Can’t we all just get along?

We apologize to all African-American students and anyone else we might have offended by our presence.

Confederate Flag

— Delta Kappa Eta

Tensions rise over presence of Confederate flag in Student Center Cafeteria (Patnode, p.3)
Clove Road crash

by Kevin Mestre

An MSU student was injured in a car accident on Clove Road at 5:33 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, and was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital & Medical Center in Paterson.

A car driven by Kristin Coombs, 23, collided with an oncoming car while heading toward the entrance of Route 46 East. Both she and the woman driving the other vehicle sustained head injuries.

Although the woman in the collision with Coombs was also admitted to the emergency room, she was released that same night. However, Coombs had to stay overnight for further observation.

According to the Little Falls accident report, Coombs was traveling north on Clove Road and the other vehicle was traveling south. As Coombs entered a curve in the road, she lost control, crossed the double yellow lines, and ran into the oncoming car.

"We responded to the scene of the accident, but it happened outside of the university's jurisdiction so the Little Falls Police handled it when they arrived," said Lt. Michael Postaski of the Campus Police.

Although the campus police did not have any statistics on Clove Road accidents, Postaski said that there are a number of accidents in this area.

Coombs was not available for comment.

Stop and smell the rock garden

by Dave Orris

A resolution has been proposed by the Greek Council in regards to the controversy surrounding the painting over of the rocks painted by MSU sororities and fraternities and is subject to approval by the University Senate's Student Affairs Committee.

The proposition is a result of a unanimous vote and a three hour meeting held by Greek Council that took place on October 4th.

The proposal was "Debated and completely written on the floor," according to the Greek Council President, Mike Costa.

The proposal noted that the fraternity and sorority rocks on campus are a great source of pride and tradition for the organizations. It proposed that the rocks outlined in the academic core would be moved by campus maintenance and/or the university and that a rock garden would be established on the north (back) end of Richardson Hall with every organization getting their own rocks.

All rocks in the garden would be painted and maintained by the sponsoring organizations, at least annually, at the expense of the organizations.

Finally, the proposal stated that under no circumstances would the University Senate, or any other agency of the University, ever again attempt to place additional restrictions on fraternity/sorority rock painting privileges at Montclair State University.

Dr. Lee Wilcox, vice-president of student development and campus life, said of the Greek Council and the proposition that he "was impressed that the Greek Council came up with a compromise that the University can work with," and that he would also like to "commend them (Greek Council) and Mike Costa for that accomplishment."

Wilcox and Costa both attended a Senate Council of student affairs on Oct. 5. Costa presented the resolution to the committee and was then asked to send it to the Facilities committee and department.

In regards to the proposal and action taken by the Greek Council, Costa had this to say, "I'm glad that the Greek Council can finally work responsibly enough on the issues that affect them to the point where we can go to the administration and be listened to and be appreciated for our efforts."

Costa was also glad that the Greek Council was finally getting the reputation it deserves, one of usefulness, productivity and the willingness to work together, as opposed to being perceived as only a "joke."

If the proposal is accepted by the University Senate's Student Affairs Committee, the rocks will not be painted but as reported in the Sept. 22 issue of the Montclarion, instead they will be moved to a new location in a rock garden on the north end of Richardson Hall.

Blanton Hall keeps its' cool

by Jeff Zarrillo

The temporary air conditioning unit located behind Blanton Hall should make its exit, for the second time, within the next couple of weeks when the original rooftop air conditioning unit is finished being repaired, said Assistant Director for Residence Hall Facilities, Doug Cooper.

The temporary unit arrived at MSU on Sept. 1, after the rooftop air conditioning unit went "totally down," according to Cooper, the last weekend in August.

Cooper said New Jersey Trane Heating and Air, the company who rebuilt the rooftop unit after it went down last year, was called immediately to "do it again."

The temporary air conditioning unit was first brought in on Feb. 19, 1994, when all attempts at repairing the rooftop unit failed. It was removed in June.

The repairs to the 200-ton rooftop unit and rental of the temporary unit are at no cost to the university. It is part of a "full maintenance agreement" contract with the company, according to Cooper, where, "they make all necessary repairs at their expense."

This summer Residence Life would like to replace the entire air conditioning system in Blanton Hall. "Maybe a multi-unit system with four smaller units so that if one unit goes down we can bypass it and go to another," said Cooper.

He added that the original system installed in Blanton was the best possible option at the time, but with new technologies and new energy saving techniques replacing the system is worth looking into.
Confederate flag causes tension; fraternity faces judicial court

by Sheila Patnode

A confederate flag placed over the letters of Delta Kappa Psi fraternity in the Commuter Cafeteria of the Student Center resulted in approximately 40 members of the Organization of Students for African Unity approaching the fraternity table to find out why the flag was up.

The flag was used during the civil war era to represent the Confederate States which were pro-slavery. "I didn’t mean any disrespect," Thomas Sebok, the owner of the flag, said. "I don’t even think of a flag as a racial symbol."

The flag was returned to Sebok, a brother of Delta Kappa Psi, in the cafeteria, after being used in a sorority scavenger hunt. Sebok placed the flag over the wooden board which the fraternity uses to identify their table during pledging. He put the flag up just before 12 p.m. and left for class. The fraternity took the flag down at approximately 12:15 p.m.

"The bottom line is that it was up there. Not for how long," Damon Pearson, an OSAU member, said at Tuesday night’s OSAU meeting.

"The flag stands for the images of slavery and Southern aristocracy," Professor of History Dr. Leslie Wilson said at the OSAU meeting. "The KKK still uses the Southern flag to show white supremacy and white superiority."

Pearson, upon seeing the flag, went to find other OSAU members so that the group could address the situation as a whole. OSAU representatives approached the Student Center Constance Ford split the organizations up and referred the groups to the dean’s office," she said.

Formal Action Taken

Later that day, the leaders from both the organizations and the SGA met with the Dean of Students Helen Matsus-Ayres and Vice President of Student Development and Campus Life Dr. Lee Wilcox.

Wilcox said, "The meeting was handled very well by the student leaders."

As a result of the meeting, Delta Kappa Psi was urged to write a letter of apology, make an apology banner that would hang in the cafeteria at their table and sponsor programming with OSAU that would promote consciousness towards racial relations. The two groups have not yet decided on programming.

Greek Council President Mike Costa also decided that Delta Kappa Psi would be charged in a Greek Council judicial court for acting in a way that was unbecoming to a member of the Greek community.

Judicial Court, a 31 member inquisitor that decides if a defendant is guilty or innocent and what the sentence will be, will be held Friday, Nov. 11 at 3 p.m. The jury is made up of 15 representatives from Greek Council, 15 members of the SGA and the Director of Greek Affairs.

Costa said the trial date is set for two weeks after the defendants were officially charged, which is standard procedure.

Greek Council Meeting

Jury selection for Greek Council representatives took place at Tuesday night’s Greek Council meeting. Delta Kappa Psi, the defendants, were represented by Delta Kappa Psi President Joe Ellis. Greek Council, the prosecutors, were represented by Costa.

Jurors were randomly selected by picking organizations out of an envelope. The defense and the prosecutor each have the right to strike organizations from serving on the jury. Each side can make up to three strikes without giving a reason and two additional strikes with a justifiable reason, as decided by the SGA attorney general.

Ellis struck three, predominantly black, organizations without giving cause. Costa struck three, predominantly white, organizations without giving cause.

At the end of the meeting, a member of Sigma Gamma Rho, one of the organizations struck by Ellis, said that by striking three predominantly black organizations without cause, she felt that Delta Kappa Psi was implying that those organizations would vote against them because it was a racial issue.

"I didn’t think they were racist before but now I do," she said.

Costa said, "It’s hard to account for how people are going to feel. I can’t apologize for anyone but myself but I’m sorry that impression was made."

OSAU Meeting

Members of Delta Kappa Psi and the SGA attended the Tuesday night OSAU meeting, where the apology letter and banner written by Delta Kappa Psi were discussed.

Over 100 members of OSAU were in attendance and expressed dissatisfaction with Delta’s letter and banner.

The first complaint was in regards to the letter being addressed to "To whom it may concern."

Tavarian Armstrong, president of OSAU, said the letter should have been addressed to OSAU, or all it concerns.

Pearson said that the letter should have been addressed to "all students of African decent and to anyone else it offended because we (OSAU) are not just anyone. We are African students of MSU."

The apology banner which had been hung up at the Delta Kappa Psi table, also met criticism.

"The banner is too small," Pearson said. "It was thrown together. If they felt in their hearts that they were sorry, they would have put effort into it. It was thrown together and that’s not acceptable."

"The banner could use some work," Ellis said. The representatives of Delta Kappa Psi said that the letter would be rewritten.

As of Wednesday morning, a new banner had been placed at the Delta Kappa Psi table.

Heart of the Matter

"Racism has always been here (at MSU)," Armstrong said. "Now it’s blatant. A lot of people are walking around in total ignorance."

Ellis said, "It (hanging the flag) was not a fraternity action and we’re sorry we offended people. The flag can be seen in many different ways."

Sall Adenston, president of SGA, said, "I hope this conflict can be a first step towards improving inter-racial relations."

Matsus-Ayres said, "I thought it took a lot of courage for Delta Kappa Psi to sit there and hear a lot of negative things and not get emotional. It was good for them to hear the impact that the flag had."

Representatives of Delta Kappa Psi fraternity at the OSAU meeting on Tuesday evening.
Food for Thought

by Michelle Rose

On a daily basis, conversations are held over dinner in the campus dining halls, consisting of complaints about MSU’s 3.5 million dollar meal plan. With all of the money that 65 percent of MSU’s students put toward their daily nourishment, such complaints should not be heard.

“I think the food’s pretty lousy,” said Brian Britton of Blanton Hall. “It’s way too greasy.”

“I don’t use all of my meals. So, who’s getting the money from the meals that I don’t eat? We don’t get the money back,” said a concerned student of Freeman Hall.

Kevin Rakowsky, assistant director of residence life, said that the food in the dining halls are name brand products such as Kraft (mayonnaise, etc...) and Tyson (meats).

He also said that the food, with the exception of fast-food type items, is not greasy. In defense for the fact that students do not get reimbursed for unused meals, Rakowsky said that it is already considered in the price that the students aren’t going to eat all of their meals.

“The idea of having a declining-balance meal plan is still being explored. But, such a plan means extensive facilities and much higher prices,” said Rakowsky.

There are still more complaints from the students concerning MSU’s meal plan. Kevin Rakowsky encouraged students to make appointments for tours of the dining halls. Students are welcome to see exactly how the MSU dining services work.

Rakowsky would also like to see concerned students who would be interested in being on a dining services committee.

“We had a committee, but it was disbanded three years ago because of lack of participation,” said Rakowsky.

“Dollar for dollar, I’d put up our food services program against any other college’s meal plan. It’s the ideal meal plan for the financial needs of the students,” Rakowsky concluded.

The bottom line for students is that it’s their food for their money. Speak up or eat up.

“Who’s getting the money from the meals that I don’t eat?”

The MONTCLARION needs news writers! If you are interested, please call Sheila or Greg at the number below or feel free to stop by room 113 in the annex of the Student Center.

655-5230

Rapeller’s appeals to Residence Life denied

by Courtney DiNapoli

The appeals of two MSU student permanently suspended from Residence Life for rappelling the side of Freeman Hall from their 7th floor window on Sept. 17, have been denied.

Since the incident, they faced disciplinary/judicial charges of misconduct. According to the Residence Life Handbook, all roofs, balconies, and window ledges are “off limits.” Any unauthorized entry into [or out of] these areas is not only a liability to the university but also jeopardizes the safety of individuals as well. The handbook goes on to state that violations will result in judicial action.

Some suggested penalties were having Brian Donnelly and Tony Bonilla transferred to Stone Hall, because it is a small residence hall consisting of only two floors, and placing them on the Persona Non Grata list at Freeman. However, many students feel that Donnelly and Bonilla, even though they acted foolishly, should not have to meet with severe penalties.

In order to show support, many Freeman residents drew up a petition in favor of allowing them to stay in Freeman. The residents all claimed that the two students have been an asset to their environment and even help in the preparations of numerous events.

These petitions, along with two appeals filed by Donnelly and Bonilla, were given to Dean Matusow-Ayres and Kevin Rakowsky, an assistant director of Residence Life.

Despite the appeals, however, a decision has been made. Although the privacy of the students is protected under the FERPA Act, Donnelly spoke of his and Bonilla’s penalty.

According to Donnelly, their residence on campus will be terminated by next semester. In addition, they will both be placed on the persona non grata lists to all the residence halls indefinitely.

The reason/justification given to Donnelly is that he and Bonilla ‘pose a threat to the future liability of the university.’

According to Dean Matusow-Ayres, the appeals were denied because they are a potential danger to themselves and others since on-lookers could have been injured.
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Sincerely,

The Brothers of Delta Kappa Psi

Delta Kappa Psi is a Class IV Organization of the SGA
Law majors talk shop

by Tamis Dakwar

Everybody needs some direction in life. Nowadays, it’s hard enough for most students to balance their lives — between schoolwork, jobs and some semblance of a social life — without having to worry about their futures. But it has to be done. Lucky for those interested in pursuing a career in law, there were people around to help on Wednesday.

The twelfth annual Law Day at MSU was held in the Student Center Ballrooms from 9:30 to 1:30. The day started at 9:30 a.m. with a panel discussion on law school, admissions and financial aid which continued until 10:30 a.m. Then for the remainder of the time, the ballrooms were open for personal discussion and a one-on-one question and answer period with representatives from different law schools throughout the country. Some of the thirty four schools which were represented were Fordham University Law School, New York Law School, Pace University School of Law, Seton Hall University Law School and Syracuse University.

Besides Law Schools, six Law School Admission Test (LSAT) Prep courses were represented: including Kaplan and The Princeton Review; also available for questioning were: Financial aid officers, Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity International representatives, Student Paralegal Association of SGA members and MSU Legal Studies Program information.

Tom Grexa, director of admissions at the Dickinson School of Law in Carlisle, Pennsylvania said, “The Law Day at MSU provides students with an excellent opportunity to discuss their educational and professional goals with representatives from the nation’s leading law schools. I always enjoy my visit to MSU. The students are bright, motivated and well aware of the challenges facing them in legal education.”

Law Day provides the students who are interested in a career in a law-related field to ask questions, find out information and also to familiarize themselves on a personal level with the types of things that schools are looking for in applicants.

Dr. Marilyn Taylor, chairperson of the department of Legal Studies, stresses the importance of the personal contact between prospective law students and admission officers. She says that, “Montclair State is known for running one of the best Law Days around.” Apparently, she isn’t the only one who thinks so. Wednesday’s Law Day catered to around 250 students from all over. Students came from Trenton State, Rutgers, Fairleigh Dickenson, Drew University, Berkeley, Stockton State and Rider — among others.

It seems by popular opinion that the most important part of Law Day is to acquaint oneself with the admissions officers and obtain information not otherwise readily available. According to one student, Joel Love, who happens to be the Vice President of the Student Paralegal Association, a member of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity and works in the Legal Studies department, “The main idea of Law Day is to network and show your face so the admission director can become familiar with you. Law Day was very helpful and informative.” The president of the paralegal association, Yvonnes Lewis, stated that, “Networking is an imperative aspect of the Law school admission process. Students can gain a competitive edge in their career by building pertinent professional relationships early. Law Day at MSU is an excellent opportunity to obtain contacts.”

Law Day was made possible thanks to its sponsors: The School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Department of Legal Studies, Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity International, Student Paralegal Association and the SGA. If you are interested in a career in the field of law and missed Wednesday’s Law Day, there’s always next year. If you don’t want to wait that long, contact the Legal Studies department at 655-4152.
Alternatives to tests

by Danielle Simone Mazzuca

The reality of it is not that a dog is a man's best friend, but that we are, and can be a dog's and all animal's best friends, or enemies. That's the question here folks, are you a friend or foe to our furry little creatures? Humans can sometimes be the most arrogant of all species, acting as though we are the only ones who inhabit this great earth. Therefore, I would like to bring you some awareness of the dangers that animals encounter day to day.

As many of you may be aware, animals undergo tests every day to measure the effects of new products. This would be a good way to protect humans with no harmful effects, except to the animals. The core of the problem here is that there are many skin irritancy tests used on animals as well. They usually involve first removing the animal's fur by ripping it off with adhesive tape and then applying the products to the test for any irritation. This can test numerous household products and cosmetics for its effects on the skin.

However, although you may be thinking, "Why not test the rabbit than put harmful products on the market?" there are alternatives! We need not harm ourselves nor to any animals.

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As for things to do when you finally get to the City: try to avoid the museums, I went to the Metropolitan, it was boring and the people that hang out there won't find you nearly as funny as you will find yourself. (The people on 42nd street were much more friendly).

Making your way around the Big Apple is an exercise. You have to walk everywhere. Make sure you're in decent shape before making the trek. I needed oxygen every four blocks. Weak legs quickly become a liability and will attract muggers and the like.

Shopping in the City is fun, buying is not. Bring cab money and bail money - don't bring spending money (no matter how much the muggers appreciate it). You can't afford anything anyway; New York is the only place in the world where shit on the street is carted uptown and sold in trendy boutiques for a high enough price to prove the people there are nuts. There are billons of things to do, everywhere you turn another piece of great American Culture is on display. Avoid it all and go straight to a bar; you need a drink or three after the trip in, and besides, anybody you ever want to talk to in the City will be sitting next to you at the bar getting lathered up as well.

Red Hawk Day flops

by Kathleen Brennan

Last week students may have noticed MSU's mascot, the Red Hawk, scaring around the campus. That fine feathered friend was inviting students to a tailgate party which was thrown before the football game. The party, which was held Saturday, was part of the SGA's school spirit festivity, Red Hawk Day.

Sal Anderton, SGA president, described it as, "a chance for everyone to get together and encourage students to attend. Dorm announcements, posters, flyers and our mascot are examples of the advertising used to promote Red Hawk Day and encourage students to attend.

Despite these efforts the party was not a success. Anderton said he was disappointed with the small turn out of students. "You couldn't ask for anything more. Free food, nice Saturday afternoon, maybe people had to work." Although Anderton believes it to be a "great tradition to start," he is unsure if this first attempt will become annual. As Anderton pointed out, that is up to next year's SGA.
# CAMPUS CALENDAR

## TONIGHT

**ART FORUM LECTURE:**
3:00 p.m. George Griffin, independent filmmaker, discusses animation and cartoon production, Calcia Auditorium.

7:45 p.m. Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship Service, Student Center, Room 411.

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## FRIDAY

**9:00 a.m.** Conference: “Latin America at the Crossroads” on Latin American Studies, Student Center Ballrooms. Call 4284 for information.

**2:00 p.m.** Women’s Swimming: MSU vs. Adelphi University, Panzer Pool.

**6:00 p.m.** Local band The Understudies on “Background Noise” with DJ Nik Allen on WMSC, 101.5 FM.

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## SATURDAY

**10:00 a.m.** CLEP Workshop: Social Science/History, Second of two parts, College Hall Room 304A.

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## SUNDAY

**11:00 a.m.** Mass: “B” Building, Faculty Lounge.

**6:30 p.m.** Mass: Newman Center.

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## MONDAY

**8:00 p.m.** SDT sponsors the “Ms. Montclarion Pageant”, Student Center Ballrooms.

**9:00 p.m.** Brian Jude and Jill Knapp broadcast from the “Cellular Toaster” on WMSC, 101.5 FM.

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## TUESDAY

**6:00 p.m.** DJ Kathy Dillon spins Northern New Jersey’s Best New Music on WMSC, 101.5 FM.

**8:00 p.m.** THEATER: “The Taming of the Shrew”, sponsored by the Studio Theater Series, tonight through November 12 with a 2:00 p.m. matinee on November 11; $5 general admission, $4 faculty/staff/alumni and senior citizens, $3 students with ID. Call the Box Office at 5112.

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## WEDNESDAY

**10:00 a.m.** Poetry Reading: Mary Stewart Hammond will discuss her creative process and read poems, “B” Building Room 178. Call 7320 for details.

**8:00 p.m.** THEATER: “The Taming of the Shrew”, see TUESDAY for details.

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## NEXT WEEK

**THURSDAY:**

**8:00 p.m.** Public Telescope Night, Outside Richardson Hall. For more information, contact Mary Lou West at 7266.

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## Greeks

- **ΣAI:** Bagel Sale Every Monday, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., McEachern Music Hall.
- **ΦΕΒ:** Snapple Sale every Monday, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Partridge Hall.
- **ΛΦΠ:** Selling T-Shirts celebrating “Generation Ω”, white with either red, blue, green, or purple print: $10.
- **ΛΩ:** Selling raffle tickets for any style Greek Jacket, $1.00

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## Clubs

- **ΜΨΠ:** Sponsoring an ongoing Penny Drive for breast cancer research through October.
- **ΑΩ:** Sponsoring Company B’s on Tuesday nights.
- **ΣΑΦ & ΑΩ:** Bowl-a-thon on November 13.
- **ΨΦ:** Clothes Drive for the needy, beginning November 1.
- **ΑΧΡ:** Selling custom made hats, $13.00

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## Events

- **ΔΚΦ:** Sponsoring a Candy Drive. Drop candy at ΔΚΦ table in cafeteria.
- **ΑΙΧ:** Sponsoring trip to NJEA Conference on Thursday, Nov 10. Cost is $10. For more information, contact PSA or Peggy at 5003.

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Diary of a Poetry Book
Part I

by Hassan Abdullah Faison

Open your mind
Let my knowledge partake
For what I feed is reality
And what you show is fake

Undress your heart
Then true beauty will flow
Now trust is needed before you let go
Sweet seduction is felt
Please don't utter a word
Just read me in silence so our love won't be heard

The time is growing short
And the page gets no longer
Waiting for your climax as my voice becomes stronger
Then we scream in ecstasy
As I realize that knowledge was taken from me
Though the knowledge not mine
But taught by another
I hope that I will soon find

A New Lover

The Last Nail

by Tami Morgan

from the cross you nailed me to
I could see Jesus
staring back at me unblinking
mouthing the words, "fool...will you ever learn?"
I turned away and hung bleeding, my palms outstretched
to a cold October sky
I remember you laughing at me, pacing in your
steel toed boots with a bright, fiesta pink hickey on your neck
that I didn’t give you
I remember crying big, stupid color contact tears
as you hammered the last nail and drove away
in a grey Jeep Cherokee Pioneer, blasting the music
of Eric Clapton out an open passenger window

Untitled

by J.S. Hamer

His body pounds the macadam
barely after
she has greeted him.
Sweat glues cotton
t-shirt to skin.
He pants to the rhythm of flexing
thighs, knowing once he stops,
he’ll hardly walk away.
He keeps on;
midway, a stripped t-shirt.
(She hungrily embraces
his torso.)
He tires quickly;
afterwards licks his
dried lips.
He loves it though,
that is, his morning run.

To submit your poetry, prose, and/or artwork, contact Arielle or Heather in the Montclarion office, Student Center Annex, Room 113.
Pathways To The Future

Career Mail Box

Dear Career Services,
Do employers do drug testing of new employees?
Curious

Dear Curious,
Due to high absenteeism rates and losses in productivity, drug screening is becoming a common procedure among many organizations, particularly the well-known and large ones. From studies done of employment practices, it has been found that each year more and more employers implement drug screening programs.

Not only is drug screening performed for current employees within a company, but also for its applicants and new hires. The test can be administered before an offer is made or after the individual reports to work. Generally, applicants are given a little advanced notice while current employees may be given none. A urinalysis is normally the principal screening test, though questions may also be asked about current or previous drug use. There is a high probability that at some time during your job search you will be asked to submit to drug testing.

Eileen Bruck
Director
Career Services

Dear Career Services,
My friend took a vocational interest test and told me that I ought to take one too. What are these tests and what will I learn?
Confused

Dear Confused,
To start with, interest "tests" aren't really tests. They do not have right or wrong answers. These instruments inventory your interests and match them to a variety of possible college majors and occupations. Two of the most frequently used inventories, the Self Directed Search and the Strong Interest Inventory, identify patterns of interests and provide the "test" taker with a list of occupations to explore which match those interest patterns.

While "tests" like these are useful in gaining information about yourself, they will not tell you what to be when you grow up. You have to keep in mind that no test can take into account all the personality traits you need to be aware of to make an informed career decision. You should also consider your skills, needs, ambition, values, self-concept, willingness to pursue further education and more.

The best way to look at these tests is as a part of the process of getting to know yourself better. Those interested in taking such tests may come to Career Services and ask about them. As a part of the career decision making process, interest inventories can be a useful tool.

Maralyn Kinch
Assistant Director
Career Services

Bring your career questions to Career Services, Student Center Annex, room 104.

Student Intramural Leisure Council

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The self-titled debut of Downset, a Los Angeles quintet, reveals that they are poor imitators. On the ten song disc, they sound like a shabby Rage Against the Machine cover band. There is not an original idea, lyric or melody for this rap/rock band.

The opening song, “Anger” starts with a repetitive spoken chant of the title word. From here it only gets worse. The playing is subpar and the rapping has no soul, as evidenced in “Take ‘em Out.” Whereas, a band like House of Pain successfully blends crunchy melodies with their raps, Downset isn’t even close. Downset’s politically charged lyrics never rise above preaching. Many of these themes of civil rights and injustice have already been covered and perfected by Rage. The songs wind up being monotonous with zero creativity. Unfortunately, the rest of the CD goes from bad to worse, leaving the listener with a deeper respect for Rage Against the Machine.

The Low Road sounds more like an album or song title. It is, however, an unfortunately appropriate name for this Philadelphia band: they should take the low road back to the studio and write some songs with interest as opposed to their cure for insomnias. When it comes down to it, this group is flat-out boring. This is a shame since they possess some talent using all sorts of eclectic instruments, including a mandolin, violin, upright bass, trumpet and harmonica in addition to keyboards, guitars and drums. The result is a cross between Black 47 and The Dave Matthews Band. However, they lack the vivacity of Black 47 and the creative song writing and melodies of Dave Matthews.

The songs are seeped in Irish folk tradition mixed with a country blend, as in “House Not a Home” and the title track. “Hallelujah, She’s Gone” features some vicious harmonica playing from Palmer Yale, but the song itself never progresses. Mike Brenner, who shares lead vocals with Rosie McNamara, writes songs about experiences as an Irishman in the “city of brotherly love,” but they fail to capture attention. Every song starts out with promise and ends up being dull. The musicians can play, but what The Low Road desperately needs is a songwriter.

**Coming up...**

The Montclarion will provide free listings of your A&E events if you drop a note off to Kelly Schab, the A&E editor, by Friday at noon. You can also reach her at her e-mail address: E530301l@apollo.montclair.edu

**Monday, Nov. 7**

**ART** – “Director’s Choice: Carlos Ortiz, acrylic painting.” Runs until December 19 in the Main Art Gallery.

**Tuesday, Nov. 8**

**THEATER** – *The Taming of the Shrew*. MSU’s Studio Theatre Series will open its 1994-95 season with Shakespeare’s battle of the sexes. Performances will be held 8 p.m. Nov. 8-12 with a 2 p.m. matinee Nov. 11 in the Studio Theatre. Tickets are $5 standard; $4 for senior citizens; and $3 for students. All seating is by general admission.

**Wednesday, Nov. 9**

**FILM** – *The Crow* starring Brandon Lee. Presented by College Life Union Board (C.L.U.B.) at 9 p.m., Calcium Auditorium building L. Admission is $1.

**Sunday, Nov. 14**

**FILM** – *The Last Temptation of Christ*. This highly controversial film was directed by Martin Scorsese. Part of the Montclair Protestants Foundation’s Free Film Series, it will be shown in room 178, New Humanities and Social Science Building at 7 p.m. Discussions after the film will be led by Rev. Dr. Robert Price of the Montclair Protestant Foundation.
Review: Chance Encounter - Live

by Nicole Velha

On Wednesday, Oct. 19, MSU encountered Chance Encounter at the Rat. No, I'm not talking about a meeting with aliens, but the group Chance Encounter. Although the Rat is a far cry from clubs in the city, the crowd was more than enthusiastic for the three-man band.

Chance Encounter is an instrumental rock group consisting of three college age guys, two of which attend MSU. The band, John Mazzarella on lead guitar, bassist John Willner and drummer Michael McDermott have been together a little over a year. McDermott and Mazzarella met the first day of school in the fall semester of 1993 and have been playing together ever since. Chance Encounter has released a self-titled three-song CD recently. From hearing them at the Rat, I'd say the CD is worth listening to.

Some highlights from the show include the opening song, "Type A." The sounds of this song were that of a heavy metal band. As the band continued to play, there was a switch to some hard rock and Mazzarella expressed a need to mellow out and Chance Encounter succeeded with "Inner Peace" and "Missing You Already." Not only was the music entertaining, but also just to watch the members of Chance Encounter play was fun. Drummer McDermott kept everyone amused with his enthusiastic funny faces, that he displayed during the entire performance.

McDermott really displayed his talent during the song "The Rival." In this number the other members of the band sat down to let McDermott take center stage and play solo for at least three minutes. Yes, it was a shining performance for him yet he appeared to enjoy every second of it.

Chance Encounter ended with "New Hope" even though it seemed the audience wanted more. More of their music will be played soon, they will be appearing at Bedrock's in Belmar on November 12. Go experience them for yourself.

The Couch Potato Update

by George Olsweski

It's truly amazing what someone will watch when faced with a bout of insomnia, or just plain boredom. I make a conscious attempt to watch M*A*S*H when it comes on Fox late at night, but the rebroadcast of the Channel 9 news at 1:30 a.m., there is almost nothing on. Nothing, except E!'s Talk Soup (Greg Kinnear is the satirical god) and America's most-loved (or hated) Republican front runner Rush Limbaugh. Lately, though, I have been watching more of Rush than of Greg. And why not? I love decent entertainment.

Okay, so there are times when Rush's facts are a little off. Still, I get a kick out of watching him eviscerate Bill Clinton, and especially lately, Senator Ted Kennedy. His satirizing of the Democratic Party has all the punch of Gary Trudeau's Doonesbury, with a hint of Berke Breathed's Outland, with some sobering "facts."

Sometimes the facts are right on the money, such as the Democratic Party's accusations that the 1980's were the only decade in recent memory where it was fashionable to pursue the American Dream.

Then, when the whole Hillary Clinton stock issue came up, Rush made sure that the American people saw that the Clintons were doing just what they were preaching against-making money in the '80s.

His recent best has to be Ted Kennedy's blaming Rush for his poor performance in the polls and the negative publicity. What with the public record showing him womanizing and boozing it up, to say nothing about the William Kennedy Smith fiasco, Rush cannot take credit for something that Senator Kennedy is doing so well by himself.

Imagine this sick idea for a moment: Rush comes to MSU, and challenges the great Frank Fleischman (the third) to a debate on his WMSC radio show. Would Frank win against Limbaugh's sharp Republican mind? Would Rush screw Frank like a communist, leaving him a quivering mass of institutional green Jell-O, complete with non-dairy whipped topping? Possibly. Anyhow, Rush is interesting entertainment, and certainly food for thought. He also makes me yearn for Morton Downey, Jr. again. See you next week.
Two wrongs don’t make a right

The appearance of a Confederate flag in the Student Center at the table of Delta Kappa Psi last week ruffled a lot of feathers over at OSAU. Over the years the flag has meant many things to many people, perhaps the most serious of which is a symbol of slavery. The flag has also been well known to symbolize rebellion. Within 45 minutes of becoming aware of its presence, OSAU assembled 40 members and approached the Delta table, attempting to find out why the flag was there. The confrontation was brought to an end by the intervention of Student Center Director Constance Ford. The leaders of both organizations met with the Dean of Students and talked things through. The result was that Delta Kappa Psi agreed to apologize via a letter, a sign at their cafeteria table and an offer to co-sponsor (with OSAU) programs designed to promote racial consciousness. The letter has been written and the sign was made, but OSAU has not yet decided to commit to the programming. Regardless of the proper handling of a delicate situation, it’s not over. MSU administrators know racial problems cannot be swept under the rug and plan to take more action.

OSAU apparently feels the same way, but for different reasons. They have viewed this event as a piece of evidence to a larger movement of racial bias at MSU. Regardless of the responsible actions taken by Delta Kappa Psi, OSAU has not let up in their tirade against them. In addition, the OSAU has since pointed fingers in all directions. OSAU shouldn’t use this issue to foster bad feelings within any segment of the student body at MSU. They are, after all, an organization dedicated to unity and to being champions of good will. In light of the quick response of all parties involved in the flag controversy, it appears that headway is being made in racial relations. Flamboyantly denouncing organizations only pushes people farther apart. Stereotyping can’t be stopped with more of the same.
Free speech for everyone... regardless of source

A line of five campus police was assembled in the background awaiting further orders while the unmistakable hustle of administrators could be heard exhausting every possible channel for immediate action. The crime was one that could not go unpunished. What kind of signal would ignoring this behavior send to the students? The first attempt to subdue this offender was now in action as a school official approached the deviant and commanded him to "stop." This attempt was quickly disregarded as the number of onlookers increased greatly in number. The teachers and officials then regrouped and began to plan their second assault. This time the heavy artillery was brought forth as the Dean of Students approached the wrong doer, reprimanded him for his actions and asked him to stop immediately. She did not succeed in making him stop, however, she did send a strong message to the campus. Let this be a warning to any who would seek to follow in his footsteps, that lack of conformity to politically correct movement will NOT be tolerated and the crime of Freedom of Speech will not go unnoticed unless you conform to the facility's ideas and methods.

Much of what this "religious fanatic" said was uncomfortable, unusual and rather unsettling. Was this not the case, however, with Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X, Thomas Jefferson, and Jesus Christ? The fact that something is unpleasant to hear and controversial does not in anyway diminish one's rights to freedom of speech. I would not suggest that this man in any way is comparable to any of the former whether he be in approach, integrity or content. I would, however, steadfastly argue that he had every right to be on the Montclair State University campus regardless of whether he obtained a "permit" or not. After all, when does one need a permit to exercise his or her constitutional right to speech? Had he come with a van (like the Fruitopia patrol) or with extensive props, or with a microphone system this may have been a different story, but he did not. This man, by the name of Tom Carlisle, came simply in a suit with a billboard over his shoulders and a message of sin, damnation, and salvation. He used phrases and tactics that were unbecoming of bringing a message of "love and repentance" but he broke no law, and did not directly interfere with the operation of the campus in any way whatsoever. If he had interfered with campus operation, should we then have denied his right to speak? Is freedom of speech an issue of convenience on the part of the administrators? As Martin Luther King Jr. said, "There is not anything wrong with an ordinance which requires a permit for a parade...but when the ordinance is used to deny citizens the First Amendment privilege of peaceful assembly and peaceful protest, then it becomes wrong." Many onlookers strongly disagreed with his message and verbal presentation, the overwhelming majority however, steadfastly disagreed with the administrators' intercession and any limit on the freedom of speech. Sal Mazzola, an English major at MSU, disagreed with his presentation and any limit on the freedom of a message of hate and intolerance. Sal, however, quickly reaffirmed Tom's right to speak freely. Jim McGinnis said this man's message "could seriously damage an individual's psyche" and stated that, "He should not condemn." Jim, however, totally stands behind his right to speak and found the morning entertaining as did much of the group finally reaching at 250 in number. MSU student, German Ortiz, stated that, "the truth is going to hurt" and that he, "respected him for his courage in the midst of much mockery." Germán said, "He should be allowed to continue talking." A teacher by the name of Marie Dunning expressed the thrust of Time Carlisle's speech in a manner that the students could relate to and accept more easily. She said, "The content was correct, yet I disagreed with his presentation and pointed the finger. The message of salvation is not hate but rather repentance and a relationship with Christ."

I could not end without commending the action taken by Chuck Feiner, director of student activities. Chuck saw the need for freedom of speech and brought our microphone so all could speak, initiating one of many to come freedom of speech activities. Some might argue that this was done in order to take attention away from the controversial speaker, but whatever the motivation, it was a great idea. Everyone on the campus of our University deserves the right to speak freely. We are a University and it is time we begin to act like one. This attempt to deny first Amendment rights is childish, not to mention unconstitutional. The students of Montclair State University will not stand for games like this. It's time for the administrators to grow up.

From the Left
by Frank Fleischman III

Hi folks. If you turned to my column for an explanation of what Mr. Rubino was talking about in reference to me in his column last week, you will be disappointed. I make it a policy not to explain myself. I will loosen this policy a little to say that what I did at the Conservative Student Organization was in the spirit of fun. If Mr. Rubino was offended, then so be it. At least I know that I am offending the right people. My advice to Mr. Rubino: ask for a sense of humor this holiday season.

However, this column is not a response to Mr. Rubino. I refuse to use space to respond that could be used to discuss something more important. However, my column this week does have something to do with the ongoing controversy.

I am a firm believer in the First Amendment guarantee of free speech and press. I may criticize certain elements of the American political and economic system, but I stand in support of people who use their freedom of speech.

However, I have no qualms about standing in firm opposition to those who would censor the freedom of speech due to a narrow-minded view of "morality," for political reasons, or for fear of offending people.

This is how this column ties in with Rubino's response to my actions at the CSO. If offended anyone, I will say that offense was my intention. However, if some people did take offense to what I write or wrote, that is life. My writings can be offensive, repulsive, or disagreeable, but, as the punk band Dead Kennedys once said, "Life can sometimes be that way." How does free speech affect us at the University? One need only research an event that happened in our not-so-distant history. At the University of California at Berkeley in 1964, students who truly believed that free speech was not exclusive to the outside world openly violated existing college regulations concerning free speech and distribution of political literature. These were the beginnings of the Free Speech Movement. The Berkeley students inspired students all over the country, and college regulations were loosened. We can thank the Free Speech Movement for the freedom to bring controversial speakers on campus, the right to publish student newspapers such as the MONTCLAIRION, and the right to speak on political issues.

Some people will tell you that the First Amendment does not or should not protect subversive, obscene, or seemingly "anti-American" ideas. There are no exceptions in the language of the First Amendment to say that those ideas are not protected. Actually, in my opinion ideas that differ from the ideas and opinions that are all the time are truly American. To quote the late Frank Zappa, "Without deviation from the norm, progress is not possible."

I was going to end my column here. However, I am sure that more than a few of my readers want me to address the diatribe that Mr. Rubino directed against me in last week's MONTCLAIRION. I will not use valuable space to respond to every point that Mr. Rubino brought up.

Instead, I am going to invite Mr. Rubino to my radio talk show "Left-Talk" which broadcasts from 101.5 WMSC on Mondays from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. I have already been notified that Mr. Rubino cannot make it on Mondays, so I will be flexible and try to find an alternate time for us to debate over the air. I will publish details as they become apparent.
**Bystander**

by Anthony O'Donnell

This week I decided against attempting to forge some thoughtful argument in the smugty of my soul and offer the reader instead a collection of errors of speech and writing that I've collected over the past few weeks. It's a very short list, and probably not very original, but it is at least specifically tailored to the readership, since the errors were observed on campus and reflect faults characteristic of the circles of discourse in which students are likely to participate.

I don't mean to imply by the word "error" that my judgements are incontrovertible. Some of the "offences" I report here are actually worming their way toward legitimacy by mere force of usage. This has always, and will always be the case. And when the process is complete the most currendly puristic of language lovers must give way. For example, it seems depressingly likely that "fore" as explained below will one day be pronounced universally as "FOR-tay." That day hasn't come yet, and until we do purists, as William Safire once said, will keep on fighting like Hell.

Errors of Diction: The "is, is" construction has become so enormously popular that one can find it disfiguring the language of national politicians and linguists. It seems to be encouraged by a rhetorical cadence in certain argumentative sentences. It leads otherwise seems to be encouraged by a rhetorical cadence in William Safire once said, will keep on fighting like Hell. It's NOT "is, is," it's "is, is." The same vice leads to the use of "disinterested" to mean "not interested, bored." Some of my friends consider this usage valid, but they are the kind of people who promiscuously substitute "import" for "importance." Perhaps the champion error of pretentiousness is the use of "apropos" for "appropriate." A case can be made for a degree of synonymy, but why resort to a foreign word where an English one will do.

Problems with Foreign Words and Phrases: Sometimes another language can indeed provide the mot juste, but borrowing has its risks. "Forte," meaning one's strong point has become very popular recently. I would prefer to describe it as an English word of French derivation, but I include it here because it tends to get confused with the Italian word of the same spelling. The Latin etymology is to "strong" in both cases, but the French-based pronunciation "fort" is correct for the above definition. The Italian "FOR-tay" is correct in English only as a musical direction meaning "loud." There is no English equivalent as elegant as "coup de grace," though it is well translated as "stroke of mercy." Speakers must be careful to retain the final "s" sound of "coup de gra" will be heard, meaning something like "Stroke of fat." The way to remember this is to think of the English cognate "grease" or the familiar "Marci Gras," which is "Fat Tuesday" in English.

English speakers who would like to avoid sounding like ignorant gringos should take care with "vaya con Dios." Native speakers of English have been getting this wrong ever since the last word of this beautiful phrase was ignorantly mispronounced "DEE-one" in a popular song. The correct pronunciation is more like "dee-OSE" with the accent on the second syllable just as in "adios."

The Greek "kudos" sounds plural but is singular and must therefore take a singular verb. Thus, "kudos was due to him," never, "kudos were..." This leads to:

Singular/Plural Difficulties: Some English words of Greek and Latin derivation don't follow the regular pattern of plural formation in English and thereby trip up the careless. Though "criteria," "phenomena" and "alumni" are all plural they are misused as if singular by an alarming number of writers and speakers. Of course one should say "these criteria, that criterion," and "several phenomena, a single phenomenon." In the case of "alumni" gender figures, hence, "Jane is an alumna, John is an alumnus." Together they constitute alumni. My apologies to those who need no advice; maybe they can point out my own errors. If any readers have their own lists or particular pet peeves I'd be glad if they would send them in.

**New hyphenation: Logical-Americans**

With regard to the letter from Bravo Gabriel [MONTCLAIR, October, 27 1994], I would like to know where I fit in the new country of [fill in the ethnicity]-Americans against every other kind of Americans. Some of my ancestors were on this continent when the first Europeans came, and others of my ancestors were some of those Europeans. Of my Choctaw ancestors, their predecessors came from Asia, if we are to believe current scientific theory. Of my European ancestors (a mix), where did their predecessors come from? Africa? Eden? Using whatever origin story you want, don't we all come from the same place, if we trace our roots back to the dawn of humanity?

Are European-Americans had people because I, you, or we might have ancestors who were cruel and unscrupulous. The governments of the United States, Britain, Spain, and Portugal as well as many individuals certainly treated Native Americans badly. But who is to pay for those ancient sins?

The Americans were never a Utopia filled with peaceful, loving, ecologically sound people. Some groups were peaceful while others were extremely violent and imperialistic. A major reason the Spanish were able to conquer the Aztecs so easily was that the Aztecs had forcibly annexed several surrounding groups into their empire. The dominated were eager to help the Spanish overthrow their oppressors. Unfortunately they only gave up the devil they knew for the one they didn't.

Some Native American groups were keenly aware of their place in the eco-system, and carefully balanced their needs with those of their environment. Other groups practiced wasteful techniques as much as driving entire herds of buffalo, deer, elk etc. over the edges of cliffs, and butchering only the animals they could use, leaving the rest to rot. It is believed that some ancient species were helped along the road to extinction by such hunting tactics. Native Americans were never a unified group with nothing but the best intentions. Neither were European Americans ever a monolithic, malevolent presence. There are and were good, bad, and indifferent people in each group.

People should indeed be educated about the various Native American cultures as well as about other societies around the globe. By learning about the way people live and interact throughout the world, we can gain a better understanding of ourselves. It is a sad thing when an individual limits his/her humanity through segregation, intolerance and finger-pointing.

Teti Ryan

Anthropology

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**Silic members not being good sports**

I am currently playing in the intramural football league at school and I am very upset with the way it is run. First of all, we are given our schedule in increments, sometimes as early as the same day we have a game, with no time to prepare or notify other players. On many occasions we have stood on the field in the dark waiting for SILC to show up, then they run the game with little consistency, as far as the rules are concerned. It is difficult to try to play hard and have fun when it is obvious the refs don't even care that there is a game going on. I understand that the majority of SILC probably joined because it will look good on their resumes, but there is no one to govern them or to make sure they are doing their job, which obviously they aren't. In past year intramural sports have been very well organized and were enjoyable to participate in. Now they are being controlled by a new group of people that isn't as dedicated as those from the past and are destroying the sport. This is not only my opinion, but that of the majority of other players that I have talked to.

Clinton Roese
Roaring ad nauseam about victimization ad infinitum!

Disbar Ken Berkowitz!
Who is Ken Berkowitz, you ask? Well, if you didn’t see ABC’s special, “The Blame Game: Are We a Country of Victims?”, hosted by John Stossel, then you missed this loathsome lawyer, and his feeble attempt to convince Stossel his “victimized” client deserved the $7 million awarded to him by his jury. In fact, you missed an entire medley of similar incidents, all of them pronouncing the same insipid, beguiling message: “I choose not to take responsibility for my actions. It is somebody else’s fault, anybody else’s fault. I am a victim – give me money.”

Berkowitz’ client was struck by a moving vehicle while riding a bike and was tragically paralyzed in the accident. A good reason for monetary restitution? Perhaps, but even though he was riding his bike in the street in the black of night? And without lights to see, or maybe more importantly, to be seen? Should he not take any responsibility for this? Well, consider this, the climax of the story: Berkowitz sued and won on the grounds the bike did not have a sticker to warn his client about the danger of driving at night. I say again, HE RECEIVED $7 MILLION BECAUSE HIS BIKE LACKED A WARNING STICKER!

This is the kind of inverted direction our proud nation seems to be going in. In this age of Liberalism, special-interest groups and social programs, Americans are becoming more dependent on others, less on themselves. Unfortunately, some lawyers and their clients are milking the system for everything it’s worth. The “Blame” special reported on other happenings that made this all too clear.

By now, you may have heard about the woman who was awarded $2.9 million because the coffee she spilled on herself was too hot! When Stossel politely and tactfully asked her what she expected from a cup of coffee, she actually replied, “No, you would not ever expect coffee to be that hot.” I guess it is pertinent that a ludicrous statement mirrors a preposterous reward.

Robert Conner, of the American Alliance of Rights and Responsibilities, believes this victimization is “like a disease weakening American’s moral fiber.” He adds there would be less blaming and less suing, I add that if there was more teaching of self-reliance, self-respect and an understanding of the individualistic principles this country was founded upon, the situation would indisputably be rectified.

Stossel correctly exposed moronic suits, such as the case of the couple who sued after being struck by a commuter subway while they were making love on the transit authority tracks (miraculously, they survived). Imagine, the nerve of that conductor to drive his train down that track while these two innocent, victimized, sound people were having sex. The facts are this couple trespassed on transit property for no intelligent reason and, along with their pathetically litigious, should be in no position to receive any compensation.

A good argument for reforming Social Security and disability comes from drug addicts (should I attempt to be “politically correct” and refer to them as “chemically dependent?” No, I should not). Disgusting rape of our tax dollars is committed by crack and heroin users like “Clay” and “Mike.” Drug abuse is now recognized as a “disease” and a “disability.” Stossel confronted these freeloaders and found them to be receiving checks from Social Security and using the money to support their habits. There is no incentive to get a job. This “security” is only encouraging these bad habits and there is no encouragement to change.

Years ago, over 16 million immigrants poured into Ellis Island, hoping to live in the greatest nation in the world. They had no welfare or medicare, only the hope of hard work and self-reliance. Now, Americans are losing that vision. There are increased numbers of “victims” who believe they are not responsible for their actions. The addition of an increase in big-government and social programs are aiding in this dependence.

In Ithaca, NY, “The Blame Game” focused on four dismal souls who spent an enormous amount of time whining about the “dangers” of working in their office building. They said they were experiencing symptoms such as itchy eyes and sore throats and blamed it on everything from “fumes from their new rug” to “carbon-paper.” They even have a name for their problem – “multiple chemical sensitivity.”

The country’s Social Services Department responded by doing everything possible to cater to their needs. This included removal of the new rug, replacing thousands of carbon-copy documents with xerox and even building new rooms with super ventilation systems which county engineer Jim Kazda called “cleaner than fresh air.”

The response to this effort? The workers filed an $800 million lawsuit and all are filing for temporary or permanent disability. One lady said, “They haven’t done a thing as far as I’m concerned.” Another had the audacity to state, “They are going to help me, even if they have to build a new building.”

In an informal poll of 237 people, taken by Stossel’s crew on a commuter train, only 30 people, all young white males, were not protected by the Americans with Disabilities Act. This Act protects all other groups, such as women, minorities and people over 40 years of age. Featured as one of the few positive spots on the show was a young man who does not see himself as a victim. Daily, it takes “Mark” over an hour to use a train, bus and a couple of blocks of walking to get to the office, where he has become one of his office’s top employees. Oh, did I forget to mention that “Mark” is blind? Ironically, a person who would appear to benefit the most from social help is the least interested.

This has got to stop. A man who filed for “disability by anxiety” and a surveillance camera shows him splashing around in the water at a resort. While waiting on line to pick up her social disability check, an admitted drug abuser exclaims, “I’m very much a victim from the stress of everyday life.” Big government and social programs, along with a misguided perception of what it is to live in the United States of America, are contributing to this new cry of victimization.

Missing link in Jesus and Mary Chain

I would like to register a formal complaint regarding the programming of an upcoming concert on November 2nd.

While passing a storefront in Bloomfield, I noticed a flyer for the concert event on which was printed “Stoned and Dethroned the Jesus and Mary Chain...” I feel strongly that using the terminology in reference to Jesus and Mary is sacrilegious and makes fun of the Catholic Religion, of Christianity.

If we as people are taught to respect each others’ faith and not be slanderous, I feel that it is inappropriate for a college to allow such blasphemous advertising and programming. I feel an apology is in order for the Christian Community, and a cancellation of this event.

Ann Marie Frisell

Letter policy

The MONTCLARION supports a free and open exchange of opinions on any relevant issue via our letter page. Submissions should be delivered to the office of the MONTCLARION, room 113 Student Center Annex, care of Ron Albanese. Authors of works are responsible for contents therein. Letters may edited for brevity or libel.

Deadlines!

The official deadline for all submissions to the opinion section is on Mondays at 3:30 p.m. No exceptions. Thanks in advance.
From the desk of the "Offenders"

We, the Brothers of Delta Kappa Psi Fraternity, would like to apologize to anyone that we might have offended by our possession of a Confederate flag in the Student Center Cafeteria. The key word here is possession, not display. There was no pre-meditation to bring the flag there by any members of our organization. The flag was being returned, to the individual who owns it, by a sorority member who had taken it during a scavenger hunt. The individual who owns the flag casually tossed the flag over a banner behind the table so that it did not get noticed. It was not on display. The flag remained there for a short period of time, between 10 and 15 minutes. It was then removed by Delta Kappa Psi.

From the Dean of Students...

Last week, a Confederate flag was hung on a Delta Kappa Psi bulletin board in the Cafeteria. It remained on display for 25 minutes. While the university defends the right of any person to display the Confederate or any other flag, we abhor the insensitivity of the individuals who did so publicly in the Student Center. It is a symbol of a regime that was based on oppression and slavery. Clearly, it was offensive and hurtful to many. The values represented by this symbol are definitely not the values of the University.

The First Amendment right to Free Speech is among the most controversial and most debated sections of the United States Constitution. At the heart of the conflict is the prioritizing of societal values.

There is always much evidence of this conflict on a University campus. At the essence of our mission is the promotion of every person's right to speak freely. Education is all about debating different ideas and learning to understand diverse perspectives.

The "Offended"

On the afternoon of October 27, 1994, some of MSU's students sank to an all time low. In the crowded dimensions of the Student Center Cafeteria, near the section that Delta Kappa Psi occupied, hung a Confederate flag! A damned Confederate flag! Some of you by now are thinking, "How can something like this happen in 1994?" Well, I have news for you! MSU's student population harbors more racist attitudes than many here wish to admit. As an African-American student I took personal offense to that flag! Every minority student on this campus as well as in this country, should take offense to that flag!

The Confederate flag is a symbol of pain and struggle for the many minorities that were oppressed by the evils of slavery which turned into Jim Crow laws and then into segregation. That flag is a symbol of a past that we as minorities are trying to overcome by taking that which is our God-given right at birth. That is to be treated with respect as human beings with feelings. By displaying that flag, Delta Kappa Psi or whoever put it there said, "We don't give a damn how you feel or what your people have been through." It seems as though there is a lot of that going on lately. Just a little while ago there was a letter by Tracy Smith describing how some of the white students made rude remarks during her pageant. We as African-American students are sick of the disrespect and stereotyping that we are subjected to on a daily basis. We are not demanding that you like us (I myself couldn't care less), but we are demanding that you give us nothing less than the respect we deserve as citizens of this community. We are not going to stand by and watch people downplay this event and try to sweep it under the mat. A lot of you may think that I am blowing this out of proportion, but I will say this: what if there was a banner hanging up there that glorified the Holocaust? Would you still feel the same way? Think about it.

Brian Clyburn (Phife)

SGA president comes forth

The persisting conflict however, is how do you promote University values without restricting the speech of those who contradict them. The answer was clearly evidenced, last week in the resolution of the incident between Kappa Alpha Psi and the Organization of students for African Unity.

Lee Wilcox and I are proud to have been a part of a discussion in which the two groups came together, facilitated by the leaders of the SGA and the Greek Council, to better understand each other and develop a plan of action for resolving their differences.

We congratulate all of the participants for their professionalism, compassion and willingness to take action. We have great hope that this incident will lead to many positive opportunities to further bring our community together and to improve the environment on campus for all students.

Helen Matusow-Ayres
Dean of Students

With regrets the Editor takes a leave

I have decided to take a leave of absence from my position of Editor-in-Chief for two weeks effective this issue until the Judicial Court called by Greek Council President Mike Costa is concluded. Like many other student leaders, I am a member of a Greek organization. As a member of Delta Kappa Psi Fraternity, I do not feel that it would be proper for me to have a say and final decision in the daily operation of the MONTCLARION. So to avoid further unneeded controversy, Chris Hinck will assume the duties of Editor-in-Chief.

Sincerely,
Greg MacSweeney
P.S. I can be reached in Barbados.

SGA president

Fortunately for us, it is far and few between that situations occur which cause a major uproar and incite anger and rage in our student body. Unfortunately, such a situation occurred last Thursday when a Confederate flag appeared in he Student Center Cafeteria. Needless to say, this was totally upsetting and frustrating to the many students who witnessed the event, myself included.

While the larger society is far from eradicating racial tension, I am compelled, as a student leader on this campus, to do whatever is in my power to assure awareness, sensitivity, understanding and peace. To that end it is imperative that the student body does not turn its collective back to this incident, but rather stands up to it and discourage such behavior from recurring.

The Student Government Association, Inc. is committed to being a part of the solution. I believe that encouraging discussion and dialogue will bring about a greater awareness of who we all are and how we can all live together. It also means that we must act to encourage cooperation and mutual benefit as diligently as we seek to remedy ignorance.

Thanks in part to the cooperation of the leaders of Delta Kappa Psi and the Organization of Students for African Unity (OSAU), I believe that much good can come out of this situation. Both groups seem to be eager and united in clearing up this misunderstanding. The struggle will continue after this incident, however, and we must challenge ourselves to "decide whether we will walk in the light of creative altruism or the darkness of destructive selfishness." Just realize that we do live in a community and each one of us can affect the community. Ignorance and destructive selfishness on the part of one person can be harmful to us all. Thus, the challenge is before us, and I hope we will seek to continue as a community united.

Sal M. Anderton
SGA President

P.S. I can be reached in Barbados.
**Personals**

**TX Pledge**
You're the best! Let's watch a movie and make my dream date come true!
Love, Toni (AIX)

**AIX Tau Class**
You guys did an incredible job embarrassing my boyfriend! I love you like crazy!
#154

**Chuck**
Where did I find you? Opposites! I can't imagine the last 2 months without you. Feel like I've known you all my life! happy, happy birthday.
-Jenn

**Bryan (AIX)**
People are so jealous of our love!
#154

**Bell - Starkes**
get it gain’ on. Don't let it go 'cause a good man is hard to find.
Love, your partner in crime,
Emma.

**Yang**
What’s that you’re wearing? A turtleneck! Why?
Love, Vic

**Pledge Lumpy**
I’m so glad you’re okay!
Love, #154

**#3**
Surprise!! I DO miss you! And don't forget that I will always love you!!!
Love, #3

**Maria, Danielle, and Kathy**
Show tunes and seances rule. You girls are the grooviest. Tuesday night coffee houses. Can't wait!
-Jenn

**Brian**
We did miss each other. I have an appointment with my co-op counselor on Wednesday. Meet me at 2:00.
-Susan

**To the person who wrote the above personal, thank you for the tip!**
-John J. O'Sullivan

**Nicky (5th floor Blanton)**
You’ve changed sooo much! After spending time with you, I noticed you’re not crazy at all like all of those jealous boys and girls say. Just continue on not taking any shit. W/ Love, your secret adm.

**A1**
Thanks for always helping me, but stop dropping things!
Love, Your darkroom partner

**Chrisie (AIX)**
I love you and you know that you’re a number one and how I hope the whole world knows it too! -#154

**(AIX) Little Lauren**
I LOVE YOU! You’re almost done! Stay Strong!
Love, your Big

**Heather**
Where are all the pages going?
-Ron

**SLM**
I love you even when you don’t want “to be bothered” with me anymore. You’re the best!
Love, #18

**Raj of Phi Beta Sigma**
watch out cause I got my eye on Robin!
-Batman!

**To the brothers of A.K.Psi**
What can I do for your signatures?
Pledge Canada-Dry

**Hey Jerkyboy**
HELP! I’m a big man trapped in a little boy’s body!

**To Nicky (5th floor Blanton)**
You’re explodin in all the right places!

**Hey Caruso**
Never look a gift horse in the mouth.
-Signed, The Ultimate Trojan

**Warrior**

**Pumpkin**
Your little Dorito.

**To my ZBT pledge**
I miss you! I've got no one to trade sex with.

**(AIX) Stick together Tau class, and you'll do just fine!**

**Chuck, Adam, and Gregg**
My study men. Thanks for a great weekend. Yes, that’s right - we DID go to NAGA, and survived!

**Chrisiey, We’re almost done!**
-Cindy

**Christine (D-Xi-D #24)**
You’re the BEST! Thanks for all your help and support!
Love, your little.

**I love JOS!!!!!!!!**
Secret Admirer

**Wake-up call to the person who wrote the newsletter. Ever hear of reverse racism?? STOP TRYING TO CAUSE A RACE WAR ON CAMPUS!!**

**Chrisy - Gamma Class,**
Wobbly wobbly, wobbly wobbly!
Love, Allison (D-Xi-D)

**Carrie (AIX)**
Hay cousin, let’s go shopping on Sunday, but let’s buy some big dick MAN!
-Love, #154

**Carrie (AIX)**

**Ralph**
Sorry for waking you up every night! But I’ve been keeping my toes covered....
-Your other roommate

**To the former Bohn 1234 inhabitant.**
I miss you! I've got no one to trade sex stories with! How’s your new apartment? Take advantage of that fireplace (Bear skin rug)! I’m jealous! I saw Boris! He was asking about Vanessa!

**To Earnestine Washington (Blanton),**
Young Skywalker & OB1, We must show Yoda the way. Do not deny your true identity.
-From the current Bohn 1234

**To TKE Teeterthon Buddy,**
Let’s get wasted and go to the park!
-AIX #154

**To my Rho Rhoses & my Sigma Phi Rho Brothers,**

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More Personals

Thank all of you for the memories since May '94, you've opened up a new world for me.
Love, Rhe Rhodes 50/50

Mia,
Happy Birthday, Sweetheart! You are the only one that can make me blush!
Love, Jan.

Ron,
How was your trip to the museum?
Heather

Afraid? We're Lambda Tau Omega, we have NO competition.

Alicia (LTO)
I am really glad we talked that night in the cubicle.
Love, Binh

Xenia,
Stop falling asleep in class!!!!
Love, Binh

Maryann,
How is my Sunday roomie?
Love, Binh

Who the #?@* pulled the fire alarm in Blanton hall?

Camilla & Teddy
Stop stealing my tiger! And wake up the best weeks!

Love, your little.

To Joe B & Vanessa (AKPsi),
Thanks a million for ALWAYS being there.
I love you guys
Pledge Canada Dry

To the Craziest Brothers of AKPsi,
Thank you - Chris and Carlos! You guys are the best Bigs!! The two of you are making my last weeks of pledging the best weeks!
Love, your little.

To the pledge class of Alpha Upsilon,
We're going to make it, every last one of us!!! Just hang in there!!!

To Joe and Vanessa,
Thanks for being there for us. You guys REALLY, REALLY, REALLY care about us!!!
Why?
Kay "Yang" Chan

To Stephanie, Jewel, Marla, and little Theo,
CHAKAAA! HAI! HAI! HAI!
From, Rhe Rhodes Nicky

Colleen, I will reveal myself soon; but first I must get your attention.
-Venom

To our littles Kirsten, Kathy, and Heather,
You are going a great job. We could not have asked for better littles. We love you!
Love,
Binh, Tiffany, and Madelyn.

Tiff,
You need to get out and drink. Get your nose out of the books!
Love, Binh and Madelyn.

Big (#154-ALX)
I love you!
Love, your little (#154)

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Love, Alison (D-XI-D)

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To the pledge class of Alpha Upsilon,
telling your mother.
-Max

Kadik.
Why do the woman with the most men
have the most complaints?
-Max

To the Lambda class (D-Phi-E)
I couldn't be prouder of my girls!
Love your mom, Lizette

To Billy (D-Chi),
You're doing a great job as AMC!
Love, Gito AH100

To the Kappa Class of Delta Chi,
Keep up the good work guys, and stay
strong!!
Love, AH100

Gina (Sigma) - I'm still not talking to
you!
-Joanie

Guidette Tree ( Sigma) - Hair spray and
her pink bruco lipstick will never die!
-Love, Joanie

Kristen (Sigma) - Do I have to ask you if
you want a trick or treat?
-Your psychic roommate

Steen (D-Phi-E) -
From one mom to another, you're doing a
great job!
-Love, AH100

Duggan, Alicia, Lisa (Sigma) - I'm proud
of you! After this, you could probably
make it through Marine Boot Camp!
-Love, Joanie.

Cuccia (Sigma) - Watch your nodules! I
too you too much!
-Love, Joanie.

Gamma Psi (Sigma) - Give it all you
have! I have faith in you! Good luck!
-Love, Joanie.

Lynn - Gamma Psi (Sigma) Good luck!
I'm rooting for you! Do your best!
-Love, your Secret Sister.

OK, I'm shutting this C-Damned computer
cursed personals show up before me.
ARGH. -JJO'S

- Have no fear JJO'S it is my turn to
tackle the never-ending mound of person­
able!!!!!!!

TT

SDT & AXP
We're still celebrating!

Lambda,
I gave you advice. You know what to do.
Time is running out so put a torch under
your ass & do it!
-Lambda

Delta (AXP)
Boo!!!
-Guess who? (SDT)

Russ-man (AXP)
I've probably told you many times- so
here's another- Thanks for being the most
excellent dance partner & mosher- you're
the best!
-D.D.

Beans,
Thanks for putting up with my dunk ass
last week. I don't know what I would do
w/out you!
-Batthead

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**CULTURAL IDIOCY QUIZ ANSWERS**

1. McDonald's  
2. Coca Cola  
3. Campbell's soup  
4. Budweiser  
5. NBC  
6. Cheers  
7. Charmin  
8. Bounty paper towels  
9. Maxwell House coffee  
10. Secret deodorant  
11. Allstate Insurance  
12. United Airlines  
13. Yellow Pages  
14. Prudential  
15. Miller High Life  
16. Cheer  
17. Folgers coffee  
18. Ford  
19. Kentucky Fried Chicken  
20. Smith Barney  
21. Pert Shampoo  
22. Gillette  
23. Timex  
24. Alka Selzer  
25. Pepsi Cola  
26. Old Style beer  
27. Armoire hot dogs  
28. Vaseline  
29. Fisher Nuts  
30. Wisk detergent
I o M
Legalize it!
By Candice Meyer

10. Marijuana is a benign recreational drug, a form of herbal medicine, and a product with industrial applications.

9. In certain states (i.e. Indiana) a person guilty of MURDER will spend an average of eight years behind bars, while someone convicted of a marijuana offense has a good chance of being sentenced to life. -Atlantic Monthly Magazine Aug '94.

8. According to the Atlantic Monthly magazine Aug '94 - marijuana has been cultivated for five thousand years to make rope, canvas, paper, and the old Levi's jeans.

7. "Major drug companies will not fund expensive research on marijuana because they cannot patent it" - Lester Grinspoon, professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School. He continues, "Marijuana relieves the nausea associated with chemotherapy, can prevent blindness induced by glaucoma, serve as an appetite stimulant for AIDS patients, act as an anti-epileptic, ward off asthma attacks & migraine headaches, alleviate chronic pain, and reduce the muscle spasticity that accompanies multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy, and paraplegia."

6. Clinical oncologists find synthetic Delta9THC inferior to marijuana as an anti-nausea agent for chemotherapy patients.

5. Studies of lifelong heavy marijuana users in Costa Rica, Jamaica and Greece revealed no psychological or physiological damage.

4. Over the counter drugs such as aspirin and antihistamines kill hundreds of Americans a year; while in the 5000 year recorded history of marijuana there has not been a single death directly related to consuming or smoking marijuana.

3. Marijuana is one of a few therapeutically active substances that there is no defined fatal dose. It has been approximated though that a person would have to smoke approximately 200 pounds a minute for 15 minutes in order for a lethal response.

2. It costs NJ taxpayers $26,500 annually to keep one person in jail for a marijuana offence.

1. Bill Clinton smokes it.

Humor Columnist Goes Loopy
Lack of ideas drives writer to insanity.

(Roto-Reuters) Police arrested the popular humor columnist "Commuter," and "comics" editor for the MONTCLARION, John J. O'Sullivan for indecent exposure, committing an act of a disorderly person, and over-ingestion of an un-controlled substance (tea). The whole incident began around 8:13 in the offices of the MONTCLARION. John J. O'Sullivan was sitting at the computer keyboard of a Macintosh IIc, trying to come up with an idea for his weekly humor column. Apparently beforehand, John J. O'Sullivan was at a 2.5 hour long Radio Shack™ meeting, and sat in around 1.5 hours of traffic on the Garden State Parkway, thus he was feeling rather stressed. John was having a very hard time writing, since all of his ideas just didn't work out. After a long pause of just staring at the ceiling, John sprang out of his chair and marched out into the center of the main MONTCLARION office and proclaimed, "Today, the Statue of Liberty has underpants", and ran out of the office. He then went to the Student Center "C-Store" and bought 3 bottles of Fruitopia™. He tried to pay for the juice with his socks; the cashier wasn't going to let him get away with it, but then she let him go, for fear of being hurt. Said the cashier about the situation, "He just had this glazed look to him, like Charles Manson. Hey! You better pay for that candy bar; $89.99 please!" From the C-Store, O'Sullivan went to the game room, played Ms. Pac Man™ around thirty times, and then went into the Rathskeller, a somewhat, kinda-sorta popular place on campus for people to hang out, and took off all of his clothes, save his hat and silk tie. He then ran around, terrorizing patrons by singing the song "Turning Japanese" and by sprinkling oregano on all of their heads. A patron commented, "The nudity I really didn't care about. But that song...oh my God, what does that paper do to someone to make someone sing 'Turning Japanese'?" From that point, John went outside the Calcia Building, and started chopping down the strange "tree-like" sculpture with a stick. This is where police arrested and took John J. O'Sullivan away. John J. O'Sullivan was trying to escape by periodically skipping away from the officers, but they always caught him. When asked about the incident, John J. O'Sullivan had only one word to say: Argh. John J. O'Sullivan will be arraigned on Tuesday in some court somewhere to answer for the above mentioned charges. At least we think so, we just don't know.

Papercuts by Parag Joshi

I've decided to major in student loan repayment and minor in stalling.

ADVISOR

CRASH!

By: J. Alexander & Biljak

GREAT FIRST
WE'RE STUCK IN TRAFFIC AND WE CAN'T FIND THE PAPER SPOT!

BORKA!
LOOK OUT FOR THE CAR!

WE'LL AT LEAST WE FOUND A PARKING SPOT!
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To the ECAC’s the Red Hawks go
Fifth-seeded men’s soccer’s loss to WPC may have cost them an NCAA bid

by Brian Falzarano

It’s official: The rollercoaster that went under the alias of the MSU 1994 season has fallen short of its ultimate goal.

After having had enough trials and tribulations for at least two seasons, the Red Hawks had their regular season ended by a stunning and equally crushing 2-0 loss to William Paterson this past Saturday night in Wayne.

The way things have been going for MSU (10-7), it would not be surprising if it missed the post-season altogether. Though they were on the edge of the NCAA bubble to begin with, a win could have at least garnered a higher seed in the ECAC tournament, which they won last year.

Instead, sneak into the soccer equivalent of the NIT (National Invitation Tournament), a basketball postseason tournament for teams that do not make the NCAA’s, have a No. 5 seed, having had to travel up to Stony Brook yesterday.

“Our goal was to go to the post-season,” said Coach Rob Chesney, only slightly disappointed at his team’s NCAA snub.

Things will have to improve over the way the Red Hawks have stumbled over the past four games, three of which were losses. Inconsistency on offense was a major reason why the Red Hawks are not in the NCAA’s.

Against William Paterson, there was inconsistency of any sort. The Pioneers came out of the gates quickly, sinking themselves to a 2-0 lead by intermediation. It is possible that this loss may have cost them the coveted NCAA bid, but senior co-captain Erik Neubart is not so sure about that.

“We have no control over that,” said Neubart. “It was pretty much up in the air.”

“We didn’t play well enough,” said Chesney. “We didn’t get it done. They outworked us in the first half, and that was the story of the game.”

Usually, it is the aforementioned inconsistency on offense that plagues them. In this game, they could not convert any of their chances and WPC controlled play for the most part.

This is an outing that does not bode well for MSU in the post-season. Despite the doubts, Chesney and his squad are upbeat and looking forward to winning another ECAC crown.

“I’m positive,” said Chesney, who played in a few NCAA tournaments while he was a player here. “We had a bad outing Saturday night that was unacceptable. We have a lot of character. We’ll bounce back.”

It could be a tough go of it in the ECAC’s, but the Red Hawks have held their own against other competing teams. Vassar, whom they will face on Saturday with a win on Wednesday, grinded out a tough 1-0 win. On the other hand, they defeated CCNY (3-1) last week.

This is what it comes down to. No more excuses. No more hoping. In order to win this tournament, they must revert to the form they displayed during their mid-season six match winning streak.

“We played well all season,” said the fourth-year coach. “We have a chance to prove something to ourselves. Just to ourselves, not to anybody else.”

“We should be as prepared to play as if it were an NCAA game,” said Neubart. “At least we’re playing. The season is not over yet.”

And the beat goes on.

EDITOR’S NOTE: The results of yesterday’s ECAC match at Stony Brook were unavailable at press time.

Spikers’ season ends at the hands of Richard Stockton
by Nick Gatitaifts

When you put the game in the hands of an official, two things could happen. One is good. The other, as the MSU women’s volleyball team painfully learned, is bad.

The Lady Red Hawks failed to advance to the second round of the NJAC tournament last Thursday as they dropped three matches to Richard Stockton State College 20-18, 16-14,15-6.

“Shades of yesterday,” said Assistant Coach Denise Lusnia. “In my mind we did win, and we were the better team.”

Lusnia felt that the team played their best game of the season despite losing in straight sets.

“They were both match-point,” said Lusnia. “They were both match-point.”

The two penalties called were lifting in the first game and netting in the second. Lusnia said she wasn’t using the bad calls as an excuse for the loss, she just felt that the poor calls were the turning points of the match.

The loss puts an end to the women’s volleyball season. Meanwhile, Stockton advanced to the second round of the tournament which was held this past Saturday afternoon.

For the Red Hawks, Tiana Agathos shone as she powered her way through the match. With a remarkable 22 digs against the Ospreys, Agathos staked claim to a new MSU school record.

Also for the Lady Red Hawks, freshman Dolly Koshy, filling in for co-captain Krista Gastelu, had three blocks and nine digs.

“Krista was sick and Dolly filled in,” said Lusnia of Koshy, who has been a solid contributor throughout this season.

“She did a great job despite the pressure of being a freshman and being in the NJAC tournament for the first time.”

With the season ending in a loss, assistant coach Lusnia still felt that the team came together and worked hard. “Every­ one came together,” said Lusnia. “We were loud and psyched out, and the team gave all they had.”

MSU finishes the season above the 500 mark with a 14-11 record and 2-4 mark in the NJAC.

RED HAWK NEWS: Despite missing the match with an illness, Gastelu was one of the top players on the team. Only a sophomore, the co-captain should have an even better junior year.

Other players to look out for next year under second-year coach Sandy Sanchez will be Koshy, Agathos, and Nikki Kyle.

They will have some key losses, though. Seniors Jane Janish, a co-captain, and Yocasta Garcia stuck with this team though all of its trying times early on. Replacing them will be tough.

With 14 wins, MSU tied its record for wins in a season, set by last year’s squad.
Lions devour MSU’s NJAC title dreams

Volker’s two point pass batted down with .53 remaining

by Glenn Steinberg

A disappointing loss to Trenton State College (5-4, 3-1 NJAC) on Saturday just punctuated when can only be called a disappointing season.

Coming into the game, the Red Hawks

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(3-5, 1-2 NJAC) were already eliminated from post-season play, but had hopes of winning the NJAC championship. The 21-20 loss to the Lions coupled with Kean College’s win over Rowan College made certain that this too was a faded dream.

With only two games left on the schedule, both of which are NJAC rivals, the Red Hawks now know for sure is a 500 season. MSU quarterback Darren Volker (15-of-29, 193 yards) summed it up when he said, “We have nothing left to play for except our own pride.”

At the end of the first quarter, Volker replaced freshman quarterback Brian Cooney (two-of-eight, 16 yards) after he threw his second interception of the opening quarter.

Volker, who had been benched in place of Cooney in the previous three starts, said he was close to leaving the team out of frustration of being forced to sit. “It sucks being on the sidelines after two years of never sitting,” Volker said.

According to him, he spoke to his teammates, family and friends and decided not to throw the towel in. Because he has been here for three years, he feels he has an obligation to the team.

“My father told me to stick it out and stay with the team,” said Volker.

Red Hawk Head Coach Rick Giancola said the team can still come out with an even record at the end of the season and they should not settle for anything else.

“We have to do a lot of soul searching to decide whether we’re going to just play out the rest of the schedule or be the best we can be,” he said after the game.

The game started off poorly for them, with their first three possessions ending in a punt and two interceptions.

Trenton State’s first drive came to an end after kicker David Johnston missed a 35-yard field goal attempt. Cooney was then intercepted by defensive back Matthew Hagy on MSU’s next possession and only three plays later, Lions quarterback Ernest Miller (six-for-11, 85 yards) hooked up with wide receiver Tino Russo on a four-yard touchdown pass to make the score 7-0 after Johnston’s extra point.

On the Red Hawks’ next possession, Cooney was again intercepted by Hagy, this time in the end zone.

Volker replaced Cooney on the Red Hawks next drive. His presence was felt early on as he led them to a quick score when he connected with wide receiver Tremaine Wimbearly on a 68-yard touchdown pass to make the score 7-7.

Despite the lack of intensity in the game, Neubart still realizes the importance of his accomplishment. “It’s a good feeling knowing you break a record,” said the senior forward. “But it’s a bit tarnished in not making the NCAA’s. My teammates made a bigger deal out of it than I did.”

RED HAWK NOTES: Stony Brook, MSU’s opponent in the ECAC’s, is moving up to Division II next year. They are paced by Wilson Pun (six goals, 20 points), a top-flight midfielder in Ryan Jinks and goalkeeper Corey DeRosa, who has given up only 22 goals this season.

“They’re dangerous up front,” said MSU Coach Rob Chesney, referring to Pun and Jinks.

As for how they plan to go up against Stony Brook, Chesney has it all planned out. “We’re going to try and counter on them,” he said. They will try to trap a little bit and we’ll try and beat the trap.”

Neubart also noted how dangerous their opponents were. “They’re usually a physical team,” said the senior of the team they beat 4-1 last year at Sprague Field. “We usually have a problem with them. They should have a very decent team.”

The book on Coach G

During his 12-year tenure here at MSU, football Head Coach Rick Giancola has known little other than success. However, circumstances both in and beyond his control have led to the Red Hawks demise this year. After having a 2-2 record after four games, it was thought that they were playing to potential. It turns out they were never really a contender for the NJAC crown or for a postseason playoff berth.

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McLaughlin rips freshmen after Bloomsburg loss

by Nick Gantafis

A lack of mental and physical effort always results in unwanted outcomes. This was the case this past weekend as the men's cross country team dropped two meets against Fairmont State and Bloomsburg University in the season opening Bloomsburg tri-meet.

“Our freshmen cost us the meet,” said Coach Brian McLaughlin. “They didn't swim well and I expected others to carry the weight and they didn't.”

McLaughlin felt as if it was like trying to be spectators.

“They didn’t get involved in this meet, in the water or on the deck,” said McLaughlin. “They were not involved in any way, shape or form.”

For MSU (0-2), Billy Bloom, a sophomore from Clifton, stood out with victories in the 500 and 1,000 yard freestyle, and the 200 yd. butterfly.

With Bloomsburg up 84-82 with two events left, MSU failed to post victories in the final two, resulting in a 170-92 defeat. “Being down by two points with two matches to go (and losing) is kind of heartbreaking,” said McLaughlin.

“Our freshmen cost us the meet...They didn’t get involved in this meet.” – Coach Brian McLaughlin

The men’s swim team should have an interesting and successful season having strength in every area that is needed. Returning for the Red Hawks are Billy Bloom, Mark Arnold and Saul Madeira.

But the women will suffer from a lack of depth this year. If the team is to see any kind of post season action they are going to need major improvement from each of the freshmen.

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down pass to tie the game at seven after kicker Scott Rubinetti hit the extra point. The drive only took 1:42 covering 93 yards on only four plays.

The next scoring drive of the game was set up after linebacker Eric MacIvor recovered a TSC fumble. The drive consisted of 14 plays, covering 90 yards and taking 6:41 off the clock. The highlight of the drive came on a 20-yard scramble by Volker and ended with a one-yard scamper by the senior for a touchdown. The Red Hawks then had a 14-7 lead after Rubinetti’s extra point.

On their first possession of the second half, the Lions put together an impressive scoring drive that took 7:54 off the clock while they went 92 yards in 15 plays. 75 of those yards came from the legs of running back Vincent Muse, who ended the drive with a one-yard run up the middle for a touchdown, tying the game at 14 after Johnston hit the extra point, now leading 21-14.

MSU got the ball for the last time with only 2:27 remaining in the game on their own 33-yard line. They drove 67 yards in 1:34, ending when running back Mike Green ended the drive with a one-yard touchdown scamper. This brought the Red Hawks to within 21-20. The drive was highlighted by a 27-yard reception by wide receiver Tyrone Rolls.

With only :53 remaining in the game, Giancola decided to go for the win with a two-point conversion attempt instead of going for the tie. Volker saw tight end Rob Colt alone in the back of the end zone, but by the time he threw it, TSC’s defensive lineman Ryan Flanagan raced in and batted the ball down at the last second. Had the ball been caught, the Red Hawks would have won and would still been in the hunt for the NJAC championships. That is the reason why Giancola went for the victory rather than the tie, which also would have ended their conference title hopes.

Rubinetti then tried for an on-side kick on the ensuing kickoff but the ball went out of bounds. This gave TSC possession of the ball, letting them kneel on the ball three times to let time run out.

Right hand women: Good things come to those who wait. After an extensive four month search, women’s basketball head coach Gloria Bradley has hired two new assistants to aid her in coaching the Lady Red Hawks this season.

Her search ended in the hiring of Lottie Watson as one of her assistants. She did not have to look far to find the other one, who is none other than ex-MSU great Judy Stair. Stair, who graduated from here last year, was a first-team All-NJAC forward, averaging 19.4 points and 6.5 rebounds in leading MSU to the ECAC Metro N.Y./N.J. Championship.

“ They will both be instrumental in our being successful this season,” said the second-year coach.

Mischeline Mushes Compelltito: Mischeline von Doehren refuses to slow down for anybody. MSU’s top runner won her third consecutive meet on Saturday in the CTC cross-country championships at Van Cortland Park. Twelve teams and about 100 runners tried, but none could top von Doehren’s time of 19:48 on the 3.1 mile course.

“ Her time was pretty consistent with her other times this season. She did everything about the same,” said assistant coach John Brennan, summing up von Doehren’s work ethic.

Again, von Doehren made it look easy. As in her other two wins, she was not challenged by any close competition. The senior has taken the sport by storm in her first year of collegiate competition. “ When I looked behind me, there was nobody there. I wasn’t pushed again,” she said.

Teamwise, MSU’s women finished with 216 points. This was good enough to take 6th place. Team captain, Catherine Gronconer was the second Red Hawk runner to finish, finishing 31st.

Scott Patterson, the lone Red Hawk men’s runner, fared well. He finished 42nd in a field of 115. MSU was forced to put up incomplete on the men’s side, as they did not have the minimum five runners.

The final meet for cross country is Saturday in the NJAC Championships down at Richard Stockton College.

Will the Knicks win the NBA championship?

Brian: If you have taken a look at my football picks this year, you would seriously question my logic. But I know what I am talking about when I say the Knicks will NOT win the NBA championship. Knicks fans will want my head for this, but who cares. I have two words why the Knicks will not win it all: Orlando Magic.

I also have several reasons:

1. Shaquille O’Neal.
2. Horace Grant.

Therefore, the Knicks will fall short. They will be improved. So will Indiana and Charlotte. That means Ewing will be doing some guest announcing for NBC in the Finals. Sorry Tom.

Tom: The Knicks will win the NBA championship this year because they are the most talented and playoff-experienced team in the NBA. Barring any severe injuries to team leaders Patrick Ewing, Charles Oakley, or John Starks, the Knicks will once again be the “Beasts of the East”, and this time they will not be stopped in the Finals. The Orlando Magic, with Shaq-Fu O’Neal, proved how well they could play in the playoffs last year. Three game sweep anyone? And as long as Spike Lee doesn’t get Reggie Miller of Indiana all riled up again, then the Pacers will not come close to the Finals that they luckily reached last year.

Besides, has anyone seen Brian’s football picks this year?
Football, soccer take a fall

It was a dark day in sport, but not one that would cause the skies to open. What started off as a day with a small flicker of hope ended with the wool being pulled over the eyes of the Red Hawk football and men’s soccer programs.

This was a year of championship aspirations for both of these teams. No more is that the case. Salvation is what both are striving for. For now that is all they can strive for.

Football faced difficulties head on in the early going of the season. Ones that indicated much turbulence. Starting defensive ends Jeff Bagriel, an All-American, and Thomas Sellers were declared academically ineligible.

Jermaine Johnson and Jeff Kerwin, two key defensive starters for the Red Hawks, have felt the sting of the injury bug. Then, there has been the quarter-back controversy between freshman Brian Cooney and senior Darren Volker.

Still, the Red Hawks managed to win two straight games after losing their first two. They have been respectable in all of their losses outside of the 37-7 opening day debacle at Southern Connecticut. That is not what the 1994 Red Hawks will be remembered for. At best, they will be seen as a mediocre football team that could not plug in holes they needed to fill. At worst...that’s another story.

Headlines can scream out an incident, helping to ruin or severely alter one’s opinion of a particular character. Although they have not been convicted of their charges, running backs Neil Ruiz (sexual assault) and Raheem Wilson and Joe Beard (possession of a weapon and aggravated assault) have made the blemish of having an unsuccessful season that much larger. Remember, even a cancer starts out small.

Hopes of winning an NJAC crown and playing in the post-season have become forgotten dreams. The only way this season can be salvaged is by defeating Jersey City St. (a gimme) and Rowan, who is second-place in the conference and is one of the top teams in the eastern region.

On the flip side, men’s soccer overcame early defensive problems. After starting out a subpar 3-4 and having their playoff hopes put on temporary hiatus, things were looking up. The Red Hawks were impressive in piling up six consecutive wins. At this point, they were ranked fifth in the NCAA eastern region. It seemed as if they were soaring. All they had to do was continue to play as they had and an NCAA bid was theirs for the taking.

Then inconsistency set in. They were shutout in three of their last four games, including a tough 2-0 upset loss to William Paterson on Saturday night.

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This left the Red Hawks all dressed up with nowhere to go for the post-season. Until Sunday, when they were awarded the fifth-seed in the ECAC/Metro soccer tournament. For them, a shot at reclaiming their season begins on Wednesday up at Stony Brook.

Some consolation could be found in the fact that they made a postseason tournament. Which is more than can be said for their football counterparts.

Still, nothing less than a successful showing in the ECAC’s will wipe away memories of a dismal mediocere fall season. Some MSU teams have been shamefully unsuccessful (field hockey), inconsistent (volleyball and soccer) and subpar (women’s soccer). At least there was women’s tennis, which had its most successful season ever.

It was great that they played so well. But hopefully next year there will be more to look forward to than that. Here’s to hoping football and men’s soccer can give us something to look forward to for next year.

Fearless Forecasts

BRIAN FALZARANO, SPORTS EDITOR (12-20):
Cowboys - 14 over Giants. Now New York has two 6-10 teams. Maybe.
Oilers + 3 over Steelers. I’m not only a fan, I’m also delirious.
Chargers + 1 over Falcons. My assault on .500 continues.
Dolphins - 9 over Colts. After this week, my record will be 16-20.

GREG MACSWEENEY, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF (16-16):
Niners -10 over Redskins. 49’ers well rested after playing golf last weekend.
Bills - 3 over Jets. The only good player is Lott, and even he can’t carry this team.
Cowboys - 14 over Giants. Gee, that’s easy.
K.C. - 3 over Raiders. Ex-49’ers are still supreme!

GLENN STEINBERG, ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR (14-16):
Giants + 14 over Cowboys. Just because.
Oilers + 3 over Steelers. Brian has me possessed.
Chiefs - 3 over Raiders. Montana is the man.

CHRIS HINCK, MANAGING EDITOR (16-10):
Cowboys - 14 over Giants. Like, duh!
Falcons - 1 over Chargers. Cool uniforms.
Jets + 3 over Bills. Hey, I like ‘em.
Seahawks - 7 over Bengals. Anyone can beat the Bengals.
Saints - 9 1/2 over Vikings. Nine-and-a-half is a big spread.
Redskins + 10 over Niners. They’re not that bad.

THE PROPHET (15-17):
Seahawks - 7 over Bengals. Coolest helmets. Coolest team. Super Bowl!!
Cowboys - 14 over Giants. I quit. The Giants just suck. Let’s face it.
Saints + 9 1/2 over Vikings. New Orleans is done, but they’ll cover.
Bills -3 over Jets. Jets wear puke green.
What's going on here?

Men's soccer falls short of an NCAA bid and football sees its NJAC title hopes go up in smoke. There's no question it has been a bad fall for MSU sports. (Brian Falzarano's On the Ball, p. 31)

Volleyball ends its season (p. 28)
Swimming sputters in tri-meet (p. 30)
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