The choice of a new corporation

Gourmet Dining takes control as questions arise over contract. (Andrade, p. 3)
Residence Life holds open forum in Blanton Hall, addresses student concerns and complaints

by Victor Cirillo

On January 31, at 7:00 PM, residence life held an open forum in the Blanton Hall Atrium. They were trying to reach a compromise on the recent concerns that have arisen regarding their policies on the housing contract. The purpose was to field questions and offer explanations for the different procedures that are taken on certain issues. They also wanted to listen to different methods and solutions that concerned students might offer, so that they can improve the environment in the residence halls.

Before the event, resident assistant Kehwo Min said, “We expect a good turn out...If their (student’s) concerns are so severe, they should come out here, if not, we can conclude that the problem is not as drastic.”

Director of Residence Life Margaree Coleman-Carter opened the forum by thanking everybody that came out and saying that, “We are here to listen to you. We aren’t here to be defensive.”

SGA Legislator Brian Cosgrove then mentioned some of the complaints that the SGA has been discussing in their weekly meetings. Some concerns are dining hours, bag searches, proper maintenance work and termination of a residence contract and its refunds. “I would like to believe that the residence life held an open forum in the Blanton Hall, addresses student concerns and complaints...”

Mark Edmunds, general manager of Gourmet Dining Services then took the podium and fielded questions on the dining service on campus. Questions that arose ranged from workers in the cafeteria having unpleasant attitudes to upgrading the food service in the halls. He answered all these questions by coming to a resolution with the SGA. He proposed starting a food advisory committee, so that they can propose solutions to the concerns of students regarding dining services. He finalized by saying, “We are open to input.”

The next issue of importance that was raised, was the policy of random bag checking for the purpose of avoiding alcohol from entering the residence halls. Mrs. Coleman-Carter fielded the questioning and gave a brief history of the policy that was developed in 1983. The (drinking age) laws had just changed in New Jersey, we put in place this policy to protect ourselves and our community,” she said. She then mentioned that before this policy, people would walk in and you would hear bottles clanging, or see them hanging out of bags and even laundry carts being push by three or more people in their efforts to sneak in alcohol.

A question was then raised, what is the legal rational? (that allows Residence Life to check bags). Coleman-Carter answered by saying that it’s just something that you agree with, when you sign the Residence Life Contract.

Many members of the residence staff cited different reasons why they have gotten stricter about implementing this policy, such as the discovery of empty liquor cans and bottles in the trash cans of residence halls. One staff member claimed that he’s had empty alcohol bottles thrown at her. An SGA legislator then said, “It should be a uniform system, not one according to their opinions.”

Susy Carella, Director of Residence Life for the SGA said, “I do not believe in random bag checking. It’s not justified, there has to be a better way to prevent alcohol from entering the dorms and we will find it.”

Margaree Coleman-Carter concluded by saying, “Maybe we should come up with some type of procedure.”

Other concerns that arose dealt with ID cards and the unfair fines, knobs missing from dryers and the lack of microwaves in Blanton Hall. Tara Morlando, staff member, summarized all these concerns when she said, “If you see something that you don’t like call the front desk, or go to the RA’s or whoever is on duty.”

According to many, this was a very successful event. Joe DiMichele, Bohn Hall director said, “They (the students) showed that they care about what’s going on, hopefully they can come up with possible solutions to the problems.” Brian Cosgrove said, “It was a positive event, however there shouldn’t have been a time limit regardless of their schedules.”

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Corrections

In the Jan. 26 issue on p. 2, in the article entitled “X.T.C.’s midterm review...” Rick Leco was reported to have shown in a treasurer’s report “…a substantial cutback in campus programming.” No such information was given in his report.

In the Jan. 26 issue on p. 6, in the article entitled “Clove resident assaulted,” Lt. Postaski of Campus Police was misquoted. The quote should have read, “there is no safety net over our campus that protects us against outside crime. College campuses unfortunately are not immune to criminal activity...”

In the Jan. 26 issue on p. 3, Jeff Zarrillo’s name was mis spelled in the byline of the article entitled “SGA proposes revisions...”
Dining service shake-up leaves unanswered question; Who has the contract? Aldan, Gourmet or both?

by Carmen Andrade

On Sunday, Jan. 15, the former General Manager of Aldan Dining at MSU, Dan Leastman, contacted Gourmet Dining Services, the company contracted to provide food services on campus, to inform Gourmet of an operational problem which might prevent the company from providing food to the students.

On Monday, Jan. 16, Gourmet Dining management, including Vice President Ben Aiello, arrived in order to assess the situation, and subsequently "took control of the operations," said Aiello.

Leastman called Gourmet and informed them that "he had a cash flow problem," said Aiello.

General Manager of Gourmet, Mark Edmunds, said that any information to the students about the dining service shake-up must come from Vice President of Administration and Finance Tom Auch's office.

Auch said that he "advised" Gourmet to do so in order that the students may receive accurate information.

After being notified about the "possible emergency situation," Gourmet failed to contact the school because "we (Gourmet) didn't want to go to the school until we found out how bad the problem was," said Aiello.

"All I can say is it was a gross misappropriation of funds," Leastman said.

"He (Leastman) had an obligation to notify us (Gourmet) beforehand, but Dan Leastman notified us on the twenty-fourth hour," said Aiello.

Acting Student Center Director, Connie Ford, sent a letter welcoming the new dining management to the university. Although Gourmet has not met formerly with Ford, they have acknowledged her letter.

It was understood between Aldan and Gourmet that Aldan would run the contract and Gourmet would only step in if Aldan failed, said Aiello. "Gourmet has a legal and moral responsibility to step in if Aldan fails," she said.

Along with new management came the return of Pepsi-Cola products to campus and consequently, Coca-Cola's exclusive contract with Aldan was null and void.

"Pepsi is here on my part. They follow our business. Our rapport is with Pepsi," said Aiello.

However, Aiello explained that Pepsi's product would not gain exclusivity.

Concerning the Aldan's recently signed vending machine contract, Aiello said that Gourmet "would continue the vending," and that currently, "We (Gourmet) are in an intermediary state and there may be some bidding in the future.

"As far as the university was concerned, Aldan and Gourmet are one in the same," said Aiello.

The food service contract states the following, "Gourmet Dining Services, doing business as Aldan Dining Services, a corporation of the state of New Jersey with its principle place of business at 400 South Orange Avenue, South Orange, New Jersey 07079..."

In reference to the discrepancy between the contract, which does not recognize Aldan Dining as a separate company, and the rumor that they were in fact separate, Aiello said that as far as the state of N.J. is concerned, "they are two separate companies. That is where it gets legal.

"At the time (when the contract was signed) we were a young company, it may not have been clearly written," said Aiello.

According to Aiello, a company can be owned entirely by one individual and simultaneously be part of a corporation or a parent company. In reference to why Aldan was not specifically named as a separate company in the contract, Aiello said, "The format, 'doing business as' is only used by people when multiple corporations or companies exist."

Assistant Vice President Dr. Barry Cohen, the contract administrator for MSU, was unavailable for comment and did not return several phone calls from the Montclarion.

"The university should have been advised of the change, but one could argue that since Gourmet is the parent company, there was no need to consult the university," said Ford.

"Aldan was in the process of becoming a separate company when we (Gourmet) were involved on p. 6."

Aiello said that they were two different companies and their only involvement was for bond issues.

"First and foremost, are the contractual obligations to the school," said Ford.

"We (Aldan and Gourmet) were involved with only bond issues. We put up a bond pledging for the services of Aldan," said Aiello. However, Aiello said, "As far as the university was concerned, Aldan and Gourmet are one in the same."

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Student slashed at Delta Kappa Psi house party

by Kathryn A. Dean

Montclair State student Richard Constantino is back at school and attending classes after he was slashed in the throat during an off-campus keg party in Clifton at a Delta Kappa Psi house early last Friday morning.

Two members of the Fraternity and residents of the house, Edwin Torres, 20, and Thomas Sebok, 23, were arrested at the scene and charged in the attack. Torres was charged with a simple assault, and Sebok was charged with aggravated assault, Detective Captain James Territo said.

Constantino, 20, confronted police, when they arrived at the scene, with blood flowing heavily from his neck. He received 15 stitches at a nearby hospital and was released.

When the fight broke out at approximately 12:45 a.m., there were anywhere from 50-70 people, consuming large amounts of alcohol, in the house, Territo said. Police confiscated two kegs of beer during the raid. An anonymous source said there were nine to ten kegs at the party.

Police are still uncertain about the weapon that was used and reason for the attack.

Another Delta Kappa Psi member, Jeffrey Klastava, 20, was charged with possession of marijuana and resisting arrest after an altercation with an officer.

Constantino, Torres, and Sebok were hosting the party and renting the house, they were charged with maintaining a public nuisance and serving alcohol to minors, Territo said.

The three students were arraigned in Clifton Municipal Court that same day. Torres and Klastava were released after posting 10 percent of their $5,000 bail. Sebok was freed after posting 10 percent of his $10,000 bond.

According to Territo, if the Grand Jury of the county sends their case back to the city level, their sentence will probably be considerably smaller than if their case stays with the Grand Jury. They could face "a fine, jail or a combination of both," Territo said.

Thomas Sebok, one of the accused, was also involved in the Confederate flag controversy in the fall semester of 1994. Sebok owned the flag that was placed on a sign, bearing the fraternity letters, in the Student Center Cafeteria. As a result of that incident, the Greek Council found Delta Kappa Psi guilty of conduct unbecoming of a fraternity.
SGA appoints new cabinet members

by Victoria Caides

On Jan. 18 at the first SGA meeting of this year, three new cabinet members, appointed by President Sal Anderton, were approved.

Kristen Demarest was approved as Director of Internal Affairs. The position concerns non-academic school matters such as safety issues, facilities, athletics, and clubs. Demarest has served as a legislator, and Anderton said, "She was an obvious choice. She served as Chairperson of the Internal Affairs Committee."

Lauren Pytleski was elevated to Director of Academic Affairs. She served on the GER Committee, which Anderton called, "An in depth University wide committee to re-vamp all GERs." Anderton said, "She works well with faculty and is well organized." Susana Corella, a junior, was approved, after some controversy, as Director of Residence Life. Corella serves as the Residence Hall Association (RHA) President. Anderton said her position as RHA President made her a logical choice, "She has a good relationship with Residence Life, and she knows all the Resident Directors."

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A new project for a healthier life on campus

by Michaela Starmayr

The Resource Center in Chapin Hall offers a new perspective on campus life. The WellSpring Project, a drug and alcohol education and prevention program, is designed to provide more choices for students. Anderton said her position as RHA President made her a logical choice, "She has a good relationship with Residence Life, and she knows all the Resident Directors."

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The WellSpring Project is also concerned with Health and Nutrition. There will also be a quarterly newsletter on what is going on in the project and about wellness topics. The issue will cover Nutrition, spiritual and vocational aspects on wellness. A monthly informational flyer contest will be held where students are asked questions about the flyer. If they know the answer, they get a meal ticket at the Rat.

The WellSpring Project was involved in the opening of the Smartdrink Bar (Fortune’s Coffee Exchange) in the Rat. It was created to provide more choices for students. The program is also a community outreach.

The staff of the WellSpring Project will receive conflict resolution training and participate at the Montclair schools. They will aid on the facilitation of groups in the Montclair school system and meet with grammar or high school students.

There will be a couple of activities from the WellSpring project at Montclair State University. A special interest group will run a program for undergraduate students, who are interested in Alcohol and Drug Free Activities. The program will also provide a faculty speaker on wellness topics, who is involved in C.A.T.C.H. (College Advisory Task Force on Campus Health and Safety) in class.

The WellSpring project trained ten graduate counseling externs to facilitate groups on campus. They are fulfilling their academic training requirements, and will work on campus. They will give support to resident assistants who have to give four wellness seminars each semester for their floor, and have to cope with job stress. The externs can also speak at the wellness seminars.

The WellSpring project will provide support groups for graduate students. The Psychological Services Center at MSU will co-sponsor these activities. The program will offer three to twelve step groups on campus: AA (Alcoholics Anonymous), NA (Narcotics Anonymous), and AI (for families and friends of alcoholics). There will be weekly meetings held in the Student Center.

This semester the project will sponsor Eileen Stevens, the founder of the “Chuck” Foundation. She will speak during a Greek counsel meeting, her son was killed during hazing while pledging a fraternity. For Women’s History month the project will sponsor a panel discussion on women’s addiction on Monday, March 27, 1995 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the lounge of the B Building. On April 12 from 8-9 p.m. the Montclair Health players will perform on the topics of drugs, alcohol and stress in the lounge of the B Building.
ASSAULTS

Jan. 29 at 2:00 a.m. a female Blanton Hall resident accused a male resident of harassment. Her boyfriend discovered that she was being harassed and went, with four or five of his friends, to the alleged perpetrator’s room where they proceeded to warn him about his behavior. They parted peacefully.

A short time later four other males appeared at the alleged perpetrator’s room. A fight ensued and the alleged harasser suffered a chipped tooth and a cut lip. He was taken by ambulance to the hospital where he received five stitches to his upper lip.

The victim described the assailant to the Campus Police. He knew the members of the assaulting group by first name only. All were Blanton Hall residents.

Officer Webster investigated the matter. The alleged assailant turned himself in to Campus Police at approximately 9:30 a.m. on Feb. 1.

The alleged assailant will be arraigned in the Little Falls Municipal Court on Feb. 2 at 4:30 p.m.

It was reported on Jan. 31 at 5:00 p.m. that a male entered the room of a female resident of Bohn Hall on Jan. 29 at 4:40 a.m. while she was sleeping. The victim reported that she awoke to the assailant fondling her breasts. She then screamed and pursued the assailant down the hall and to the top of the stairwell. The victim reported the incident to an R.A. on Jan. 29. She also met with the director of the dorms.

Campus Police have a description of the suspect and are investigating.

THEFTS

Jan. 24 between 10:50 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. an ’85 Toyota Celica was stolen from lot 28.

The vehicle was located in Newark on Jan. 26 at 11:20 p.m. The owner was notified.

Jan. 25 at 5:00 a.m. five bags of calcium chloride were stolen from the Maintenance Building.

Sergeant Lloyd investigated the case, and arrested a maintenance worker at 9:20 a.m. of that same day after five bags of calcium chloride were found in his vehicle.

The court date is set for Feb. 2 at Montclair Municipal Court.

Jan. 26 at 11:05 a.m. the contents of a vending machine in Mallory Hall were stolen after a maintenance worker left the door of the machine open.

Between Jan. 18 at 1:00 p.m. and Jan. 30 at 7:00 p.m. one to two yards of silk panel artwork was stolen from the Fine Arts Building.

Jan. 30 between 9:00 p.m. and 9:45 p.m. a wallet was stolen out of a bookbag when the owner left it unattended.

Jan. 31 between 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. a vendor reported that his cellular phone was stolen from a table in the Student Center after it was left unattended for a half hour.

HARRASSMENT

Jan. 25 at 7:57 p.m. several female residents of Bohn Hall complained that a male had been harassing them. He allegedly enters their rooms without permission and asks them for money. He has allegedly left insulting notes on the door and poured lighter fluid in one resident’s room.

Jan. 25 at 8:30 p.m. a driver shouted obscenities at and threatened a female student after competing for the same parking space in lot 30. The victim gave the plate number of the vehicle and a description of the driver to the Campus Police.

Between Jan. 25 at 9:30 p.m. and Jan. 27 at 10:30 p.m. a female resident of Clove Road reported receiving a harassing phone call from another female.

The caller has been using profanity and racial slurs.

The victim says the caller has identified herself, but she does not know her or why she is calling.

Jan. 28 at 2:15 a.m. a male resident of Stone Hall reported that he was receiving harassing phone calls from another male.

Jan. 31 at 11:32 p.m. a female at Blanton Hall reported that her former boyfriend and father of her child called and said he was coming to campus to look for her.

He said that he wanted to take her home to visit her daughter.

Campus Police found the caller and the two parties met face to face.

The woman agreed to visit her daughter with the man. Campus Police asked her to call them to inform them of her safety.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

Jan. 31 at 1:00 a.m. a female broke the gate arm while trying to get into lot 4.

VANDALISM

Between Jan. 24 at 8:00 p.m. and Jan. 25 at 8:30 a.m. a left brake light was smashed on an ’86 Dodge Dancer in lot 19. Footprints were found in the area.

Jan. 27 at 5:30 a.m. a Campus Police patrol officer noticed an ’89 Chevy Beretta in lot 17 had a smashed windshield.

Jan. 27 at 12:05 p.m. a maintenance worker in the library allegedly exposed his genitals to a female co-worker.

He was arrested for lewdness.

The court date was set for Feb. 1, but has been postponed.

The accused has entered a plea of not guilty.

Jan. 29 at 2:00 a.m. an R.A. in Blanton Hall reported that a male broke a light fixture in the hall on the fifth floor. The accused denies the allegations.

Jan. 30 at 4:51 p.m. the swim coach reported that one of the female members of the swim team saw a man in the woman’s locker room while the women were changing.

The suspect was described as being white, between 25 and 30 years old, of medium build, with brown hair slicked back on the sides and wearing a 3/4 length black coat.

Jan. 30 at 10:35 p.m. a female student passed a car on the right at the intersection of Valley Road and Normal Avenue.

The student was followed to lot 28 where she parked. The individual in the other car then began to throw bottles and other debris at her. She left the lot and the other individual continued to throw debris.

The student gave a vague description of the other car, but noticed that it had temporary licence plates.

MISCELLANEOUS

Jan. 25 at 1:54 p.m. a suspicious male was reported to be opening doors and peering into rooms in the Student Center and Finley Hall.

Jan. 26 at 9:02 p.m. a suspicious person was reported to be near some newly delivered vending machines in Life Hall.

Nothing was tampered with.

ALARMS

Jan. 25 at 2:40 a.m. alarm system trouble was reported on the fifteenth floor of Bohn Hall.

Jan. 26 at 1:54 p.m. someone apparently pulled the fire alarm in Bohn Hall on the tenth floor.

Jan. 26 at 9:55 p.m. Campus Police officers responded to a burglar alarm in the Student Center room 421.

The room was secure upon their arrival.

Jan. 27 at 3:48 p.m. the cafeteria manager at Blanton Hall reported that someone had pulled the fire alarm and exited through the fire door on the north side of the cafeteria.

They had trouble resetting the alarm and contacted the fire marshal for help.

Feb. 1 at 1:53 a.m. the intrusion alarm at the Bookstore in the Student Center went off. Campus Police checked the premises and found that everything was secure. There were no signs of theft. The alarm was reset.

MEDICAL

Jan. 25 at 7:26 p.m. a female in the lobby of the Speech Building complained of pain and swelling in an ankle that had previously been injured. Campus Police took her to the Health Center.

Jan. 30 at 5:54 p.m. an ambulance took a male student to the hospital when a flat fell on his toe in Life Hall.

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SGA News
by Kristina Mathison

Last night's SGA meeting began with the swearing in of three new legislators.

SGA Director of External Affairs Tara McCaffrey urged both old and new legislators to aid in the effort to try to prevent Governor Whitman's administration's proposed college tuition hikes.

Tensions rose, however, when a bill to help MSU organizations pay campus security for weekend parties held on campus was brought on the floor. SGA Director of Welfare and Internal Affairs Kristen Demarest said that the new weekend party policy is intended to encourage and enhance the quality of weekend parties.

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Also debated last night was SGA President Sal Anderton's bill to subsidize $3,600 for a child care scholarship.

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SGA plans for campus security improvements
by Anne Johansen

SGA President Sal Anderton plans to implement a three-part program to ease student concerns about campus safety.

Anderton said that reports of campus crime "strike fear into people." His plan involves a community policing program effort to reach out into the campus community, and that security forces should make their presence known.

Anderton said, "You just feel safer," knowing that the police are nearby.

The first part of the plan is to establish a security substation in the Student Center. Anderton said. This would be a clearly marked, guarded booth. Lost or stolen wallets or bookbags could be reported at the booth, and guards could distribute information about the campus police officer, such as self-defense courses, said Anderton.

The second part of Anderton's proposal concerns foot patrols. Since much of the campus is enclosed and consists of walkways, an officer "walking a beat" is more effective than having officers cruising in police cars, said Anderton. Anderton said that it would result in more confidence by students in their Campus Police, simply by seeing them nearby.

Anderton said that campus police will probably claim that there are not enough resources to provide officers for foot patrols. Anderton said that this problem could be solved with the third part of his plan: student internships with the campus police. These students could be trained by the campus police and would be equipped with police radios. They could patrol the campus on beats and act as police auxiliaries. It would be ideal for criminal justice students and any students interested in law enforcement, Anderton said.

Aldan from p. 3 going in to do the bidding. You could say that it was happening simulta-
neously," said Aiello.

Referring to Aldan’s sudden departure, Aiello said, “You don’t have to be conned, from the vendor to the university, to us.

“Maybe we made a mistake leaving it up to Dan Leastman,” said Aiello.

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Phys. Ed. program benefits MSU students and developmentally disabled children

by Melinda Cox

The Saturday Afternoon Special Activities Program at MSU gives adapted physical education majors experience with developmentally disabled children. The program, in its 17th year, is sponsored by the Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Leisure Studies Department.

S.A.S.A.P. is designed to meet the recreational and social needs of 25-30 developmentally disabled children between six and 18 years old while providing a practicum for adapted physical education majors, said Tim Sullivan, the coordinator and director of the program.

The program works in conjunction with the university’s semester periods. Each Saturday session begins at 11:00 a.m. in the Panzer gymnasium, and ends at 3:00 p.m.

Sullivan said S.A.S.A.P.’s, “main purpose is to have a learning experience for our students, anyone from the university.”

Matt Schnelli and Carmen Tosardo are program supervisors. Schnelli is a graduate student at the university. He has a masters degree in adapted physical education from the University of Virginia, and is certified in physical education instruction. Tosardo was a program assistant as a freshman, and continued on as a program leader.

Program leaders are Michael Pede, Anthony Williams, Bob Berschard, and Vanessa Muranci. University students and community volunteers are program assistants.

Students enrolled in the Adapted Physical Education class are required to be program assistants for four consecutive weeks out of a session.

In the first week, program assistants submit written preconceptions to the supervisors. In the second week, they prepare a lesson for the campers. For the third week, program assistants teach a class. For the final week, an article is chosen, from a selection provided by program supervisors, and summarized. A four week journal is also submitted.

John Hromoko, an undergraduate at the university who has previously volunteered said, “the best thing about it (S.A.S.A.P.) is it is self satisfying.” Hromoko said that he is, “making a change in each individual child,” and that working with developmentally disabled children is a great opportunity.

S.A.S.A.P. organizes “campers” according to their capabilities. Campers participate in aquatic and gymnasium activities, arts and crafts, and a music and dance period.

“I like the program a lot,” said Nancy Yeh from Verona, NJ. “I see her more sympathetic to others with disabilities. She said the environment is warm and instructive, and ‘beneficial for families like us’.”

Schnelli said the lower capacity campers participate in activities which teach body awareness, direction comprehension, and cooperation. The higher capacity campers are taught basic sporting skills, and then play the sport in weeks three and four.

“I teach sessions based on their camper’s abilities, not impossibilities,” said Tosardo.

Sullivan said a child is selected to participate after watching and/or participating in one Saturday session. Sullivan then discusses with the parent whether the program meets the child’s needs.

Parents pay a session fee for their child to participate. The fee pays the program directors.

Stephen Golini, from West Caldwell, NJ., said his daughter has participated for five years and looks forwards to the weekly program. Golini said S.A.S.A.P. provides campers with something to do.

The program “breaks up the school routine.”

By Robert Siek

Each camper has a file which contains their photograph, personality, strengths and weaknesses, and which activities he or she has and has not participated in. The file allows program assistants to better interact with campers, said Schnelli.

Sullivan said parents in advocacy programs wish to expand S.A.S.A.P. onto other campuses; the university’s model could be the site for training.

“If you provide developmentally disabled (persons) with appropriate instruction and opportunities, they in turn achieve great success,” said Sullivan.

S.A.S.A.P. began as a request from parents in outlying communities who wanted their developmentally disabled children to be involved in recreational and social activities. Existing community programs did not meet the children’s needs. Under Sullivan’s direction, the physical education department adopted the program due to rent expenses. Students and faculty from the music and psychology departments also assisted.

By Robert Siek

By mid February, cigarettes will be sold once again in the campus Student Center, either in the C-store or by means of a new cigarette vending machine.

The right to smoke cigarettes in designated areas of the Student Center was taken away in the Fall 1993 semester after a vote held by the SGA. The vote was on whether or not smoking should be allowed in the Student Center.

The no-smoking rule that resulted not only caused an end to smoking but also an end to the selling of cigarettes in the C-store. This made Montclair State a campus with nowhere to purchase a pack of cigarettes.

Recently, a bill was passed by the school legislature that will allow a cigarette vending machine to be put on campus. School legislator, Ross Peterson, is responsible for the passing of this bill.

Sal Anderton, the SGA President, is trying to make it possible for the C-store to sell cigarettes again, rather than putting in the vending machine. He said that if the C-store is not selling cigarettes by February 8 then the vending machine will definitely be installed.

The SGA realizes that this will make it more convenient for MSU students to buy cigarettes. It is a similar service to the sale of stamps or the giving out of free condoms by the SGA.

Anderton feels that people have the right to smoke and that the selling of cigarettes on campus will not cause people to smoke more. It is a matter of convenience. Anderton said, “why should you go God knows where to buy cigarettes?”

Anderton said that selling cigarettes should be seen as the promotion of smoking, “only if you think we’re promoting sex by giving out condoms.”

Klaus Fieisch an MSU student said, “It’s a student’s right to smoke, and they should have easy access to cigarettes if they choose to smoke.”

If the machine is installed it will be located in the SGA office. There will only be one. There is no immediate need for more than one machine, but possibly in the future more will be installed on campus.
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MSU's College Bowl team fares well at Penn

by Michael Roessner

On Jan. 27 and Jan. 28 the College Bowl Team of Montclair State University broke the school record for wins at the Penn Bowl. The team went to Penn State and played against some of the best schools in the country. The first match was against Maryland, a team that is ranked high in the nation. The second match was against Harvard one of the best schools in the country. Harvard played an excellent match and showed MSU a thing or two about the game.

The members of the team were chosen by their placing in the campus-wide College Bowl tournament. The Captain, an emotional leader, is Michael Costa, the resident genius of the team is Wesley Schwein. The literature and pop culture guru is Tom Dickey. Michael Rossner is the final member of this eclectic quartet. When looking at this team, one cannot overlook the importance of the team's coach Chuck Feiner. During a particularly grueling point of the Harvard match, Feiner sensed his team was losing faith and called a time out to try motivate the members. As the tournament progressed, the team members became more comfortable with each other, which helped the team's feeling of unity.

One of the high points of the tournament was during the Bowling Green match. MSU was down by 20 points with less than one minute to go. MSU proceeded to answer the next two questions and snatched a victory from the jaws of defeat. The tournament saw the MSU team leading at half time against some powerhouse teams, including MIT and Boston University. MSU lost in the final minutes of the game.

The MSU College Bowl Team has two upcoming matches. The first is Saturday Feb. 4, in the Student Center against Moravian, Lafayette, and East Stroudsburg. The following match takes place Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 3:00 pm in the Student Center Cafeteria. The students will face an all-star team comprised of MSU administrators. The following weeks will have the MSU squad battling at the regionals where the team hopes to place high enough to earn a trip to the nationals.

(L-R) Michael Costa, Wesley Schwein, Michael Roessner, Tom Dickey and Chuck Feiner, MSU's representatives at the College Bowl Tournament at Pennsylvania State University

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Former governor Kean tries to lower tuition costs

by Annette Cairo

Former Governor of New Jersey, Thomas Kean, is spearheading a movement to lower the cost of higher education in this state. He is concerned that higher education is becoming increasingly unaffordable and an elitist institution that only the rich can pay for.

The Commission on the National Investment in Higher Education was created to monitor the financial currents in public colleges. Its main function will be to develop ways in which higher education can become economically feasible "to a broader segment of the population."

Thomas H. Auch, Vice President of Administration and Finance, for Montclair State University, said he was aware of former Governor Kean's commission, although he has not seen it. He said Montclair constantly tries to trim the budget in areas that look marginal, for example, on "non-salary costs" (i.e. paper, office supplies etc.). The university has gone from spending $14 million last year to a budget of $12 million this year. The university plans to redistribute the funds to those departments that need it. Auch said, referring to Governor Whitman's budget proposal, that state colleges and universities would be getting more state aid this year as opposed to last year.

State aid will increase $41 million, approximately 1% for public and independent institutions for higher education, according to Judy Savage, Press Secretary for Commission of Education.

Money will be allocated to various student state aid facilities such as the Educational Opportunity Fund, tuition aid grants and the like. In the past seven years, that is the best New Jersey has seen, said Savage.

In late 1994 a law was enacted that would provide a trust fund of bonds worth $200 million to be used for individual campus facilities. When asked if tuition increases would occur, Savage responded, that those decisions will be left to each campus to determine.

Editor-in-Chief and News Editor address journalism classes

by Melinda Cox

The Montclarion is looking for staff reporters.

GREG MacSweeney, the Editor-in-Chief of MSU's newspaper, and Teri Ryan, the News Editor, announced that they have been understaffed for a year and a half.

The Montclarion is a weekly paper which is distributed on Thursdays. The deadline for stories is Wednesday at noon.

MacSweeney stated he plans to renovate the newspaper. He also noted that news stories accumulate, but due to the shortage of reporters, stories are sometimes pushed into the next week or forgotten.

MacSweeney said the editorial portion of the newspaper was too extensive. The two page, double spaced editorials were turning into articles of numerous pages. He further noted that some reporters also wished to editorialize within their stories.

MacSweeney and Ryan explained that journalism students have an opportunity to fill their portfolios and resumes by writing for the Montclarion.

Ryan noted that students at the university were members of a community as well, and therefore had an obligation to contribute.

Story inquiries should be brought to the office on Tuesdays, Thursdays or Fridays. A meeting with Ryan can then be held on Friday or Monday to edit the article.

The Montclarion offices are located in the Student Center Annex, on the lower level, in room 113. The main telephone number of the Montclarion is (201) 655-5169.

To contact the news editor, call (201) 655-5216.

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We LISTEN Service of the SGA
Kneeling before local talent

by Darla Bruno

Montclair State University’s 1994-95 Studio Theatre Series presents John Olive’s “Standing On My Knees.” The play is directed by BFA student, Tara Flynn. It is set in the present and is a compelling portrait of the life of a young poet suffering from schizophrenia. The main character, Catherine, is played by Jennifer Ritchkoff, a Senior BFA Acting Major. Catherine is struggling with the decision to be sane or give in to her madness and write poetry. Through the course of the play, the audience meets three main characters who are most involved in Catherine’s life. Catherine’s psychiatrist, Joanne, is played by Tara McQuaid. There’s also Catherine’s best friend, Alice, who is also her publisher played by Beth Flynn. Finally, Robert, Catherine’s lover, is played by Mark Jameson. All three actors are BFA Acting Majors.

“Standing On My Knees” is the first of two entirely student directed plays of the year. Set and lighting for this play was designed by Cory Lake and costumes by Amy Horvath. The stage manager is Jim Nunez.

Performances will be held in the Studio Theatre on the Montclair State University campus, February 1-4 at 8 pm and February 3 at 2 pm. Tickets are $5 standard; $4 for senior citizens, MSL faculty, staff and alumni; and $3 for students with a valid student I.D. For further info. call XS112.

Ween: Commanded by devil-god Boognish

by Moses Sackrin

Ever since their first album appeared in 1990, the dynamic duo known as Ween has been destined for stardom. Backed by their top radio cut, “Chocolate And Cheese,” Ween played before a sold-out audience of 1,200 at Tramps in New York City. Opening the show with “Strap On That Jammy Pac,” an ode to a scotch-guard powered bong, Ween began a sensational three-hour long set. With songs like “Spinal Meningitis (Got Me Down),” “Big Jim,” “Pork Roll, Egg And Cheese,” and “Fat Lenny,” Ween proved not only that they can rock, but kick ass as well. Ween even surprised themselves with an incredible rendition of “Dr. Rock,” from their Pol’ LP, prompting many audience members to shout “Play it again!”

Not only did Ween have a memorable set, but they also had a memorable audience. The crowd was so enthusiastic that they forced Ween to play the disturbing ballad, “Buenos Aires Arriba,” before they closed with the mythical “Marble Tulip Baby Tree,” which features a speech from the Maharishi Lawrence E. Curtin. Three years ago, Ween would almost be booed off the stage while being told that they “suck,” save for a handful of fans. Today, Ween continues to change the face of rock and perhaps may be the band of the 90’s.

On Campus...

Tonite Theatre

Studio Theatre Series “Standing On My Knees” Studio Theatre 8 pm Through Feb.4 Friday Matinee 2 pm $3

Feb. 6 Theatre

Theatrecworks USA “The Secret Garden” 10 am and 12:30 pm Through Feb. 7

Feb. 7 Lecture

“The Prophet of the Athenian Acropolis from Antiquity to Our Day” Dr. Tassos Tanoulas 8:15 pm School of Humanities and Social Sciences Rm 177 Free

Feb. 9 Theatre

Theatrecworks USA “Young Abe Lincoln” 10 am and 12:30 pm

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Lecture

Art Forum Lecture Series Laurie Rosenwald, graphic designer and illustrator Calixa Fine Arts Building Rm 135 3:15-4:50 pm

Feb. 11 Dance

Carola Santana Dance Company Flemingco, Memorial Auditorium 8 pm $10

O F F CA L E N D A R S...

Feb. 2 Art

Exhibit of oils by John Montaga Through Feb. 28 Montclair Women’s Club 82 Union St. Meclr.

“Paintings of Nudes” Exhibit of paintings and sculptures by David Klass Through Feb. 28 Lena Di Gangi’s Gallery 744 McBride Ave. Paterson 345-1210

Feb. 3 Music

Houston Person and Eula Jones Trumpers, Montclair Through Feb. 4 $12.50, 8:45 pm, 10:30 pm, 12 pm 746-6100

Feb. 8 Music

Fishbone tickets go on sale at a Ticketmaster near you (March shows)

Feb. 9 Music

The Cranes, Tramps, NYC 9 pm $10 advance 212-727-7788

Music

God-Ween-Satan, The Oneness, The VanPelts, Rosenwald, graphic designer and Houston Person and Etta Jones Major Burns at Brighton Bar, Long Branch NJ 8 pm $5, 908-222-9684

Feb. 10 Music

Helmet, Sick Of It All, Kepone at Roseland, 239 West 52nd St., NYC Call Ticket Master 212-247-0200

Feb. 11 Music

Inbred at Downtime 251 West 30 St. (7-8 Avs) Midnite 212-6952747

Art

“Kandinsky:Compositions” Museum of Modern Art 11 West 53rd St. NYC Through April 25

For more info. regarding events on or off campus, please contact Darla at XS169.
Mercyful Fate Lives On
by Brian Aherick

On Friday, January 20, Denmark’s most famous contribution to the world of heavy metal, Mercyful Fate, made their way to the friendly confines of Studio 1 in Newark. For those of you not up on your Mercyful Fate history, the band formed in 1982 and proceeded to put out two full length albums, Melissa and Don’t Break the Oath, before breaking up in 1984. The band reunited with In the Shadows in 1993, and are currently touring to support their new album, Time, which came out this past October.

The band opened their set Friday night with “The Oath” and then proceeded to play through a set mixing older material such as “Cure of the Pharaohs,” “A Dangerous Meeting,” and “Doomed By the Living Dead,” with newer songs like “Nightmare By Thy Name,” “The Mad Arab,” and “My Demon.”

The performance was only the third show on the band’s U.S. tour, but they looked as though they had been on the road for months, as they played through the songs flawlessly while looking very comfortable on stage. The sound was especially good as each instrument along with the vocals could be heard clearly. Lead vocalist King Diamond was rumored to have a soar throat, but his performance did not show any effect of it. He went through the many shifts in vocal range within songs without a problem and his voice was strong for the entire 90 minute performance.

The crowd, who was mixed with both new and old fans, was very enthusiastic. The fans generally were surging towards the stage only to be thrown down by security and started up an impressive pit, especially on the songs “Egypt” and “Is That You, Melissa.” The band seemed genuinely appreciative of the fan response, and responded with a very energetic performance.

The band finished their set with the ten minute epic, “Satan’s Fall,” and came back for an encore consisting of “Come To The Sabbath” and “Angel Of Light.” After the encore, the crowd still wanted more, and their continuous chant of Faye prompted the band to come back and perform one last song, “Evil.”

Mercyful Fate gave a five star performance. They played a good mix of recent and older material and their sound was crystal clear throughout the show. King Diamond ended the show telling the crowd that they make it well worth the trip every time they come to New Jersey. On this night, Mercyful Fate made the show well worth the price of admission for everyone.

I have dedicated this space to celebrating the best of the worst in film. Everyone reviews the top ten in Hollywood. I will attempt what these films attempt, that is, appeal to the marginal and obscure. In the glut of popular Hollywood films, we avoid the gems, the spoofs, the surreal and frighteningly bizarre. Unlike the saccharin world of Hollywood these films can be hauntingly real. They appeal to the underside of our culture.

Each week I will present you with a personally selected piece of decidedly forgotten junk. Some weeks I may provide a top ten list of the worst or help you host your very own B-trash festival. Nevertheless I will give credit to the dedicated work and eccentric talent that are typically overlooked in these movies. When it comes to film, other peoples trash may be your treasure.

This week’s forgotten film treasure comes from a director whose failure made him popular. You may have heard his name, Ed Wood’s major claim to fame (or lack of) PLAN 9 FROM OUTER SPACE. Not exactly the worst film ever made but close enough to it. Bella Lugosi visits the grave of his dead wife (Vampira). Luckily, aliens arrive and revive her. Wood, in charge of the special effects and editing makes one doubt his sanity during production. His downfall in production adds to the entertainment.

Projectionists made from paper plates, night constantly changing to day and back again and dialogue that defies the laws of logic and syntax.

Next week’s film: Robot Zombie

Book Review: Insomnia, You won’t be able to sleep
Readers welcome back the old Stephen King

by Florence Ann Lapicca

I have often thought that the only people who still read Stephen King novels are the die-hard Stephen King fans who are still fervently hoping to recapture some of the fearsome glory and terror of the early King books. The bone chilling thrills and all out fun of the first novels, The Shining, Salem’s Lot, and It. That is precisely why I could not wait for the paperback edition of King’s latest tome, Insomnia, and imprudently purchased the massive hard cover copy at our own University Bookstore.

This hard cover version is (and I tell you no lie, I measured it) a whopping two and a quarter inches thick. As all ardent paperback enthusiasts know when you purchase the hard cover, you forfeit the luxury of breaking the book’s spine, rolling it into a malleable wad of paper and relaxing into a catatonic haze of reader’s ecstasy. Instead you have to struggle with the cumbersome volume, hoping it will stay open, hoping it won’t slip off your chest and onto the floor, losing your page and precious moments of reading time searching for the damn thing. I swear this is why it took me twice as long as normal to finish the book. All the more reason I should have waited for the paperback.

After the disappointment of Nightmares and Dreamscapes and the shocking failure of Gerald’s Game and Dolores Claiborne, I was in serious need of a good King novel. I didn’t get one. Insomnia is a measurable improvement over these last two books; however the bite, the fright is not there. I miss the weight of the classic King. His latest book was a watered down version of earlier scares, not quite as gory and certainly not half as fun. But definitely King, unlike Gerald’s Game and Dolores Claiborne.

I will let you in on a little secret of mine concerning these last two abysmal efforts of King’s. I do not believe Stephen King wrote either one of them. I have read everything the man has ever published (including the Bachman Books) and I can tell you right now that these two novels, with their un-King like heroines, were written in an entirely different voice. Other faithful King fans probably noticed this too. The whole flavor of these two books is totally unlike a King novel: weak, boring and no fun at all.

At least Insomnia has that funniness in it. The main character is an old man named John Roberts who is battling with (you guessed it!) insomnia. He finds himself a pawn in an even bigger battle with the forces of good and evil and all that hype. He gets a few special powers, sees some weird auras and fights the baddest.

There is nothing terribly frightening here, but it is a good read once the story gets going. And there is a definite return to the familiar King story. King always draws on the things that made us believe in magic when we were children. There is that childlike faith in the love and honesty and that everything will be all right as long as I act brave and forge ahead. All of King’s protagonists have that same attitude of whistling in the dark. It is one of the things about his stories that makes his readers want more. The scary stuff helps too.

For the eager King reader who need for a Stephen King fix, but I would recommend holding out for the paperback edition. It’ll be a lot less strain on the finger bones.

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Elements of Style

Retro-Runways
by Jennifer Macaluso

The commencement of the Spring '95 fashion shows at Bryant Park in New York City brought together the elite in the world of fashion under huge white tents, isolating them from the rest of the world. Only the privileged were allowed admittance into these shows. It was beyond a doubt the hottest ticket in town. Meanwhile, on the other side of the Atlantic, in Paris and Milan, each show was viewed as a major extravaganza as well. The above criteria for admittance to the N.Y. shows held true for the shows abroad. The collections in Paris were once again held at the Louvre. What designer would ask for a more prestigious and classy backdrop?

The overall theme of the "Seventh and Sixth" was a continuance from the Fall's reflection of a "return to glamour and elegance." More appropriately the theme for Spring could be summed up in one term, "Retromania." The collections offered a retrospective of the past century in fashion. Each decade was depicted in many, if not all, of the '95 collections. Designers have been accused of grasping for ideas for their lines by having to revert to other decades for inspiration. I would have to disagree. I regard the whole retro movement as an effort for designers to synthesize old fashioned trends. Each designer paid homage to the high points of fashion throughout the entire twentieth century. Vivienne Westwood, a designer who has been labeled a rebel fashion icon in a Vogue interview, "I think glamour has to have its base in something people already know. It's like perfume. The fragrance brings back memories of the past, and that's the attraction."

Each designer's unique silhouette contributed to the revival of an array of trends once thought dead and buried. Their collections depict how the Edwardian bias brings back memories of the past, one can't help but ask, "What's left to come for fashion?" Never fear! The designers of the 90's all have an incredible knack for consistently reinventing fashion by embellishing on the looks of the past. They always say, history has a funny way of repeating itself.

It was a very nostalgic season in fashion at the passing Spring shows

forties-style "business girl" belted jackets and dress, a once mundane style which was innovatively modernized by Donna Karen and Anna Sui. Whoever said "Disco was Dead?" Certainly not designer Todd Oldham who reinvented the wrap dress of the Disco 70's by using his signature vibrant colors to wake up the look.

So what does the 90's have to offer? The biggest fashion trend for this decade will undoubtedly be the over-the-knee skirt and dress made famous by the house of Prada. Although the length might not be for everyone, it is a trend that is definitely here to stay.

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Coming Next Week
Cup of Joe at Beans
The Couch Potato Update
by George Oleskowsk

Last semester, I announced the premiere of two new networks—WB, which is WPIX (Ch. 11) and United Paramount Network on WPIX (UPN, Ch. 9). I also had some misgivings about two new networks, most of all that network decisions would always come before the local markets. WPX and WWOR have always been the upfront stations, existing in an extremely competitive market, living mostly on the merits of syndicated programming. However, I’m now looking at them in a new light.

If WPX premiered with the biggest debut show in television history, “Star Trek: Voyager.” It was okay, but this show is unlike the other “Treks” on the air. Voyager must exist on its own, without the benefit of a wormhole, Klingon and Romulan feuds, and all the other trappings of the three previous Trek incarnations. The jury is still out on the other shows UPN is offering, but my VCR is programmed, so everyone can look forward to my reviews as I watch them.

I still don’t know what to make of WB. WPX is still showing the same shows, including “Star Trek: The Next Generation” and “Deep Space Nine,” but like UPN, WB still has the same newscasters, same broadcasts, and outside of the new network designation, is still WPX. UPN changed Channel Nine’s newscast, and now it looks hokey as hell. Lloyd Lindsay Young still does his “hellos,” but the set looks too neo-technical. I’d rather see a newsroom that looks like a newsroom rather than the bridge of the Enterprise.

I haven’t watched the new WPX yet, except for “Forever Knight,” which used to be on CBS, and Trek. Working two jobs makes it difficult to watch everything, but I have my portable television which I’m fortunate enough to plug into my ambulance if necessary. Two new networks. Total of six. Damn, my VCR’s gonna hate me.

See you next week.

Little Women and Nell—By Lynn Stevens. I liked Little Women, but I felt as though there was a lot missing. The movie jumped into things too quickly; it tried to fit too much in and left too much out. As a result, I found myself desiring a copy of the book, in order to get a better feel for the time period. A book devotes more time to descriptions of people, places, and events, because there are no visuals other than those which you create in your mind. But, when I went to buy the book, I was disappointed to find only a simplified adaptation of the screenplay, not the original classic! I had a bit higher expectations, but all the actresses were good and the movie overall was good; it was easy to watch and interesting.

Nell was really good. Jodie Foster was great, and Liam Neeson and Natasha Richardson were very believable as well. I was drawn more into the mood of this movie, whereas Little Women wasn’t as easy to identify with. Nell was a believable film—it put you into another world. You know the characters and their world well so that you can place yourself in their position and feel their feelings. A movie that does this gives you a passionate feeling about life.

Dumb and Dumber—By Perf Cuervo. It’s alright for a few cheap laughs, but after a while it simply gets obnoxious. The writers of this movie couldn’t resist throwing the audience some sort of scatological joke every five minutes or so. You laugh the first or second time and that’s it; the rest is forced laughter. Carrey is a very funny person and should only make films that give him the opportunity to exploit his zaniness, like The Mask. He’s still labeled as the crazy white boy from In Living Color, so he has a wide audience appeal. But he could be capable of playing funny roles that break away from his dork stereotype...maybe. If not, he’ll just be remembered as the Jerry Lewis of the nineties. The directing was nothing exceptional and the performances were routine for a film of this nature.

If you like Carrey, then by all means go see this film, but if you don’t, then I recommend you stay away from it; for this is not the film that will warm you to him.

Well, it seems my fellow reviewers have taken up all the space for this edition (I suppose that makes up for my verbosity in last week’s issue). Next week, we’ll return with a full-length review of Immortal Beloved and a capsule review of Boys on the Side. By the way, if you have any comments about our column, or movies, or whatever (no big whoop), send them via e-mail to e3350028@apollo.montclair.edu.

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MURDER IN THE FIRST—By: Michael Gummett (with Mike J. & Perf C.)

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Yo, Yo! What Up? DJ (Prof.) T. Mack in da house! This column will consist of articles, reviews and critical essays about popular music and the artists who create those music. Although our primary focus will be Rap, Rock and other music which reflect and/or represent American youth culture, also we will look at various other dance, social, folk and “World” music.

The writers are former or current students of “Rap and Rock As Cultural Phenomenon” (MUGN-250). They are based on topics discussed and studied in class. One thing I’ve learned in 30 years in the music business is that everyone (well...) likes some type of music. We have very strong likes and dislikes and don’t mind expressing our opinions about them. So, the voice is yours. I’m only here to help represent. Peace.

by Greg Lacullo

Friedrick Nietzsche said “without music life would be an error.” The much vaunted philosopher knew what he was talking about.

There are types of music to complement all moods and emotions. Music is very often the reason why we are put in a particular mood. How would we cope with stress, enjoy parties, or even drive a car without music to accompany us? Would movies such as Jaws, Psycho, or Star Wars still have the same effect on us without a background orchestra? Perhaps life wouldn’t be an error as Nietzsche put it, but it would be a much less stimulating experience.

I cannot express enough how impressed I am when an artist compiles different sounds to create an appealing song; that is all that matters. I could not care less if Rod Stewart is married to someone half his age or if Madonna divorced Sean Penn. Their work is all that matters and that is how the artists should be evaluated.

Since I am to define what music is, it would also be fitting for me to make clear what it is not. Music can not have possibly been meant to be put on video. Videos destroy much of the magic that music creates. There is an element of mystery in songs such as “Stairway to Heaven” and “Aqualung.” Thankfully, MTV has not shattered everyone’s interpretation of these beautiful songs by explaining them visually. A song should have a personal meaning for everyone.

There is an audience for nearly every genre of music and I have the greatest respect for all of them. Although I do not often listen to rock music, I still recognize it as just as much of an effective form of expression as rock music. Music is an incredible force for good that will hopefully exist for every generation to enjoy.

I find that I am entertained by rock music. Simply put, rock is exciting in all its forms. Although I did not know what the songs in Tommy were really saying when I was young, I could not help but listen to them over and over; it just sounded great. Rock is the epitome of the repressed instincts of non-conformity and defiance that teenagers feel.

Although it is very difficult for me to single out a favorite artist, I can say that I most often listened to Led Zeppelin. Unlike most rock bands, their influences were blues artists such as Willy Dixon. This inspiration is evident in their music and it sounds great. Sometimes I listen to them and can not help but wonder how could those four people create such unique sounds and lyrics.
Shady dealings?

As further details of the food service fiasco unfold, serious questions are emerging about the true nature of the relationship between MSU and the food service provider.

While the current contract names Gourmet Dining Services (GDS) as the sole provider using the name Aldan Dining Services, sources point towards the conclusion that Aldan has been performing the contract as a separate company, with Dan Leastman as general manager and sole owner. If this is so, then a de facto subcontracting transaction has been effected without proper submission of bids.

GDS Vice President Ben Aiello claims that his company and Dan Leastman split near to the date of the signing of the contract. The contract still in effect, however, characterizes Dan Leastman as an employee of GDS. MSU Vice President of Administration and Finance Tom Auch asserts that GDS and Aldan are one and the same. Aiello counters by saying that the only ties between the companies concern bond issues.

I there some reasonable way of disentangling this verbiage, or is someone hiding something? We’d like to believe the former interpretation, but the silence and evasiveness of administrative officers seem to suggest the latter. If the necessary information is not forthcoming, it may take a full-scale investigation pushed by the SGA to bring it out.
MONTCLARION MAILBAG

Michelle Friedman remembered by sisters of Phi Sigma Sigma

From February 7-15, white ribbons are being placed on the trees across MSU in remembrance of one of Phi Sigma Sigma's founders, Michelle Stacey Friedman, who died at MSU on February 12, 1991 from Asthma complications.

It was Michelle, along with 19 other dedicated women, who made it possible for Phi Sigma Sigma to be the first national sorority at MSU in 1988. Michelle was very active outside the sorority (e.g. Ski team and Conservation club).

Phi Sigma Sigma was honored this past summer to initiate Michelle's mother, Mrs. Maureen Friedman, into the Epsilon Theta chapter at MSU. Mrs. Friedman, even long after her daughter's death, continues to work hard within the chapter and be a part of something that was very important in her daughter's life. The sisters of Phi Sigma Sigma are very proud to make her part of the Phi Sig pyramid that her daughter helped establish.

To show Michelle continues to be part of Phi Sigma Sigma, the women of the Epsilon Theta chapter are going to wear white ribbons over their hearts to signify that even though Michelle is gone in body, her spirit still remains close to their hearts forever.

In Phi Sig Love, Michelle Stacey Friedman will always be remembered.

Sisters of Phi Sigma Sigma

Rakowsky pegged as "pompous"

In response to last week's article (Jan. 26, p 3) concerning Residence Life, I would like to say that I was disgusted and offended by assistant director of Residence Life Kevin Rakowsky's remark that "housing is a private concern, not a right." When tenants pay exorbitant rates for housing, it should be their right to reside there. Paying a preselected fee and signing a contract of residence ought to be a contract for reciprocal respect within a renter/tenant context. Rakowsky's remark is pompous, and a reflection of many of Residence Life's administrative responses to students' concerns on this campus.

Professor defends Readiness Test

I recently received a copy of a Montclarion article entitled "Isn't he here to help those in need?" in which my enforcement of course prerequisites, an action backed-up by my department chairperson and dean, was compared to rape. I am not writing this letter to refute your contributor's charges. However, I would like to air the Math department's policy on our Readiness Tests for Calculus I and Precalculus, and our reasons for giving them, as a service to the students. The policy is this:

1. All students signing up for Math 112 and Math 122 will be given a Readiness Test on their first day of class attendance.
2. The test is graded immediately, and students failing to get a passing grade on the test are told to drop the course.
3. Students may not sign up for the course again or take a Readiness test until the following semester.
4. Students are advised in the meantime to review the prerequisite material by self-study, or by attending the prerequisite course.
5. The department makes every effort to place students in a convenient prerequisite course if needed.
6. Students who feel that their Readiness Test results should be reconsidered should speak to the Readiness Test coordinator.

Moreover, we try to alert all students to the test requirement before their first day of class - though it is stated in the current catalogue - but some late registrants inevitably slip through. Nevertheless, these too must take the test on time. Readiness Test failing scores are only waived under very rare circumstances.

As tax and tuition paying adults, we deserve the respect of this institution, Residence Life included. Thursday evening bag checks in Blanton Hall are an invasion of privacy as are random room checks. I urge the students of MSU to retaliate by refusing to accept being treated like wards of the state. Was it an accident that Blanton Hall was designed by someone that also designs New Jersey State prisons? Or is it an indicator of something else?

Candice Meyer
English major

Disillusionment in front of the Student Center

On January 26th, I noticed some solicitors huddled around a desk walking towards Richardson Hall. As I glanced at them on the way to my class, I read the headlines of their handmade posters: "Arrest Bush and Ollie North," and "Stop the New[t] World Order". Being much opposed to all three of these individuals, this got my attention. I never forgave Bush for his asinine "Read my Lips" hoax, and more importantly, his suggestion that killing an estimated 100,000 Iraqi civilians in a matter of weeks had anything to do with protecting freedom and democracy. Kuwait continues to be light years from being a democracy. Had it been an invasion of a financially irrelevant country, e.g. Burkina Faso, does anyone think his response would have been at all comparable? As for Ollie: the federal government repeatedly warned other countries, particularly in Europe, not to sell arms to Iran. Looked like they were more interested in monopolizing that particular market than upholding any principles they claimed. I'm offended by Gingrich's attempt to bring prayer back into public schools. The separation of church and state was one of the principles this country was founded on. To suggest that agnostic or atheist kids won't feel pressured if Newt's agenda is put into practice is, at best, naive.

But I digress. I discovered that my class was cancelled for the day. I returned to the aforementioned solicitors' desk so as to inquire about their ideas, agenda, etc. Optimistically, I assumed these were people I'd relate to in a constructive way. Imagine, then, my surprise when I realized these were supporters of Lyndon Larouche! I immediately regretted stopping by, but stuck around for a minute out of politeness. One of the them took advantage of this to give what I imagine is his recruitment speech, much of which escaped me due to a couple of distractions: he was standing what seemed inordinately close to me as he talked, and had what I can only describe as a disturbed look in his eye. One thing I distinctly remember, however, was a remark he made concerning the new Speaker of the House: "At least I'm not like Pekin' Newt Gingrich, killing my grandma to make cat food..." What made me rather uncomfortable, was that nothing in his voice or facial expression suggested that he was joking. Not that I would have found such a "joke" particularly amusing, but to say that and mean it strikes me as being much worse. Seeing two cans of "Friskies" on his desk led me to believe that he was dead serious about this particular, um, "issue". Upon my less-than-impressed reaction he reprimanded me by asking "So you'd rather go on killing innocent people than to support Lyndon Larouche? You're a murderer, then, huh?"

"Do you attract many people by being so quick to indict them?", I asked in return. Half-listening to his response, I began to walk away. I think I'm fairly indulgent in terms of listening to others' views, but I have my limits. Besides, someone whose name I don't recall once said "...when a sane man argues with an insane man, it's hard to tell them apart."

David Bordeaux, French major

Recycle your MONTCLARIONS
Clinton passes muster in State of the Union address

Bravo Clinton! In his State of the Union address, President Clinton not only recapitulated the ignored feats of his administration but also admonished Republicans not to chastise the poor just because they are poor. Nonetheless, he was erroneously criticized for siding with the GOP on issues such as allocating more power to the states, a smaller government, the unfunded mandate bill, military expenditure, and immigration. Clinton did not metamorphose into a rightist that night; he simply concurs with those issues because they are good for the nation. I also coincide that states should have more autonomy and that the Federal government should pay for certain, not all, its mandates to the states.

We also need a balanced budget, which passed in the House last week. But as Democrats contend, people need to know what programs will be eliminated to achieve that balance. Republicans are a bunch of pharisees who advocate to make congressional procedures more open to the public, but then conceal their plan to accomplish a balanced-budget from their constituents.

Republicans should inject into their callous conservative minds what Clinton articulated: "My budget cuts a lot but it protects Medicare, the elderly, education, veterans, and Social Security. I hope you all do the same thing. You should and I hope you do."

Many conservatives also asserted that Clinton emulated them by upholding family values. But isn't ironic that conservatives preach strong family values while wanting to separate a child from a welfare mother to place it in an orphanage? No one has the right to demand a mother to relinquish her child. Republicans should refrain from didactic family lectures and discard the mask of hypocrisy.

The reiteration of Clinton's proposed raise on the minimum wage was not pleasant hearing for the Republicans. It is not surprising that conservatives oppose this proposal since their prime concern is to protect rich people and businesses. It is an example of their will to obstruct the progress of the middle class.

I applauded Clinton for telling the GOP he will veto any measure that will repeal the crime bill's ban on assault weapons. The GOP's desire to repeal the ban on weapons represents another ideological contradiction. They pride themselves on the fact that they will enforce tougher punishments for crime, while making assault weapons more accessible to criminals. But they are stuck with this contradiction by their need to compensate the National Rifle Association for enormous campaign contributions. This of course is why we need a lobbying reform bill.

Among the things I disagreed with was Clinton's suggestion that the only illegal immigrants in this country are Mexicans who cross the border. In fact, the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) has confirmed that 60% of illegal immigrants are tourists and foreign students who overstay their visas. In New York, for instance, there are 31,000 illegal Italian immigrants followed in number rank by Polish, Ecuadorians, and Dominicans. I also disagreed with his accession to an increase in military expenditure. More next week.

A letter from the Editor

I hadn't expected to make any sort of address in my new role as Editorial Editor, but a few things have come up requiring me to do so. I'd like all of our readers to be properly informed as to our policies and goals so that more of you are encouraged to contribute.

Above all, I am anxious to hear opinions on all subjects. Ideally, I should be receiving a stream of letters each week commenting on campus matters, on articles published in the Montclarion, and on how we're doing our job here at the paper in general.

Some rumors were circulating last semester to the effect that letters from certain quarters, or expressing certain kinds of opinions, were improperly excluded from this forum. It has also been alleged that letters were deliberately modified to make them appear ridiculous. I doubt that this has ever been, in any sense, a policy at the Montclarion, but I can only comment specifically about last semester.

During that time, Editorial Editor Ron Albanese took particular care and interest in providing a forum for the expression of the full range of opinions. While working for Ron, I read every letter submitted and remember only two letters being denied publication. One was an obscenity-laden tirade from an off-campus organization. The other was the unnecessary repetition of sentiments expressed in a previous letter by the same author.

The only significant changes made to any submission were corrections of grammar and the occasional necessary trimming of a letter exceeding the two-page, double-spaced limit.

My own investigation into the allegations suggested to me that the complaints were either exaggerated reactions to legitimate editing or simply made-up tales. Whatever the case may have been, readers should be assured that no opinion received by me will be denied publication because it differs from any Montclarion staffer's view; no opinions are "too radical."

One very important prerequisite for publication is the inclusion of the author's name, social security number and telephone number with the submitted piece. We ask for this information principally to verify the legitimacy of the source. The telephone number is useful because it enables us to invite the writer to participate in the editing process when problems arise. A person actually submitted a column anonymously this week, swearing his or her legitimacy as a student, and promising to positively identify future submissions by means of an Egyptian hieroglyph. Despite the somewhat bizarre approach, this person writes so well that I would be delighted to accept articles to be considered for publication. Unfortunately, as in the case of letter submitters, I cannot consider his or her submission until I've established who he or she is.

In the event that a question arises regarding a particular submission I urge the interested party to come down and visit me at our office at room 113 in the Student Center Annex. I'll be happy to answer any question.

Opinion/Thursday, February 2, 1995

Deadlines! Deadlines! Deadlines!

The official deadline for letter submissions to the opinion section is on Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. Drop us a line.
Angry, cynical and justified in Montclair

Sometimes a single comment is enough to make one hesitate and reconsider one's position.
I have repeatedly taken offense at being referred to as an "angry white male voter." I frowned upon the scapegoating intent of those who "used to be in charge." But then a friend said, "Well, maybe years of Democratic legislation is justification for your anger and cynicism."

I immediately thought that this was suitable material for an ongoing debate. Did he think the electorate was angry? Does he believe I am cynical? I still do not know the answers to these questions, but it is of no concern. He caused me to partake in a crucial conversation with myself. And my answer is a resounding yes. I am not an angry and cynical person by nature. Those of you who have denounced me, simply because of my political views, may never give yourselves the chance to know this for sure. However, one thing is becoming increasingly clear: I am angry, I am cynical, and I am justified!

The very institutions we used to have respect for are now the objects of our doubt and disgust. The average American works hard and pays taxes, while elitists in public office take our money and allow others to collect checks and live off the fat of the land.

Poverty in childhood affects how the child will succeed later on. That's if they live at all. According to state health officials in Kansas, poor children in that state are twice more likely to die from birth defects, four times more likely to die in fires, and five times more likely to die from infections and parasites. I don't think the catchword for poverty issues, it is important to determine whether the individual is truly at fault. I don't make any of those statistics improve.

Governor Whitman, who I believe has been more than adequate as New Jersey's chief executive, has since earned my contempt. She opted to snub conservative talk show host Bob Grant, but somehow found it advantageous to name a New Jersey rest stop after the maggot-infested Howard Stern. It is obvious that she is primarily concerned with her national exposure, however badly she disappoints her constituency.

So I ask you, are you angry? Cynical? If your answer is no, then I presume you are either in need of having a crucial conversation with yourself or you are one of the members of society making the electorate angry and cynical.

Children are big losers under the Contract

All the political rage these days is about the dismantling of the welfare state. A member of the House whose name I missed said on CNN that raising children on welfare is "federally supported child support." Despite the horrible implications of such a statement, this is the mentality of Newt Gingrich and the rest of the Republican Rogues Gallery.

The "Contract with America" calls for balancing the budget by the year 2002. In an economic miracle, the Republicans plan to do this without cutting Social Security or the revenue-eating monolith we call the military. That means that all other federal expenditures would be cut 30% or more.

Within that 30% lay the funding for many children's programs. In New Jersey alone, 42,000 children would lose state-provided infant formula under the Women-Infants-Children(WIC) program. 152,000 children would lose free-lunch privileges under the School Lunch program. Early childhood services such as Head Start would lose funding. The meanest cuts of all would be to the estimated 71,000 children who receive money through AFDC, and the 5,300 blind and disabled children who are helped through Supplementary Security Income (SSI). That's in New Jersey alone. Imagine what these cuts will do to children all over the country.

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Government agencies recognize the effects of child poverty better than Newt and Gramm do. The U.S. Department of Education reports that the risk of a student's falling behind in school increases two percentage points for every year he or she spends in poverty.

Poverty hurts children the most. It puts stress on parents, leading to less effective parenting, marital conflict and divorce. It leads to poor nutrition, which can lead to sickness that could have been prevented. I do not pretend to be an economist, but it doesn't seem too nonsensical to think that experiencing poverty at a young age will affect productivity in the later years.

One of the items in the "Contract" is the stiffening of laws against child pornography. I am not a defender of kiddie porn by any means, but I wish the Republicans would be as concerned about the economic abuse they plan to heap on children as they are about sexual abuse by sex offenders and child pornographers.

In an age where "personal responsibility" has become the catchword for poverty issues, it is important to determine whether the individual is truly at fault. I don't want to hear any more about "personal responsibility" in reference to impoverished kids. For their sake let's see government funding going to child programs, day care centers, and job re-training programs. Some will look at this and cry "socialism." If this is socialism, for the sake of needy American children, let's make the best of it.

The MONTCLARI0N 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 MONTCLARI0N, room 113 in the Student Center Annex, care of the Editorial Editor. Authors of works are responsible for contents therein. Letters may be edited for brevity or libel. All compositions must be typed.
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Crossword Companion

A CR O SS I. Animal prolcci on group 

2. T i l wail 

V. m hkm 

12. Anaheim team 

13. Mix 

14. Egyptian city 

15. Call of north west 

16. Flower 

21. Power 

22. Challenge 

24. New England state (abbr.) 

25. Name 

26. Mark Amsler film 

27. Mesh having two points 

28. Next to Ten 

32. Type measure 

33. Midwestern state (abbr.) 

34. Plural verb 

35. Year 

36. Roman emperor surname 

38. Accountant 

39. 200 (Roman) 

42. Flag 

43. Large glass 

46. Full month 

48. Foster Japanese 

51. Article

52. Foo 

54. Spiral 

56. Horizontal (abbr.) 

57. Elms

DOWN

1. Peach 

2. De favor 

3. Personnel in heat in calculus 

4. Ending person (two words) 

5. College degree (abbr.) 

6. Musical note 

7. Gambling cub 

8. Ever (particle) 

9. Extra fvy 

10. Car 

11. Groovy aspect area 

12. Song: word 

13. Laptop 

14. Mystery 

15. Information 

16. Amusement (abbr.) 

17. One who minimal 

18. Thirty animal 

19. Farm a hill 

20. Japanese measure 

21. Desert 

22. The “elder” 

25. Year 

28. Being bad in 

31. Copy pattern 

32. Two in conjunction 

33. Deceleration 

34. Chips 

40. Above 

41. Wager 

42. Tree 

43. Related weekends 

44. Film

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off the mark

by Mark Parisi

Humor/February 2, 1995

Your Real Horoscope

by Mr. S. Goebell

Dog Lover

Aries: (Mar. 21-Apr. 19) I gotta tell you. If that damn mutt takes another leak on the couch, I’m killing it with my bare hands!

Taurus: (Apr. 20-May 20) That dog is so stupid, that it’s gotta be the stupidest animal I’ve ever known.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Would you please shut that damn dog up? That damn mangy thing is driving me batty. Enough with the barking already!

Cancer: (June 22—July 22) I’ll kick you out of the damn house with the dog. How would you like that, you little punk?

Leo: (July 23-Aug. 22) Don’t goddam tell me I scared the dog. I’m not going to let some damn dog tell me how to live my life!


Libra: (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) This house is not big enough for me and that damn lousy dog, that’s for sure!

Sagittarius: (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) I’ll kick that dog, it’s got me sodamn upset. Damn, I don’t think I’ve ever been so mad as I am right now at that damn dog. What a horrible dog!

Capricorn: (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Knock over my ficus, will you, you dog. You miserable dog! Get that damn dog out of the house!

Aquarius: (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) I’m asking you. Who wanted to get a dog in the first place? It sure as hell wasn’t me who wanted to get that damn dog!

Pisces: (Feb. 19-Mar. 20) *!*!! That dog! Oooh! *!*!!

Ruby Wyner is on vacation. Mr. Goebell is a dog-lover residing in the Chicago area. © 1994 by Ocean Features Syndicate

The "V" ENTURES of G" UV" E+D+BR" K" A

by J. Alexander

In honor of the new coffee bar things in the RATT (GUEW LEF) OFFERS THIS POETRY READING.

(Poetry by J. Alexander)

How proudly you stand, putting up with all our garbage I admire the trash receptacle.

P.S. RECYCLE

COOL MAN

MONTCLARION 25
MORE LIES AND B.S.
BY CANDICE MEYER

After last week’s response to “Top 12 Lies”, I had no choice but to resume with a few more choice universal bullshit statements:

10. That’s the biggest I’ve ever seen.
9. No really, you are the first
8. That’s the best I’ve ever had.
7. I’m going on a diet tomorrow.
6. You’ve the best thing that has ever happened to me.
5. This is my LAST CIGARETTE!!!
4. Let’s be friends.
3. I swear I’ll pull out.
2. I just want to be with you, I don’t even care if we don’t have sex.

...And the number one universal bullshit statement of all time...
1. I love you!

SICKER THAN RALPH
BY MIKE KELLY

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To all the individuals who acknowledged us in the Montclarion, whether for good or bad, we stick!

This was originally written on a popsicle stick.

Paul, never change.

Thanks for being a great roommate. Keep smiling!

Maria (4 Walls)

Good luck in classes. I'm always here for you.

Little Sigma, Sorry I haven't been around much!

Laura (Sigma Delta Phi, Gamma Psi)

“Little” Sorry I haven't been around much! I'll make it up to you.

Vicki

I wanna stay but you have to be doing something right!

Love, Baji

I know you and I just met - but you are an awesome guy.

Love, Brian

Stil going! Sigma! Since 1947!!!!

Samantha

Do you always fall off your bed? I guess that happens when you get drunk from 2 sips!!

Love, Wendy L.

Who will be the mother ass this semester?

Mel

Who was that red guy with the big orange nose in your bed?

Mich

I'm calling for 7-11, I'd like a large cherry slurpee please.

Michelle

Angela (D-Xi-D)

Don't worry, I won't ask him!

Love, your little

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Whatever happened to Saturday visits and Sunday matinees?

Just wondering

Corina

Any more "Works of Art?"

Love, Christy

Cindy

So who are we taking to the Cotillion?

Love #30

Maris & Nora

Let me see those tooties rooolllll!

Angela

Next time we get a better movie, real men, and a different stripper!

Michelle

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Still going! Sigma! Since 1947!!!

Rush Delta Xi Delta. We're fun!

The Trustworthy single

You can't change the direction of the wind, but you can adjust the sails to reach a destination.

Love, The Lager head

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Maris & Nora

Let me see those tooties rooolllll!

Angela

Next time we get a better movie, real men, and a different stripper!

Michelle

Sigma is Sigma Delta Phi! Since 1947 we have to be doing something right!

Still going! Sigma! Since 1947!!!

Rush Delta Xi Delta. We're fun!

The Trustworthy single

You can't change the direction of the wind, but you can adjust the sails to reach a destination.

Love, The Lager head

Michelle

Nima

Corina

I'm calling for 7-11, I'd like a large cherry slurpee please.

Michelle

Angela (D-Xi-D)

Don't worry, I won't ask him!

Love, your little

Is Steve there??

Mich

Who will be the mother ass this semester?

Mich

Michael

Do you want to go to the diner?

The Puddin' Heads

Mich

Who was that red guy with the big orange nose in your bed?

Mel

Hiiiiiiii Donnnnnnnn!!!!!!!

Brian

I know you and I just met- but you are an awesome guy.

Hi-D

Whatever happened to Saturday visits and Sunday matinees?

Just wondering

Corina

Any more "Works of Art?"

Love, Christy

Cindy

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More Personals

Mary Lee (Sigma)
Happy Birthday! I love you "little!"
Love, Stacy

Flaco (LTP)
Happy Anniversary. 3 years & 3 months. I love you!
Forever your girl (LTO)

Alison Lynn (Sigma)
Maybe I'll get that 4.0 before you will!

StewArt (LTP)
I've served my 7 day suspension. Am I allowed to play cards now?
Vic (TX)

Angela (D-XI-D)
You are a babe!

Chrissy,
I have nothing to say. What a boring personal!
Cindy

There is no such thing as a boring personal.
Let's all remember that!

Ali
This is just to say "anything!"
Love, Chirkt

McHlcne (LTP)
You have a hole in your chin!

Corine
Join us crazy theater freaks at the Six Brothers Diner and watch someone show their bra!
Michelle

Stevi
I'm finally done.
Zorro (TKE) + Noreen (AIX)

Let's go shopping for chocolate.
Love, Lauren (AIX)

Zorro
I think I need an accounting lesson on how to write checks.
Love, Mrs $27

Noreen (AIX)
Fufaroni the San Francisco treat.
Guess who????

Carrie
Happy 19th B-Day! Hope you had a good one!
Love, Lauren S. (AIX)

Rush Alpha lots Chiiii!!

Tracy (AO)
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Love, Lauren (AIX)

Sigmas and Taus (AIX)
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I'm finally done.
The Personal guy (a.k.a. Tom)

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by Glenn Steinberg

Saturday was the second time the Lady Red Hawks faced the Lady Cougars of Kean College this season.

It was also the second time MSU beat Kean, this time in a much more convincing fashion. Saturday afternoon's game at Kean College in Union ended with the Red Hawks winning their sixth game in a row, 67-48.

The first time these two teams met was in the second game of the season when the Lady Red Hawks got their first victory of the season, this time with a much closer score, 57-50.

At halftime, MSU (13-4, 10-2 NJAC) led Kean by a score of 38-25. According to head coach Gloria Bradley, the Cougars played the first half with a 2-3 defense which gave the team a little trouble.

In the second half, however, they changed their strategy, switching to a man-to-man defense. This allowed MSU to confuse Kean a little more, enabling it to play well in the second half. That has been their strength of late.

"Again, we were a second-half team," said Bradley.

The second-year coach said that her team executed very well in the second half, as the Red Hawks were able to correctly adjust to the Cougars change in defense. Bradley did say, however, that all of the starting five did not play well, and that she is still waiting for a game in which all five starters can perform well together.

Of the five starters, Bradley recognized freshman point guard Aidill Borrero and freshman center Maggie Misiejuk for their stand out performance in the game. Borrero had a game-high five and blocked five blocked shots, shooting 7-for-9 from the floor. Misiejuk also had an outstanding game, pouring in 14 points and pulling down 12 rebounds. The freshman from Poland also dished out four assists and blocked five blocked shots, shooting 7-for-9 from the floor. She also contributed two steals and three rebounds.

The second-year coach said that her team is earning, she still feels that the entire team needs to improve, especially offensively.

"We're not shooting well from the floor, from 3-point range or from the free-throw line," Bradley said. "Though we've won most of our games, we have struggled through 90% of each game."

One thing that Bradley does see as a positive for her team though is that everyone needs improvement in different areas.

"Everyone has a different weakness and a different strength on the team," said Bradley. "Whenever a player has a weakness in a certain area, there is always at least one other player whose strength is in that area."

With only six games remaining on the regular season schedule, the Lady Red Hawks are tied with NJAC rival William Paterson for first place, even though MSU beat them two weeks ago. According to Bradley, every one of its remaining games are crucial.

"Any loss right now would knock us out of first place," Bradley said. "Anyone can beat anyone and it doesn't matter where the loss comes from, it still knocks you down a peg."

Because the Lady Red Hawks have won seven out of their last eight games, one may think the team may get overconfident, but Bradley is not worried about that.

"I'm not overly-concerned about the team being overconfident and them blowing a game as a result of that," said Bradley. "Anytime after a big win, such as the victory over William Paterson or Trenton State, you're always susceptible to a let down."

Of recent, things have only been looking up for the Red Hawks.

REDHAWK NOTES: Misiejuk was named the NJAC Rookie of the Week for the fourth straight week and fifth overall this year. She is also second in the conference in rebounding (12.3), while leading in blocks (5.31) and field goal percentage (53.9).

EDITOR'S NOTE: The results from Wednesday's game against Rutgers-Newark in Newark were not available at press time.

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Red Hawks get revenge over Cougars, 56-42

by Brian Falzarano

Maybe the first time was a fluke. Simply put, it is not often that a team with as much offensive balance as the Red Hawks go cold from the field and allow an opponent to dominate them. But there is a first time for everything. Despite scoring a mere 16 points in the first half, they shot 54.5 percent (12-for-22) from the field in the second half while holding Kean to just over 31 percent (10-for-32) shooting. That enabled MSU to pull out a 56-42 win over the Cougars on Saturday at D'Angola Gym in Union.

It was only the second time in the last 16 meetings between the two teams that MSU came out on top. That win came on Jan. 24 of last year, when the Red Hawks squeaked out a 58-57 decision during their eight-game winning streak.

In the process, the Red Hawks (11-6, 8-4 NJAC) moved for a 7-76 loss at home to Kean (1-6, 3-5 NJAC). Despite a spectacular shooting performance by junior forward Travis Pettiford, who hit four 3-pointers in the final 5:08 to pull MSU back from a 15-point deficit. It looked as if the Red Hawks were suffering from a continuation of the last time they played the Cougars, a game in which they went cold for a 10-minute span of the second half.

They were able to keep it close at halftime, trailing by only a 17-16 margin in a lethargic first half. This was a bright spot considering they shot a paltry 26.9 percent from the floor (7-for-26, 0-for-10 from 3-point range).

But the second half proved to be a completely different story. Instead of reverting to their ways of the first time these two NJAC rivals clashed, MSU was able to find ways of putting the ball in the hole.

First there was junior forward Greg Fowler, who has been the leading scorer all year for the Red Hawks. The Plainfield native, who averages 15.5 points per game and 16.7 per NJAC contest, dropped in a game-high 19 points, continuing his quest to be a member of the All-NJAC first team.

Then there was Evan Carlson, a testament to MSU's offensive balance during the past several games. A 6-foot-6, 230 pound forward, he poured in another 14 points, pulled down 10 rebounds and added six steals for good measure.

In fact, MSU's improvement on the boards was the main difference in this contest. While they were victimized by Kean's Robert Clyburn the last time they played, the Red Hawks were able to hold the Kean forward to 11 points and 10 rebounds.

Thanks to players such as senior forward Mike Piperice (six points, four rebounds) and Chris Jackson (five points, three rebounds), MSU effectively neutralized the Cougars inside game.

Kean was pretty much controlled scoring-wise - Clyburn was the only player to score in double figures for the fifth-place team in the conference.

That is certainly a credit to the top defensive team in the NJAC (the Red Hawks give up an average of 62.6 points per game). James Shaw was limited to nine points, nearly eight points below his 15.6 point per game average.

Pettiford added eight points and three rebounds for the Red Hawks, including two of his 32 treys this season.

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Softball reaches out, lends a helping hand to children

by Brian Falzarano

They say that every generation has its own disease. Unfortunately for the generation so many of us are apart of, it can easily be disputed that that dreaded virus known as AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) has become just that.

It is thought that how you acquire this disease is the known part. But it is like knowing a play in a sport or being able to know enough material for a test. It is easier to know what to do than to actually do it.

Therefore, a cure for AIDS may not be coming along anytime soon. The problem is, it is not known how to offset the deterioration that this virus causes. So if that much is not known, than there is no way to find a cure for it.

But if things look bleak, there should always be a reason to look at a bright side. Kind of like looking into the sky on a cloudy day and being optimistic that the sun is trying to sneak through the cover of clouds.

It is a good thing that there are people like Anita Kubicka and her softball team. Kubicka, who is in her fifth-year as the softball coach here at MSU, likes to help people who can use it.

She has known about AIDS education for the past 10 years and decided to do something to help out with this cause. On Dec. 11, she and her entire softball team went out and put on a clinic for the AIDS Research Foundation for Children at Panzer Gym.

"I wanted to do a community outreach program," said Kubicka. "What I did when I was examining outreach programs was that I have a network with AIDS education."

"Because I know somebody in AIDS education for the past 10 years, it made my decision easier."

There were three steps to this process. Jean Marie Mirabella, an AIDS Education Specialist, came in for a session with the team for a question and answer discussion about the virus, which has streched and taken so many lives.

Next, there was what Kubicka calls a "team function." This is where the members of the teams, such as second baseman Jenn Finn and shortstop Fran Bellapianta, set up stations that would help to teach the 30 kids that came from Newark, Jersey City and Elizabeth about athletics. All of these had a holiday theme, teaching the kids who ranged in age from seven to 15, about such things as football, basketball and softball.

For the children that participated, it was a chance for the sun to peak through the clouds. Many of these children have younger brothers and sisters or parents who are HIV positive. Therefore it is sad, but entirely possible, that they could be the only person left in their family by the time this disease ravages their parents or siblings.

"As far as we know, the people at the clinic were not HIV positive," said Kubicka. "My original idea was to go out with the team to do an outreach to a place in the Newark or Jersey City area."

Unlike traditional outreach programs, this one took place where the kids came here instead of the other way around. Things went well. Besides the nine stations that were run by various Red Hawk players, there was also a holiday music that they sang together as a group. Some of the songs the kids chose they forgot the words to, Kubicka joked.

It was a success for MSU and Rutgers-Newark also had a four game sweep against the Cougars, including a 15.6 point per game average.

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Memoirs of my Super Bowl experience

by Michael P. Cusen

EDITOR'S NOTE: Our staffer writer Mike had a cousin who goes to Delbarton High School, which is not too far from the campus of MSU. Anyway, his cousin won a raffle which rewarded, you guessed it, two tickets to the Super Bowl. So Mike's cousin was gracious enough to take him along with him. And he will tell us of the sights and sounds in Miami.

Few people ever get the chance to experience the thrill of attending a Super Bowl. On Friday of last week, I arrived in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. to see Super Bowl XXIX.

The game was played in Miami at Joe Robbie Stadium, home of the Miami Dolphins. Though the 49ers wouldn't allow for a heart-stopping finish to this football game, just being there was quite a thrill.

From the moment I got off the plane in Ft. Lauderdale, I saw signs and banners advertising Super Bowl XXIX everywhere. The build up and anticipation for this event in the South Florida area was unbelievable. You couldn't go two feet without seeing or hearing about the game, but that is to be expected.

Actually, the first thing I noticed down there (even before the signs for the Super Bowl) was the warm weather. It was 80 degrees when I arrived, and it would remain that way for the entire weekend, which was not a problem.

On Saturday, I went to "The NFL Experience". This event, festival-like in the way it was run, took place in the parking lot surrounding Joe Robbie Stadium. There were food, music, souvenir and celebrities. Minnesota Vikings quarterback Warren Moon, Chicago Bear wide receiver, and Hall of Fame quarterback Y.A. Tittle were just a few of them.

Also, the souvenir stands were absolutely outstanding. One could buy anything from an autographed O.J. Simpson jersey to a ticket stub from the first Super Bowl that sold for "only" $1,000. Other souvenirs that I found interesting included autographed team helmets and programs from every Super Bowl played.

Then, there was the big day! Sunday morning started out a day that I will never forget. It all began with a brunch at Miami Shores Country Club with Bob Hope in attendance. But the day would become more exciting.

We reached the stadium two hours prior to kickoff at 4 p.m. Joe Robbie has to be the nicest looking stadium in the country. Outside the stadium was quite a scene. Out there were people trying to scalp tickets, holding out one hundred dollar bills for all to see. Helicopters and blimps flew overhead, so many that you would think you were at an air show. But the big day was here and the excitement had reached a fever pitch.

When I first saw the field from my upper tier seats (what did you expect), I thought I was at a circus. There were numerous pre-game performers on the field in costumes. Two huge air helmets were seated along one sideline. Personally, I think they go a little too far sometimes.

When both teams were introduced, I was really hoping to see the 49er defense get introduced, because seeing Deion Sanders dance his way into the stadium would have made my day. However, it was the San Francisco offense that came out first.

Just before kickoff, Kathy Lee Gifford sang the National Anthem. For whatever reason, she was booed by most of the crowd. I thought that was funny. It seemed that at least 60 percent of the crowd were San Diego fans. I suppose being an 18-point underdog produces fans out of sympathy.

However, after three plays from scrimmage, that majority of the crowd was coping with the 49ers scoring. That was after a 44-yard touchdown bomb from Steve Young to Jerry Rice.

There were many more fireworks to follow which would explode in the collective faces of the Chargers.

The Chargers would eventually suffer an embarrassing 49-26 defeat. On the other hand, the 49ers would win their fifth Super Bowl, establishing themselves as the best franchise in NFL history.

San Francisco would set or tie 16 records in this romp. The most impressive of these was Young, who threw for six touchdowns, breaking Joe Montana's record of 10 thrashing of Denver in Super Bowl XXII. It was just like a basic clinic, said Bellapianta. "It (the fact that they have family members with AIDS) didn't even cross my mind. We had fun."

They say that home is where the heart is, and a clinic such as this was a great idea in that it made these children feel at home and helped them get their mind off of their problems. Not that something such as this clinic will solve any of the world's problems. But it can make them that much easier to deal with.

"I said this to Anita afterwards," said assistant coach Kris Kubicka, "that I got just as big a kick out of watching the kids as I did watching our players have fun."

And the kids did have a good time. Kubicka and Bellapianta have the stories to prove it.

"The feedback from the kids was very positive, and they had a good time," said the fifth-year coach. "It could be summed up in a quote from a 12-year old when he said to one of the players, 'This was great. We're coming back next year.'"

"This one boy, he was about 14," Bellapianta said. "I was kind of a floater, wherever I would go he would want me to go with him. We competed in every station. He couldn't believe how hard a girl could throw."

According to Kubicka, the possibilities of having another clinic are strong.

"I would definitely consider doing it again," said Kubicka, "and anytime you would consider having a second annual, that means the first annual went pretty well."

The top five ways to improve the Nets

Brian: Five ways to make the Nets avoid further deterioration

1. Change the name of the team to Nets center. It worked for Prince, right. Well how about a symbol such as a ?

2. Have more promotions. If I were the Nets, I would do something where you could become a Net for a day. That way you don't even have to show up for practice and could still get paid for it.

3. Move the Nets out of the Meadowlands Arena and into a gym at a day-care center. Maybe they will play better in their natural surroundings.

4. Switch leagues. It's possible that the Nets have been in the wrong league all this time. Move to the CBA - that is where most of the players belong anyway.

5. Adopt a new slogan. Whop-de-damn-do works for me. Just picture the headlines: "Whop-de-damn-do - Coleman misses practice again."

Point/Counterpoint

Sports Editor Brian Fattaruso

Treasurer Tom Tracy

5. Last, but not least, tell Coleman and Co. to grow up, stop bitching about how much money they should be making and play the damn game.
On the Ball

by Brian Falzarano

Present playoff format anything but Super

After the coin toss, you could have deduced that the Super Bowl would turn into a Super Bore. After the Chargers had a 15-yard penalty called against them on the ensuing kickoff, one would have concluded that it was not whether the 49ers were going to win. But by what almightyount would this game be decided.

And after Super Bowl MVP Steve Young hit future Hall of Fame wide receiver Jerry Rice on a post pattern earlier, Charger safeties Stanley Richard and Darren Covingston somehow could not defend, it would have been understandable if you started looking forward to the halftime show.

For this game would get no better. About the only thing that saved this game from becoming a complete nightmare was the fact that Beavis and Butthead staged their own little "Butt Bowl II" on MTV while the typically awful halftime extravaganza was occurring.

What is so hard to understand is why the AFC has such a hard time keeping these games close. It can't be genetics - it is impossible for all superior football players to be on NFC teams. And it can't be that the Chargers were just that awful.

All right it is possible. Sure San Diego is an AFC team. But could it be possible that the 49ers are just that dominant.

Yes, it is possible. If one were an astrologer, they can make some kind of conclusion that Pisces was not aligned with the sun on the right angle. That would just be stupid, though. Because the 49ers, like them or hate them, are one of the best football teams ever.

But this is one of those teams that when they take the field, they just have this aura about them. And for all of the bravado that players such as Deion Sanders and Ricky Watters said, San Francisco has more talent than just about any team ever.

For some, how they got their players may be questionable. But if they got away with it, it should be considered brilliant, a stroke of genius. Eddie DeBartolo deserves all the credit in the world for finding a way to fit Sanders, Toi Cook, Bart Oates, Rickey Jackson, Richard Dent, Ed Norton Jr., and Gary Plummer under the salary cap. Actions such as these make it easier to comprehend the fact that the 49ers are a great team. And this comes from someone who doesn't use the term "great" to describe too many teams.

About the only problem that you could find with a team like San Francisco is that they turned what is considered the biggest game of the year and made it their own personal vehicle for fraud. Fraud as in exposing the Chargers, the lamb the AFC sent to the slaughterhouse, as an impostor. Pittsburgh was a more suitable representative.

But after watching them give up two Stan Humphries bombs in the AFC Championship, one cannot be too sure they would have fared much better.

Maybe we could come up with an idea that could at least renew interest in this game. Here is an idea - have a round robin playoff of the top 12 teams in the NFL, regardless of conference. Give the top four teams byes, making the bottom eight teams play a wild card game. That way the two representatives in the Super Bowl would at least prove they are competitive, instead of having to go through the Anemic Football Conference.

This may be too late, considering we've only had two competitive Super Bowls in the past 11 years. But something should be done. Because missing the Buffalo Bills in the Super Bowl is definitely a problem.
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