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

Dr. Leonard Jefferies 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 "mafa." Jeffries emphasized the need for preparation to "march into the twenty-first century fully, completely, and unadulterated 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. He did not reflect the show's content. Dr. Trauth said that people would "expect to see something at the show that wouldn't be presented."

'Trauth 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.

Flyer causes controversy in dance department

by Teri Rann

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

Audience members listening to Dr. Leonard Jeffries speaking at yesterday's Paul Robeson Banquet. On left (in tie) SGA President Sal Anderton, (back table in center) SGA Legislator Lawrence Ramsey, (on right) Associate Dean of Students James Harris. The lecture was attended by over 200 students, alumni, faculty and administrators in total.
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 of 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 resorted that she could call him by a derogatory religious term.

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.

When asked 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 unnecessarily offensive. 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 he 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 sciences 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 instigated 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, US Department of Justice Community Relations Service, said to members of the MSU 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
Delta Kappa Psi vs OSAU: tug of war in the cafeteria

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 "I had my way I'd wipe 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 newsletter 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.

Have a great summer!

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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 is felt 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 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 itself is not an evil, she said, stressing that it is natural that groups affirm their own heritage. "We must remember that cultural preference 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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He said that, "The Statue of Liberty doesn't have a damn thing to do with immigrants coming in from Europe" and that it was originally symbolic of the struggle of Africans. He cited a number of other historical inconsistencies which he has noticed in history, such as the possession of slaves by many of the "founders of freedom" of the United States, such as George Washington, who he identified as a "slave master bastard."

Jeffries asked the audience to repeat the lines from a history text written by a white author, which read, "Europeans were by no means the pioneers of civilization."

Jeffries said that historical texts have "demonized" prominent African Americans such as Paul Robeson and Elijah Muhammad because they stood for the truth. White supremacy has required Blacks to "be comfortable negroes rather than understanding Africans."

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 of 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.

He argued that, "Montclair has to be a place where the social fabric is strong enough to deal with controversy...the social fabric must contain diverging views."

The need for the university to be a "preparation for the real world" was voiced. Jeffries argued that because he is a tax-panver in New Jersey (he owns three homes in the state) he has the right to question what is being taught at schools.

"Trial and tribulation is a test because their future will involve many trials and tribulations," Jeffries said of the O.S.A.U. organizers of the event who fought weeks of controversy to have him as speaker, "they have passed - this has been a trial, a tribulation, and a triumph."

Wayne Dennis, Vice-President of the O.S.A.U. commented, "It was important that people came out to see him. The message reflected what the Paul Robeson Affair is all about."

When asked about the lack of protest surrounding the evening from those who were opposed to Jeffries' presence, he explained that the individuals "did themselves a disservice" by not attending. "People need to hear the other side and become more critical thinkers. Challenge professors, both white and black...why can't we have differences of opinion without getting in an uproar or being afraid?"

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.

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The Montclarion

would like to thank those members of the Editorial board who will no longer be with us next year:

Teri Ryan, News Editor

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 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.

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 Swaent. 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 there!" as they wafted 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 Indian 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 251. There were workshops giving children the opportunity to display their artistic flair by making astronomers, spacecrafts, and star/planet mobiles. There was also the Star Trek Memorabilia Exhibit that covered all the starbases on the never-ending chore touched off by the 1966-69 sci-fi series. And to top it all off, the NJAG rank-and-file were outfitted 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 astronomer shirt complemented by literally stellar earrings.

Concerning unique presentations, Star Trek enthusiast Jay 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 Miksis 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,” Miksis 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 cluster M3.

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: owing 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 what a kind 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 201-669-3988. 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.

Because some seniors are graduating, the Montclarion will be looking for writers in the fall. Come in this summer, or call 655-5169.
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 interracial 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. Therefore, I think all people of good will do something in their offices.”

Harris elaborated on how scaling back educational aid adversely affects minorities. “They’re not going to get good jobs. Their quality of life in America will be poor. Unfortunately, in America, people will get money one way or another. If they can’t get it legally, they will get it illegally. A permanent underclass is a very expensive proposition. Welfare, incarceration, drug rehabilitation, are all a lot more expensive than education which is preventative while these other things [necessitate rehabilitation]. Therefore, I think all people of good ought to insist that education should be the last place to take cuts.”

Regarding the speech code question, Harris said that such an edict 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.

Harris emphasized that a speech code would also have a negative impact on the university’s professors. “A 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.”

“Suppose I’m doing research with a microscope and I’ve discovered something I have never seen before. Do you really think I should not say I saw it simply because it isn’t popular?”

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 and certain programs eliminated at Montclair State and all colleges and universities next year, said Randall Richards, Director of Financial Aid.

“My main interest is to share with the students information about MSU, now and proposals to reduce federal student aid in the near future,” Richards said.

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 year, 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 their enthusiasm and appreciation of the program.

“Helps 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.

One questionnaire 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, earning a business degree, waited 17 years to enroll in the Second Careers Program and gained a master’s 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. Campus life, services, places and events are provided. Information about classes already in the work force, and not feel like an old student,” one adult commented, age 52.

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

A musician, age 31, single, gave reasons for enrolling, “...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 desire to earn a bachelor’s degree in English. “This program is literally a 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.

by Keri Sutor

Many students at MSU seem to share a common denominator: the feeling that they have been here forever. But I wonder if any of us could actually say that he or she has been here long enough to remember when Richardson Hall, Partridge Hall, and the Student Center did not exist. Or when the dorms on campus were limited to Chapin and Russe Halls. Or when there was nothing located north of the Drop-In Center. Or when the parking was limited to the law now covering the quad.

Twenty-seven years has brought a tremendous amount of change to this campus. For that matter, five years has brought a tremendous amount of change to this campus. However, some of the most unchanging, enduring aspects of Montclair State can be found within the faculty. Dr. Alan Beuchler, Director of Admissions is unequivocally an example of that seasoned milieu. He has played a major role in each student’s “beginning” at MSU. He takes great pride in knowing a lot about the students on this campus and is certain that none of us have really been here forever.

Beuchler began as an undergraduate student at Gettysburg University and, then went on to earn advanced degrees at Rutgers University. When asked about being a student in his day, Beuchler just smiled and said, “Oh, how I miss the holidays…” He went on to say that his favorite part of being a college student was the ability to spend time with so many different people of the same age and be able to talk freely in all-night-long “bull sessions,” that resulted in permanent friendships.

Beuchler majored in English. “There was just as much reading and writing required when he was an undergraduate, but Beuchler was not only "pre-student center," he was "pre-p.c. [personal computer].” (The English majors at MSU think they have it bad. “Take home” exams may be stressful, but imagine what they would be like if we had to type them and retype them on an old typewriter).

Once Beuchler graduated from Gettysburg, he began teaching high school English. After four years, he received a phone call from Gettysburg asking if he would be interested in doing some counseling work. He’s been in the admissions profession ever since.

“Montclair is at the forefront of higher education, and it really is a great place to work,” says the 27 year veteran. In 1968 there were some 20 transfer students and a freshman class of 400. Today there are transfers from innumerable institutions all over the country and a freshman class of 1000.

Beuchler believes in the “hands-on” approach to everything. If he’s not recruiting students, he can be found hosting luncheons and evening receptions for guidance counselors. He takes part in the open houses, while he maintains that his very productive Admissions office stays that way.

He serves on the University Planning Committee, as well as the Enrollment Management Committee. And although he rarely has room in his calendar, he has always planning beyond the function. For instance, he is currently working on a project that possibly will allow high school students to fill out applications and send transcripts through a computer.

One of the successful programs implemented by Beuchler and supervised by Jimmy Luciano, assistant director, is the Ambassador program. This program employs approximately 35 MSU students who have various responsibilities, such as: assisting the department clerical, answering telephones, overseeing the information booth in College Hall, and most importantly, giving campus tours to prospective students and their parents. “Besides my kids, I am most proud of my staff and that includes the ambassadors who have really become part of it.”

Growing up at the Jersey shore, Dr. Alan Beuchler’s favorite place is still the beach. He likes to walk on the beach at any time of year and prefers to do it in the early time of the day. In fact, if Beuchler spots you wearing an LBI sweatshirt, don’t be surprised if he stops to talk to you. And he can talk to anyone, about almost any topic. He did not only answer my questions, he talked to me. He even offered some advice on graduation: “When I graduated, I assumed that my career would be teaching English—always keep your options open.” He has been in this profession for almost 30 years. He is a prime example of how that advice can be helpful.

Beuchler is someone who loves his job. He is dedicated to MSU and to the students here. If you do not catch him on the phone, then you can find him at the oversized desk in his office. College Hall is no ivory tower for this devoted administrator, but if he had a drawer he could assure you that it would never be up.
Alumni Association seeks new members

by Melanie Ruia

On the day of your graduation, you find 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 Aimone, Program Assistant, is to “try to encourage pride and tradition in MSU.”

The office counts only 5.2% alumni membership this year. This is 2,380 donors out of 60,000 graduates whose addresses they have. Mrs. Aimone 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 the Association doesn’t hear from the student; it is presumed that the student was not interested in the Association. They are then considered passive members.

There are advantages to being a member. With the card graduates get discounts and the privileges of using some of the university facilities (the pool and the library).

The Association, which was established in 1911, gives out over 30 scholarships every year. It is for this that the Association is best known. The money for these scholarships comes from the Alumni Relations annual budget, the designated school budget and the graduates donations. These scholarships are not only for graduate students but for undergraduates too. The scholarships are divided between the different schools and programs. Alumni Citation Awards and the Outstanding Faculty Award are also given away at Commencement.

The Association presently is raising funds to help establish Russ Hall into a dormitory; this is due to the initiative of graduates who lived in the building when it was used to be a dorm.

Students might think they never heard about the Alumni Association before. The truth is most of the students don’t remember that a representative from the office went to their freshman orientations, something they still do. That way the staff approaches the students from their first day at MSU.

Although most of the Office staff are not MSU graduates, these people are proud of working here and they encourage the students to join the organization and participate in the activities. They certainly hope that one day the pride and honor of being a MSU graduate emerges again.

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 Las niñas de Guatemala by professor Rogelio Zapata, and Mi cabellera by Lucy Hernández, Damaris Meléndez, with guitarist and singer Fernando Dávila, performed Versos sensibles, an interpretation of Martí’s lyric poetry, both spoken and adapted musically in the Cuban anthem, Guantanamera.

Dr. Valetin 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

A day in the life of Margaree Coleman-Carter

by Kerri Agostino

The Residence Life community at MSU serves as a home-away-from-home for 2,200 students. Although is often considered a “commuter campus,” the program is quite visible with five residence halls and the Clove Road Complex.

Those involved with “Res Life” understand, however, that it’s more than housing, as students and staff become family and work together as a team.

One member, Margaree Coleman-Carter, shares her experiences, as well as her position as the Director of Residence Life.

Arriving on campus as a graduate student pursuing a Masters of Arts in Counseling and Human Services, Margaree Coleman-Carter proudly came “through the ranks” of Residence Life. Having worked as a Resident Assistant and later managing Webster Hall, she was appointed to the administration as an Acting Director. When the college sought to fill the position permanently, Coleman-Carter competed in a national job search for the job. After all the interviews, though, the best candidate had obviously been right underfoot, as this July will mark her fifth year as the office’s director.

What would a ‘day in the life’ of Margaree Coleman-Carter reveal? “A spastic woman!”, she laughs, admitted, “I am always on the go.” Responsible for the entire Residence Life program, The Director’s job includes supervising finances, food services and facilities management, as well as acting as a judicial hearings officer. “The campus community is a continuous operation and because the residence halls are open all the time, there is always the potential for things to become hectic.” Margaree Coleman-Carter remains available, even from her home, as staff support is a crucial element in the Residence Life community. “My greatest joy is the cooperative spirit. From students employees to administration and maintenance, everyone at staff pitches in wonderfully,” states the Director.

Regarding the quality of services the University provides its on-campus residents, Coleman-Carter further adds, “Residence Life officers are often highly criticized, not only here at MSU, but on other campuses as well. People sometimes feel that they are not respected for the thing that they need. Of course we have our problems; we’re not perfect, but I do feel that people see your hard work and reward it.”

The Office of Residence Life provides resources and opportunities, but ultimately residents are held responsible for their actions on campus. Unfortunately, students aren’t perfect either. Bomb threats, sneaking in alcohol, and even residents regaling out of seventh floor windows! have become as routine as clicking I-cards for security purposes. So there must be other ‘highlights’ from the Director’s work with the judiciary board that she would like to share, right? Well, while many cases remain in litigation, Margaree Coleman-Carter does hint that she has encountered some very interesting stories. What she will confirm, however, is that even in situations where disciplinary actions are taken, she attempts to maintain good relations. “I see students on campus who I have suspended from housing and they’ll say, ‘Hi, Ms Carter.’ When everyone acts as adult, things of that nature don’t have to become personal.”

One named Freeman Hall apartments, the campus exists, as does this, explaining, “Although the director didn’t appreciate what we did, she was fair and did not judge us by our actions. It was just a poor judgement call.”

As for Margaree Coleman-Carter’s future on MSU’s campus? The Director plans to continue in Residence Life. “I like my job and enjoy working with the people here,” she says. “I do intend on studying for my Phd and remain in higher education as a Dean of Students or even teaching on the college level.”
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. If it were not for racism, people of color would be able to achieve the same levels without relying on programs," he said.

The economic status of an EOF applicant must be ineligible for regular admission, have a combined SAT score of 600-800, have a minimum C average and academic index of 180, compared to students whose academic index is over 200; and register as a full-time students.

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 workshop, 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 concurrently 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 92 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 Perloni

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.”

A graduate of Hunter College, Bruck has a bachelor’s degree in English and a Master’s degree in Student Personnel Services. She worked as a counselor at Career Services before becoming the administrator 12 years ago. She says that she enjoys both her administrative duties and counseling students.

Bruck says that on a typical workday she talks to faculty, speaks with employers who “have needs for positions they want filled,” and counsels students. At least 25 percent of her time is spent counseling students because she feels that she needs to stay in touch with students if she is going to design a service for them.

Bruck has seen Career Services undergo plenty of changes in the 12 years that she has served as an administrator. She has implemented a Resume Lab and has expanded the Career Library, which includes occupational information, job search guides, graduate school information, videos about careers, and employer literature.

In addition to the Resume Lab, Career Services also provides seminars in resume writing. Counselors will also critique and evaluate the typed drafts of students’ resumes.

Bruck says the most common mistake that students make when composing their resumes is following a sample resume instead of designing their own advertisement. “Students need to highlight their unique talents and skills and make their resumes more individual,” she says.

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."

On the recognition of Martí, Soto said, "I think it is very appropriate to celebrate the life and death of José Martí since he was a hero not only of Cuba, but of all Latin America. He was a man of letters and a man of action, and is rightfully honored as one of the great architects of the Spanish language in the Nineteenth Century."

José Martí also did journalistic and literary work in The United States, and was personally acquainted with several of the country's literary figures, including Longfellow and Emerson.

Marti died at age 42 at the Battle of Dos Ríos in the Spanish-Cuban war in May of 1885.
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:

Jen & Adam (The counting is over, turn off the flashlight), Sam & Walter (you guys are the greatest!). Without the four of you I could not have survived those nights. Melissa, Teisha, Yvonne (ee-l-kee) Satik, Onix, Lee, Vinni, Sal, Rick, Chuck F., Connie Ford, Aldan Food Service (Thanks Eric & Billy), Jen, Chuck, Gregg, Pinky, Dean Harris, Campus Police, Marsha Young, Conservation Club, Lacampana, Michelle, George, AX, OX, Jack, Jon, Shemay, Kristy, Danielle, Veronica, Amy, Debbie, Dannielle, Veronica, Kevin, Jason, Maria, Kathy, Red Hawk, Ken, and all the campus organizations that participated. If you were forgotten it was not on purpose.

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 be 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 be the professional attitude exemplified by the staff and their expertise in academic advising.

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Harrison serves as a campus-wide advisor, collaborating with deans, chairpersons, and faculty in developing a more “attractive” advisement program. He not only supervises the staff, but takes reports from them and assesses the situation. Because of Harrison’s position as a full-time administrator, he is unable to take the time to work with an individual case. Nonetheless, he says, “I’m always accessible for students.”

Harrison feels he will be able to get his first real opportunity to interact with the student body when registration begins and the Academic Advising Center conducts a walk-in period.

“I’ll request permission from the students and advisors to sit in on their sessions. Then I may be able to get a better understanding of what they need and help them with their needs,” he said.

As for now, Harrison is still in the reach of a point where students will know, with absolute certainty what courses he or she will need in order to graduate adequately. I want students to make regular use of our services. Communication with students is extremely important. I want them to know that we (Academic Advising) value them, and want to accommodate the in any way we can.”
I'm at my second home, and I've been staring at an empty screen for about half an hour. I don't want to be here. I want to be sleeping, dreaming of a school that doesn't believe in final exams. But I got attacked by the Managing Editor and the Treasurer, screeching about deadlines. Everybody is in a fury about Leonard Jeffries and the S.G.A. elections. It makes no sense to me. I want to runaway from this hell hole. I want to get home before all the benny's attack the beach.

If you can't tell, I have absolutely nothing to write about. I'm still recovering from the S.G.A. Banquet. The food sucked, but the bar was overflowing to the point that I don't remember how I got home. I've heard many (exaggerated, I hope) stories. As usual, Tom makes it into my column for safely bringing me home, finding my beloved I-Card, keys, and being a delightful date. From what I understand, the security guards must have had quite a laugh. I apologize to all the people on the twelfth floor that I disturbed in my drunken stupor. I thank Jeremy for helping me out in the elevator, and a great big thanks to Elsie for taking me to my room.

I decided to save the best for last. I've highlighted several people in my column throughout the semester, but my down the hall roommates take the cake. Holly Forbes and Joy Thompson have provided many endless nights of exuberant activity. I no longer knock when I enter their room. I answer their phone, smoke their cigarettes, eat their food, and borrow their clothes.

Holly is also my personal hair and make-up artist, and she gives a wonderful happy massage. Joy is my roll out of bed buddy, and when she has a car, she drives me wherever I have to go.

My day is not complete until I have seen both of them even it's only for five minutes. They are both major parts of my life.

Well, everybody is leaving, and I'm going to be here by myself soon. I want a big box of crayons, so I can draw lots of pictures, and critique and review them, so I can actually write about art for once. I really am losing my mind. I'm babbling, But you would be, too, if you lived here. I want a big box of crayons, so I can draw lots of pictures, and critique and review them, so I can actually write about art for once.

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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've 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 struck 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 final scenes 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 *Marktwelt* as written by the guy who does all the teen-slash-nigglia movies, and dog. At least in those movies, the hero kicks the crap out of the bad guy in the end. Rob Roy never toughens 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 suffering that killing him just wouldn’t be enough. No action upon him could have achieved justice, even if Rob Roy tortured him for the last half hour of the film, I wouldn’t have felt any better. A film does not have to go to the limits that 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 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.

Unfortunately, Rob Roy never explains how he loves his 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 (depending 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 liking the characters, then punished you for liking 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 enjoyment of the film I reviewed, not an absolute measure of their quality–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.

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**Rap and Rock**

*Introduction by Prof. McKenzie*

Here we go again with more news and opinions on that subject on which we are all “authorities”, music. “Music is a world in itself with a language we all understand.” - Stray Wonder. The following are a few questions that I asked of music lovers that I’ve met in my travels.

1. Music has been called “The healing force of the universe” in what ways can this be seen in every day life? Are there problems in the world that music or artists with their music can directly address?
2. Music has also been called “The Universal Language” are there messages in music we can all hear? Is anyone really listening?
3. Do you think people are really and willing to hear what others outside of their immediate world are thinking and feeling?

*by Eric McCarthy*

I think if we look at artists with physical disabilities we may understand how their music may help them in a tangible way. Ray Charles and Rashaan Roland Kirk are both major artists who could overcome their disabilities to make beautiful music.

Two years ago, I saw Sun Ra in Central Park. Unfortunately Sun Ra was only months away from death and at the time I saw him he was in bad shape. In fact, at the time he was confined to a wheelchair. This was the second time I had seen him and I knew that integral to the Arkestra’s approach was a jovial atmosphere.

Sun Ra musicians had blared the gap between audience and performer, dancing was a major part of their stage show and Sun Ra was the master behind the madness. Mind you Sun Ra is confined to a wheelchair during all of this. Although during the course of the show, Sun Ra had stood up a couple of times, seemingly uplifted by his own music. Yes, I do believe music is the healing force in the universe, especially on Saturday.

I may be in the minority in saying this but I believe that music owes little to the society at large in terms of content. The artist within the society should not be held to any standards by which the society may impose on the artist (i.e. censorship). That said, I genuinely believe that artists can and do address a variety of problems facing the world. It is in this day and age, with the proliferation of protest messages in Rap and Rock we have a variety of socially conscious artists like Public Enemy, Peter Gabriel, and U2 (before they turned into overblown weirdos) all have addressed societal ills directly. Yet artists should be given the right to address whatever they deem necessary.

Music must be looked at as a universal language. Everyone around the world listens to it in one way or another. For many, music crosses societal and cultural boundaries and affects us in a primal way. Peter Gabriel has an entire travelling festival of world musicians and artists that are packing stadiums around the country. Yes, I think music is the universal language and if people refuse to acknowledge it then it is their own loss.

I think that people are generally interested in exploring other cultures, perhaps this is my own ability to seek out other cultures, although all my friends and family have and will continue to seek out other cultures to enrich their own.

For myself, music serves a practical psychological and spiritual function in my life. At this moment in my life I make my money in their music industry and I’ve wanted it that way since I was a little kid. In many ways music determines my actions. For instance, if a record had come out that I wanted, I needed to get it immediately. I would travel forty miles to Albany because where I lived record stores were weak. Music had control over my life and I wouldn’t have it any other way. Perhaps this is psychological and maybe people would see that as being dysfunctional. Music also determines moods within myself. I often listen to music to fit my mood. Listening to music helps me experience life in a much fuller sense, this is where the spirituality aspect enters. Music is my religion. It has taken over many aspects that religions as served for people today and in the past. I realize I don’t to church to see the Divine, I put on a John Coltrane record.

I want to go home please let me go home. Have a nice summer!
The Couch Potato Update
by George Olszewski

Six years is a long time to be doing anything, and this column certainly ranks up there. I’ve tried 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 this 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 hurrah 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 Lackman.

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 Kutarba, Melissa Stelmash, Brian Cosgrove, Dan Marshall, Julio Moreno, Onix Noa, Internal & External Affairs Committee, Tara McCartney, Sassy Cattell, 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 Minnot (my first editor), Lynn Cowan, Audrey Regan, Kristen Marcussen, Val Kafkins, Mike Walsnes, John Tibbetts, George Calle, Kelly Schab, Darla Bruno, Greg MacSweeney, Eric Erh, 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 Kohl, and Stacey Sers. Long live Dallas, and only good memories of New Orleans.

And before I forget, thanks to the 1989 SGA, Rob Silbermagel, Pat Dougherty, Cynthia Ford, Paul Nahlki, the 1989 SGA-SILC 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 Tony Told, 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.

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...a splendid account of Rock and Roll’s past, present, and future according to Ron Albanese

Someone (me) once jokingly remarked that a sure sign you’re growing up 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 in mass. 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 overweight 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 Romantics, 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 to 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 also some drawbacks to this type of career retrospective. Sometimes a greatest hits C.D. doesn’t quite capture the essence of an artist’s. Often times labels just merely include the songs that were memorable only saleswise. 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 released as an unrepresentative of the band’s musical achievements 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: Ramones, 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, 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.
Facts on fast-food from fries to fajitas

by Joanne 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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| **Kentucky Fried Chicken** |        |          |             |
| Two piece extra crispy dinner | 43  | 755      | 1544        |
| Buttermilk biscuit         | 14    | 269      | 521         |
| French fries               | 13    | 268      | 81          |

| **Taco Bell**             |        |          |             |
| Mexican Pizza             | 37    | 575      | 1031        |
| Burrito supreme           | 22    | 503      | 1370        |
| Taco Salad w/莎sa          | 61    | 941      | 1662        |
| Nachos bellgrande         | 35    | 649      | 997         |

| **Pizza Hut**             |        |          |             |
| Pepperoni pan pizza two slices | 22 | 540      | 1127        |
| Supreme pan pizza two slices | 26  | 563      | 1447        |

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- baked potato
- salad w/莎lowfat dressing
- lean ground beef
- roasted and broiled chicken
- chili
- broiled seafood
- lowfat frozen yogurt
- lowfat yogurt shakes
- fruit juice
- lowfat milk

AND LESS OF THESE
- french fries
- onion rings
- burgers w/莎pecial sauces and cheese
- fried chicken
- breaded chicken nuggets
- nachos
- fried seafood
- sundaes
- cookies and pies
- soda
- chocolate milk

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MAIN EDITORIAL

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 of 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.
Jeffries is in fact "a scholar of history," readily available. However, when Dr. Jeffries is filmed lecturing to a class at City College. It occurred to me that the university community might be interested in reading some quotations from his lecture.

First, in discussing Bernal's views of the race of the ancient Egyptians, Jeffries observes, "Whiteness limits [sic] you. It limits you even when you get into something serious like this." Later in the tape, he comments, "African genes are dominant genes; European genes are recessive genes." He later alludes to the reign of the Middle Kingdom Pharaoh Mentuhotep II (around 2000 B.C.), and remarks that while this king was on the throne, "The Greeks didn't have a pot to pee in, and Europeans wasn't [sic] doing a damn thing."

In my opinion, such statements are reprehensible and do not reflect serious scholarship.

David Kelly, Classics Department

In reading the responses to my letter of April 20, I was amazed and repelled by the undiluted hypocrisy of some of the writers. But I still thought it worth commenting on some of their points.

First, this isn't about the media, nor the shunning of Black leaders. It's about the respect we demand for ourselves, and how we allow others to speak and act toward us. Whether or not Dr. Jeffries speaks about "mentorship", owning the stores in one's neighborhood, or proclaiming a heritage that is rich and meaningful, when he resorts to prejudice and stereotyping, he becomes exactly what he pretends to fight against.

If people are so blind that they cannot see beyond their own hurts and injustices, then all the apologies in the world are not going to change the way they perceive themselves or their place in the world. Furthermore, if what we are really looking for is the truth, then I challenge Ms. Smith and Mr. Pearson to extract from Dr. Jeffries' words the facts on the issues as perains to races other than the Black race. If, as Ms. Smith states, Dr. Jeffries is in fact "a scholar of history," then these historical points should be readily available. However, when Dr. Jeffries was asked to prove his statements with empirical data at a seminar he held at Harvard, his response was, "We are not here to discuss that matter." Never once did this "scholar" provide any proof for his outrageous claims. As far as a professor's using a derogatory name in the presence of a Black student, or some drunken idiot making a remark about somebody's ethnic traditions, well, I am smart enough to know two wrongs don't make a right. Maybe this is the same kind of thing the OSAU should come to realize. Unfortunately, OSAU officers seem more likely to feel that if this MSU professor was an idiot, why can't Dr. Jeffries be an idiot too?

But in the end the discussion is moot. Jeffries will come to MSU, because the powers that be will never have the courage to make a decision that represents all the people, for fear that they will be called racist or some other epithet in the PC vocabulary. Dr. Jeffries will deliver his speech, and because the leopard never changes his spots he will show us just what kind of a "role model" he chooses to be.

In Martin Luther King's Letter From a Birmingham Jail, there is a passage that I send to my critics: "...it is wrong to use immoral means to gain moral ends...it is just as wrong...to use moral means to preserve immoral ends." I think about it. Barbara Leifer-Woods, Humanities

OSAU responds to arguments

Many people are angry because of the OSAU's decision to invite Dr. Jeffries as guest speaker for the annual Paul Robeson Banquet. Several reasons have been given for defaming the character of Dr. Jeffries and objecting to his visit, including accusations of racism, anti-Semitism, and that he promotes Black Superiority.

We consider these arguments to be without merit, and to be unworthy of refutation point by point. The intention of the opposition's actions are quite clear: to silence a highly qualified and dedicated Black scholar who has been...on occasion, critical of the American government and others who have and continue to participate in the exploitation of African people.

The need for scholars such as Jeffries must be acknowledged. Those who oppose his visit wish to deprive themselves and others of education. We are different. Shredding light on those differences does not make Dr. Jeffries a racist. Your differences are what makes you who you are. To suggest that Dr. Jeffries be prohibited from speaking is an insult. For too long, African Americans have been deprived of knowledge of self. The Black students on this campus are starving for that knowledge. It is our responsibility to provide our students with this knowledge and give them a balanced education. Only through gaining it and knowing our differences can we truly contribute to humanity. We understand why many are in an uproar over Dr. Jeffries' visit. They lack the knowledge of who they really are and what their ancestors were about; they reject the truth.

Dr. Jeffries desires to bring to light that part of ourselves, as African Americans, that were never taught in high school. He is about the uplifting and empowerment of his people. We challenge all those who oppose his visit to draw their own conclusions. Stop being afraid that your skeletons will be let out of the closet. Stop being afraid, Dr. Jeffries, for yourself, you disagree with his statements, question them. After all, isn't that what learning is about? The Organization of Students for African Unity

Write for us in the fall!
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 Vietnamese, $50,000 Americans never returned home.

War has always 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 army were thrown into re-education camps (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, 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, these 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 Ameradians, 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 11th 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 have been in vain. Keep up the good work!

George Zarzeczy, Anthropology
Member of the Vietnam Vets of America.
Chapter 12

Opinion/Friday, May 5, 1995

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 American anti-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 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 a 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 atheists, 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. They should have stopped spending it all on drugs, alcohol and sex.

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Apologist

by Nelson Almro

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. Determined as a whole, the homosexual lifestyle is anything but healthy. Even before AIDS, the incidence of suicide among homosexuals was above the norm. Suicide attempts are significantly higher among gays than among others - 3 percent of non-homosexuals, 18 percent for homosexuals. Further, suicide among teenage homosexuals is so significant higher among gays than among others - 3 percent of non-homosexuals, 18 percent for homosexuals. More gays admitted to deliberately killing or attempting to kill others, 557 percent more gays reported 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 sex with children. The election results are not accurate. Further, I would have deserved had it not been for injustice and a sea of inequality. I am sorry that this is not a congratulatory letter which you most assuredly would have deserved had it not been for the election mishandling which you are not to blame for. Instead I must be the voice of reason in a wilderness of injustice and a sea of inequality.

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.

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 believes 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 downgraded 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 places on every piece of stationery that this is “An equal opportunity/affirmative action institution.” Please, Mr. Pearson stated, “let’s get real.”

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Native American

by Joseph Petersrother

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 such as 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 hang that flag over their fraternity letters, therefore they were all held accountable for this. In essence, they 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 ignorance. I Iis fraternity brothers allowed him to hang 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 ones who are truly silenced.

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 Sexuality 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 have had 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 sex with children.

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.
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 the comments made by Wayne Dennis, Damon Pearson, and Tracy Smith? They have done nothing, aside from attempting to expose some White's prejudice of Blacks, to blatantly expose the racism some Blacks have towards other people. OSAU wrote, "There is a flyer that asks, 'who listens 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 OSAU so vehemently opposes?

Wayne Dennis makes the same generalization, "What 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. 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 massacre 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.

Positive Controversy

By Eridania Perez-Juarez

At the beginning of the semester many of my friends persuaded me to write for the Montclarion. They said I perceive things differently and it was appealing to read a different opinion. However, I did not ever imagine that I would have to pay a price for writing the truth. For instance, when I wrote about the CIA and United States intervention in Latin America (April 13) I was vilified by some of the students who feel the constant brainwashing by the media, the political vehicle which only covers the news that depicts the United States as the "best" country in the World. Some of the names I was called were Communist, Marxist, anti-American, and Bolshevik.

I am not concerned about what students think of me, but what aggravates me is how ignorant they are of what is happening worldwide. If all those students who labeled me an anti-American would discard their romance novels to read about the repulsive war our government has done internationally, they would then possibly rectify their thinking.

Unfortunately, the government will always provide a justification for its illicit actions. With regard to the CIA role in Latin America, the justification is that we were fighting to halt the diffusion of Soviet communism there.

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Anderton evaluates controversies

There hasn't been this much controversy around here since that guy mailed a squirrel to a DA in Bohn Hall.

This year's SGA Election has deservedly broken the calm. Since the results were announced last week, there have arisen several allegations causing many to question the validity of the election. I, too, struggled with this question these allegations have brought forth. It is for that reason I recommended to the SGA Legislature that the election be declared null and void.

Despite the many rules that govern the SGA, the election rules gave no conclusive or definitive method for handling extraordinary circumstances. The Attorney General could have impounded all materials, the candidates themselves could have contested the elections, or the Legislature could have accepted my recommendation and nullify the elections. None of this happened.

The debate about this recommendation was long and difficult. Especially bothersome to me was the realization that no matter the decision, doubts would linger and the credibility of the elections process would remain in question. Close to forty Legislators and Cabinet members took part in the intense debate, and ultimately decided to reject the motion of nullifying the election.

I feel that it is imperative on us now to abide by this decision. The SGA Legislature makes decisions weekly that impact on student life and campus organizations at MSU. All of these may be criticized, fairly or unfairly, if one chooses. This one, though certainly a heavy one, should be no different.

I stand by the decision that the Legislature has made. Their job is difficult, and the decisions made are often criticized.

For that reason, those who disagree are compelled to be a part of the solution. Remember, controversy and allegation are not truth. The Student Government will move forth, despite controversy, and will be improved as a result.

It is unfortunate that we close this year on a down note. It has been a year of better Class One programing, improved working relationships with Residence Life and the return of some old SGA services. It also has been a year of much controversy, ranging from Homecoming to Confederate Flags to Food Service scandals.

In all, it was a difficult year to manage the SGA through, but the redeeming factor is that next years leaders will pickup where we left off and continue the important work that needs to be done.

I'd like to take this time to congratulate the Class of 1995 and wish the best to those who remain at Montclair. It was proved this year that our campus is truly a place to learn and understand the world around us. If you can't do that, just pretend and try not to look too bewildered. Thanks and good luck!

Sal M. Anderton
SGA President

Join the Montclarion in the Fall!
"You say you want a revolution, well, you know, we all want to change the world..."

As I complete my first year here at MSU, I can’t seem to get those lyrics out of my mind. The semester is ending on a more controversial note than anyone might have expected. Personally, the thought that so many challenging and unusual events would have taken place never crossed my mind. Further, a few months ago, the suggestion that I would have ever been more than a bystander to the action was unfathomable.

Everyone knows the stories from this year. But foremost on people’s minds this spring seems to be the Leonard Jeffries dispute. Many have labeled the series of events which began with the “Confederate Flag Flap” and culminated tonight at the Paul Robeson Affair as “divisive.” There have certainly been remarks made to support this observation. However, I would like to examine the events and their effects from a slightly different point of view; a point of view considerably more neutral than this Op-Ed section has seen in weeks.

Explaining such a vantage point first requires a bit of background information. When I started working as an Editorial Assistant at the Montclarion, the first thing which was made abundantly clear to me was the dilemma of student apathy at MSU. Admittedly, I saw many examples to prove this point, and I too began warning other new members at the Montclarion of the problem.

The events at hand have played a large role in changing my mind. I’ve seen more letters delivered to the Editorial desk in the past few weeks than I had ever seen before. All kinds of students were reacting, and, by writing, they were putting their proverbial “money where their mouth” was. All around, students and faculty were talking, attending meetings, such as the Unity Conference, and participating in “open mike” forums in front of the Student Center. Thus, the point of view I’ve seen these events from is not necessarily a divisive one, but rather, mildly (and pleasantly) revolutionary. People were finally talking about revolution - and it sounded great.

There are lessons to be learned from these experiences. Perhaps the students at MSU aren’t as lax about issues as many thought. Now, however, everyone must continue to use the same energy and concern for issues in the future. It took a potentially divisive situation to make people react. Possibly next time, many will act before division becomes an issue. It is possible to approach the seemingly more menial concerns with the same enthusiasm as we have shown for this one now that we recognize the consequences of our silence and separation. It takes enthusiasm to get passionate about the big events; it takes endurance and true dedication to revolution to be consistently passionate about a variety of concerns.

Thanks to all the students who wrote and voiced their concerns and opinions this year - please continue to speak; the invitation to use the Montclarion as your forum is always open. Unfortunately, for every Damon Pearson and Barbara Leifer-Woods who wrote letters, there are over 3000 students who had an opinion and did not write. For every Frank Fleischman and Joe Paternoster who contributed their thoughts every week, there are another 3000 who remained silent. The silent members of the campus community must now follow the example which has been set and add their own thoughts to the “marketplace of ideas.”

May next semester provide us with the time and environment to continue to debate and find commonalities, to help shape MSU as it goes through the revolution of ideas necessary to become the arena for enlightenment and discussion which we all envision. Once again, thank you to all the people who have helped to change my perceptions of MSU. I look forward to hearing from everyone in the Fall!

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The Examined Life
by Jean-Marie Navetta

J.S.U. statement on Jeffries

Although Dr. Leonard Jeffries makes some very valid points such as the importance of any group understanding its heritage, the manner in which he presents his material is very biased and lacks the complete truth. The Jewish Student Union has taken much offense to the racist and degrading remarks against an ethnic group by Dr. Leonard Jeffries, and feel that his attitude towards humanity is one which will only hurt our community not help it.

It’s true the campus community must rise to the challenge of facing some difficult issues, yet slander of ethnic groups who should be invited into this discussion process only serves to make this task that much more difficult.

Dan Arminio, President Jewish Student Union

President-elect asks students to focus on his character, not accusations

My fellow students, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support, and express my eagerness to serve you in the upcoming year. I would also like to commend both Mike and Paola for a campaign well fought. Each of you are talented individuals who can bring a lot to the S.G.A. I ask you for your input and support during my administration.

It has been brought to my attention that there was a discrepancy between the number of registered voters and the number of voters on the election booth’s count. In an effort to resolve this matter, I assure you that the election was fairly, run a vote was called on the floor of the legislature. The members decided that there was no need for any further procedure and the election would stand as initially decided. I wish it to be known that I supported the vote, and cooperated fully with the process. I desired above all to find the truth regardless of the outcome.

Now that the decision has been made, I ask you all for your in our administration, and ask you to develop your opinion about me based on my performance in office and not on any accusations that may surface about my character and integrity.

10 If you should have questions or concerns about this or any other matter pertaining to the S.G.A., please feel free to speak to me. I look forward to hearing your suggestions and serving you.

Francois M. Dauber, S.G.A. President-Elect

Faith lost in SGA

Fellow students, today I consider myself a student because I am like you. In the fact that I have been cheated. You already probably know the facts of the case. The real losers in this incident are you, the students. The S.G.A. has participated in an incident which is unethical, but has decided to not act. They have made the wrong choice. We the students of MSU should be upset because of the actions taken by our legislative body.

This incident has disturbed me, and now, I have less confidence in the S.G.A. It will be a legislator next semester to insure that this type of hypocrisy is eliminated and will never happen again.

However, I cannot change the S.G.A. alone. If you believe in truth and honesty, speak out. Let your voice be heard to insure that you, too, are not fooled by sheepish S.G.A. legislators.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a great and safe summer, and that justice will be served.

Michael James Roessner, Political Science
THE FAR SIDE
By GARY LARSON

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

THE FAR SIDE
By GARY LARSON

“You’re up, Red.”
Wow, yet another semester is au revoir. And, as my creative energy dwindles and diminishes down to nothingness, I am saved by my golden lute. 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. **Cares:** 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: A pizza shop on every corner), so it got towed on me, courtesy of the Bloomfield Police. To get that damn thing repaired, and by the time everything was done, $1,375 was charged to my Citibank Visa™. Then, after I dealt out to every bank, and by the time every single credit, my brakes decided to go out on me. I’m stranded using a Ford™ Tempo, whose battery has smacked right into Theta Xi and Delta Phi at your TV.

2. **Richard Bey:** I want to smack him. I went over to “436324687648 Brothers Diner”. I said, “I want a single fucking fancy。“ I left, and when I came back, I ordered a double fancy. I told them, “That is all I can handle.” They took the Double Fancy and made it into a Single Fancy. I wanted a Double Fancy and so I left. Then, I came back, and they tried to make me pay for the Single Fancy. I said, “I don’t want to pay for a Single Fancy.” They said, “You already paid for it.” I said, “You already paid for it, so I don’t want to pay for it.” They said, “You already paid for it, so I don’t want to pay for it.” I said, “You already paid for it, so I don’t want to pay for it.” They said, “You already paid for it, so I don’t want to pay for it.” I said, “You already paid for it, so I don’t want to pay for it.” They said, “You already paid for it, so I don’t want to pay for it.” I said, “You already paid for it, so I don’t want to pay for it.” They said, “You already paid for it, so I don’t want to pay for it.” I said, “You already paid for it, so I don’t want to pay for it.” They said, “You already paid for it, so I don’t want to pay for it.” I said, “You already paid for it, so I don’t want to pay for it.” They said, “You already paid for it, so I don’t want to pay for it.” I said, “You already paid for it, so I don’t want to pay for it.” They said, “You already paid for it, 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Christine F.
Do you noise sound familiar? RIIIPPPP!
Love your little, Genevieve

GIC
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.
Jeannie

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!!!
I PS L

Phi Sig,
Thanks for making last carnival memorable!
We wanted a party and we sure had one!
I PS L, 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.
I PS L, Kim

Improv 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 your little next semester.
Love, Re-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 covn, roof would have so
many uses?
I PS L, Kim

Miche,
So you understand the linguistics of personals.
What are we saying?
Puddin' Heads

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

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

Jim (Senate)
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 poke 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

Te: Anita (Akt)
your little thanks for the gift, I'll always be
here for you.
Love your big, Olga

Don (Akt)
You are an a-1-1-.
Love, ???

Brothers (Akt)
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)

Yoya (Akt)
Roses, Roses, Roses, (how cute) Hal Ha
Guest Who

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

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

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

(Akt)
We'll always "be" together "be" strong and
"be" one; Akt I'll always treasure, Especially
Beta Epilone.

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

Be (Akt)
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

Miche,
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. Congratula-
tions once again.
Yocasta

AKY,
Jimmy: I wish you the best. I'll "really",
"really", "really" miss you a "lot".
Love, Yocasta

AKY Marianne
Hey little what's up? Congratulations and
welcome to the AKY family.
Yocasta

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

Marianne (Akt)
Congratulations you did a great job. I knew 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 (Akt)
Always remember tall, handsome, gorgeous,
sweet pants (white).
MIA

AKY:
To my one and only big:
I wish you the best. I'll "really",
"really", "really" miss you a "lot".
Love, Your sisters

MIY

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

(Akt)
Laura, Linda, Mike, Chris, Angie, Nick, and
Kim - Chippa! Chippa!

Mel,
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.
Celia, AO

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

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

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.
Mich

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 ya! And just
remember that!
I PS L, Your sisters of Phi Sigma Sigma

Mich,
Let me know when the merry-go-round stops,
I'm sick of the ride.
Mel

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

Mich,
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

Joe (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

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

Michelle

Robin and Veronics AO,  
Best bed mates I ever had.  

Celia AO

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

Mike (ApPsi)

Mike,  
You are also best. Best of the best.  

MIA

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

Monica

AKY: Carlos  
Thanks for making me laugh.  

Ru-Paul

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

Celia AO

Robin, Carly, Veronics AO  
Wo-Wo-Kul! not said!  

Celia AO

Veronics AO,  
Go get it!  

Celia AO

To: Jon (ApPsi)  
Where were you on Friday?  

Brothers

Joe B. (ApPsi)  
You are the best. The best of the best.  

Love, Olga

Happy Birthday Cheorie, Sue, Denise, and Robin AO  

Joe B.  
You are killing me!  

Love, your little

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

Celia AO

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

Christy

Deirdre (ApPsi)  
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.  

Celia AO

Margarid and Anna,  
You are the greatest bigs! You're like 2 mom's, 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 ever 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-by.  

Hugs, Victoria

Laura, Leri-Ans, & Tracy,  
I can't wait to move to Close. 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 Fran. 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.  

Celia AO

AO,  
Pictionary, Bun-b-Q cheeseburgers, my first camp fire, wiffle ball, such stimulating conversations, thanks for a great time on my first sisterhood retreat!  

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

Robin, Carly, Veronics,  
Always remember to pick up guys at Dunkin Donuts with a dozen donuts for dessert.  

Celia (AO)

Kim and Yoost! (ApPsi)  
Thank you so much for everything, you guys are the best bigs.  

Marianne (ApPsi)

Jan, Matt, Michelle, Mia, Kay, Everybody....I'm Leaving! I lluuuuubaby!!  

Paul

Bobby Jo, Bobby Sue, and Bobby Mae AO,  
Taxidermy Sat night. Be there or be square!  

Bobby Jane AO

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

Vestan Paola

JJRO'S™  
Come back to the personals. I get a pedicure just for you!  

Love, Mauda™

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

Celia AO

You:  
So... is it me or the rug?  

Me

You:  
Of course its you...te amo.  

Me

Robin, Carly, Veronics AO,  
I won $8 on scratch off cards - I'm hanked  

Celia AO

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

Celia AO

Perch (ApPsi),  
Carly and Robin are right you are the best.  

Christy (AO)

Darling,  
Don't be a stranger this summer!  

Love, Cupcake

Jan (ZI104)  
You are the best little!  

Love your big  

AO,  
Wiffle ball anyone?  

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?  

Jane AO,  
It's ok - We won't let any ghosts scare you!  

Celia AO

Sun AO,  
Sheik Woman here her roar.  

Celia AO

Chris Smitty  
So old, so innocent.  

Celia AO

Tilley's quote of the year:  
"He who laughs last, laughs last!"  

Oh, I get it.  

The Grandeuric 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 18-4. 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 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 play cost 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. The 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 St., 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 Thursday. 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.
• Runs: Flinn, 51.
• 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 Cecuna 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 Faizalano

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, the team is not quite where it should be. But if they perform 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, 13-1 NJAC) 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) has hit the ball well in nearly every game this season — 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 Tom 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.

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Other who hit well for the Red Hawks in the twinbill included shortstop Tony Martinez, the NJAC's leading hitter, junior Dan Massaro (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 Massaro, 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 without a defeat this year.

"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.

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

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Red Hawks win again, earn top seed in ECAC tourney

by Nick Gantafis

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. With Alexei Bobrowsky leading 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.

A three-goal third period by Matt Klank keyed the win for 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.

An MSU win, coupled with a Kean victory over Kings Point, would set up another “New Jersey Lacrosse War” in Sunday’s final.

With a win, MSU would host the final at Sprague Field at 1 p.m.

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Three goals in the third period by Matt Klank keyed the win. It was the second consecutive win over Kean (8-2) for the Red Hawks. 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.
On the Ball
by Brian Falzarano

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.

In the first game, their passes were crisp, finding the mark more times than not leading to Knicks baskets. The way they were playing, they and their fans may have been justified in talking about a championship.

But series are not won in the first game (i.e., Boston over Orlando, the Cowboys over the Rams, with the championship). And the Cavaliers team had the effort in Game 2 and 3 would be needed to beat an injury-decimated but nonetheless game Cavalier team.

However, 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 power forward Tyrone Hill, solid veteran forwardcenter John "Hot Rod" Williams, CBA refuge Bobby Phillips 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 Gomd Arena this year (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.

PARTING SHOTS

Don't the playoffs seem so different without the Nets in them?

You can interpret that in whatever way you see fit.

The Nets never cease to amaze me.

First, they trade Pro Bowler ROB MOORE, their only receiving threat, for a first-round pick.

Fine, they maybe they have other ideas as far as obtaining a quality receiver.

But J.J. STOKES is on the board, and they pick KYLIE BRADY, a right end.

Call me crazy, but tight end is one of the Jets' strong points. When that position is one of your strengths, doesn't it make sense to try and shore up one of your weaknesses.

Now there is talk of the Jets going after a veteran free agent. There is only HAYWOOD JEFFIRES, the former Houston Oiler wideout, of note still unsigned.

Things like this make me question whether the Jets can ever be taken completely seriously.

I did like the Giants draft, but the Jets just ruin everything for me.

Not to brag, but I did say Houston was going to take STEVE MCMANNAIR with its first pick, didn't I?

Just wanted to make sure you remembered.

I was happy to see WARREN SAPP put aside what could have been a four-year deal worth a little over $1 million a year. Other players should learn from him.

They may have only played five games, but the Yankees do look good.

But if the Mets get anything from their bullpen, they should make things interesting for a wild card spot in the National League.

What was that message that CHRIS MORRIS, the soon-to-be former perennial Nets enigma, wrote on his shoes? Oh yeah! "Time to say good-bye."

To that, I say, "Have fun in Canada, Chris!"

Well, this is the final ever On the Ball.

I'd like to thank all of you that read this column every week and those of you on campus who told me so. Also, I'd like to thank everyone who has helped me on a personal and a professional level.

But I have been writing for The Herald & News, so you can still read me there. Thank you and good-bye.
A step ahead

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