-9 righthander, tossed a three-hitter over seven innings to take his first victory of the season. The win, which helped Carlon to improve to 6-0 in his career at MSC, was merely fundamental if you ask him.

“They were having trouble hitting my fastball,” said the sophomore from Wayne. “I was locating my fastball really well. That made the curveball that much more effective.”

REDHAWK NOTES....Schoenig on the current nine-game swing which takes them through North Carolina, as well as two games against Virginia Wesleyan which were supposed to be played at Pittser Field, but were changed due to the weather: “If you come out of this thing with a record of 6-5, you’re doing very well in my opinion. Anything above that is excellent.” Among the teams they will encounter will be N.C. Wesleyan, the number two team in Division III, and Barton College, a good Division II school....The seventh-year coach is also realistic or humble, depending on your view, on the upcoming schedule.

“There are 12 games put into the schedule that could be automatic losses unless you play very well,” Schoenig said.....Other NJAC schools in the Division III poll: Rutgers Newark is No. 12 and William Paterson, 2-2 after playing a tough Florida trip, is No. 14.

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It's also time for the clueless to seek the enlightened in hopes of turning five bucks and a dream into some big money in the office pool.
That's right campers, it's NCAA tournament time. And as always, it should live up to its billing as March Madness.
Who'll be in this year's Final Four? Thought you'd never ask, so here it goes.
In the East Region second-seeded UConn will be the survivor. Can you just here all of the North Carolina fans who are whining, "What about Eric Montross, Donald Williams, Derrick Phelps, Dean Smith and the freshmen!"
Before you all cry a river of Tar Heel Blue tears, realize that Donnyell Marshall and Co. have been the bracket's most consistent team throughout the season and might not even have to face North Carolina.
Remember, the Tar Heels will have to get by Temple and their outstanding trio of Aaron McKie, Eddie Jones and Rick Branson to get a crack at the Huskies.
In the Southeast Region Grant Hill will hush any doubters of his leadership ability by leading Duke, a No. 2 seed to Charlotte. Obviously, Glenn Robinson of Purdue is the nation's top player, but he won't have enough help to advance.
But, if the threes are falling, Kentucky could make Rick Pitino a happy little man.
The winner of the Midwest Region will be second-seeded UMass. John Calipari's bunch will struggle with the likes of St. Louis, Michigan and Arkansas, but Lou Roe, Marcus Camby and Michael Williams will get them through.
And last but not least, what would any tournament be without the unlikely becoming reality.
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MSC's turnaround similiar to that of Seton Hall in '89

by Brian Falsarano

In order to fully comprehend what MSC felt after losing in the first round of the NCAA Tournament to Hunter College, one would have had to experienced the bus ride home.
There was no bitterness, although the loss could be considered bittersweet.

Men's Basketball Analysis

There was instead, laughter and talking echoing throughout the spacious bus. The Red Hawks were pleased to have been in the NCAA tournament, but it was time to get on with life.
While it is too soon to think about next year for some, there can be comparisons made between MSC this year going into next season and the Seton Hall Pirates who went to the Final Four in 1989.
All right, all right. The talent and the level of competition are drastically different. I knew that already. But the similarities between the teams have an undeniable coincidence about them.
This year, the Red Hawks lose Keith Ramos was skillful at both the little parts of the game and scoring.
Also, he added leadership to his squad. While they had players with a lot of eligibility, none of them had been placed in huge roles as they were in 1989. Next year, they will be even more experienced than they were. Seton Hall won one game and then was eliminated by Arizona. But they went back with a vengeance the next year.
Add to that Chris Smith, a prime shooting weapon off of the bench, and MSC is ready to do some business. Assistant coach Jose Rebimbas, who played for Seton Hall in '89, adds even more fodder for comparison.
MSC head coach Nick Del Tufo is similar to P.J. Carlesimo in that both turned around struggling programs. Del Tufo brought his team back to the level they were on in the times of Ollie Gelston, one of the most successful coaches ever in Division III.
They are different in their levels of play. I already knew that. One can only wonder, though, if MSC will play up to my comparison next season.

A VIEW FROM THE PRESSBOX

By Keith A. Idec

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Calling the shots....

To all of you hard-working students, and the rest of you all: Enjoy Spring Break and make it your little special pet project to find out who St. Patrick was and if possible, determine how his memory is somehow correlated to millions of people getting completely drunk on the same day.

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Also returning for the Red Hawks is the senior outfield of Keri O'Meara (.392, no errors), Sue Tiedmann (.282, 23RB) and Karen Boulooon (.365, 8 runs and 10 stolen bases).
Junior Fran Bellapianta will take over for Drager at shortstop, while junior Amy Edinger (third base), sophomore Shana Caufield (first base) and freshmen Beth Lombardi (first and third base) and Kelly Brandbyberry (infield) will also see playing time.
RED HAWK NOTES... Due to the poor weather, MSC has been unable to practice outdoors, which could hinder the team's progress early on. Kubicka doesn't force it as a major obstacle, though. "It's been a pain in the neck, but we've been able to get our hitting and pitching in," said Kubicka.
"The one thing that we will have to adjust to is communication between the infield and the outfield because we haven't really been able to work on that...."After the Florida trip, the Red Hawks return home to a week of solid practice time....Then, on Friday, April 1 through Saturday, April 2, the Red Hawks will host the MSC-Kean Softball Classic at the Quarry Fields.

Sports/Thursday, March 17, 1994
The MSC baseball team began its season one up and one down, but lost its No. 1 national ranking (Falzarano, p. 20)