"I'm going to lay down the truth..."

Dr. Leonard Jeffries speaks at Paul Robeson Banquet (Navetta p. 4, 5)
Jeffries speaks on truth and education at Paul Robeson banquet

by Jean-Marie Navetta

"Dr. Jeffries isn’t going to lynch anybody, but I’m going to lay down the truth."

With these words, Dr. Leonard Jeffries set the tone for his speech Thursday evening at the Organization for African Unity’s annual Paul Robeson Affair. Jeffries centered his presentation around this theme which included the reading of portions from various history and art texts and the display of photos of both architecture and sculpture. He contended that he feels his controversial nature is a “badge of honor” which proves that he is indeed a bearer of truth. “When you see me, you see the truth coming.”

The speech covered a variety of topics including the debate surrounding the “Inclusion Curriculum” which he had a part in creating, the nature of the oppression of African-American figures in history, and the roles of essentially all ethnic groups in the subjugation of African-American people to the point of a holocaust, or “mafia.”

Jeffries emphasized the need for preparation to "march into the twenty-first century fully, completely, and unadulteratedly African.” While Jeffries highlighted the fact that it has never been his place to attack anyone, he explained that the distortion of history by white scholars has made his beliefs become perceived as attacks on white individuals. “You were brought forth first on the planet earth... you are the supreme victim on planet earth.” he explained to the almost entirely Black audience.

Jeffries focused a large portion of his speech on the parts of history that he feels people aren’t taught.

Flyer causes controversy in dance department

by Teri Ruan

Elisabeth Gonzales' piece for “Dance Collage ‘95”, a production of the dance department, was pulled from the show on opening night.

Gonzales, advertised, with a controversial flyer displaying naked female breasts, a work that she had choreographed for the event.

Gonzales said that the acting head of the dance department, Donna Scro-Gentile, threatened to lower her grade and to put her on probation within the department for exhibiting the flyers.

Scro-Gentile said that Gonzales should have come to her before putting up the flyers, especially since her piece was part of a larger program. Gonzales agreed.

Scro-Gentile said that she wanted Gonzales’ piece to be performed on the last two nights of the show. Gonzales said that she did not want to participate saying, “I’ve been embarrassed in front of my peers.”

Dr. Trauth, the chair of the Broadcasting, Speech, Dance, and Theater department said, “I have a feeling that there was some miscommunication between Scro-Gentile and Gonzales.” She also said that no single faculty member could put a student on probation, that it must be something decided on by the entire department.

Gonzales’ piece was part of a larger production, and several members of the dance department were offended that their work should be associated with the flyers. They felt that the advertisement did not reflect the show’s content. Dr. Trauth was concerned that people would “expect to see something at the show that wouldn’t be presented.”

Trafted said that it was a “taste and sensitivity issue,” adding that “we all need to be aware of communication, we have to be super-sensitive so as not to offend people.”

Gonzales had not asked for permission to display the ads, but she had only put them up on public bulletin boards on campus. She intended the ads to be ironic, and hoped to draw more people to the show. Trauth said that the department had been merely "responding to student complaints.”

She added that someone would have been offended whether the flyers had remained or been removed.

Gonzales is pursuing the matter with Dean of Students, Helen Matusow-Ayres. Gonzales hopes to withdraw from the two classes she has with Scro-Gentile and a third class for which the piece in Dance Collage was to count in her final grade. Gonzales felt that Scro-Gentile could not be objective in grading her and that the professor for the third class went to grade her final project on opening night.

Since she had been pulled from the show, she had nothing on which to be graded.

Matusow-Ayres said that she has not had a chance to confer with the dance department yet, so she did not have anything to add.
Professor’s racial slurs anger student

by Teresa Pringle

Last semester, Dr. Batkay, a political science professor, was involved in an incident concerning the Confederate flag. Stacey Banfield, a junior political science major, questioned Dr. Batkay’s wearing a pin displaying the Confederate flag. His response to her questions involved racial slurs which prompted her to write a letter to the Montclarion, in the April 6 issue, expressing her dismay at the incident.

As Stacey stated in her letter, she asked Dr. Batkay why he was wearing the pin and he said it was a right granted by the Constitution under freedom of speech and expression. She then asked, “Freedom of speech at the cost of offending someone?” According to Stacey, Dr. Batkay responded that she could call him by a derogatory religious term. He ended by saying, “So basically, I have the right to call you a fucking nigger and nothing can be done about it!”

Dr. Batkay, currently in Hungary on sabbatical, was asked to respond to Stacey’s letter. He said he would contact his union representative before making a statement. Communication difficulties have prevented his response from reaching the Montclarion before the deadline.

Dr. Batkay’s absence whether or not Dr. Batkay’s absence this semester influenced her in writing the letter at this time, Stacey said. “No, the situation happened at the end of last semester when I had finals and other things to concern myself with. I wrote the letter after months of contemplation because I felt there wasn’t a satisfactory resolution to the problem. “

“His statement may have been used as an example but it didn’t change how I felt then or now because it was unnecessary.

of all the examples of offensive language he could have used he could have used another to address me. The conversation was not about name calling. It was about freedom of speech and the wearing of a pin. The fact that he chose to use that term made me question his intentions because the impact it had was a negative one.”

Banfield said, “Dr. Batkay said sorry for the effect his comment had on me but I am still bothered by the whole situation.” Stacey was asked to attend a meeting with the professor and another person from the social science department about a week after the incident occurred.

She said, “I felt by the closure of the meeting, its only purpose was to keep me silent and not pursue and further action.” When asked why she didn’t name Dr. Batkay in her letter, Stacey said, “I didn’t mention his name because I didn’t want my letter to seem like a personal attack. I wanted people to focus on the incident itself rather than those involved.”

Dr. Agyeman, Chairman of the Political Science department said, “The first I heard of the incident was when Diane Cooper, President of the Black Caucus, called and related what the experience of the student was. I was not made aware of the incident by the student and if I was, I would have insisted the normal procedures of redress.”

When asked what she would like to see come out of this incident, Stacey responded, “I feel that there should be mandatory sensitivity training for professors in order to prevent this type of incident from happening again. If a student wore a swastika on campus, there would be a massive uproar, yet when a professor wore a similar sign of hatred, action was minimal.”

Lecture addresses race and human relations on campus

by Anthony O’Donnell

Patricia Campbell-Glenn, Regional Director, U.S Department of Justice Community Relations Services, said to members of the MSI community on Wednesday that “we are all Americans and we have so much more in common than we have differences.”

Ms. Campbell-Glenn was keynote speaker at an open meeting entitled “We Can All Get Along: The Issue of Human Relations/Race Relations on a Multicultural Campus.” The meeting was hosted by Barbara Milton, MSU’s Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Officer who pointed to the timeliness of the event in the wake of the controversy surrounding the invitation of Dr. Leonard Jeffries to MSU.

Before Ms. Campbell-Glenn speech small groups of students, professors and administrators performed several skits to illustrate lack of interaction, and typical kinds of discrimination based upon race and gender on campus.

Introducing the speaker, Katherine E. Smith, Chair of the President’s Commission on Affirmative Action, said that the topic of community relations was important not only for the purpose of working on student/student or student/faculty relations, but also faculty/faculty relations. She also noted that W.E.B. DuBois said that “the color line” was the problem of the 20th Century, and said that “prejudice is alive and well in America.”

Campbell-Glenn began her remarks with a reference to the Oklahoma City bombing. “I work on the 34th floor of the federal building, so I have to...” continued on p. 4
by Darla Bruno

Last Tuesday between 12:30 and 1:00 p.m., a dispute took place about a banner that was displayed in the Student Center cafeteria. The banner portrayed a depiction of the controversial speaker, Leonard Jeffries, saying such things as "If I had my way, I'd wash them all off the face of the earth" and "When asked about people of Jewish descent (I am) sick and tired of having the damn Jews showing the holocaust down our throats."

The banner was put up by members of Delta Kappa Psi and draped on top of an American flag.

Wayne Dennis, Vice-President of the O.S.A.U., believed the statements on the banner to be untrue. "Whenever you see justice being done, sometimes you react in a way in which people may say you overreact to it," said Dennis. He believed the statements were taken from an article in a newspaper written on Jeffries.

Dennis asked Mark Tahmoosh of Delta Kappa Psi to take down the banner and Tahmoosh refused. Dennis attempted to take the banner down himself. Tahmoosh also grabbed the banner, and when the banner was no longer attached to the wall, it became a tug of war.

Dennis released the banner after a struggle in which SGA President Sal Anderton had to intervene. Following this incident Dennis and Tahmoosh went to the second floor of the Student Center and no further dialogue took place between the two.

The O.S.A.U. invited Delta Kappa Psi to come and see Jeffries speak on Thursday in the Student Center Ballroom. Jeffries from page 2

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The need for reparation to African-American individuals for their enslavement was discussed as being required from not only ethnic groups, but also from religious traditions. Jeffries called on the audience to, "Blacken up the Nile, scientific developments, and biblical traditions."

The current plight of African-American people in the United States was analyzed by Jeffries. He emphasized that study must be done into the roots and patterns of criminality and of organized crime. He cited different mob affiliated individuals who contributed to the drug trafficking through Black communities, such as Bugsy Siegal and Lucky Luciano.

The need for a constructive future for Black students was constantly emphasized by Jeffries. He said that study groups must be developed which explore and emphasize the aspects of history and culture of African-American people which will not only educate the Black community, but also function as a source for information to other ethnic groups. Jeffries offered to help start and organize such a group for students at MSU.

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Regarding the content of Jeffries' presentation, he observed, "He gave historical facts which no one could deny or dispute. Jeffries told the truth, which has had to be balanced." Jeffries emphasized throughout the presentation that, "the greatest weapon in the hands of the oppressor is the mind of the oppressed." Dennis expanded on this idea, citing the importance for all people to hear differing opinions and learn, commenting, "In order for you to better someone else, you must first better yourself."

Jeffries will be returning to the MSU campus on Monday in the Student Center Ballroom "B" for an open question and answer session.

Delta Kappa Psi vs OSAU: tug of war in the cafeteria

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think about the tenor of the country."

She said that problems always arise where there is a majority/minority relation, and that anti-immigrant hysteria was shown by looking toward a certain ethnic group for culprits in the aftermath of the Oklahoma City bombing.

Tensions arise in society when a disparity in terms of resources and power, and where there is no reliable system of redress for grievances. "That's what's happening in Paterson. They feel that the police will always side against them."

She highlighted the need to understand the role perception plays in the willingness to effect change, saying, "we will dismiss data that does not confirm our personal opinions."

She argued that we should acknowledge how difficult it is to reconcile perceptions between people of different cultural groups when perceptions can differ so greatly even within families. She said that siblings can say to each other "we were reared together; did we live in the same household?"

However, diversity is not an evil, she said, stressing that it is natural that groups affirm their own heritage. "We must remember that cultural preference to exclude everyone else is not a crime. In the cafeteria the geeks sit with the geeks, and the jocks sit with the jocks, and that's fine," she said. "It's when we use that cultural preference to exclude everyone else that we run into problems."

She compared "the problem of racism and prejudice" with a "monstrous Hydra" that keeps growing limbs. "we're not addressing the monster," she said. "We should think of what ways we can bury it and keep it hidden."

She concluded on a light note saying that whatever differences we have, we hold many things in common which unite us.

This is proven, she said, by the fact that American mothers of whatever racial or ethnic origin will say to their children, "You'd better wear clean underwear or you'll be hit by a car."

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Brian Falzarano, Sports Editor

Darla Bruno, Arts

The executive board is losing only one member, but he will be sorely missed:

Chris Hinck
Managing Editor

Thank You.
Campus police report

compiled by Teri Ryan

ARRESTS
April 24 Thomas McGrath, a student at MSU, was arrested in the Bohn Hall lobby and charged with being under the influence of a controlled dangerous substance.

An assistant manager in the building had showed campus police to the suspect who was acting strangely. When questioned, McGrath was incoherent or did not respond. He also tried to avoid looking at the officers.

McGrath was taken by ambulance to Mountainside Hospital. He will be arraigned in the Little Falls Municipal Court on May 10 at 4:30 p.m.

April 27 at 4:20 a.m. Paul Jandreau, a resident, was arrested in Blanton Hall and charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance and drug paraphernalia.

A resident assistant saw the items in plain sight during a room check after a fire alarm.

Jandreau will be arraigned in the Little Falls Municipal Court on May 10 at 4:30 p.m.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT
April 26 at 12:22 p.m. an agitated female was cursing and banging on a desk in room 208 of College Hall.

She was apparently expressing her dissatisfaction with the university.

Campus Police escorted her off the premises.

May 27 at 12:25 a.m. Campus Police responded to a report of a fight in progress in the parking lot at the Clove Road Apartments.

When they arrived, they saw approximately 10 combatants who dispersed into the crowd.

ALARM
April 27 at 2:50 a.m. A smoke bomb set off the alarm on the second floor of Blanton Hall. The building was evacuated.

MEDICAL
April 28 at 11:50 p.m. A student, playing basketball at a booth at the carnival in lot 22, injured her right ankle.

Cedar Grove ambulance responded, but the student refused transport to the hospital.

THEFT
Between April 24 and April 25 at 3:01 a.m. A VCR was stolen from a locked closet in College Hall.

On April 28 between 6:00 and 6:30 a.m. A tray of donuts was stolen from the loading dock at the Freeman Hall Cafeteria.

April 28 at 9:00 a.m. A vending machine in the New Building was found unlocked and open.

Twelve bottles of Fruitopia were stolen.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF
April 27 at 1:42 a.m. A window on a shuttle bus station in lot 26 was broken.

An anonymous caller reported that he or she had seen two males and one female in the area, and that one of them had thrown a rock at the window.

April 27 at 10:57 p.m. The front window of a '95 Ford Taurus, parked in lot 28, was cracked.

MISCELLANEOUS
April 25 at 1:15 p.m. Dean Fordyce reported seeing a male professor spraying a substance in the hallway on the fourth floor of the New Building. She later smelled perfume, and had an allergy attack.

No criminal complaint was signed. The matter will be handled internally.

April 27 at 9:00 p.m. An officer found a makeup case containing a white powder in lot 22 at the carnival.

It is suspected to be a controlled dangerous substance.

Between April 30 and May 1 the manager of the Blanton Hall Cafeteria reported that someone had been using their dumpster for household garbage.

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“Astronomy in Montclair”: a space awareness program

by Tom Bond

On April 29, Richardson Hall became Starfleet Academy for a few hundred adults and children with the right stuff: curiosity about the heavens. This was the thrust of the second annual Astronomy In Montclair, a space awareness program sponsored by the Glenfield Planetarium (at the Glenfield Middle School), MSU, The Newark Museum’s Dreyfuss Planetarium and the North Jersey Astronomical Group (NJAG).

The second annual Astronomy In Montclair was organized by the Astronomy in Montclair Committee, consisting of Dr. Mary Lou West of the Physics Dept., NJAG President Kevin Conod, and committee members Michael Miller and Valerie Sweatt. However, this year nearly the entire event was held at MSU.

At 10:00 a.m. sharp, the skywatching awareness seminar blasted off at the Glenfield Planetarium with a spectacle entitled, “Stars of Spring”. At 11:30, the event rocketed into MSU’s Richardson Hall whose second floor was soon swarmed with star-struck children shouting, “Mommy, I wanna go here!” as they waltzed around to check out the attractions.

A variety of programs were available to expand people’s horizons. They elaborated on how gravity works, comets are created, meteors, the theory of relativity, the history of American India, Astronomy, and how a CCD (Charged Coupled Device) Camera facilitates a better analysis of the celestial objects.

In addition, the Newark Museum’s portable planetarium brought the night sky to room 231. There were workshops giving children the opportunity to display their artistic flair by making astronauts, spacecrafts, and star/planet mobiles. There was also the Star Trek Memorabilia Exhibit that covered all the starbases on the never-ending e-race touched off by the 1966-69 sci-fi series. And to top it all off, the NJAG rank-and-file were out in force in their official blue shirts to give a helping hand.

Thanks to West, this reporter was allowed to participate in Astronomy In Montclair by heading one of the five children’s workshops, entitled “Write a Letter Home From Space.” That is, youngsters got to draw their own planets and name them.

They additionally had the chance to compose essays on how it would be to land on another planet or for an alien to discover Earth, although there were few takers. Glenfield Middle School Teacher Lourdes Wooley assisted with the workshop. “It’s gratifying to see a lot of young students interested in space,” said Wooley.

Meanwhile, West was having a “Mary-p-good time conducting the Astronomy On a Computer” workshop where kids toured the final frontier with the help of Macintosh computers. West was appropriately attired for the occasion in her black star-studded astronomy shirt complemented by literally stellar earrings.

Concerning unique presentations, Star Trek enthusiast Jay Jengo was at the helm of the Star Trek Memorabilia Exhibit. Jengo displayed his galaxy of paraphernalia which ran the gamut from dolls of USS Enterprise crew members to Starfleet blueprints and technical manuals. The list of items could go on and on beyond the limits of Federation space.

In terms of outdoor spectacles, NJAG Vice President John Miksits presided over five telescopes in front of Richardson Hall specially rigged for solar viewing. The viewing started at 11:30 and stopped at 3:00 p.m. with the end of Astronomy In Montclair’s daytime festivities.

“Never look at the sun through a telescope unless you have a sun filter and know how to install it and use it properly,” Miksits said.

Astronomy In Montclair’s splashboard occurred at 8:30 p.m. with a special Saturday night edition of Public Telescope Night outside Richardson Hall. With the overcast sky clearing at the last minute, NJAG member Joe Marzullo set up his ten inch Meade telescope and NJAG member Mark Ivanovic quickly followed suit with his eight inch Celestron.

They entertained a crowd of over 40 with views of the planet Mars, double star Cor Caroli, and globular clusters M13.

Finally, West was on hand to take spectators on a tour of the April nocturnal canopy with her skywise finger. She pointed out and discussed the many highlights with the unmistakable familiarity of an astronomy professor: owning grace, of course, to the eleventh hour weather improvement. “Let’s just say the force was really with us tonight.”

Shuttle bus driver sick in hospital

by Nancy Thompson

Attention commuter students. Have you noticed someone missing lately from campus life? Quarry shuttle bus driver, Donald Stephens, is gravely ill in the hospital.

Suffering from internal bleeding, Donald was hospitalized on April 17. Prior to his April 24 surgery, he had used 14 units of blood. Reports are that more units have been used since then.

Stephens and his wife Betty, a nurse, live in Newark. They are the parents of three children, the youngest of whom, Amanda Williams Thompson, graduated from MSU in 1989. They also have five grandchildren. Donald has been the well-loved Quarry shuttle bus driver for the last 3 1/2 years. He spent 22 years as an academy instructor in the U.S. Army and for 18 years prior to his employment at MSU, he drove school buses and charter buses.

Students hearing of Donald’s plight are usually moved to comment on how kind a gentleman he is and then go on to tell stories illustrating Donald’s kindness. Get well cards may be sent to him c/o St. James Hospital, 155 Jefferson Street, Newark, NJ 07015, Room 306.

Perhaps the kindest thing any of us can do for Donald is to replace the blood he used from the North Jersey Blood Center at 401 Pleasant Valley Way, West Orange, telephone number 201-669-9999.

The blood center is open from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Mondays and Fridays. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday the hours are from 12:00 Noon to 7:00 p.m.

More blood is needed to replace the blood Donald has used already. There isn’t anything nicer you could do for Donald...and all it will cost you is a little of your time.

Be sure to mention that you are replacing blood for Donald Stephens so that it will be credited to his account.

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Dean Harris promotes racial harmony

By Tom Bond

Promoting racial harmony, the speech code issue, and the Board of Trustee’s (BOT) decision not to arm the university police were topics discussed by Associate Dean of Students James Harris on May 2 during a 15 minute interview in his office.

In terms of improving race relations, Harris said that the first step is to recognize that communication problems exist. “The best way to achieve racial harmony is to admit there are barriers to unrestricted communication. People come here from schools and neighborhoods that are basically segregated, so people come here with inexperience in communicating across racial lines." Harris said the second course of action lies in hosting events that foster inter-racial harmony. "We need to sponsor activities that will work for the common good of the community. These could be social, academic, or other types of activities. The key thing is working toward a common goal based on what we share."

Harris emphasized that a speech code would also have a negative impact on the university’s professors. “As speech code is very difficult to deal with in a university setting where you have faculty with a very high level of knowledge. It’s difficult to bridle people who are in the pursuit of truth.”

Harris also emphasized that a speech code would be useless. “Speech codes don’t work. First of all, they get you in court. Second of all, if people don’t accept speech codes, they will merely express themselves in non-speech forms such as graffiti. I think it’s better to have informal rules of courtesy. This way, the community can react as a whole. After all, the best discipline is discipline by your peers instead of one single authority.”

Lastly, Harris defended the Board of Trustee’s move to deny the university police the right to carry guns. “Yes, I believe the board made the right decision because everyone was asked for input. The overwhelming majority of people do not perceive the dangers of crime to be so great that guns are necessary. The board listened to many different points of view before coming to the conclusion that the university environment does not justify arming the police. Overall, the important factor is that the board decided this issue democratically since they listened to the voices they heard.”

Financial aid in jeopardy

By Anne Johnsen

Financial aid may be sharply reduced this year at Montclair State and all colleges and universities across the nation. Randall Richards, Director of Financial Aid, is working on a bill that would cut financial aid in the near future. Richards said that students who have their aid reduced may only be able to attend part-time because the students will not be able to afford full-time tuition.

Congress is proposing to cut student aid programs by 20 billion dollars over the next five years. If the cutbacks go into effect, students would have to pay interest payments on Stafford Loans while they are still attending school. Perkins Loans may be eliminated, and work study may be cut or eliminated entirely.

The Pell Grant, the cornerstone of most financial aid packages, may be eliminated entirely. Rep. Marge Roukema (R-NJ), a Montclair State graduate, may introduce a bill that would eliminate the Pell Grant program.

Financial aid has become increasingly important to students over the last few years. Richards said. In the 1990-91 school year, there were 3,400 recipients of aid at MSU. For the 1994-95 school years, there are 4,450 students receiving aid, a 31 percent increase.

In 1990-91 $12.7 million dollars in aid as awarded, and by 1994-95 it had increased to $21.4 million dollars—a 70 percent increase.

For the current school year 78 percent of full-time undergraduates and 60 percent of full-time graduate students receive financial aid.

Sixty-six percent of financial aid recipients come from families with incomes of less than $30,000 per year. Richards said that students who have their aid reduced may only be able to attend part-time because the students will not be able to afford full-time tuition.

Richards said that it is important for students to become involved in the fight to save financial aid programs. Students should write to their Senators and members of Congress to protest the proposed cuts. The Financial Aid Office has drafted a sample letter for students to use in writing these letters.
Second Careers Program aids older adult students

by Mary J. Bell

Each year approximately 150 students enroll in the Second Careers Program to earn a bachelor’s degree.

MSU offers this program for adults, 25 and older. A high school diploma or equivalency certificate is required to enroll.

“Adults are taking advantage of continuing education courses,” said writer, K. Patricia Cross, in her book, Adults as Learners. For some it helps to adapt to the changing work place.

Students in the Re-entry Seminar agreed to complete a questionnaire about the reason why they returned to school for a degree. All reports showed they had enthusiasm and appreciation of the program.

“Howls you glide into school easier and not feel like an old student,” one adult commented, age 32.

Would be more difficult and less enjoyable without Angela and the department for extra support upon returning to school at age 28,” said another student.

The questionnaires showed that the average age of students is 26 to 32.

Angela Frusteri, the director of the program, and a former Second Career Student, understands the concerns and questions of each student.

Frusteri, after earning a business degree, waited 17 years to enroll in the Second Careers Program and earned a masters degree in counseling. “Sometimes you need to wait for the answers,” is Frusteri’s advice.

The Second Careers Program offers a Re-entry Seminar, a two-credit course on a weekly basis, designed to make the college experience successful.

Introduction to library research, study techniques and writing a college term paper are provided. Information about campus life, services, places and events helps in getting acclimated.

A married student, age 27, commented, “The Second Careers Program is excellent, geared to adult students and our needs and concerns.”

Another married student, age 26, gave her reason for entering the program, “Hunger for knowledge. Wish they had a program for freshmen when I first attempted college.”

A musician, age 31, single, gave reasons for entering, “...as a backup to my music career, to learn new things and meet new people. Second Careers is a fantastic opportunity for those of us who put school off, and now can continue their education in an easier way.

A pharmaceutical production leader answered, “To get a good educational background so I can work in a field I enjoy,”...single, age 30.

The 24 students who completed the questionnaire included 12 singles, and eight married students with children at home.

Older adults in the Second Careers Program have the same drive and enthusiasm to attain their goals. Harriet Honie, a MSU graduate, with a bachelor’s degree in English Literature will be awarded a Master of Arts degree in counseling. She wants to continue working in her field.

A former legal secretary is fulfilling a lifelong dream to earn a bachelor’s degree in English. “This program is literally my dream come true,” she said. It is an excellent opportunity to study American and British literature and poetry.

Counseling service is provided at the office of the Second Careers Program for adults with questions related to returning to college. Making the choice about part-time day classes or taking evening or weekend courses is discussed.

Questions about the opportunity for advanced placement by the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) are explained.

Five general standardized 90 minute tests survey general knowledge and ability to apply basic principles. The tests cover English Composition, mathematics, natural sciences, the humanities, and social sciences/history. A possible 24 credits can be earned through the CLEP general examinations.

Questions about a chosen program of study are defined, with counseling.

Business administration headed the list for students already in the workforce but wanted to further their careers.

Teaching and counseling were tentative goals for several students.

Other choices included speech and theater, computer science, psychology, social science, and anthropology.

Answers to the questionnaires emphasized that earning a bachelor’s degree was a primary consideration to students, to ensure their future careers.

“Their goals must be their inspiration,” is the advice of the director of the program.

Application Deadlines for Admission:

September admission: Part-time - June 15th

January admissions: Part-time - October 1st

Upon application, the high school must send their transcripts and other credits to the admissions office.

For more information on the program contact Angela Frusteri at the Second Careers Office at 655-4432 or 655-7108.
Alumni Association seeks new members

by Melanie Ruia

If on the day of your graduation you find a membership card inside your diploma, don’t be surprised. The one-year membership card was put in there by the Alumni Relations office located on Normal Avenue.

The office, which was founded in 1964, is the main organ of the Alumni Association. It’s purpose according to Diane Aimeone, Program Assistant, is “to try to encourage pride and tradition in MSU.”

The office counts only 5.2% active members. This is 2,300 donors out of 60,000 graduates whose addresses they have. Mrs. Aimeone said the students’ attitudes towards MSU are changing. There is no sense of pride or loyalty in the students nowadays, and the fact that MSU is a commuter school does not help either. Students who graduated in the 1940’s or 1960’s are the ones that always come back.

Despite this drawback, the office keeps working with the graduates they have. For them, the office prepares various activities during the course of the year. The Homecoming Parade, Alumni weekend, the Summer Splash, the Phonathon and reunions are some of these activities. These are not always entirely free, but most of the cost is paid by those graduates who give donations to the Association.

Unfortunately, not every student who graduates from MSU wants to be an active member of the Association. The first membership card that is placed with the diploma is good for only one year. After that year if the Association doesn’t hear from the student, it is presumed that the student is not interested in the Association. They are then considered passive members.

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Spanish honor society remembers José Martí

by Anthony O'Donnell

MSU's Delta Chi chapter of Sigma Delta Pi, the national honor society for students of Spanish and Latin American language and literature, inducted 15 new members Wednesday, May 3, 1995. Esther Ticona served as Mistress of Ceremonies, and was accompanied in the ritual initiation by Society Chapter President Edith Ticona and Vice President Claudia Guerrero.

In addition to the induction ceremony the event commemorated the centenary of the death of José Martí, Cuban patriot, poet and essayist. Martí, who is recognized as one of the leading literary figures of the Spanish language in the Nineteenth Century, was honored by readings of several of his works.

Among the readings were La niña de Guatemala by professor Rogelio Zapata, and Mi caballero by Lucy Hernández. Damaris Meléndez, with Guaitarist and singer Fernando Dávila, performed Versos sensibles, an interpretation of Martí's lyric poetry, both spoken and as adapted musically in the Cuban anthem, Guantamana.

Dr. Valentin Soto, faculty advisor to the Delta Chi chapter, said that the inductees showed that students of Spanish at MSU have great potential.

"The students here are very good," Soto said, "but there is a need to provide them with some kind of center or backbone here to give them a greater sense of academic belonging. I think it is the duty of the faculty to do this in some way."
Educational Opportunity Fund in danger

by Erildania Perez-Juarez

The EOF program was founded in 1968 to provide economically and educationally disadvantaged students with an opportunity to attain an education. EOF has been deemed as an Affirmative Action program, but Mr. Michael Brown, director of EOF, refutes this assumption and explained the goal of the EOF program.

Brown clarified that EOF is not exactly an Affirmative Action program based on race or gender; however, it is in the “spirit” of Affirmative Action in that it promotes opportunities for economically and educationally disadvantaged students.

One thing that must be clear is that EOF is not exclusively a Black or Latino program, but it so happens that it is mostly Black and Latino students that come from the high areas of poverty and thus they are the majority that enter the program,” he said. “This is a program for the poor regardless of race or gender.”

In the 1994-95 academic year, 40 percent of EOF students were Blacks, 40 percent Hispanics, 15 percent Whites and five percent Asians.

Brown also explained that minorities have the highest percentage of participation in the program because they are more educationally disadvantaged than the majority.

Educationally disadvantaged, as defined by Brown, does not mean students are not intelligent; instead, it applies to students who attend poor district schools that lack the facilities, new textbooks, and technology that middle and upper-income district schools enjoy.

Brown said, “In suburban areas students have better equipment, computers, and tutors. These facilities create a safe and comfortable educational environment for suburban students, as opposed to the poor school districts that lack the means to create a similar environment.”

He also clarifies that many students allege EOF stands for “Equal” Opportunity Fund, while EOF is the acronym for “Educational” Opportunity Fund.

Even though EOF does not derive from the Affirmative Action program, Brown believes that the feasible abolition of Affirmative Action will eventually affect EOF.

“If Affirmative Action is eliminated it will not affect EOF immediately, but it will affect it subsequently since EOF is closely related to the notion that people of color achieve the same levels of accomplishments as the larger society.”

EOF is also flexible with the requirement for college preparatory units. For instance, regular admission requires 16 college preparatory units, but EOF will accept 14.

Once students are admitted into the program they receive a broad range of services which include counseling, tutoring, academic and personal skills workshops, computer-assisted instruction and tutoring, legal studies career preparation, internships, and the student leadership corps. But if a student doesn’t meet the criteria of being currently economically and educationally disadvantaged he/she will not qualify for the program.

Brown is pleased with the progress EOF students have accomplished. For instance, 92 percent of all EOF students are making satisfactory progress, 67 percent have cumulative averages of 2.0 of higher, they complete 82 percent of the credits attempted, and have graduated 56 students each of the last three years.

Ultimately, approximately 25,000 EOF alumni have become doctors, educators, dentists, attorneys, business people and other professions.
A part-time job becomes a full-time career

by Donna Ferloni

Eileen Bruck started working part-time at MSU's Career Services office 18 years ago. Today Bruck is the administrator.

As the Administrator at Career Services, Bruck says, "It is my job to make sure that the students get the best service possible." In order to accomplish this, Bruck says that she "wears lots and lots of hats."

Bruck describes Career Services as the "bridge between school and work" and says that Career Services is there to help students develop their career goals and ways to reach them. "Students come to Career Services to learn, and they come because they want an outcome, a career," Bruck says. Last year, Career Services had over 2,000 part-time and 1,500 full-time positions available.

A common misconception is that Career Services is an employment agency geared towards helping business majors find jobs. But Career Services offers many services besides helping students find employment.

Career Services offers individual career counseling and drop-in counseling, vocational testing, seminars on career planning and job hunting, resume critiquing, and the use of Resume Lab and the Career Library. The Career Services office also sponsored MSU's first Career Fair, which featured over fifty corporations and organizations that are seeking employees and/or interns.

Career Services also provides on-campus recruitment in which interviews are held in the Career Services office by employers with graduating seniors. According to a recent nationwide survey conducted by the College Placement Council, the most effective method employers use to attract college students is on-campus recruitment. Bruck says that on-campus recruitment enables MSU students to remain competitive with students from other schools.

Bruck says that the sooner students get started on preparing for their careers, the better off they will be. Representatives from Career Services periodically go out and speak to classes, including Freshman Seminar classes. But Bruck says that 25 to 30 percent of the people who come to Career Services are alumni who "didn't stop to do any planning" for their futures.

In addition to her administrative responsibilities, working with employers, and heading the on-campus recruitment program and the computer job match program, Eileen Bruck makes it a point to counsel at least one student a day. Yesterday, Eileen Bruck met with a graduating senior who is searching for a job. "We talked about how her interviewing was going, we talked about how to frame answers to tough questions, and we discussed salary negotiations," Bruck says. Yesterday, Bruck was busy practicing the Career Services motto, "Helping students make the transition from school to work."
Administrator sympathizes with students during registration

by Gail Corrigan

If you've ever registered for classes at MSU, then you are like thousands of other students that have probably cursed the Office of the Registrar for one reason or another. Long lines, closed classes, and impatient people can make the registration process a very unpleasant experience. But are all the employees in the Registrar's Office out to get the students of MSU?

Erika Franzel, Assistant Registrar, and one of the youngest administrators on campus, understands all too well what the registration process is like. Not only does she monitor the transcripts of graduating seniors, and make sure that they are eligible to graduate, but she is a student herself.

Franzel graduated from the University of Massachusetts with a bachelor's degree in Mass Communications in 1987, and received her Masters degree in Theater from MSU in 1994. The 29 year old administrator sympathizes with the students who have problems getting into classes because she has gone through the grueling process many times herself. "I like working with the students," said Franzel. "We are trying to make things less difficult for everyone."

One idea that Franzel discussed is the new Phone-in registration beginning in April, for Summer and Fall classes. Once students receive their card in the mail, which tells them the date on which they may register, students can call the electronic line any time after that, and as many times as they wish. "I am just like everyone else. When the students have to call in to get classes, I will be calling in, too, but this new system should make people's lives a lot easier," Franzel said.

Franzel explained in detail that the registrar's Office exists only to implement the rules set down by different departments. "If a department says that there are only 15 seats in a class, then unfortunately we can't do anything about that." Franzel also noted that the Registrar's Office is trying to be much more "user-friendly," even remaining open 8:30 to 4:30, Monday-Friday without closing for lunch, unlike many other offices on campus.

Franzel has worked on campus for five years. She started in the department of the Institute for Critical Thinking, and was then transferred to the Registrar's Office.

Besides her office in College Hall, students may run into Franzel on campus being involved in many things. She is presently taking night classes on the graduate level, and her goal is to achieve her Ph.D. "I will be a student forever. I love reading and writing, and I always try new things that interest me." Franzel has even recently started a martial arts class in T'ai chi, and had a book of original poems published called "Moon Poems" about four years ago. One may remember her dancing and singing on a make-shift stage, in the outdoor amphitheater, in Players 1994 production of Hair.

"I got bit by the bug when I was seven, and I don't think a year has gone by that I haven't done at least one show," said Franzel. "I love the theater, but I think if I had to do it to pay the bills, I wouldn't enjoy it as much. My career goal is to teach Theater Literature."
The Spring Week Committee of C.L.U.B. would like to thank those that made Spring Week '95, "A Whole New U" a success:

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Once again, thanks MSU! Have a safe and fun summer.

See you all next year,

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Dr. Herbert Harrison: A man of many talents

by Neil Fardin

Do not believe that Herbert Harrison is new to the position of Director of Academic Advising. Although he is new at MSU, director for only a month now, Harrison has been "doing this for many years," he said.

Before coming to MSU, Harrison held the position of Director of Evening and Weekend Programs for the College of Arts and Sciences at St. Louis University. While serving as Director of Academic Advising, Harrison planned, organized and implemented, and assessed academic support programs and services. He also trained and evaluated academic advisors and support staffs.

"I have a wealth of experience in academic advising," he said.

Like many high school seniors about to graduate, Harrison wasn’t sure about what he was going to do next. Academic advising seemed to he nowhere in his future. After graduating from Flushing High School in New York, he went into the army at Ft. Dix. While in the army he was a special agent for the army’s intelligence department. After his service Harrison enrolled in Cardinal Glennon College where he earned his BA in Philosophy. He then received his Masters in Theology from Kenrick Theological Seminary.

"I wanted a liberal arts program for the wide variety that it offered. I didn’t want to be restricted by any one program."

Working and taking classes at the same time were nothing new for Harrison. While pursuing his Master’s Degree in Human Development Counseling and his PhD. in Counselor Education at St. Louis University, Dr. Harrison was working a full-time job.

"There were times when I didn’t feel like doing it (going to class), but I pushed myself and eventually it paid off. Whether it’s through the military, every day life, or the classroom, learning never ends. I felt I was learning all those years," he said.

Since Harrison’s arrival at MSU, he has worked with the staff and others, brainstorming for ideas on how to make the academic advising program run smoother than it currently does. He has been impressed by the professional attitude exemplified by the staff and their expertise in academic advising.

"I’ve found the staff cooperative and hard working, doing whatever possible to accommodate students," Harrison said.

As well as the program seems to be going in the initial few weeks, Dr. Harrison realizes that there are a number of what he calls “challenges” that need to be resolved. The term “challenges,” although it was not clearly defined, related to university-wide problems. One of the main “challenges” confronting Academic Advising is to have a student understand the requirements needed for a degree, and how to fulfill those requirements so a student can graduate in four years.

In the Academic Advising Center, advisors, support staff members (full and part-time secretaries), and people who exclusively keep track of those students on probation are always available for any questions and concerns a student may have. All students are welcome, especially transfer students and those students that are considered to have an “undeclared” major. When transfer students come in for an evaluation of official transcripts, they take part in the advisement process, which figures out whether or not transferred courses apply to a degree plan.

"I feel it’s (Academic Advising Center) essential for every student. We invite them to come. We want them to come," Harrison said.

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A couple weekends ago, I had the displeasure of seeing Rob Roy, a new film starring Liam Neeson, Jessica Lange, and Tim Roth. This is perhaps the one film I have hated the most out of all the ones I’ve seen in the theater. Yes, I’ve seen atrocities like Second Sight, Body of Evidence, and Stargate, but these films have an advantage over Rob Roy. They were poorly made, and I simply didn’t like them. Rob Roy was well made, but I hated it.

The basic premise of the film is this: In 18th c. Scotland, the clan system is dissolving and the highlanders must struggle to survive in this new world of English politics while maintaining their honor. It was a good idea, but the execution was horrible. A bit of warning is required at this time: I am going to give away some of the plot points in the next paragraph. I usually try not to give away the plot of a film, but in this case I think it’s necessary to support my viewpoint, so if you don’t want to know the plot, skip the next paragraph.

Rob Roy is a Scottish highlander living happily with his wife (Jessica Lange), two kids, dogs, and clan. Tim Roth is a temporarily exiled English nobleman, a true bastard. Rob Roy borrows money from Tim Roth’s Lord, and is set up by the Englishman. His best friend is killed, and the money stolen. Rob Roy’s dead friend is accused of theft and he is stuck with the bill. He subsequently brings the wrath of the English militia on his clan and in the ensuing conflict, another of his best friends is killed along with his brother, other clansmen, and even his dog. His wife is brutalized and raped by the Tim Roth’s character, and later we find out that she is pregnant with his bastard’s bastard child (no abortions!). Tim Roth is also responsible for the suicide of a pregnant maid that is foolishly enamored of him. In the end, Rob Roy is captured, beaten, and dragged clear across Scotland by a horse. He manages to escape, and arranges a personal sword duel with Tim Roth, who promptly proceeds to thoroughly whoop Rob Roy’s ass. In one of the most unrealistic finale in film history, Rob Roy grabs the Englishman’s sword with his bare hand (just as he is about to cut his throat with it), picks up his discarded sword, and practically slices him in half. Rob Roy returns home and lives happily ever after.

The first forty minutes is boring and melodramatic as it tries desperately to make you care about the main characters with sweeping music and cliché upon cliché. It then degenerates into a standard revenge story; a kind of Macbeth as written by the guy who does all those soft-core beligger movies. But at least in those movies, the hero kicks the crap out of the bad guy in the end. Rob Roy never touches up, he actually seems to lose spirit in the face of adversity. Even Popeye got to beat up Bluto in the end, but Tim Roth doesn’t even give us this pleasure.

There is another factor here, though. It is not really that Rob Roy didn’t get tough enough, because there was no way he could have. Tim Roth’s character committed so much evil that it could not have been avenged. Like Colin Ferguson, the Englishman was responsible for so much pain and suffer­ ing that killing him just wouldn’t be enough. No action upon him could have achieved justice, even if Rob Roy tor­ tured him for the last half hour of the film, I wouldn’t have felt any better. A film doesn’t have to go to the lengths this one did for me to hate the bad guy. Rape and victimization of innocents are not plot devices to be used lightly. This film is insensitive to its own brutalities.

There is an interesting line in the film: “Nothing has been done that is beyond bearing,” indicating that these atrocities aren’t considered too serious by the makers of this film. Another line says: “Not all sins go unpunished in this life.” This brings up an interesting question of the Christian belief of justice in the afterlife. As job asked in the Old Testament’s Book of Job, why do bad things happen to good people? This has been an eternal question, one posed ever since man realized he was unhappy. Why isn’t life fair? Rob Roy’s life sucks, so how can he go on? Does he hold the Christian belief in justice after death (how convenient)? Or is he a a Buddhist- does he feel that there is so much pain in this life that it is better not to value anything at all? In this way, there is no pain. There is also, of course, no pleasure. Unfortu­ nately, Rob Roy never explains how he won the hero copes. I, myself, am an agnostic, so my justice, if there is any, must take place here and now. This film had NO justice (de­ pending on your religious/ethical/political point of view).

I can only speak for myself, however. You may like it. I, personally, felt the film tried desperately to manipulate you into caring for the characters, then punished you for caring by ruthlessly abusing them. Sure, there are other films that abuse their main characters like 1984 and Platoon, but those are great films with memorable and realistic stories. Rob Roy is a calculated Hollywood manipulative piece of garbage.

I will no longer be using a rating system since there is no scale that goes low enough to evaluate this film. (Besides, the ratings were only a measure of my enjoy­ ment of the films I reviewed, not an absolute measurement of their quality—in my opinion is not absolute.)

P.O.V. will return next year, hopefully on a more regular basis. We will also be presented in a slightly different format. Have a great summer, and don’t see any Pauly Shore movies.

Arts & Entertainment/May 5, 1995
Six years is a long time to be doing anything, and this column certainly ranks up there. I tend to think that most television shows don’t last as long as this column still amazes me, and that some of you (Hi, Jill Napp- If I watch Emergency reruns, I’ll think of you always) have been reading CPTV as long as I’ve been writing it amazes me even more. Still, I’ve enjoyed every year.

I’m taking the fall semester off, and then it’s back to the grind as I begin pursuit of my nursing degree. Therefore, this will be my last column as an MSU student. Besides, after six years, I can use the break. So, as a last hurray to everyone who has put up with me for this long, I offer my sincerest thanks. If it weren’t for all of you reading this for years on end, I wouldn’t be writing. This includes you, Sue Luckman.

Thanks to the 1994-95 SGA Executive Board and Legislature for putting up with me on Wednesdays at 4:00, especially Michelle Grifasi, April Steinmetz, Carmen Andrade, Margo Kuturba, Melissa Stelmasik, Brian Cosgrove, Dan Marshall, Julio Moreno, Onix Noa, Internal & External Affairs Committee, Tara McCaffrey, Suzy Carella, and Sean Murray (for his micro notes). Also, thanks to The Montclarion, past and present staffs, who have let me ramble on every week; Barclay Minott (my first editor), Lynn Cowan, Audrey Regan, Kristen Marcussen, Val Kafka, Mike Walmsley, John Tibbetts, George Calle, Kelly Schab, Darla Bruno, Greg MacSweeney, Eric Erb, Jody Bardin, and everyone else that would take too long to mention.

Extra special thanks to the 1994 and 1995 La Campana Executive Boards for memorable travel stories and being there: John O’Brien, Mary Villano, Christine Valenti, Sam Rock, Walt Kolick, and Stacey Sers. Long live Dallas, and only good memories of New Orleans.

And before I forget, thanks to the 1989 SGA, Rob Silherrnagel, Pat Dougherty, Cynthia Ford, Paul Nahtkiki, the 1989 SGA-SLCL Basketball Team, and the members of The Syndicate for making me want to stay at MSU/MSU.

As far as I know, few (if any) columns have run in The Montclarion as long as this one. I succeeded Turbo Talk; and if someone decides to pen their own television column, they have my blessing. With that, up comes the test pattern, as Couch Potato Update, a Montclarion mainstay since Fall 1989 and fan favorite, signs off forever.

Then again, I’m like a Star Trek character. I’m never “dead” forever. See you in reruns.

Someone (me) once jokingly remarked that a sure sign you’re mellowing or getting old is when you start amassing a collection of greatest hits albums. Not exactly a new concept, “best of” compilations have been around practically since the first hit single. For record companies they come in handy; by repackaging existing material not only do they save on recording costs, they’re putting out product with proven sales potential. In addition, greatest hits collections can be used to rejuvenate careers of artists who have fallen into sales slumps. This can be evidenced by looking at Bruce Springsteen.

The last few years had not been kind to him, for after the lukewarm response to his last studio release, the consensus began to form that he was passé. Actually, this idea has been around for a while, but never en masse. Anyway, along comes the film Philadelphia, featuring Bruce singing it’s theme. In spite of it’s dullness the song becomes a hit and suddenly there’s a buzz around the Boss. He even ended up jamming with the overrated Melissa Etheridge.

In the middle of all this renewed interest Bruce’s label wisely put out Bruce Springsteen-Greatest Hits, and it seems to have put the breaks on the downward sales spiral that he fell into.

Greatest hits collections may be a sure thing for the labels, but this is not always the case for the fans. On the positive side, buying one sometimes gives a listener what he or she wants: the best work an artist or group has done. This is important to remember when considering one-hit wonders. A Flock of Seagulls “best of” is probably all one will ever need to enjoy that group. The Romans, for those who are lucky enough to have not seen a certain beer commercial three million times, can easily have their entire recording career whittled down to a compilation. A “best of” is a good way to be spared all the filler material groups like these undoubtedly had on their original releases. It’s also a convenient way to get that one song you liked. No matter what however, nothing could save Loverboy, barring the world’s first silent C.D. release...

Another good feature to greatest hits packages is the inclusion of liner notes or bonus tracks, a feature that usually results when a label is on good terms with the artist. Bob Seger’s “best of” includes comments on the recording of each particular song and what it meant to him. Elvis Costello follows the same route and goes one step further, with new artwork and extra songs. For the long-time fan as well as the uninitiated, this is a good deal.

There are some drawbacks to this type of career retrospective. Sometimes a greatest hits C.D. doesn’t quite capture the essence of an artist’s work. Often times labels just merely include the songs that were memorable onlysaleswise. The aforementioned Springsteen release’s songlisting is guilty of this. The track listing is comprised almost exclusively of more recent, MTV video material, which is a lot different from his earlier, more poetic, introspective work. The same goes for Cheap Trick, whose The Greatest Hits was about as unrepresentative of the band’s musical acheivements as one can get. A good greatest hits album from musicians with long careers is just too much to ask for. There’s never been a “best of” from Led Zeppelin, and probably never will be. Some music can only be appreciated in its original context.

Good greatest hits: Ramonesmania, Ramones, Double Platinum, Kiss, both Eagles compilations.

Lame ones: Greatest Hits, Bob Seger (exclusively ballads, but actually not a complete disaster), Chicago’s Greatest Hits, Volume two, Chicago.

Random musings area:

Where are all the summer tours? Last year at this time, the stones, the Eagles, and even Aerosmith all announced their itineraries while Woodstock was being promoted by Pepsi. What about this year? The Garden State Arts Center is doing their usual shows, but Yanni somehow doesn’t do it for me. At least we’ll probably have Cheap Trick at Sun Tan Lake...

Marisa Tomei has compiled her new album with a release date tentatively set for, wait a minute! I’m sorry, I rented Only You last weekend. If you’ve seen it you’ll understand. Sorry, she’s not doing an album.

Recycle this right away

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Facts on fast-food from fries to fajitas

by Jennifer Dorns and Dana Chester

Fast food restaurants have been sweeping the nation since 1955. Presently, one new McDonald’s goes up every eight to nine hours somewhere in the world, and serves twenty-eight million customers a day.

Changes in the food Americans consume resulted in the change of nutrients consumed. In the past 80 years, our fat intake has increased about 20 percent.

5 out of every 10 dollars used on restaurant food is spent at fast food restaurants, according to the U.S. department of Agriculture. Each American spends an average of $250 a year on fast foods.

Although fast food restaurants have evolved to include much more than burgers and fries, the low cost image still remains. However, it can sometimes cost as much as the bill at a table-service restaurant. It can cost more than double what it would cost to make the meal at home.

Fast food has made its mark on the American diet. These restaurants allow people to eat quickly without planning, without dressing up, and without having to get out of the car. However, many items at these restaurants are not nutritionally sound in comparison to the recommended daily intake of nutrients.

The following is a list of some of the more popular items ordered at fast food restaurants. Look at the nutritional values and see how high they are:

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Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet. The amounts that are right for you depend on your own needs. These values are designed for healthy individuals.

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Lazy legislators

It isn't often that you get a chance to correct something that is done wrong. SGA President Sal Anderton presented the legislators with the chance to invalidate the error-filled executive board elections, but apparently that would have taken too much effort.

The facts were presented. There were 1240 votes tabulated in the voting machine, and only 1212 people registered as voting in the election books. Apparently, there were 28 unaccounted for votes in an election that was decided by only 11 votes. Still this was not enough to invalidate the election.

Well, then maybe suggestions that people voted twice and that proper identification was not checked at the polls would convince them. Unfortunately, that did not sway the legislators’ opinion either.

According to SGA election rules, in an extraordinary situation, “the election rules will be resolved through the use of New Jersey State Code as adopted by the Attorney General, and any means as adopted by the legislature of the Student Government.” The circumstances seem an “extraordinary situation.”

The legislators didn’t adopt these statutes, so the original election rules stand, which state no elections can be contested after the polls have closed.

Now we are left to accept an election that is surrounded by controversy. No one knows for whom these 28 votes would have counted, or what impact they would have had on the election. There have been several discrepancies raised about this election after the close of the polls. Thanks to the limitations of the election rules, there is nothing that can be done.

Here’s hoping that SGA president-elect Francois Dauder and Attorney General-elect Michael Costa will reconstruct the election rules, so if a situation like this occurs again, it will be handled properly.

Nevertheless, there is a dark cloud hanging over the SGA, and it may take some time for it to blow over.
In light of the events of Tuesday, May 2nd, I feel I should say something with regard to my actions. Perhaps the best I could say is that when you see injustice being done, sometimes you’re going to overreact to it.

In my judgement, Delta Kappa Psi was spreading misinformation about Dr. Jeffries for the purpose of influencing people who had not even heard him speak. People who read and took those quotes seriously do themselves and Dr. Jeffries a disservice. A Delta Kappa Psi brother said he got the quotes from a newspaper. But if you’re going to quote somebody you can’t just rely on a newspaper; you need to go to more direct sources, like a transcript of the speech in question. I actually took the trouble to call Dr. Jeffries and he personally told me that he had been misrepresented and he sent me a transcript of what he actually said.

I want to add, however, that I regret what I did. I almost don’t want to say that because I feel that my anger was justified by a wrong that was happening. But I think the First Amendment is very important. Without it we’re nowhere, so we have to restrain ourselves when we see something as very unjust—and I didn’t do that on Tuesday.

But Delta Kappa Psi needs to think about what they did, too. I feel they don’t understand the difference between all of us and why we originally reacted the way we did to the Confederate flag. I want to say to them, Brothers, get educated about what it means to us. You weren’t taught the entire picture of what the Confederate flag means to all of us. That’s why we need speakers like Dr. Jeffries.

If anyone says the Organization of Students for African Unity is hypocritical because of what happened to Delta Kappa Psi, they should remember that O.S.A.U. did not charge, prosecute, and convict the fraternity. I agree that the were treated wrongly. We just wanted the truth to be known.

If people like Dean Helen and the Greek Council cared about sensitivity, they wouldn’t have done what they did to Delta Kappa Psi—they should have tried to educate them.

Of course, some things are not what people want to hear. But if they want to have an open mind and an open heart, then I say that it may be bitter going in, but it’ll be sweet going down. People need to stop being afraid of what’s different. Peace.

Wayne Dennis, Vice President OSAU
Reflections on Vietnam War

I read Dr. Paul's article on his trip to Vietnam last summer, and it made me wish that I too could have gone back. I miss my family and friends very much. I have been thinking about it often in light of the fact that on April 30, Vietnam will have celebrated 20 years of being a truly independent nation. However, for Vietnamese who live outside the U.S., it will be called the Blue Day of April.

The Vietnam war has been over for 20 years. Who won the war and who lost? Who cares? The fact is not important then or now. The important fact is the reality of who died and who is still suffering from the war. More than 50,000 Americans went to war and never came home. It left relatives and friends living in pain and depression in America. Thousands of students who just finished college were forced to go to war and many encountered Hell and death. Thousands of veterans came home and developed mental and physical illness. They had no jobs and were left living with scars and nightmares from the war. After the war, 1,621 Americans were listed as missing in Vietnam proper. Did they die or are they still alive? Many people are searching under the leadership of U.S. Army Lt. Col. Melvin Richmond through the MIA office in Hanoi for the answer. Because of the Vietnam war, 58,000 Americans never returned home.

Thousands died and live in pain. Many are missing. It was at a cost of $65 million per day for twenty years. What was accomplished? Who is responsible for this suffering?

Vietnam has brought death and hate. In twenty years of war, millions of Vietnamese in both the North and the South laid down on the battlefield. Millions of innocent babies were killed. Thousands became handicapped forever. Thousands of buildings were destroyed in the war. Vietnamese hated and killed other Vietnamese. Thousands of Republic of Vietnam armies were thrown into re-training (re-education camps) in the North after the Communists took over the South. The Communists confiscated their property and forced families to live on farms that were destroyed by bombing. Students were refused the right to go to college and were told the reason was because, "your father's history was ugly to the country." For freedom, two million Vietnamese fled their country by boat after 1975, and thousands of them (my relatives included) encountered death at sea rather than freedom. War brought nothing else but the killing of millions of my people. Who is responsible for this history of suffering?

After the war, thousands of Amerasians, children whose fathers were American and mothers Vietnamese, were born without knowledge of who their fathers were. These babies didn't have their mothers with them after birth, because they left for fear the Communists would arrest them for having relationships with Americans. These children were raised by relatives, and many were denied access to education by the government.

In 1982, Vietnam and America came to an agreement known as the Order Departure Program (ODP). This agreement guaranteed entry into America for all Amerasians and their families. However, some people who wanted to get into America abused this agreement by paying an Amerodian to identify them as family. Once in the U.S., though, those people abandoned the Ameradians, leaving them with no family or friends in this new country. Many joined gangs and became involved in crime as a way to survive. A number of these individuals ended up in jail.

The Vietnam war started in seemingly unlimited killing and ended in long frustration for both Americans, Vietnamese, and Amerasians. War destroyed, and left nothing but nightmares and death behind. War always starts without concern for the consequences. I would like to send my heart out to all Americans and Vietnamese who died in the war. To all American Veterans, Vietnamese Veterans, and especially my dearest friends, the Amerasians, I love you all.

Le Dinh Tuan, Business

Vet praises Vietnam articles

This May, the New Jersey Vietnam Veteran's Memorial will be dedicated to the men and women who served and died in that much-maligned and costly war. For many, it will help bring closure to a period in their lives that they would like to put behind them. It will be a psychological balm for me also.

Up to this point, I, like most other vets, had to deal with the trauma of war alone, not only because I wanted to, but because it was prudent. Until it was no longer fashionable, I was vilified not only by my peers, but by my own family. I thought that this added disgrace would continue to be so - until I picked up and read the April 13th issue of the Montclarion. I was taken aback! There, right before me, was an almost full two page spread relating John Chevalier's experiences, as well as Dr. Scipione's. Obviously, the students and faculty want to share in our experiences and your newspaper is willing to print them. It is a credit to you and this university. I salute you.

Each veteran has a unique personal piece of history to relate, and each story demands evaluation. When I staggered back to this country, dazed and confused in October of 1969, I had no idea how much my participation may have influenced history, but I knew I was taking part in something that should be passed on, not for your pleasure, but to help prevent Americans from participating in any more conflicts unless they have the will, the means, and the resolve to win. Only then will you protect your sons and daughters, and save yourselves unnecessary grief. If the Montclarion and MSU continue as they have, I have no doubt you will be successful, and our suffering will not have been in vain. Keep up the good work!

George Zarzycki, Anthropology Member of the Vietnam Vets of America, Chapter 12

Columnist revises his beliefs

As I near my last semester and ultimately my graduation in December, I had the opportunity to re-examine many things that I once held dear. I now realize that I have been ignorant, bullheaded, and foolish. I am talking here about my support (read as aiding and abetting) of the left.

The left is comprised of anti-American rich White kids. They have nothing better to do than criticize our nation and the Judeo-Christian beliefs that it was founded upon. I feel terrible for encouraging such behavior. I am not going to go out and buy a fire-retardant American flag to show that I am just as patriotic as Oliver North.

The congress that was elected in September, 1994 is one of the greatest that we have had since the American Revolution. They'll get those welfare cheats and illegal immigrants off the dole, kick 'em in the rear end, and force them to get a job. It serves them right to be poor. They should have stopped spending it all on drugs, alcohol, and sex.

I must make a confession. When I registered for Selective Service, I sent a note to them explaining that there was no way that they would draft me for war. I was very vocal about my opposition to the Gulf War. I helped to aid Hussein and his evil terrorist friends by maligning my own nation. I'm so sorry.

I am no longer Unitarian. The Unitarian faith lets all sorts of arfitics, humanists, and generally godless people in through their doors. From now on, I am a born-again Christian, and I will tape Pat Robertson's "700 Club" each day so I will not miss his God-inspired wisdom. I agree that we need prayer in schools. When prayer was banned, the jails filled up. We need God back, so He can take vengeance on all the secular humanists, sexual deviants, and anti-Christian lefties of our world.

I was once a member of the anti-nuclear war movement. How naive I was! How could I not see that the anti-nukers were actually Commies in American clothing! So an accident happens once in a while. So what is some people were exposed to radiation tests and not compensated? The knowledge of their duty to help defeat the Evil Empire should have been enough compensation.

I was wrong to support gun control. Every family should own at least one gun. That way we all know that every house has a gun in it and nobody would be foolish enough to shoot someone else. We should thank God for the National Rifle Association for their continuing effort to put assault weapons in the hands of normal Americans.

I once said my personal hero was Abbie Hoffman. Ha! He was a self-centered goof who helped to aid the downfall of our great civilization and promote teen pregnancy, drug use, and homosexuality.

As I enter the "real world," I see that we need a President who is strong. Bill Clinton went to Prague and Moscow in the dead of winter. Why? He was a Commie symp! We need Ronald Regan back. How could I have thought that his sinful daughter Patti Davis was the normal one in the Regan family? I'll be straight, red, white, and blue from now on.

Only kidding. See you in the editorials in September.
Native American

Dr. Leonard Jeffries - when some people read this name it brings "memories of pain and suffering to them. The mere sight incites rage and anger among them." These words, I must admit, are not my own, but those used in the "Wake Up Call" issued last semester to the black students on this campus in reference to the sight of the Confederate flag. Before I continue, there is one thing I would like to state about the MSU campus and the majority of campuses in America: they are too sensitive - hypersensitive, in fact - and as such they do not properly prepare students for the real world. Upon graduation, ladies and gentlemen, people are not going to worry about what offends you (unless it can be used to their advantage), but how well you can do your job. MSU does not teach that.

The first issue I want to address is the Confederate flag/Dr. Jeffries comparison. The OSAU and several students on campus do not see a connection between these two things. For example, last week, Miss Tracy Smith wrote, "There is no comparison! That specific member of Delta Kappa Psi committed an act of sheer ignorance. His fraternity brothers allowed him to raise that flag over their fraternity letters, therefore they were all held accountable for this. In essence, it symbolized a similar train of thought."

There is a problem with this reasoning. If ignorance is not a viable excuse, shouldn't prior knowledge be grounds for the loss of Class I status? Didn't the OSAU know before they invited Dr. Jeffries (since they have invited him before) that it would have the same result? And if guilt by association is acceptable, then I can assume, according to Miss Smith's logic, that the OSAU supports Jeffries' belief that "melanin, the dark skin pigment, gives blacks intellectual and physical superiority over whites" according to a Time magazine article. Does this not, by their invitation to Dr. Jeffries to speak, symbolize a similar train of thought? And if so, shouldn't the OSAU get at least the same discipline as Delta Kappa Psi? The double standard and selective tolerance are revealed here.

Last week on my radio show, Mr. Damon Pearson appeared as a representative of OSAU. I would again like to thank Mr. Pearson for his appearance. He stated that he, personally, does not feel that Dr. Jeffries is a racist or anti-Semite. Similarly, the person that owns the Confederate flag didn't believe that it was a dehumanizing symbol for blacks - but he and his fraternity were punished for it. Shouldn't OSAU be punished for this violation also? People want to play the sensitivity game, it must go both ways.

Mr. Pearson also stated that many people are trying to silence Dr. Jeffries and other black scholars. Ironically, Dr. Jeffries has spoken at over 3000 colleges in the last year and was recently on The Dennis Prager Show. And why are Dr. Walter Williams, Shelby Steele, Thomas Sowell, or Justice Clarence Thomas (to name a few) not invited as black scholars? That would be real diversity - black conservatives! They are the once who are truly silenced.

Challenge to "get real" met

Further, Mr. Pearson stated Dr. Jeffries' credentials and they are not questioned. However, much of what Dr. Jeffries is saying is gleaned from books that other people have written, which is valid. - But I can find just as many books that say the opposite of what Dr. Jeffries states. So which is right? Mr. Pearson wrote in a letter to the Montclarion last week that people must, "Stop relying on other people or forces to dictate how you should think, feel, or act towards certain people." I couldn't agree more. Research for yourselves and question the author or orator - especially the one who believe melanin is the measure for intellect and physical strength.

The ideas of campus unity and diversity have been heavily debated since the announcement of Dr. Jeffries planned appearance here at MSU. I believe that in order to create true campus unity, ethnicity-based organizations should be downplayed to Class II or Class III. Universal clubs (i.e. Conservation, Yearbook, Montclarion, College Democrats or Republicans) should be upgraded. The double standard has got to stop; why not treat everyone equally! For diversity, rather than the constant flow of like-minded speakers, why not allot some money for conservative orators? And the hyper-sensitivity must end - grow up already.

Maybe these ideas will be considered, but I can't expect much from a place that states on every piece of stationery that this is "An equal opportunity/affirmative action institution." Please, As Mr. Pearson stated, "let's get real."

Apologist

by Nelson Alonso

No one should speak about homosexuality without a caring heart. Homosexuals are well aware of the stereotypes and hostility that others may feel toward them. And even if those feelings are not present, many homosexuals will think that they exist. However, we must also have the courage to share the truth. Examined as a whole, the homosexual lifestyle is anything but healthy. Moreover, people are not going to worry about what offends you (unless it can be used to their advantage), but how well you can do your job. MSU does not teach that.

According to Drs. Edward J. Attman and James J. Carda, writing in the medical journal Current Concepts in Genitourinology, the homosexual lifestyle is "responsible for the majority of new cases of sexually transmitted diseases." The Centers for Disease Control have reported that approximately 50 percent of new cases of syphilis occur in the homosexual population. According to other research, homosexuals are fourteen times more apt to ever have had syphilis, three times more apt to ever have had gonorrhea, genital warts, and lice, eight times more apt to ever have had hepatitis, five more times apt to ever have had scarlet fever, thirty times more apt to ever have had an infection from penile contact, and over five thousand times more apt to have AIDS. According to various studies, approximately 70 to 80 percent of homosexuals have reported having a sexually transmitted disease.

Morality of gay lifestyle questioned

Until recently, homosexual acts were considered criminal, although the law was rarely enforced. Indeed, in 1988 alone, eighteen more states removed their sodomy laws. If tens of millions die from AIDS, this will probably force a return to homosexual acts as criminal. It appears that homosexuality and its lifestyle actually increases criminal behavior. The Institute for Scientific Investigation of Sexualitv examined the incidence of criminality and social disruption among the gay population. 62 percent more homosexuals reported regularly getting high on drugs or alcohol, 22 percent more gays reported at least one auto accident in the past five years, 40 percent more gays admitted to deliberately killing or attempting to kill others, 557 percent more gays reported having been arrested for a sexual crime, and homosexuals were 62 percent more likely to admit having sex with children under the age of thirteen. In an evaluation of 40 mass murderers or serial killers, it is claimed that of the mass murderers involving sexuality over the past 17 years in the U.S., over represented in these deaths. This is understandable considering statistics like the following: Jeffery Dahmer, Donald Harvey (87 victims), John Wayne Gacy (23 victims), Patrick Kearney (87 victims), Bruce Davis (28 victims), Corll-Henley Brooks (27 victims), Juan Corona (25 victims). In fact, the New York Times cites investigating detectives as saying that all these murders were "motivated by a sense of shame after having homosexual relations with their victims."

Many are the problems and dangers involved in this lifestyle. As a society we can't claim we genuinely care about such individuals when we continue to accept and endorse their behavior.

Calle's election appeal to Francois

I appeal to your sense of fairness and justice that you immediately call for another election. You cannot possibly allow the present results to stand. What kind of presidency do you expect to have?

I'll tell you. It will be one of those years where an asterisk appears.

Look at it from a regular student's point of view. There were 1212 signatures in the book and there are 1240 in the machine.

Now, I'm no math major Francois, but those numbers don't make sense!

We can argue a lot of things here and blame it on a wide variety of reasons, but that would still bring us to our present dilemma: The election results are not accurate.

You will further drag the SCA down the road that they are now going, and that's not a good thing. Francois, I'm not claiming that you caused the election mishandling, but you can't say you're not responsible for it.

Instead I must be the voice of reason in a wilderness of injustice and a sea of inequality.

Please, I ask you to consider this for the students who took time to go to the polls and vote. The students who trusted your vote would count for something are depending on you to be the leader you campaigned to be.

Even I wouldn't want the presidency that badly.

Jorge Calle
Both sides asked to focus on similarities to resolve conflicts

In 1975, John Dean III, who was involved in the Watergate cover-up and helped form the White House Enemies List, brought controversy to this campus when he came and delivered a speech. Now, it seems history has repeated itself. The coming of Dr. Jeffries has caused controversy once again. But this time, the issue is racial, not political.

To see this, one need only read last week’s Montclarion. There are four letters written in support of Jeffries. All four make a very valid point: that Dr. Jeffries is a learned man, a very intelligent man, who has broken through traditional barriers and accomplished many things. Because of this, he is qualified to be a speaker at the Paul Robeson Affair. For a black man to rise to prominence and be considered a leader is a remarkable accomplishment, which Dr. Jeffries has done.

But what about Wayne Dennis, Damon Pearson, and Tracy Smith who have done so much to expose our country’s prejudice for Blacks, that the label of being a racist is, blatantly exposing the racism some blacks have had towards others? People.

If anyone is being labeled, it is Wayne Dennis, Damon Pearson, and Tracy Smith who have done so much to expose our country’s prejudice for Blacks, that the label of being a racist is, blatantly exposing the racism some blacks have had towards others. People.

OSAU wrote, “There is a flyer that asks, ‘why listen to the Martin Luther Kings and Nelson Mandelas of the world when you can get a dose of real bigotry firsthand?’ Now, we ask you this question, ‘Who killed Martin Luther King and put Nelson Mandela in jail?’ The truth hurts, doesn’t it?”

To the best of my knowledge, the man who killed Dr. King was caught long ago, and Mr. Mandela was imprisoned by a racist South African government. Why should these facts hurt? I didn’t have a hand in either of these events. In fact, I think it’s safe to say that nobody presently attending or teaching at this University had anything to do with murdering Dr. King or imprisoning Mr. Mandela. So why should the truth hurt? The only conclusion I can think of is that OSAU is implying that all whites are at fault for these unjust acts. But if this is true (and I hope I’ll be refuted if I’m wrong) isn’t the idea just as racist as the many inaccurate stereotypes given to blacks which the OSUU so vehemently opposes?

Wayne Dennis makes the same generalization. “Why is it believed that the empowerment and uplifting of the Black race mean the downfall of the White race? Maybe it is guilt felt by Whites because of what was done to Blacks that instills fear?” I’ve never met Mr. Dennis, so I can’t see why he thinks this is my opinion. Blacks should have more power and pride in their culture and heritage. Why does Mr. Dennis assume I do? Again, just as blacks have been stereotyped, now some blacks are doing the same things to other people.

I plan on attending the open forum on Monday. I am most interested in what Dr. Jeffries will have to say. I believe that he is anti-Semitic, but I refuse to let this stop me from trying to understand what is really happening or from trying to look past any prejudices I may have, as well as others, in order to live peacefully along with people. Underneath the labeling - black, white, Jew, Christian - guess what? We’re all people. We’re all human. And that fact should be far more important than anything else, because as long as that truth is understood, then it is possible to reach through our hatred and fear of each other, to live together - as cliched as it may sound - in peace and harmony. As President Johnson once said of ending racism in America: “Should we defeat every enemy, double our wealth, conquer the stars and still be unequal in this task then we will have failed as a people and as a nation.”

Ends don’t justify means, even in US

But there can’t be a rational excuse for the manslaughter of innocent children and villagers who sympathize with socialist ideologies. Besides, we have not only assaulted leftist guerrillas in the name of “democracy,” but also constitutionally and democratically elected presidents. For instance, the CIA, following orders from president Reagan, organized the Contras in Nicaragua to rise up against the elected Sandinista government. The World Court even condemned the United States for subsidizing the Contras, whose members were accused of drug smuggling. But this country discarded the court’s holding saying it had no jurisdiction over this matter. Is ironic that we preach the veneration of international laws, when we are the first ones to violate them.

One of my friends asked me why I live in this country if I am so much against it. I then asked him if the Americans who revealed the United States intervention in Latin America and Africa should forsake their country because they the wrote the truth. Since he did not reply, I told him that watching basketball games and reading cartoon books will never allow him to know the truth about this country.

Have a nice vacation everyone.
Hope you had a real good time...See ya
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Stick-figure Sally-Jesse Raphael wishes you all a wonderful summer break.

THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON

"Whoa! Here we go again! ... Pony Express Rider Walks into Workplace, Starts Shooting Every Horse in Sight."

"You're up, Red."

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Calvin and Hobbes

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My Real Horoscope

by John J. O'Sullivan
A.B.C.D.E.F.G.-Certified Copy-Cat.

Aries: (Mar. 21-Apr. 19) DON'T EAT THE HOT DOGS!!! DON'T EAT THEM!!! WHATEVER YOU DO, DON'T EAT THE HOT DOGS!!! (This fortune brought to you by the National Ham­burger Coalition.)

Taurus: (Apr. 20-May 20) John J. O'Sullivan's birthday is May 8th. Shower him with presents, or you will be hit by a Mack™ Truck.

Gemin: (May 21-June 21) An in­credibly huge squirrel will steal away your first-borne. Don't stop him; he's got an AK-47™.

Cancer: (June 22-July 22) A con­tainer of milk will try to organize a rebellion in your refrigerator. To prevent lactose-induced revolution, distribute propaganda pamphlets in your refrigerator, stating why the orange juice is the true leader of the refrigerator.

Leo: (July 23-Aug. 22) That last fortune tired me out. You don't have a fortune this week. Sorry.

Scorpio: (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) Your cat will discover the meaning of life, but unfortunately no one will believe that killing chipmunks is the essence of being.

Sagittarius: (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Your house will burn down in a terrible coffee accident. Your lucky numbers are 53, 19, .2, and n.

Capricorn™: (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A close personal friend of yours is the Anti-Christ. I'll give you a hint on who he is: He has the numbers “666” on his forehead and burns things by looking at them...NO, IT ISN'T ME!

Aquarius: (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Your Pop-Tarts™ love you; buy them a new toaster!

Pisces: (Feb-19-Mar. 20) Contrary to public belief, drinking toxic waste will not give you a great smile and smooth muscle tone.

MY REAL HOROSCOPE

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MONTCLARION 27
THE THINGS THAT PISSED ME OFF!!!!!!!

by John J. O'Sullivan

Wow, yet another semester is au revoir. And, as my creative energy dwindles and diminishes down to nothingness, I am saved by the bell. Well, for those of you who don't know (or don't care for that matter) at the end of every semester I write the:

THINGS THAT PISSED ME OFF; THE SEMESTER IN REVIEW.

So now that all of you know, remember, or still don't care, I will now list out the

THINGS THAT PISSED ME OFF; THE SEMESTER IN REVIEW.

1. Cars: I swear to God, I'd rather walk around, ride a bike, or even hijack a kite than use these damn contraptions. Let me tell you about my "Chariot of Tire": My car died down in Bloomfield (Town Motto: There means saved!!! "By what," you may ask. Well, for the idiots running around the halls at

2. Richard Bey: I want to smack him. I can NEVER be too many trees). HELP!

3. TVs don't go limp & TVs rotate

4. Another bad 90's song.

5. That annoying "What Would You Say" song that we

6. The Idiots Who Stole Every

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Christine F.
Does this noise sound familiar? RIIIPPP!!
Love your little, Genevieve

Gigi
Sorry I wasn’t there to help you much during the jam.
Jan

Tom,
Thanks for listening, I had a great time on Thursday.
Joanne

Caroline,
Jump up and down when you read this personal.
Joanne

Ann Marie (Phi Sig)
I’m gonna miss my grand big next year!
IPSL

To all Phi Sig going on Saturday,
Get yourselves ready to see Mary Ann and Bill live and in 3-D!!
IPSL

Phi Sig,
Thanks for making my last carnival memorable!
I wanted a party and we sure had one!
IPSL, Ann Marie

AKY:
Joe thanks for everything.
Love your little
Christine F.

Which one is Eddie Van Halen?
To all Montclair people who attended the Van Halen concert, my big and I would just like to say, don’t you wish you were us with 3rd row seats and back stage passes!
OK come on now.

To my Big, Christine [Phi Sig]
Just think how many people can actually walk around and say that Sammy Hagar sang to them!
Love, Your sisters

Phi Sig,
I get a couple of complaints from the people in the front row of the drive in that “Short Dick Man” was too loud!! Thanks again.
IPSL, Kim

Improve class:
Their painting the lines on the parkway - get me a diet coke.

AKY: Joe,
you are killing me.
Love, Re-Paul

Juicy Congrats!
Love, Rupi

AKY: Nicole,
I’ll get you your little next semester.
Love, Ru-Paul (Joe’s little)

Phi Sig Sisters,
I’m so glad you found a good place to hide your drinks when the cops came around. Who would have thought that a crew, roof would have so many uses?
IPSL, Kim

Mick,
So you understand the linguistics of personales.
What are we saying?
Puddin’ Heads

Mick,
Now you can back in the glory of my blindness to the truth.
Mel

Jim (Sigma)
It’s a shame you passed out before your hour was up.
Monica and Alan

Jim (Sigma)
Thanks for a great time on Friday, the lemon drops, tackling me on the floor, taking the biggest piece of chicken at the formal and waking me up at 9:30 in fear!
Love, Stephanie (Theta)

Susan (Theta)
I’m glad you didn’t puke on your dress a second time but it’s not freshman year anymore.
Love, Stephanie

Alan,
I had a really great time on Friday. Thank you so much for everything.
Love, Monica

To: Anita (AlPi)
My little, thanks for the gift, I’ll always be here for you.
Love your big, Olga

Don (AlPi)
You are an a–k–l–, Love,??

Brothers (AlPi)
I will miss you all so much - you do not know how much you mean to me. I will be around though, I promise. As Chantelle would say “I love you guys”!
Love, Kim (Hottolto)

YoYo (AlPi)
Rose, Rose, Rose (how cute) Ha! Ha! Guest Who

Stacy (Theta)
...Remember much?
Love, Stephanie

Laura, Mike, and Kay (AlPi)
Thank you so much for helping me with the banquet, you guys are great!
Love, Kim

Laura and Chris,
What a great ear ride, I’ll miss you guys! I love you guys so much!
Love, Kim

(AlPi)
We’ll always “be” together “be” strong and “be” one; AlPi I’ll always treasure, Especially Beta Epsilon.

AKY To: Joe B,
I will miss you a bunch.
Keep in touch. You better call me.
Love, YoYo

Be (AlPi)
I will never forget you guys. I’ve learned so much from all of you and you’ll always have a special place in my heart. I love you guys so much!
Love, Kim

Mick,
What will I do without our playmates? The summer won’t be the same.
Mel

AKY,
To my adopted little Debra. It was my pleasure taking care of you on that final day. Congratulations once again.
Yocasta

AKY,
Jimmy: I wish you the best. I’ll “really”, “really”, “really” miss you a “lot”.
Love, Yocasta

AKY Mariane
Hey little what’s up? Congratulations and welcome to the AKY family.
Love, Yocasta

Linda,
Congratulations on True Blue. Thanks for being there for me, especially Friday night. I’ll miss you and I love you!
Love, Kim

Marianne (AlPi)
Congratulations you did a great job. I know you would. You’re one of the sweetest people I know, don’t let anyone tell you different. It’s funny how first impressions can be so wrong?
Love, Kim (your big)

SoulTrain (AlPi)
Always remember tall, handsome, gorgeous, sweet pants (white).
MIA

AKY:
To my one and only little:
Thanks for always being there for me. I’m going to miss you next semester!
Love your one and only little, “Ru-Paul”

EP - Congrats! We finally made it!
Love, “Ru-Paul”

AKY.
Congratulations to all graduating seniors: Jimmy, Joe, Danny, Raphael, Kim, Luis, and Cristina.
Love, Yocasta

(AlPi)
Laura, Linda, Mike, Chris, Angie, Nick, and Kim - Chispas Chispas!

Sai,
Who will I share animosity with when you’re gone? I guess you decided to play instead of please.

AO,
When in doubt, lighter fluid.
Gella, AO

Theta Kappa Chi,
What a way to celebrate 10 years!
Formal was AWESOME!!
Love, #93

Kathleen (Theta)
Welcome back to Margaritaville!
Love Ya! Stephanie

AKY:
Thanks for everything especially for the traffic lights! I like traffic lights.
Love, “Ru-Paul”

Joe B.,
You better keep in touch after graduation.
Love your little

Miss,
Who will have the honor of making it to the wall of shame next semester? Remember, everything goes around in a full circle.
Mick

Have you proven that? Scientifically I mean?
Moneyman,
At least we’ll be rid of each other for a few months!
Blue Eyes

Cassie (Phi Sig)
Just want to say sorry, we love yall! And just remember that!
IPSL, Your sisters of Phi Sigma Sigma

Mick,
Let me know when the marry-go-round stops, I’m sick of the ride.
Mel

AKY:
To Jimmy:
It was a pleasure for you to have me as your little. Ha! Ha!
Love, YoYo

Mick,
The tables turned and now you can finally say, How high?
Mel

Cassie,
Don’t you like sugar games anymore? Remember
No more Personals!

you had the sugar last.  
The "pure" one

Steven (Theta Xi)  
So which animal do you want to play with?

Robin (AO)  
Happy Birthday! You're the best!  
Love, Christy

Alicia,  
When are we going to hang out? When are we going to A&S?

Samantha  
Chassieu and Rick  
Thanks for being my subjects. My experiment proved that the two of you are players. Play hard this summer "sugar boys!"

Michele  
Robin and Veronica AO,  
Best bed mates I ever had.  
Love, Olga

Mike,  
So you've just as literate as we are? Who do you discuss us with behind closed doors?  
MRM

Mike (APsi)  
You are also best. Best of the best.  
Love, Joe's Pizza

Alex,  
Friday night was the best pizza I've ever had!  
Monica

AKY: Carlos  
Thanks for making me laugh.  
Ro-Paul

Jan AO,  
There's a cute one, let's bring him back to the cabin.  
Love, Joe's

Robin, Carly, Veronica AO  
No Hu-Hu-Kools, "not said"  
Love, Joe's

Veronica AO,  
Go get it!  
Love, Joe's

Tina AO,  
Where were you on Friday?  
Brothers

Celia AO  
You are the best. The best of the best.  
Love, Olga

Happy Birthday Cherrie, Sue, Denise, and Robin AO

Joe B.  
You are killing me  
Love, your little

Robin, Carly, Veronica AO  
Davis Taxidermy. Davis Food Mart Either he's the richest man in town or there's a lot of breeding going on.  
Love, Joe's

Celia (AO)  
What a great line about the radio!  
Christy

Deirdre (APsi)  
My first little! You're so special and I wish I saw you more than I did this semester. I'll miss you and Marianne but I'll be around. I promise.  
Love, Kim

Denise AO,  
My butt is all bruised now.  
Thanks!  
Celia AO

Margaret and Anna,  
You are the greatest bigs! You're like 2 moms, 2 sisters and 2 best friends all rolled up in one! I love you!  
Love, Kim (your little)

EP: We hate traffic lights.  
Love, Ru-Paul

AKY: We hate traffic lights. Don't you forget!  
Love, EP

Casey,  
You best keep in touch this summer. I'll miss you, and all our crazy times. O-kay I love you by-bye.  
Love, Victoria

Laura, Lori-Anes & Tracy,  
I can't wait to move to Clove. No more fire drills and yucky food.  
Love, Victoria

Joy & Holly,  
Thank you for all the smiles, a place to stay, and for being the best down the hall/around the corner roommates. I love you both. How about some pizza or salad?  
Hugs, Victoria

Rachel,  
I've missed you this semester. When you leave, on a jet plane, don't know when you'll be back again, you better keep in touch. Good luck in San Free. I love you more than you love yourself. Bitches till the end.  
Hugs, Victoria

Andy,  
I'll never look at the second floor the same way again. Are you up for another adventure?  
Love, Victoria

Tina AO,  
There's a cute guy by the bathrooms. Let's go get him.  
Love, Joe's

AO,  
Pictionary, Bur-B-Q cheese burgers, my 1st camp fire, wiffle ball, such stimulating conversations, thanks for a great time on my first sisterhood retreat!  
Celia AO

P.S. are you sure there aren't any bats?!?  
Christy

Robin, Carly, Veronica,  
Always remember to pick up guys at Dunkin Donuts with a dozen donuts for dessert.  
Love, Joe's

Celia (AO)  
Kim and Yostat (APsi)  
Thank you so much for everything, you guys are the best bigs.  
Love, Joe's

Marianne (APsi)  
Jan, Matt, Michelle, Mia, Kay, Everybody...I'm Leaving! Illosphybhby!  
Paul

Bobby Jo, Bobby Sue, and Bobby Mac AO,  
Taxidermy Sat nite. Be there or be square!  
Bobby Joe AO

Hickwoman:  
You and your slide rule and your phone books hang in there - you deserve the best.  
Vestan Pansy

JJO'S™  
Come back to the personals. I got a pedicure the other day!  
Love, Ru-Paul

Christy AO,  
Is that a radio in your pocket or are you just happy to see me!  
Celia AO

Yes:  
So.... is it me or the rug?  
Me

Yes:  
Of course it's you...to ama.  
Me

Robin, Carly, Veronica AO,  
I won $8 on scratch off cards - I'm hooked  
Love, Joe's

AO,  
Can I have a cigarette? I promise I'll give you one of mine later.  
Love, Joe's

Celia AO

Perch (APsi),  
Carly and Robin are right you are the best.  
Love, Joe's

Darling,  
Don't be a stranger this summer!  
Love, Joe's

Jan (ZT194)  
You are the best little!  
Love, Joe's

AO,  
Wiffle ball anyone?  
Celia AO

No thanks.  
Kim AO,  
They're my cancer sticks and I'll enjoy them very much -  
Thank you!  
Celia AO

Celia  
Did you see that guy?  
Celia AO

Sun AO,  
Sheik Woman here her roar.  
Celia AO

Chris Smitty  
So ocd, so innocent.  
Celia AO

Tilly's quote of the year:  
"He who laughs last, laughs last!"  
Celia AO

Oh, I get it.

The Grenadien Princess  
I look at you and I see a vision of beauty. I touch you and I think of soft spun silk. I kiss you and I feel the chills that go through your body that bring you closer to me.

These words are just the beginning of the pleasures that await you.  
Love, Me

Too easy. I won't even touch that one.

Hey fruit cup.  
Good Luck on finals!  
Love, Joe's Pizza

Someone please tell me, exactly who the hell is President of the SGA?  
A concerned student

Victoria  
I could be cruel, but I won't. I'm glad you had a good time even if you don't remember half of it. Just be careful walking up and down stairs.  
Tom

Thank you once again Darla for taking up the task of typing in all of these personals. You helped me to keep my sanity for at least the latter half of the semester.  
Tom

To all of the people who submitted personals: Thank you for making these pages work. The free thing worked very well, we'll probably do it again next year.

I'm holding back the tears now as we close down the year with the final few personals. What a freakin' year.  
Tom

Well, so the song goes... . . . . . . . . . See you in September. (How corny:)

Personals page slave, Tom Troy.
Red Hawks move past Roadrunners

Softball wins NJAC playoff 9-1, as Acevedo, Flinn and Baron star

by Michael Cozen

After a successful regular season, the Red Hawks looked to continue their winning ways in the NJAC playoffs. In the first round, third-seeded MSU steamrolled over sixth-seeded Ramapo, 9-1, as junior Robin Baron pitched a three-hitter and recorded 11 strikeouts.

The strikeouts were a season high for the Red Hawk ace, who has been nothing short of spectacular this season. Baron was named The Star Ledger Woman Athlete of the week.

Last week, Baron and her teammates were confident going into the playoffs against Ramapo. Considering MSU (31-8, 5-4 NJAC) swept the Roadrunners 8-0 and 7-0, earlier in the season, it had every reason to be. Baron, who has been nearly untouchable since midway through the season, pitched a no-hitter and struck out nine when she faced the NJAC rivals in late April.

According to Baron, she did not see the Red Hawks struggling much with the Roadrunners.

"I don't see us having a problem getting past Ramapo," said a confident Baron.

MSU is now starting to score runs and hold on to comfortable leads. With the post-season underway, it couldn't have picked a better time. The Red Hawks have outscored their opponents 26-5 in their last three games.

While Baron struck out the side in both the first and the second innings, she received all of the run support she would need in the first inning to improve her record to 12-4. With two more victories, Baron will become the third pitcher to ever win 20 games in a season at MSU.

In the first inning, the Red Hawks grabbed a quick 2-0 lead after senior center fielder Fran Bellapianta scored on a throwing error, and teammate Amy Edinger drew a walk with the bases loaded. Then with two outs and the bases loaded, freshman catcher Jerrilyn Acevedo -- who was 2-for-2 in the contest -- smashed a double into leftfield driving in all three runners increasing the lead to 5-0.

Senior All-American Jenn Flinn, playing in the last home game of her brilliant four-year career, added another run in the second which put MSU in front by a 6-0 margin. Skipper played the Roadrunners as Flinn was able to cross the plate after Deena Bishop of Ramapo threw consecutive wild pitches. Flinn, the native of Blackwood, was 3-for-3 on the day and stole her 22nd base of the season. That mark ties a record set by three-time All-American Donna Brooks in 1990.

Flinn also ripped a three-run triple in the third inning to cap off the scoring. With the first-round victory, MSU advanced to the NJAC Championship Tournament with the victory over Ramapo and will play today against the winner of the Rowan/Rutgers-Newark game.

Baron is confident in her team in the NJAC Playoffs.

"We have as good a chance as everyone else in the conference," said Baron, whose team may run into Trenton State, the No. 1 team in the nation.

Coach Anita Kubicka has now coached her team to 30-plus victories for the second time in her successful career. MSU has reached this feat only three other times without Kubicka.

In preparation for the playoffs, the Red Hawks played Muhlenberg College on Saturday. This turned out to be an important doubleheader in that it MSU, with the sweep, would enter the playoffs with a four-game winning streak. And a sweep is just what they earned as the Red Hawks pounded Muhlenberg 7-3 and 10-1.

Freshman left-hander Sharon Ormsbee, who hasn't won a game since beating Scranton two weeks ago, was impressive in game one as she improved her record to 12-4.

In the game the Red Hawks drove in seven runs on 11 hits. Trailing 2-1, MSU exploded in the top of the fourth and scored four runs to take a 5-2 lead. The Red Hawks would not trail for the rest of the day from that point on.

As Baron held Muhlenberg to only one run in game two, sophomore Jennifer Citarella went 3-for-3 in a contest in which MSU collected 12 hits. Muhlenberg was simply overpowered by Baron who let up only four hits and struck out four.

RED HAWK NOTES: Some MSU leaders:

Batting average: Flinn, .479.
Hits: Flinn, 58.
Doubles: Jessica Gondek and Acevedo, 10.
Triples: Flinn and Patty Phillips, five.
Home runs: Five tied with one apiece.
Runs batted in: Gondek, 32.
Total bases: Flinn, 78.
Stolen bases: Flinn, 22.
Earned run average: Baron, 1.24.
Strikeouts: Baron, 114.
Shutouts: Baron, four.
Wins: Baron, 18.
Saves: Baron, four.
Complete games: Baron, 20.

MSU's men's tennis team had its most successful season ever, and they have Robin Cecora to thank for it. The Red Hawks went 14-4 this year, culminating a fine year with a second-place finish this past weekend in Piscataway (See Red Hawk Happenings, p. 37).
Offense clicking as baseball wins fourth in row

Defense, pitching coming around as offense delivers 61 runs in MSU's past three games

by Brian Fa/zarano

All season long, the Red Hawks have been able to put one part of their game together without having the other parts accompanying it.

But now that it is late in the season, every aspect of MSU's attack continues to improve. And opponents are suffering because of it.

According to MSU coach Norm Schoenig, his team is not quite where it should be.

But if they perform the way they keep performing the way they have of late, the Red Hawks won't be far from playing at their peak.

After a disheartening loss to Jersey City St. two Mondays ago, MSU (21-9-1) seems to have found its groove, winning four consecutive victories in the NJAC.

A doubleheader sweep against Kean were the most recent of those victories. Offensively, MSU (21-9-1, 13-1 NJAC) - which has hit the ball well in nearly every game this year - has been crushing the ball, scoring 61 runs in its past three games.

"We swung the bats well," said Red Hawk coach Norm Schoenig, sounding more pleased with his squad than he has in the past few weeks. "We got some key hits when we needed them."

Many of the same players hit the ball well for MSU, which is tied atop the NJAC with William Paterson. Junior outfielder Tony Vellis has been having a good season at the plate, but Saturday he had two of his finest game. After going 3-for-5 in the first game, the Wallington native went 4-for-6, scoring three runs and knocking home another two in the nightcap.

Other who hit well for the Red Hawks in the twinbill included shortstop Tony Martinez, the NJAC's leading hitter, junior Dan Masaro (4-for-5, three RBI in game one), and senior slugger Ralph Yezza (a homer and four RBI in the nightcap).

All the Red Hawks needed in the second game of the twinbill was a nine-run second inning, helping them send Cougar starter Joe Rivera to the showers early.

Kean was up 3-1 early on, but MSU was able to tie it. A five-run seventh inning, keyed by a two-run single by Dan Masaro, put the Red Hawks ahead for good, 9-4.

Besides swinging some hot bats, the Red Hawks have gotten much better in the field and the pitching has been pulling more of its weight.

Junior left-hander Brian Cordeiro pitched the first eight innings for the Red Hawks, notching his eighth victory with a 9-4 win.

"He pitched well," said Schoenig, who received a good ninth-inning from sophomore Ralph Cinque in relief. "Not as well as he would have liked to. He struggled at times; he threw 135 pitches in eight innings. At that time we got him out of the game."

Chad McConnell got the win in the second game, going the first four innings to improve to 4-0, while T.J. Costello provided solid relief for MSU.

Besides that, the defense has gotten better, more confident that we can do the things we have to do to improve to 4-0, while T.J. Costello provided solid relief for MSU.

"The defense has improved tremendously," said Schoenig. "Right now, I feel very confident that we can do the things

Red Hawk Happenings

compiled by the MONTCLAIR Sports Department

THE EXCLAMATION POINT: MSU's men's tennis team finished its finest season ever by finishing second in the NJAC Tournament this past weekend at Rutgers University.

Trenton St. won the team title with 24 points. MSU (14-4) finished with 14, while Rutgers-Newark had 13.

The Red Hawks placed five players in the finals of the singles brackets. However, only Anthony Shortt was able to come away with a championship. Shortt, a Trinidad native who was named NJAC Player of the Year, downed Jim Quagliana of Trenton St. 6-4, 6-4, to win the first singles crown.

Other MSU players to reach the finals were Christoph Kapfer -- who defaulted because of a knee injury --, Dan Kanowith, Mark Lawson and Craig O'Connell. Overall, the Lions came away with seven championships.

Also for the Red Hawks, second-year coach Robin Cacau earned conference Coach of the Year honors, while Kapfer, a freshman exchange student from Austria, was named the NJAC Rookie of the Year.

MOVING ON UP: Jose Rebimbas, an MSU assistant coach who led MSU to a 12-6 record and a second consecutive NCAA bid in the absence of head coach Nick Del Tufo, was named the first full-time coach at William Paterson in 10 years on Tuesday.

"I feel very fortunate," Rebimbas said on Tuesday. "It was a really good group of candidates and I probably had the least experience. They are giving me a great opportunity.

Rebimbas, 27, is a 1989 Seton Hall graduate who played basketball at the South Orange school. He received a one-year contract. MSU went 17-10 overall, before losing to Rowan in the first round of the NCAA Division III Tournament.

He was named interim head coach in January by MSU. This announcement came after Nick Del Tufo was diagnosed with chronic fatigue and had to step down from his coaching post.

Rebimbas was the Red Hawks' top recruiter and top assistant coach. Ever since stepping in for Del Tufo, the 27-year-old has said it was his dream to be in command of his own team.

Now, he has that chance.
Red Hawks win again, earn top seed in ECAC tourney

by Nick Gantaifis

Winning your season finale is the best way to approach a defense of your ECAC Tournament championship of a year ago. Thanks to that win, MSU is able to do just that.

After defeating Pace University last Tuesday 12-7, the Red Hawks were rewarded with the No. 1 seed in the tournament. WithAlexei Bobrowskyleading the way by notching a hat trick, the Red Hawks (9-4) took a commanding 8-3 lead at halftime.

MSU never looked back, as they scored four more goals. Mike Como, Mike Bruton and Jim Nugent scored two goals apiece to enable the Red Hawks to take the victory.

Pace, which turned the ball over 18 times in the contest, was lead by Brad Wheeler’s three goals and two assists. MSU goalkeeper Dan VanNess came up with 11 saves for the Red Hawks, while Pace netminder Mike Hall had 16 saves.

The last time these two rivals met, the Red Hawks squeaked out a 13-12 win over the Cougars at Sprague Field. Three goals in the third period by Matt Klank keyed the win.

MSU, which has won the Knickerbocker Conference title the past two years, will take on the winner of second-seeded Kean and Kings Point, the No. 3 seed.

RED HAWK NOTES: Last year, the Red Hawks captured the ECAC title by defeating Drew University 18-12 at Sprague Field.

Friday will be the second time this season that the Red Hawks will face Richard Stockton. MSU posted a 10-5 victory over the Ospreys on April 1.

With a win, MSU would host the final at Sprague Field at 1 p.m. Overall, it was the 18th win in 28 tries for the Red Hawks.

Goalkeeper Dan VanNess displayed another terrific job as he stopped a total of 19 saves.

Mike Cowen will be taking over as Sports Editor next semester, and he could use writers.

There are several ways to get involved -- you could write features, cover a sport on a “beat” basis, or even help out with copy editing.

If you are interested in writing for him, come down to the MONTCLARION, Student Center Room 113, or call 655-5241 for details.
Jekyll and Mr. Hyde routine in the first game, their passes were crisp, finding the mark more times than not leading to Knick baskets. The way they were playing, they and their fans may have been justified in talking about a championship.

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In other words, the entire Cavalier starting lineup. And only Price is capable of taking over a game. Therefore, the Knicks -- a team with more talent at every position and off the bench -- should be able to easily outplay the Cavs.

That is what makes the Knicks’ effort so hard to figure. If they give a complete effort every night, then they would have probably won this series in three. And they probably are on line for a return trip to the Finals to win that elusive championship. Instead, they are in Cleveland, fortunate to be up 2-1 thanks to Knick-killer Danny Ferry missing a 3-pointer on a clean look at the end of Game 3. Though they have fared well in Game 4 and Game 5 (they have beaten the Cavs in all three meetings there), the Knicks know they have a battle ahead of them.

Patrick Ewing, John Starks, Derek Harper and company had better have finished off the Cavs, or Indiana, which is fresh off of a sweep of Atlanta, will exact revenge for the series that they could have won last spring.

Knicks had best beware

"Thursday night opened up the misconceptions of Knicks fans, making them believe that the way their team picked apart the Cleveland Cavaliers in Game 1, there was no reason the Knicks could not sweep this series.

Of course, this was all contingent upon the Knicks playing at the same level they had performed at in the one-sided series opener. Obviously this did not happen, as the Knicks played a Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde routine in the first three games of the series.

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But series are not won in the first game (i.e., Boston over Orlando, the Lakers over Seattle). Therefore, a similar effort in Game 2 and 3 would be needed to beat an injury-decimated, but nonetheless game Cavalier team. Nonetheless, the Knicks did not play as well as they did in the first game. Their ball movement was not as sharp, not as crisp. Although Cleveland seems to, the naked eye, as only Mark Price and a collection of role players, Mike Fratello has done a fine job with the Cavs. How many coaches would be able to win with a thin bench and only five solid players on the roster—Price, All-Star forward Tyrone Hill, solid veteran forwardcenter John “Hot Rod” Williams, CBA refuge Bobby Phills and former Arizona forward Chris Mills.

In other words, the entire Cavalier starting lineup. And only Price is capable of taking over a game. Therefore, the Knicks -- a team with more talent at every position and off the bench -- should be able to easily outplay the Cavs.

That is what makes the Knicks’ effort so hard to figure. If they give a complete effort every night, then they would have probably won this series in three. And they probably are on line for a return trip to the Finals to win that elusive championship. Instead, they are in Cleveland, fortunate to be up 2-1 thanks to Knick-killer Danny Ferry missing a 3-pointer on a clean look at the end of Game 3. Though they have fared well in Game 4 and Game 5 (they have beaten the Cavs in all three meetings there), the Knicks know they have a battle ahead of them. Patrick Ewing, John Starks, Derek Harper and company had better have finished off the Cavs, or Indiana, which is fresh off of a sweep of Atlanta, will exact revenge for the series that they could have won last spring.
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