**Escort service planned for security upgrade**

*by Tom Boud*  
The MSU Department of Security and Safety is in the midst of establishing an escort service, said Lt. Michael Postaski. According to Postaski, interviews are being conducted for the service, which will soon be operating seven days a week from 10 p.m. - 2 a.m.  
“We will be interviewing a half a dozen prospective escorts shortly. We’re hoping to establish the escort service as soon as possible, and that will happen as soon as we can get at least 2 people scheduled per night,” he said.  
Postaski added that he could not give a definite starting date due to the coordination of students’ schedules. “Student availability is the deciding factor here. For example, one student may be available ‘Tuesdays and Sundays while another can work Mondays and Fridays. Therefore, the most I can say is the service will start as soon as I have adequate coverage for all days.”  
Postaski said that $11,000 has been earmarked from the Campus Police and Security budget for the service. “We have enough funding for 3 escorts per night. The escorts will be equipped with radios, high-visibility orange vests, and will be paid by the hour. We are also working on providing them with flashlights and personal safety devices.”  
He mentioned that the SGA is currently considering to offer funding for the flashlights and protection devices. “We’re definitely happy to have this level of cooperation from the SGA,” Postaski said.  
The escort service will be run from police headquarters. “Anyone requesting service will contact our dispatcher at 655-5222 who will, in turn, relay the call to the escorts.”  
Regarding other security upgrades, Postaski emphasized that the escort service is part of a larger program to bolster security. “We’ll be hiring three new security officers, which will bring the campus police and security force up to a total of 31. This will be our highest level of staffing in a very long time. It will permit us to put an emphasis on foot patrols.”  
In addition, Postaski said that new parking booths will be installed at the Clove Road and rear entrances to the college. Postaski said the number of emergency call boxes will be increased from 48 to 73, along with the presence of parking gates and attendants for traffic control. He said that money has been allocated for bullet-proof vests, and that George Mellin of the Facilities Planning department is heading a project to better parking lot lighting.  
Postaski said that the campus police is also investigating the possibility of a closed-circuit camera system for the parking lots. “We’re looking into setting up surveillance cameras for the parking areas. This system would be monitored at headquarters and would also have the capability of recording as well.”

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**L.A.S.O. celebrates 25th at Alumni Banquet**

*by Anthony R. O’Donnell*  
The Latin American Student Organization (LASO) held its annual Alumni Banquet Friday, September 22 at Sevilla Restaurant in Passaic. The occasion marked the 25th anniversary of the organization.  
LASO President Maria Da Silva welcomed the guests with an introduction to the present members of LASO’s Executive Board, and with a reference to the evening’s theme “De un paso largo a un salto mayor” [From one big step to a greater leap.] Da Silva also commented LASO’s influence in helping her to make strides in her acquisition of leadership abilities.  
In his opening remarks to the assembly, Latin Month co-chair David Barriera elaborated on the choice of theme and decoration colors. “The theme we have chosen means to show that we recognize both that we’ve come a long way and that we’ve still got a long way to go. The colors we have chosen - purple and silver - mean respectively royalty, and value and luxury. Royalty commands respect and admiration, and silver connotes luxury and value,” Barriera said.  
Latin Month Chairperson Ana Marquez led the guests in a symbolic enactment of LASO’s slogan “En unidad esta la fuerza” [In unity there is strength] by leading them in forming a gigantic circle and asking that all pay tribute to the contributions of the others.  
The Guest of Honor Iris Barriera, who is now an academic advisor at MSU, spoke as a member of the alumni. She described how Latinos were once a very small and unpopular minority, who were not expected to achieve. She recounted how “a handful of us” decided on the acronym “LASO,” because it reflected the meaning of the Spanish word lsis.
Above: (From left to right) Stacey Ferraro, an Early Childhood Education major; Mike D'Ambrosio, a Physical Education major; Keri Cappadona, undeclared; and Jason Ilienecker soak up some rays in the Student Center quad.

Don't forget to fill out the faculty survey in the Campus Life section! (p.8)

Corrections

I support tenure for college professors and high school teachers. It is vital that teachers have the security and protection of academic freedom to teach their subjects without fear of retaliation, personal attack or political interference.

The front page article in last week's MONTCLAIRON left the impression that I was recommending that tenure be abolished. In discussing various efforts to reform urban education, I indicated that many solutions were explored including changes in tenure.

Finally, the views in the article were personal views gained from my involvement in Civil Rights and public advocacy on behalf of people of African ancestry.

My official responsibilities as Associate Dean of Students generally do not involve me teaching courses at the undergraduate or graduate level.

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The Princeton Review
MSU helps “Opportunity Projects”

by Rosemary Gutierrez

In the town of Milburn, NJ a group of people have come together to create a non-profit organization to benefit brain-injured individuals.

Executive Director Joan Crawford and co-founders Lisa Goldmin and Rita Yohalen are part of the organization “Opportunity Projects.” It involves recreational and social activities for people with head injuries.

The program is called a “clubhouse.” It is a nationally recognized model for an effective means to provide real work opportunities for those recovering from head injuries.

“Opportunity Projects” was established to ensure that assistance and resources would be available to these individuals. The program was also created for individuals who have finished rehabilitation but are not yet socially confident.

The “clubhouse” will provide a location where they [members] can participate in activities to prepare themselves for the return to school or the work force,” said Yohalen.

As members, not patients, they make all decisions in the functioning of the “clubhouse,” such as making work schedules and enlisting the help of others. They are also responsible for a real work day at their individual levels.

“Opportunity Projects” also involves itself with students working towards a recreation therapy degree. The organization has spoken with MSU’s head of the Recreation Therapy Department, Prof. Jerry Dickerson, and student candidates for therapists about the need to be involved at every level of rehabilitation.

Tom Grayson, a senior who is a recreation therapy major, worked with young adults with head injuries on a clinical internship with the organization. “Opportunity Projects,” he said, “is making good strides toward helping the mentally impaired.”

In addition to helping students, the organization holds meetings called “Informational Coffee” at the Milburn Library. The meetings allow families, individuals and professionals who have had no prior knowledge of the organization to reach out and network. The next meeting is scheduled for Oct. 23 at 7 p.m.

The organization also sponsors many fund raisers to reach their goal. All proceeds raised will help develop a project to “empower persons with acquired head injuries. The project will provide social and vocational opportunities not yet available in the community,” said Yohalen.

In October MSU will participate in a Hair-Cut-a-Thon that is to be held in the Student Center.

For more information about “Opportunity Projects” activities and volunteer opportunities call 201-276-8290.

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POSSIBLE THEFT
Sept. 22 at 2:44 a.m. the Dormitory Security Guard Advisor reported that a female told him that she witnessed four males removing a radio from a Jeep in the lot behind Blanton Hall. A red jeep was found with the radio missing. The owner of the vehicle has not been reached and it is not known whether a crime actually occurred.

THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE
Sept. 21 between 6 - 9 p.m. a 1993 Honda Accord was reported stolen from Lot 24. The car was recovered at 10:21 p.m. in Livingston, NJ stripped of all its parts.

Sept. 22 between 11:45 a.m. - 12:50 p.m. a 1995 Dodge Neon was reported stolen. It has not been recovered.

Sept. 24 - 25 between 10 p.m. - 7:50 a.m. a 1987 Plymouth Turismo was reported stolen. It has not been recovered.

THEFT
Sept. 24 between 11 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. a male reported that a hubcap was missing from his 1991 Toyota Camry in Lot 14.

MEDICAL
Sept. 26 at 2:55 p.m. a female crossing the road near the Blanton Hall loading dock twisted her ankle. She was taken to Mountainside Hospital.

Sept. 25 at 1:35 a.m. a female resident of Blanton Hall fell while standing on a chair hanging pictures. She suffered abrasions on her left knee and was taken to Mountainside Hospital.

ASSAULT
Sept. 25 at 1:35 a.m. a female resident of Blanton Hall fell while standing on a chair hanging pictures. She suffered abrasions on her left knee and was taken to Mountainside Hospital.

PROPERTY DAMAGE
Sept. 25 at 2:17 p.m. a female resident of the Clove Road Apartments was stung by a bee. She was taken to the Health Center.

Sept. 17 - 23 a female reported that her 1992 Chevy Storm received damage to the passenger side door in Lot 22.

PHONE HARASSMENT
Sept. 25 at 8:43 p.m. a female resident of Blanton Hall reported that she received a threatening phone call from her ex-boyfriend’s current girlfriend.

ARRESTS
Sept. 25 Kevin McCleese, a resident of Bohn Hall, was charged and arrested for possession of a firearm. The firearm was spotted by a night security guard on the surveillance cameras in Bohn Hall on Sept. 18. He will appear in the Clifton Municipal Court on Sept. 27 for arraignment.

SGA President Pro-Tempore elected
Compiled by Kristina Mathison

By Victor Cirilo
On Wednesday, Sept. 20, the SGA legislature held elections for President Pro-Tempore.

The President Pro-Tempore “shall act as the representative of the legislature to the executive board,” according to SGA statutes.

Nominated for the position were Brian Cosgrove, Greg MacSweeney, Lawrence Ramsey and Michael Roessner. Cosgrove and MacSweeney declined their nominations.

Roessner was elected the legislature’s President Pro-Tempore.

SGA Legislator Jason Gerb said, “I think Mike is qualified. He will bring his leadership experience and tons of enthusiasm to his position.”

The revised operation budgets for Class Ones were rescinded by their author, SGA President Francois Dander, after being deemed unconstitutional by Attorney General Mike Costa.

Representatives from the teacher’s union spoke to the legislature and addressed the issues concerning their contracts.

Strike Coordinator Richard Frankie said that they have been working without a contract since July 4, 1995. He also said that “the governor’s office offered no pay increase for three years.”

Frankie urged the legislature to register to vote and to write Governor Christine Whitman asking her to settle the negotiations soon.
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**Campus Life**

**A Conversation with Dean James Harris**

by Kurt Richardson and Erica Duncan

Erica Duncan: Do you have aspiration to be more than what you are now?

Dean Harris: Absolutely. I have aspirations to be president of a university, not this one in particular.

Kurt Richardson: How do you feel the university doing in this school year?

Harris: I think the University is going very well, and I think it has some positive leaders who are doing positive things on and about campus. One would hope and pray that the morale of the students and the faculty would come along as the fiscal year proceeds.

Duncan: What are your responsibilities as Associate Dean of Students?

Harris: My major job responsibilities include working with the Dean of Students, student orientation, the mentor program, fraternities and sororities on campus and students with disabilities.

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**A Message of Unity from Piri Tomas**

by Anthony O'Donnell

In these times, when aggressive, separatist rhetoric passes for responsible social commentary, it is delightful and refreshing to come across a speaker like Piri Tomas.

Tomas, who made his literary debut in 1967 with his critically acclaimed autobiography *Down These Mean Streets*, appeared at MSU Monday night as part of the ongoing celebration of Latin Month by LASO (Latin American Student Organization).

More a performance than a lecture, Tomas's appearance was an accounting in poetry and prose of a life's worth of experiences and thoughts. He shared his story partly as a cautionary tale and partly as a recipe for success in the wake of crushing defeat and failure.

Tomas was born in Spanish Harlem in 1928 to a light-skinned Puerto Rican mother and a dark-skinned Cuban father. He felt acutely aware of his marginal status and turned to crime as the most promising seeming avenue for advancement. The wages of his crimes was not the wealth and power he coveted, but seven years of hard labor in Comstock Prison.

But Tomas did not resort to typical deterministic excuses for his transgressions. He minced no words in saying that his own choices made him the outlaw he became. He turned his incarceration into a good account. "I was determined that I was not going to serve time, time was going to serve me." He would later serve others by working to persuade young people to choose a different course than his. Initially, he discovered a kind of freedom during his imprisonment that he hadn't known outside. "I learned that the cruellest prison inside and outside the walls is the mind," he said.

In his presentation he emphasized the lesson that "you shouldn't take what doesn't belong to you" through the telling of a story from his childhood. A humorous description of flight and inevitable capture by his father after the swiping of a quarter kept the audience in stitches. But the moral weight of the story fell when, after his father had caught him, he had to face not the beating he had anticipated, but the shame of his own dishonest rationalizations. Why - said his father - did you not just ask me for it? Why did you have to steal what I would have given to you?

The greater part of Tomas's dramatic discourse dealt with an approach to life whereby one can have the strength to demand what one wants, and whereby one is more likely to want what one really needs.

He talked candidly about the miseries caused by bigotry, and the false lessons that he, as a person of African ancestry, was taught to feel about himself. "I learned," he said, "that I wasn't worth too much." But he fiercely rejected the category of "minority," saying "I am a righteous majority of one," and "we are humans not minorities."

In Tomas's discourse, the conflicts between different groups - racial, ethnic or otherwise - were not an opportunity for further contention and recrimination, but for an effort toward greater unity. He recognized the difficulties and humiliations suffered in America by the Italians and Irish, and he remarked on how he found himself echoing the language of...
Dear Career Services

Q: I did well on an interview I recently took with an insurance company. Now they want me to take a written test before they will consider hiring me. Is this unusual? Will other companies test me?

A: Many employers give written tests as part of the hiring process. In some organizations, not passing the test will eliminate you from further consideration. For others the test is only one element to be considered. Other elements include your college record, including grades and participation in extra-curricular activities, and how you conduct yourself on the interview.

Usually the tests employers give are timed, last about 45 minutes to an hour and include several sections. One part may be reading comprehension, another part might be numerical problems and clerical detail. Many times organizations hiring computer science majors give logic tests and passing is necessary for the candidate to be hired.

One major New Jersey employer gives candidates they are considering for management positions, a business simulation test. The candidate spends several hours performing a series of activities which are comparable to tasks which would be performed at the job. Once again, passing the test is key to being hired.

Usually only large organizations give tests. Small and medium sized employer's hiring decisions hinge on the interview.

Q: I haven't selected a major, and everyone I know keeps telling me that I have to decide. What should I tell these people?

A: I think that you are right to suspect that there are a number of good reasons to resist outside pressure and to remain undeclared for a while. For one thing, many students who declare a major before or during their first year here really do not know why they've chosen what they've chosen. Frequently, majors are selected without a great deal of thought about whether or not a particular course of study is appropriate to an individual's needs or personality. So don't let peer pressure affect your decision.

The most obvious advantage to remaining undeclared is that you will be permitting yourself to sample a number of different courses. If you are eating in an ethnic restaurant where most of the dishes were unfamiliar, you would probably choose a platter that allowed you to taste a lot of different things, wouldn't you? You'll have a chance to see how you like the course content, and test how well you perform in different areas. Not all of us were meant to be Fine Arts or Computer Science majors, were we? Furthermore, you'll also have a chance to check your "fit" with the people in your classes to see where you feel most comfortable. Similar kinds of people are often drawn to similar kinds of studies and feeling a sense of rightness about what you are studying and about the people with whom you interact makes the odds that you'll do well a whole lot better.

So my advice is to hang tough: stay undeclared, try a number of different courses, research occupations to see what is interesting to you, find a part-time job that connects in some way to the majors you are considering. Remember there is a lot to be experienced while in college. Don't miss them by making a decision too soon.

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The Philosophy Club visits NYU

by Moso Sackwitz

The rain did not stop MSU’s Philosophy Club from attending a lecture by Oxford professor Joseph Raz at the New York University last Saturday. Titled "The Amoralist," Raz set forth an idea of a rationally objective standpoint for inter-personal relations.

I knew the Club - led by esteemed advisor Dr. David Benfield, was in for our share of intellectual nourishment when I saw, carved into the plastic of our PATH train window, the word "reveal." What was revealed to us was a host of what may be called the "rock stars" of contemporary Anglo-American philosophy. Inspirational philosophers such as Nagel and Dworkin showed their faces to bear Raz’s lecture, and seated next to greatness were the committed members of MSU’s Philosophy Club. We were thrilled and soothed by the music of a distant flute playing below in Washington Square Park.

But what exactly was this crazy salt and pepper-haired and bearded Brit talking about? It starts with Immanuel Kant’s conclusion that people should be treated "ends in themselves," meaning that people are of value "in themselves" as well as "for themselves." This is not just a recreation of the Golden Rule. One may live by the Golden Rule for selfish reasons only. For example, Ralph doesn’t hurt people because he himself doesn’t want to be hurt. Or, because Ralph values his friends because they are valuable to him; they provide Ralph with a service (which may or may not be reciprocal) and Ralph names this service as "valuable.

For Raz, this is not enough. Ralph values his "friends for their services," but not "in themselves" (having unconditional worth, with or without being his friends). Raz compares this with trees or pets, which we value for the services they provide and which we may call "friends.

Perhaps the crux of Joseph Raz’s argument is that the friendship between our Ralph and his friends is a valuable relationship itself. Raz states in his outline: "It is agreed that friendship requires that friends treat each other with respect...as ends in themselves, and not merely as people whose friendship is valuable. Hence the amoralist’s friendships are of value only if they are with people who are worthy of friendship. Being worthy of such attitudes means having value in themselves. The very fact that there are proper ways of conducting friendships presupposes that people are friends only with people who are worthy of such relationships, and that these relationships are of value in and for themselves.

Naturally, argument followed the lecture. However Raz was able to handle of the questions that the audience threw his way very eloquently.

Check out our appetizing nutrition article on page 11.
## UPCOMING CAMPUS CALENDAR

### THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 28
Women's Soccer game against Richard Stockton at 8:00 p.m.

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### FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 29
There is a Football game at 7:30 p.m. against South Connecticut. The next game is on October 7, the last day of Homecoming against Kean at 7:00 p.m.

### SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 30
Womens Soccer game against Vassar at 1:00 p.m.
The Noise performs original hard rock at the Cove at 11:30 p.m. The charge is $5.00 at the door.

### SUNDAY OCTOBER 1
Watch the San Francisco 49ers slaughter the New York Giants on national television.

### MONDAY OCTOBER 2
"An Evening with Ama Ata Aidoo," a novelist from Ghana. This is a part of the visiting writers series sponsored by the Global Education and the English Department. It starts at 8:00 p.m. in Dickson, formally the B building in room 178.

This is the beginning of Homecoming. Tonight there will be comedy show at 8:00 p.m. in the Student Center Ballrooms.

### TUESDAY OCTOBER 3
The Womens Student Organization (WSO) is having a meeting in room 420 of the Student Center at 2:00 p.m.
The King and Queen Pageant at 8:00 p.m. in the Student Center Ballrooms.

### WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 4
The Homecoming King and Queen voting takes place from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. in the Student Center.
Hypnotist Tom DeLuca, "Theatre of the Imagination," in the Student Center Ballrooms at 8:00 p.m.

### THURSDAY OCTOBER 5
More Homecoming King and Queen voting from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. in the Student Center.
A Lip sync contest in the RAT at 8:00 p.m.

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Jews he had met. He remarked that different peoples had "gone through their own particular holocausts," and therefore could see their shared humanity in their common suffering. "We are all human," he said, "and we are all American...Basta ya [enough already] with the hate."

Only when Tomas made sweeping diagnoses about the ills of society did he begin to lose me. He seemed to advocate a more familial kind of community in society that struck me as naive. My impression is that in the countries where such a pre-modern ideal still lives there is almost always less freedom of all sorts, and there is less wealth - shared even less equally - than in our own "system of greed," as Tomas described it. I speculated that Tomas's Antillean origins, while the source of some of his charm and his particular insight, were also responsible for his failure to see more thoroughly the advantages of the liberal ideal of individual freedom and citizenship. But these objections to Tomas as social philosopher do not undermine his value as poet and popular humanist. We could use a lot more people like Piri Tomas: people who can speak to the less fortunate with a message of pride that doesn't feed resentment; people who recognize that there can be no peace where individual conscience is not emphasized; people who can speak triumphantly of the joys that are possible when one can love oneself enough to be able to love others. Sound too utopian? Here's how Piri responds: "Alright, I'm looking for Utopia. But somewhere between heaven and Earth can we not create a 'paradise' where all the calamities are natural, and not man-made?"
Vegetarianism made easy for the MSU public

by Ann Margaret Kane

To many Americans, the term “vegetarian” conjures up images of hippies, chomping on food normally consumed by a rabbit. Items like tofu, bean curd and sprouts are some terms associated with being a vegetarian. But a new generation of vegetarians may make these terms more commonplace.

Meatless eating has become more mainstream, thanks to the new class of “vegans.” This new hub of vegetarians are the college campuses. About 15 percent of the nation’s 15 million college students eat vegetarian during a typical day, according to a study by the National Restaurant Association. This figure is two to three times the share of the overall vegetarian population.

“Everyone you talk to nowadays says ‘they’re not eating meat,’” said Barry Tush, a senior nutrition major who agrees that vegetarianism has become “in” on campus.

Vegetarian, however, has taken on a new meaning. The reason for being vegetarian now go beyond simple food practices. Among the younger or “X-Generation” today the term vegetarian reflects someone who is health-conscious and eating in a modern way.

Vegetarian lifestyles have become trendy. Kristen diNovi, a psychology graduate student, has been practicing vegetarianism for 15 years.

“Several years ago, when I used to tell people that I was a vegetarian, they would look at me as if I had two heads,” said diNovi. “Now many of my roommates have turned vegetarian due to my influence.”

In the 1970’s when the term vegetarian was first introduced, the word had a negative connotation associated with it. People seemed to assume that you were either a throw back from the sixties or a freak. Today, however, it has become somewhat of a positive label.

“A lot of my friends, have converted to vegetarianism since I became a vegetarian because they see the I’m into something good,” Kevin Collins, a freshman theater major, said.

To backtrack, some students might be wondering: what is a vegetarian? According to the American Dietetic Association, a vegetarian is a person who does not eat meat, poultry or fish. Vegetarians eat mainly plant foods, such as fruits, vegetables, legumes, grains and seeds. Some also eat eggs, and dairy products, or both.

Generally, there are three main classifications of vegetarians, which are as follows:

Strict vegetarians or vegans, which means that they exclude all animal products, such as meat, dairy and eggs products.

Lactovegetarians, which means that they exclude meat products but include dairy products.

Lacto-ovo vegetarians, which means that they exclude meat products but consume both egg and dairy products. Out of the three, this vegetarian is the most common.

So, why are college students choosing vegetarian diets? Concerns about fat are the number-one factor driving the mainstreaming of vegetarianism, according to a recent article titled, “Meet the New Vegetarian” in American Demographics, January 1995 journal issue. Many students feel that the best way to cut fat out of their diet is by eliminating meat.

“Tara McCaffery, a junior recreation and leisure major, also practices a semi-vegetarian diet. “I mainly consume a meatless diet, but I eat red meat and chicken once a week,” McCaffery is among the new class of vegetarians. “I really like cheeseburgers, but I eat them well done,” added McCaffery.

Many people are approaching a vegetarian lifestyle with a flexible attitude nowadays. “I’ve heard people call themselves vegetarians even though they sometimes eat meat,” according to Jan Wolf, columnist for The Record’s food section.

“I never understood why some of my friends eat chicken and claim to be vegetarians,” Collins said.

“I think a lot of people are doing it for the wrong reasons,” said diNovi. “They think they are vegetarians but they are Neo-vegetarians, because they eat chicken and fish.”

Although some of the devoted veggie dishes are offended by this new generation of vegetarians, what is important here is that people are eating healthier. Many students eat a vegetarian diet. “I’m not as lethargic and actually feel rejuvenated” said McCaffery.
Hooch, Good Background Music
by Chris Migliore

In their press release Hooch defines themselves as "...a chaotic circus of mayhem dedicated to the generous spreading of lunacy in every direction intentionally or unintentionally." To me that kinda sounds like a bad review, but to each their own. First, let me introduce the band: Mary Supreme—she does the singing and is a well-meaning, mystical character of Nomi Malone complex, she does make her believable. Nomi is strong-willed, impulsive and somewhat ruthless, but not cynical. There are at least half a dozen scenes in which she screws something to the ground and storms out the door, or breaks someone's grip and storms away. At times she comes close to being over the edge in her portrayal of this volatile character, but ultimately I believed in and cared about Nomi Malone. In the strip-club scenes Ms. Berkeley performs without inhibition. She takes big chances in this role, she holds nothing back, and I give her credit for it.

Gina Gershon plays Cristal Connors, star of the Las Vegas show Goddess, who has a love/hate relationship with Nomi, and Kyle MacLachlan is the Promotions Manager of the New Sahara hotel and the third part of this love triangle. Both are conniving and amoral, but also have some charm. Alan Rachins, formerly of L.A. Law, sports a Burt Reynolds toupee in his appearance as the overbearing producer of the Goddess stage show. (He's not one of the leads, but I thought I'd spare you from asking "Who is that under that rug?" as I did for 40 minutes.)

The script by Joe Escheras (Basic Instinct) tells a fairly standard Hollywood story of the rise to stardom of an ambitious young woman, but I was grateful for the clichés it avoids. Nomi Malone is not a wide-eyed innocent led astray by big-city folk; she's tough and literally pushes her way to the top. It was clear to me that she has choices at each step of her climb, and I wanted to see what she would choose. She and the other characters in Showgirls are human because they have choices, even if they often make bad ones.

The rape scene in Showgirls is disturbing and seemingly comes out of nowhere. However, it's not gratuitous because it sets up Nomi's final dilemma: Will she go along with a cover-up to maintain her star status, or will she refuse to play the game? Showgirls is not particularly deep or complex, but the story and its conclusion worked for me.

Showgirls was directed by Paul Verhoeven (Basic Instinct, Total Recall). There's lots of circular camera movement, quick edits, and close-ups which give Showgirls a dynamic feeling. It's a Top Gun action flick, not a Midnight Cowboy drama or Emmanuelle soft-core porn. Showgirls is not a ground-breaking movie, but I enjoyed the action and the story and on my new grading scale I give it a B.

For those of you who are interested, my scale is: A=Must See; B-Recommended; C=Take It Or Leave It; D=Leave It; and F=Actively Avoid. I also use pluses and minuses because I want to. For example, Clueless, a light-hearted teen comedy, rates an A, while The Natural, a well-meaning, mystical baseball drama gets an F, based entirely on the fact that I loved the first and hated the second. The four movies I previously reviewed for the Montclarion, all of which may still be playing, I rate as follows: Desperado, C; The Brothers McMadden, B+; National Lampoon's Senior Trip, D; and The Usual Suspects, B-.

Victoria loses her mind
by Victoria Collee

Welcome to another weekly addition of fluff. I am about to pull the hair out of my head. I need writers! Last weekend like every weekend in September, I went home to work. However, I didn't have a ride, so I had to take Public Transportation.

My friend Megan, who goes to school near Lake Placid, came to Montclair on Friday night. Together we struggled to get home on buses, subways, and trains. We left Montclair at noon, give or take a few minutes. We arrived in Bay Head at 5:00 pm.

I suppose if the bus driver didn't take a half hour break when he got to campus we might have made the first train. But during the time we had to kill, I showed Megan the amphitheatre, and she shared some great New York salad with me.

When we finally made it to Penn Station, Newark, the second train was late, which made us miss our connect train in Long Branch. For over an hour, we hung out in the Long Branch Station, feeding circles to the payphone, calling friends in Seaside, Toms River, and Brick, trying to find a ride from Bay Head to Seaside.

Unfortunately, no one was home, so I had my first and successful hitchhiking experience. So successful that the woman who picked us up gave us all her old salad bowls because her husband doesn't eat salad anymore.

The best part of the trip (besides the kind lady who gave us a ride) was this drunk dude on the train. He talked to different people non-stop from Newark to Long Branch. From Long Branch to Belmar, he first talked to this skinhead guy, who warned him not to piss him off. The drunk dude asked him if he was, "one of those lost generation youths that all the older dope-smoking adults are afraid of."

Needless to say the skinhead was not amused, and Megan and I had the pleasure of conversing with the drunk dude, who admittedly told me he is an alcoholic. It was an interesting ride.

Well that's all for now. Everyone has to vote for John J. O'Sullivan for homecoming King. Until next week, have fun.
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**MSU Graduate, Chris Miguel, Aspiring Artist**

by Victoria Galde

Christopher Miguel reminds me of a grinning child with his hand caught in a cookie jar; however, he has cookies up his sleeve, so he manages to walk away still grinning.

Dressed in black jeans, gray blazer, long-sleeved t-shirt with buttons, and combat boots, Chris arrived late Wednesday morning with a cheerful almost evil grin and bright eyes. Straddling a chair and twirling his "shoelace," a long, thin, red hairid beard reminiscent of his long hair, Chris tapped his leg, and looked rather amused and confused. Chris is a short, dark-eyed, light-haired except for his bleached blond fringe 23-year-old with a beautiful imagination. He is always keen, observant, and recording every situation he encounters.

"My inspiration comes from everyone and everything. Everywhere I've been and everywhere I've met have inspired me in some way. You give a little and you take a little."

Chris graduated from Montclair State University in May '94, receiving a Bachelor of Arts in Fine Arts. Chris' concentration was in illustration, the minor in journalism. He grew up in the area, and he has decided to stick around for the people, the place, and the inspiration. He says, "Montclair (the town and the university) is an arts oriented community. It's definitely good to be an alumnus. The facilities are wonderful. I have all of the benefits with none of the classes, but I would like to come back for another B.A. or a Masters."

Chris is involved in music, poetry, art, and theatre. He says his art forms come in spurts or cycles. "When I'm blocked with one, I go to another. It helps to keep the expression flowing," however, he considers himself a Jack-of-all-Trades, saying, "I'm not above average in any art form. Everything is even."

Chris' biggest challenge for the moment is theatre, a new experience for him. He has submitted a one-act play, Rooftops and Other Forms of Transportation, to Players, and if it is accepted, his directing career will begin in November. He has appeared in Players' musicals and productions in the past including Hair, Alice Through the Looking Glass, and Rocky Horror. Over the summer he appeared in the Allegro Production of Godspell and Fiddler on the Roof. Currently, "I'm busy with rehearsals for a production of Pippin, but I also have a featured reading tonight at the Plum Street Pub in New Brunswick."

Feature readings, however, are not new for Chris. He has been featured several times at Maxwell's in Hoboken; Casablanca's in Garfield; Gray Matter, a production of Lida Di Da and the Paul Myra Tea Room. In the future, he will appear in a documentary for New Jersey Spoken Word Artists.

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**Chumley's, Nice Things Happen In Your Palate**

by Moses Sadowski

Everyone knows that philosophers are no strangers to beer. Well, some, that is. However, if things happen in your palate. However, if they sit down to eat, buy your drinks at the table; or else the server will be quite cross.

"Chumley's and eat good things such as things happen in your palate. However, if you sit down to eat, buy your drinks at the table; or else the server will be quite cross. A big happy table! (Which is exactly what we are.)

"Another interesting thing was that at one point, a hefty, black Labrador Retriever came into the establishment and began roaming around and under the tables. He (or she) was well-behaved and I petted him for a while before he headed over to the lobster eating girls sitting next to us. I agreed with the Lab that they looked canine-friendly.

"Speaking of the lobster-eating-girls, I noticed that the sawdust at my feet was chaotically spread out in fractal-like patterns. Some patterns actually matched over the heads of Bon Jovi's core audience. Actually, they yelled any time he spoke, sang, or did a goof-but some catches-and the maturity of Jon-adoring females? I had my doubts. In the end they were proven to be much ado about nothing, for I ended up witnessing a spectacular rock and roll concert that proved to me (and every other member of the estimated crowd of 19,000) that Bon Jovi is a rock band par excellence.

When it was announced early last summer that Jon Bon Jovi and his namesake band would be performing at the new Sony/Blockbuster Theater in Camden on July 25, I had a premonition. Mind you, I'm not overly clairvoyant, or a member of the Psychic Network, but I just knew I'd end up attending. You see, my fiancé is one of those I-had-a-crush-on-Jon-in-'86-so-you-believe-I'll-want-to-see-him-in-'95 kind of Bon Jovi fans, so it was inevitable.

By reading between the lines you may think I don't like the band, but I do. While I was never fond of them during their late '80s heyday, I've enjoyed some of the group's recent songs, and have come to respect Jon Bon Jovi as a musician, as his songwriting has come to rest in a happy medium between slick pop and adult rock.

Passing through the gates of the venue, I wondered what the group would sound like performing their newer, more mature material. If they pull it off, will it just go over my head, as it did Jon's adoring females? I had my doubts. In the end they were proven to be much ado about nothing, for I ended up witnessing a spectacular rock and roll concert that proved to me (and every other member of the estimated crowd of 19,000) that Bon Jovi is a rock band par excellence.

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**free music thought**

by Ron Albance

Opening up with 'Livin' On a Prayer,' Bon Jovi (Jon, vocals; Richie Sambora, guitar; Tico Torres, drums; David Bryan, keyboards; and new guy Hugh McDonald on Bass) immediately gave one hundred percent, and didn't let up for almost two and one-half hours. They were a hit machine, cranking out "You Give Love A Bad Name," "Bad Medicine," and "Keep The Faith" before even stopping once. "So, I guess we have a new place to party here in Jersey," Jon said as the female part of the crowd shrieked. Actually, they yelled any time he spoke, sang, or shook his balls, all of which was captured by cameras and displayed on two giant video screens positioned on each side of the stage.

Standouts included Richie Sambora singing lead on "Stranger In This Town," a medley that included covers of "Jumpin' Jack Flash," "Glory Days," and "Always," which was no mean feat considering the vocal acrobatics it's melody line demands. Fellow Jerseyite Southside Johnny came out to jam with the band on his own hit "Workin' Too Hard."

All in all, Bon Jovi in concert was thoroughly enjoyable, and it reaffirmed my belief in arena-sized rock and roll.
King Crimson reigns live with B'Boom

by Jean-Marie Navetta

While not the first band to release an "official bootleg," King Crimson can claim to be one of the best. With the release of B'Boom Official Bootleg - Live in Argentina 1994/Discipline/Global Mobile/983, they have proved not only their longevity as the self-proclaimed dinosaurs of progressive rock, but also their consistent quality.

The two CD set includes almost the entire concert set, with the exception of the song "Dinosaur," which was released in a CD-5 earlier this year. The collection was made from DAT recordings, and provides outstanding sound. In the liner notes for the album, the group comments that the sounds are not necessarily representative of what all people in the audience might have heard, due to the location of the recording equipment. However, the group speculates that these changes in sounds are what attracts so many people to purchase the often costly bootlegs.

King Crimson's "Double Trio" formation is comprised of Robert Fripp, Adrian Belew, Bill Bruford, Tony Levin, Trey Gunn, and Pat Mastelotto. On this album, the group manages to perform more powerfully than they did on their studio album, Thrak, than one might think possible. Even more impressive is their ability to perform older Crimson recordings, such as "Matte Kudasai" (from their 1981 album Discipline) and "Heartbeat" (from their album Three of a Perfect Pair) without being overpowering, despite their size.

The Crimson recording, which marked their return to "service" after a hiatus of 10 years and 3 months, is a real gift to long-time Crimson fans and a fantastic way for new listeners to be introduced to their work. In the song "Dinosaur," Adrian Belew sings, "When I look back on the past/It's a wonder I'm not yet extinct." One listen to this album, and it becomes more than obvious that King Crimson's abilities will keep them alive and well for some time to come.

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Kids, Powerful and Honest

by Jodi Kastel

Kids is a movie your parents will hate. Kids will completely shatter every adult’s conception of what reality is, in the life of a teenager. Kids shatters the foundations of safe sex advocates and “Just Say No” believers. But the scary thing is, Kids is completely candid and truthful.

Kids opens with a bedroom scene. Sixteen-year-old Telly is de-cherrying another virgin—his specialty. Known as the “Virgin Surgeon,” he prides himself on his ability to be able to talk any girl into having sex. Minutes later he’s black roaming the streets of New York City, letting his best friend Casper smell his post-sex fingers.

The cultishly appealing thing about Kids is its candor. A fully scripted work, it is so powerful and honest, I found it very hard to believe it wasn’t a documentary. Another cool thing is the fact that it isn’t about just one race. It isn’t a black, white, or Hispanic thing. Though the majority of the non-actors playing the characters are Caucasian, this day-in-the life movie isn’t about anything that is racially specific. We all have sex. We all are unsafe at times. We all drink. We all smoke. And we all talk like truck drivers out of Mommy’s earshot. It’s that simple.

The movie takes on the subject of AIDS in a refreshingly non-situational approach that led me to make my own call to Planned Parenthood. Telly (Leo Fitzpatrick), we learn, has also deflowered Jenny (Chloe Sevigny) in one of his many conquests. In a particularly unnerving slumber party scene, Jenny and her friends are discussing their sex lives. Most of these girls are under 18, but have slept with more people than my closet combined. Most of these girls are under 18, but have slept with more people than my closet combined. Jenny knows she has slept with more people than my closet combined. She is completely uninterested in Planned Parenthood. She has also deflowered many, many others. Jenny’s best friend Ruby has basically done it all—vaginal, oral and anal sex with many partners, primarily without a condom. Prime candidate for HIV, right? She gets tested with Jenny and guess who’s positive—Ringo!

Kids was directed by 52-year-old veteran photographer, Larry Clark. After four published photo essays, Clark decided to take on the big screen. With the help of 21-year-old Harmony Korine, an amateur scriptwriter, whom he met in Washington Square Park, Clark set out to make his mark a new medium. According to an interview in New York magazine, Clark says, “I always wanted to make the teenage movie that I felt America never made; the Great American Teenage Movie, like the Great American Novel. In American films, it’s always the generic Peking same old, same old teenage kid, and I hate all those kids. I wanted to go against all that Hollywood bullshit.”

Kids descended upon the movie industry in a cloud of controversy. Acquainted with Miramax, a movie company part of the Disney conglomerate, Kids had the potential to offend many and alienate much of Disney’s coveted family demographic. But in the end Miramax fought hard for Kids and has yet to be disappointed with the public’s reaction.

Kids was the hit of this winter’s Sundance Film Festival in Utah, competing against the previously reviewed Brat Pack. Kids was also the talk of Sundance’s European counterpart, the Cannes Film Festival in France. In both arenas the low budget “scater flick” appeared at the top of almost everyone’s “Must See” list.

Kids is only showing in about 10 theaters in the metropolitan area, but is definitely worth seeking out. It’s playing at the Roberts Wellmont Theater on the corner of Seymour St. and Bloomfield Ave. in Montclair for only $5—just be sure to leave any closed-minded folks behind because this movie’s got a kick to it.
Are we prepared?

Last semester, both the campus community and The Montclarion voiced concerns over the lack of security on the MSU campus. Suggestions for improving security measures were presented. Campus police asserted that it was necessary for them to carry handguns. However, President Reid, the Board of Trustees, the SGA, and the Faculty Senate rejected their request.

Now at the beginning of a new semester, frightening incidents have raised the old concerns again. A female student was mugged at knifepoint in broad daylight, and campus police were not aware of the incident, despite the fact that a member of the department was nearby. Also, a male student was arrested for possession of a handgun while in a residence hall, but campus police required armed assistance from the Clifton police force to approach the individual.

Perhaps it is time to reevaluate past decisions. Last semester, The Montclarion made recommendations such as a foot patrol and improved lighting, to improve on-campus security. Campus police have started to implement many of these suggestions, with the promise of the patrol, and improved lighting, in addition to surveillance cameras in the parking lots. This is an admirable move which could aid in reducing the number of incidents on campus and our support for this project is strong. However, the recurring question of the effectiveness of an unarmed campus police force must once again be faced.
Administration replies to AFT claims

I am pleased to have the opportunity to respond to issues raised in the September 21st Montclarion. Questions regarding the right to strike and the average hourly pay rate of faculty were raised in the lead article, "AFT Still Negotiating Contracts," and in the main editorial. Both of these columns related to the status of current negotiations between the State of New Jersey and the Council of New Jersey State College Locals (AFT). Because of the impact the lack of progress in negotiations is having on the entire campus, accurate and balanced reporting on this subject is vital.

In the lead article, Abraham Lee Jr. is quoted as stating that "they (the faculty) have the right to strike." Clearly, this statement would lead one to believe that strikes are legal. In fact, strikes by public employees, which have had the effect of interrupting public services, routinely have been declared illegal in New Jersey.

Regarding the issue of the average hourly pay rate of faculty, I do not know how the $6 per hour figure was determined but, as you can see from the information below, this rate of pay is incorrect.

An Assistant Professor at step 5 of the salary guide would have to work 31 hours on each day of the 216 pay days, which occur Monday through Friday between September 1, 1995 and June 30, 1996 (the contract period) in order to earn a salary of $40,486 for the ten month period at the rate of $6 per hour. Professors at step 11, the highest rate, would have to work 57 hours on each day to earn their current annual salary of $74,775.

Although faculty compensation are formally stated as ten month contractual amounts, a more realistic estimate of actual hourly rates of faculty compensation may be calculated by assuming 40 hours of work per week for the period September 1, 1995 to June 30, 1996. This would yield a total of 1,728 available hours of work during this period. When this number of hours is divided into the respective salary levels, the estimated rate of compensation ranges from $23.43 per hour for an Assistant Professor at an annual salary of $40,486, to $43.27 per hour for a Full Professor at an annual salary of $74,775. (Almost all of our full time faculty salaries are within these salary levels.)

Again, faculty compensation rates are not typically expressed in dollars per hour, but to do so at the rate of $6 per hour is seriously misleading and unrealistic.

In closing, I observe that the current contract negotiations are ongoing, and that we fully support these continuing talks in lieu of any illegal strike activity and the potential damaging effect that such activity could have on our community.

Gilbert Rivera
Director, Office of Employee Relations

Paternoster pummeled

I am replying to Joe Paternoster's column of September 21. I nearly misread Native American for Native American.

"... the spread of HIV among drug users is a practice altered by behavior," writes Paternoster. Exactly! This altered behavior can be done by changing from using dirty needles and other equipment to clean needles.

This is a public health issue as well as a drug enforcement subject. Would Paternoster deny access to condoms because they too can prevent HIV infection? In his mind, do they promote sexual intercourse? Do we ban tobacco because they can prevent I I I V infection? In his mind, do they promote drug use? In his mind, do they promote m ent intelligently on the subject. As lie himself admits, an addict injecting drugs himself admits, an addict injecting drugs can Ire won. Maybe next time, he can think a little more about how to stop drug use, rather than participating in name calling and facilitating access to needles.

Just say no to plastic

I am writing this letter as an angry response to the MSU Bookstore workers who have repeatedly forced me to take a plastic bag for whatever I buy, even for minor things, although I repeatedly argued that I don’t want one. The only reply I received is "it is store policy."

I won’t subscribe to this policy. I have the right not to accept a plastic bag (together with all the junk mail in it) when I go in to buy a pencil sharpener. I might not be a hard-core environmental activist, but when I see such a waste of plastic for nothing, it is disturbing. A plastic bag should be used only when necessary— and today even that is debatable. Although I do not consider myself an environmental activist, I will never accept a plastic bag for a pencil again. They can babble about their stupid policy as I walk out of the bookstore. The recycling can for bags they occasionally have outside the bookstore is just a way to cover things up. Just don’t give out the plastic bag in the first place.

Just say no to bookstore plastic bags.

George Tsakraklides
Chemistry

Free speech and sensitivity both required at MSU

In last week’s Montclarion, Jean-Marie Navetta wrote in response to the controversial TKE flyer. She stated that the First Amendment should — and does — have limitations. She commented, “The affront to the First Amendment lies not in the protest against the flyer, but in the belief that it should not be opposed.”

The right to say what you want is all well and good. However, when we founding fathers composed the document which outlines and preserves our freedom, I am certain that they did not have items such as the TKE flyer in mind. Yes, the flyer is protected by the First Amendment, but we should question not if individuals or organizations possess the right to display these items but rather if we want to display these types of items.

In the end, the posting of the TKE flyer does deal with expression. It says a lot about those who are responsible for its production. Sexism is obviously a bigger problem that many at MSU might have thought previous to this incident. I think that this incident highlights the fact that sensitivity is needed at MSU. Many schools require classes in race, class, and gender. Perhaps this is something that the administration at MSU should consider for the future as they review the General Education Requirements.

Erica Duncan
Political Science
Earlier this year, Andrew Hoffman, son of the famous ‘60s radical Abbie Hoffman, and an accomplice were acquitted in Chicago of illegally distributing hypodermic needles to drug addicts in order to slow the spread of AIDS among them. The presiding judge, in explaining the acquittal, stated that due to the extremely high AIDS rate in Chicago (which conventional methods have yet to stop) the two defendants were acting out of necessity.

My colleague Joe Paternoster would have people believe differently. Joe is a Reagan conservative, and he believes the Reagan-Bush hardlash that the druguser, as well as the spread of AIDS and out-of-weddock births will stop by invoking the magic phrase "just say no," which is about as effective as telling depressed people to "just cheer up.

Personally, I find Joe’s conservatism interesting, to say the least. Joe does not believe that banning handguns will solve the drug problem. He believes the war on drugs is impractical, but also believes that tough drug laws stop drug abuse. I hope people see the inconsistency here.

It would be nice if some logic were injected into debates about drug and AIDS policy. First, the so-called War on Drugs must be stopped because it makes as much sense to declare war on drugs as it does declaring war on breathing oxygen. Every culture in human history has employed the use of intoxicants and drugs. Making drugs illegal will not change the course of history.

AIDS, at a basic level, is a health problem. Health problems must be dealt with in reality, not ideology, which is the basis of much of the drug hysteria. Most people realize that AIDS cannot be stopped by making sex illegal, or even in engaging in wishful thinking that people will abstain until they’re married; therefore, the next best thing is to make sex as safe as possible. Sex education programs and access to birth control have made progress in this direction.

The same approach could be adapted to drug use by acknowledging that addicts will use drugs despite their illegality. Instead of spending billions on repressive laws, efforts should be made to make drug use less injurious. One of the best ways to do so is through needle exchange programs.

How effective are such programs? Joe cited the questionable results of the Connecticut program and the abolition of exchange programs in Switzerland. However, another study, conducted in Amsterdam over a six year period, showed that addicts in the program were 60% less likely to contract AIDS, and 75% less likely to share needles with other addicts. Unfortunately, studies and recommendations such as those above have little impact on today’s hysteria-ridden drug policies.

Joe Paternoster and his cohorts on the Right have monopolized drug policy for too long. Repressive anti-drug laws have done nothing but erode civil liberties and fill prison space. The folks known as the War on Drugs is beginning to unravel. It is time for our politicians and health experts to roll up their sleeves, to take the rational but necessary steps to prevent the spread of AIDS, and to start treating drug users as people with a problem, not as criminals.

In addition to much private money, more than $100 million in U.S. taxpayer support had been devoted to the search for radio signals from extraterrestrial intelligent life. The thought that humans might be the only form of intelligent life in the universe strikes most scientists as anti-Copernican and unscientific. In order to conform to the commonly held assumption of biological evolution, many scientists have proposed that the universe must be teeming with extraterrestrials. However, now that the limits and parameters of the universe can be calculated, and some even directly measured, astronomers and physicists have begun to recognize a connection between these limits and the existence of life.

From this recognition arises the anthropic principle which states that everything about the universe tends towards man. Nearly four dozen parameters have been acknowledged. For example, not all galaxies are created equal in terms of their capacity to support life. Actually, only 5 percent of the galaxies in the universe are spiral and are able to support life; the other 95 percent are either elliptical or irregular. In elliptical galaxies star formation ceases too quickly. For life, stars need to form late enough so that they can incorporate heavy elements. The problem with large irregular galaxies is that they have active nuclei. These nuclei swel out life-destroying radiation and material. Also, stars need to blow up as supernovas in great abundance early in the history of a galaxy to supply enough heavy elements to allow a planet like Earth to form as early as it did. With these few constraints, the vast majority of galaxies and stars are eliminated from contention.

Another life-supporting characteristic of our galaxy is stellar density. Most galaxies have stellar densities far too high for life-supportable planets. If the stars are too close together, they will disrupt planetary orbits. On the other hand, if the stars are too far apart, there will be an uneven distribution of heavy elements. As biochemists now concede, the operation of life molecules requires an environment where liquid water is stable for organisms to live. This means that a planet cannot be too close to its star or too far away. In the case of planet Earth, a change in the distance from the sun as small as 2 percent would rid the planet of all life. Most confining of all would be parameters such as the sun’s mass and the planet’s distance from its parent star. Both have to be just right for life to exist there.

There are over 60 more parameters that are currently amazing scientists. As for the millions of dollars spent by the U.S. government on the search for extraterrestrial intelligence, former Senator Proxmire may have said best: we would be far wiser to spend the money looking for intelligent life in Washington.

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Colin Powell’s book tour has been a resounding success. Unfortunately for him, his career as a politician will not be anywhere near as productive. Gen. Powell has succeeded at everything he has attempted, from soft drink bottling to the military, because of his deep conviction to overcome racism and his desire to be the best at whatever he does. The reason that the general is doomed before he starts is simple - he is confused.

A quick browse of Gen. Powell’s book or a listen to any interviews with him, will lead one to the conclusion that he is indeed very confused. He has stated that he will not run as the “Great Black Hope”, an independent, or a Democrat; he lambastes “patronizing liberals who claim to know what is best for society but devote little thought to who will eventually pay the bills.” However, he is disturbed by the Republicans and the “class and racial undertones beneath the surface of their rhetoric.” However, he states that if he runs, it will be as a Republican.

Colin Powell cannot win as a Republican. He won’t even win the party nomination. One need only look at his stances on several issues. First, he supports affirmative action, which is the hot issue of the 1996 election. No Republican hopeful that supports preferences will win. Second, he supports giving healthcare to the children of illegal immigrants. “We have to stop demonizing immigrants,” says Powell. Third, he opposes welfare reform, citing children’s health as the reason. Fourth, he is pro-abortion and while the Republican tent is opening to more and more pro-abortion people, the party will not support a pro-choice Presidential candidate. Finally, Powell seems to be soft on raising taxes. “No one wants to raise taxes,” he said last week in his 20/20 interview.

The media has tried to paint Gen. Powell as a fiscal conservative and a social moderate. But is this an accurate picture? How is it possible to oppose restrictions on health care for illegal immigrants and welfare reform and be considered a fiscal conservative? Is pro-affirmative action moderate? Powell must answer these questions.

Another issue the media has constantly tried to stir up is Gen. Powell’s skin color. He does not pretend that he is not black, but he is not all-consumed by it either, “he’s never been one to wear his race on his sleeve,” says Frank Carlucci, a good friend of Powell’s. The media has questioned if America is ready to elect a black man President. Yes, but Colin Powell is not that man anymore. Powell, as with almost all blacks, has a difficult time supporting the Republicans because while he (and they) agree with most of the Republican platform, the party’s treatment of blacks in the past has been poor. Gen. Powell, no doubt, was raised in a conservative household, but taught to believe in and vote for the Democrats. His military experience changed his views, but he is still guarded against the Republicans.

Although Colin Powell believes in conservative ideals, unlike Clarence Thomas he is unable to forgive the Republicans for their past treatment of members of his race. And for this reason he cannot give his heart and soul to the party - and will never win the nomination. Maybe he should run as a Democrat, white liberals will stumble over themselves to vote for him and prove that they are not racists. Just as was done with David Dinkins, until he was finally voted out after contributing to the decline of New York City.

Republicans, unlike Democrats, will not vote for Gen. Powell just because he’s black. He does not want to commit to the G.O.P. and, therefore will not get the party’s nomination. “You don’t do it to fool around, you do it to win,” he told Time magazine. Then don’t run now, General Powell, you’re not ready.
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Annoyances

by Reckunia Hopkins

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We Can't Make This Crap Up!
Amazingly silly events happening around the world

Submitted this week by Frank Reilly

CAMDEN DIOCESE ORDERING POGS FOR POPE JOHN PAUL'S VISIT
(Camden) AP - First there was pope on a rope. Now there's pope on a pog.
The Camden Roman Catholic Diocese is printing hundreds of thousands of the plastic discs to commemorate the Pope's visit to New Jersey next month. The Rev. Michael Orsi says the diocese wanted something to give children to remember the event. Youngsters turn takes slamming a stack of pogs and the player gets to keep any that flip over. A black and white sketch of the Pope and Giants Stadium is on one side. The other is a mix of the Vatican's colors: yellow and blue. John Paul II will celebrate mass at the stadium on October fifth.

Find something in the news that made you do a double-take? Send it down to the MONTCLARION with your name and phone number on it. If it is indeed wacky, it will be published!

HEH HEH HEH PARKING SUCKS...YEAH!
BY TOM BOLD

Parking at Montclair has always resembled a scene straight from "IT'S A MAD, MAD, MAD, MAD WORLD." Yet, things have changed ever since we've achieved university status. It's a "MADDER, MADDER, MADDER, MADDER WORLD!" These days, even Tarzan would have a hard time backing it through the jungle out there in the Quarry; so much so, he'd go through his machete in a week. I could just see him beating his chest...in frustration at seeing the campus police send all cars back to lot 208...uhh...mean 28.

But there's good news here! This MONTCLARION reporter has done some research and has some new insights to offer. Following the honorable tradition of David Letterman, let's hear it for the TOP TEN WORST PARKING LOTS AT MSU!!! Drum roll please. (Drrrrrrrr... -ed).

10. Lot 25 - It's 25 feet below sea level.
9. Lot 20 - Your choices of parking here are 1 in 20.
8. Lot 18 - If you don't arrive 18 minutes before sunrise...good luck!
7. Lot 22 - It's a 22 minute walk to class.
6. Lot 23 - 23 people are fighting for spots at any given time.
5. Lot 24 - 24 cars are stolen, vandalized, or ticketed every day.
4. Lot 21 - The campus police pass through here only 21 times a year.
3. Lot 28 - The Shuttle Bus comes once every 28 minutes.
2. Lot 17 - Only 17 people are allowed to park here.
and now THE ABSOLUTELY WORST LOT...

1. Lot 14 - Only 14 people think the lot should be exclusively reserved for the faculty!!

Have fun parking!

CULTURAL IDIOCY QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Hamsters 10. A Few Good Men
2. Videodrome 11. Ocean's Twelve
3. Once Upon A Time In America 12. Class and Saver
4. Brazil 13. Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves
5. Time Bandits 14. Shrek
6. Family Business 15. Nocheños To Run
7. Pepper X 16. Universal Soldier
8. Neat of Kin 17. Masters of the Universe
9. Ghost 18. Mr. Destiny
20. The Villain
21. Beach Blanket Bingo
22. Back To The Beach
23. Big Top Pee Wee
24. Trouble In Mind

FUTURE HALL OF FAMERS?

Answers to King Crossword

WHY? WHY? WHY??!!??!!
A WEEKLY LIST OF ANNOYING COMMERCIALS
COMPiled By (WHO ELSE?) JOHN J. O'SULLIVAN.

Duracell™ Battery Commercials -or- Sick Twisted Death Messages

Commercial Summary:
1950's looking plastic women are at their favorite hair dresser talking amongst themselves. In a hair dryer sits an annoying, bitchy 1950's looking plastic women. One 1950's looking plastic woman comments to another that the battery that bitchy one is wearing is too cheap, considering that she has more money than a typical 1950's looking plastic woman usually has, and that she should be have a Duracell™ battery instead of her cheap "Brand X" battery. The bitchy 1950's looking plastic woman drops dead in the hair dryer. The other women laugh at the death of her "Brand X" battery. The hair dresser/1950's looking plastic woman lifts the hair-dryer, now on for way too long, revealing the bitchy 1950's looking plastic woman's new hair-do: The cone-head. The plastic women continue laughing at the bitchy one's dead, cone-headed remains. A huge Duracell™ Battery appears, commercial ends.

My feelings:
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?? These people are SICK! How can this POSSIBLY carry over into the real world? Do we go to funerals and laugh at the dead guy? "Hey Tom (giggle), guess you shouldn't have eaten all that fatty food! Hahahahahah; guess what, I'm alive and YOU aren't! HAHAHAHAAAHHAAHAHAHAHAH!" Would you see this amongst all people with artificial hearts? Do they carry on the same dialogue as these Duracell™ people do? Is this the kind of format that, let's say, the Jarvic Artificial Heart Company would take in their commercials? Let's see how this commercial would work with real people instead of 1950's looking plastic people: "(Three old men stay on a sidewalk, talking to one another)

Old Man 1: 'Yeah, the artificial heart went in smoothly; they gave me ice-cream, and I got a whole bunch of free pillows and sponge baths and..."

Old Man 2 to 3, (whispering): Knowing that cheap old coot, he probably got one of those Brand X artificial hearts, instead of a genuine Jarvic™ artificial heart!

Old Man 1: 'Yeah, what an idiot! Hahahahahahahahahahahaha! I guess you shouldn't have eaten all that fatty food! Hahahahaha!"

Old Man 2: Ha! see, he should have gotten one of those Jarvic™ artificial hearts, now he's dead. Hahahahahahahahahaha!

Old Man 3: Yeah, what an idiot! Hahahahahahahahahaha!

Old Man 3: 'Yeah, what an idiot! Hahahahahahahahahaha!"

Old Man 2 and 3 walk away from Old Man 1, laughing out loud. EMS comes over to the dying man, giggling to themselves. The commercial ends with a picture of a Jarvic Artificial Heart. The Announcer says 'Jarvic Artificial Hearts: Don't be a shnuck.'

You'd never see THAT on TV. WHY MUST WE PUT UP WITH THESE DURACELL COMMERCIALS??!! These people are sick! They need to be put away...or they need to start writing for me; I'm not picky, either.

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Happy Birthday Mag!!
Love, Donna & Kris

Bob Schmigogi is God,
Mich-
So what's the plan for my 23rd?
Mel

Michelle
Happy 21st Birthday! Are you ready to celebrate it?
Cassett

Cerrols (102B)
Thank you for our little talk.
Cassett

PHJR-
There's no wall this semester!
PHJR

Modality
Happy Birthday!
Love, Giz & Griffie

Dulce
Can we get another Pina Colada! Truly!
Michelle
Happy 21st Birthday! Are you ready to celebrate it?
Casanot

Casanot
Spa locking the Bathroom door! I have to go!
Tara & Kim

Tara
Happy Birthday!!
Tara S.

Caroline (Phi Sig)
This Wednesday, do you know where your friends will be? Alda's.
ISPL, Genevieve

Dunya
I had no idea! I'll see you Wednesday at Alda's!
Jeanette

Hey "Slidy B"
Thanks for Friday!
Love, "Chicky"

Jeff
Alda's...Excellent!
Greg

And now the Delta Xi Delta section.....

D-Xi-D Zeta Class
Congratulations & Best of Luck!
Love, Michelle #35

D-Xi-D Zeta Class
Good Luck & keep the faith.
Love, The sisters of D-Xi-D

D-Xi-D #34
Relax! Your black king has no broken pieces!
Love & Sisterhood D-Xi-D #32

D-Xi-D #35
Go out and get what you want. This is not a problem, so don't panic.

D-Xi-D #36
I love you. Take care of yourself or I'll kill you!
Love, D-Xi-D #32

Samantha, Leyda & Alene
Next time you take a Road trip, DO NOT leave the state!
Love, Cherry

Cindy D-Xi-D #29
Let the pledging begin!
Love, Nikki, D-Xi-D #37

Chica, #38
SO, does this mean you get to be all happy and obnoxious like I was when TJ and I met?
Puke!
Love, Chica #37

Sonia D-Xi-D #31
Love You!
Your little!

And now equal time to Phi Sig...

Chica, #38

To the new members of Phi Sig
Good Luck and welcome!
The sisters of Phi Sig

Dan (Bulls)
Thanks for saving my sister (Erin) from the W.P.C. pledge!
Genevieve (Phi Sig)

To the "Cute boy from TKE"
As I recall, I lost a bet and owe you a beer.
When do you want to collect?
You know who

Erin (Phi Sig)
Thanks for helping me paper the campus with flyers. You're a life saver.
ISPL, Genevieve

Rose Ann & Nicole
Did you get the feeling we weren't in "Kansas" anymore on Thursday?
ISPL, Genevieve

Christine (Phi Sig)
Can't wait until Saturday night. It will be a night to remember. Too bad we won't remember it.
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Apt. 206A (Phi Sig)
MSU Football set to play Southern Connecticut in Pride Bowl following two week layoff

by Bob Czechowicz

This Friday, the Montclair State football team will square off with Southern Connecticut at Sprague Field at 7:00 PM in the 17th annual Pride Bowl Game. The tradition of the Pride Bowl started in 1979 in order to benefit the children of Newark with proceeds of the game going to the charity Project Pride.

Project Pride is split up into sections, all with the same purpose of helping the children of Newark. One section is the academic tutoring. Part of the tutoring is an SAT preparation course to help students to better prepare for the test. There is also a reading program used to teach illiterate children to read or to improve their reading skills.

The Pride Bowl's games used to be played at City Stadium in Newark. However, due to poor maintenance and the city's neglect towards the stadium, the games were played in Irvington for two years, before finding a home at Montclair's own Sprague Field.

MSU should be more than ready to play in this year's game, being that they haven't had a game in two weeks. Not only that, but the team has had a sufficient amount of time to reflect on their mistakes against Cortland State, a game in which they lost 24-17.

The time off has been beneficial for some members of the team, who have used it to rest their injuries, the most notable being that of defensive back John Alvarado (Belleville) who has an injured ankle. Wide receiver Dion Bernardini has been resting his injured knee.

Southern Connecticut is coming off a 19-10 victory over East Stroudsburg. Southern Connecticut features a grind-it-out running game, with Ellis Robinson leading the running attack. The senior has run for 402 yards and five touchdowns. MSU will have to shut him down to be successful. "We cannot let the game get out of hand early," said Head Coach Rick Giancola. Last year, our problem was we played catchup in a 33-7 loss."

Besides the actual game, there is a deeper meaning to the Pride Bowl. Coach Giancola and his players know this, participating in various pre-game activities, such as visiting local hospitals, and having children come to a practice. "We are very happy as a team to represent our program in the Pride Bowl," said Giancola.

Men's soccer team blanks Jersey City State

by Bob Czechowicz

At this point in the season, things can either go up or down for the MSU men's soccer team. Sitting pretty with a record of 4-2-1, things are definitely on the upswing. "We have progressed very well. We have a young team, and our goal is to get better every game," said Head Coach Rich Giancola. Judging by last Friday's performance against Jersey City State, coach Chesney's goals are coming true.

The Montclair State men's soccer team blanked it's only opponent of the week, Jersey City State, 3-0. Sophomore Ian Myles (Dover) knocked in a pair of goals in the first half to give the Red Hawks a two goal cushion for the second half. Coach Chesney has been extremely pleased with the hard-nosed play of Ian. "Ian Myles is our biggest contributor. He's only a sophomore and already a captain." Freshman Marlon Pollard (East Orange), who has also been very impressive so far this season, scored his fourth goal of the year to give MSU a 3-0 lead, which held up until the final whistle.

Keeping the Gothic Knights scoreless in the first half was Chris Mazurkiewicz (North Arlington). Guarding the goal for the rest of the game was Seth Romano (Pasippany), Seth was playing in his second contest as a collegian. If the team is to finish off the season successfully, they must realize their mistakes, and work on them. This is exactly what they are doing. Coach Chesney knows his team is young and believes that youth, among other things, will be a bonus for the team in the long run. "Eliminate (first game) was a good team but we made young mistakes. We are on target for the rest of the season."

MSU is taking on Rowan College in an NJAC matchup. Rowan is a nationally ranked team, and Chesney knows his Hawks have got their work cut out for them. "We have to concentrate on the full game. They'll lull you on one mistake. We have to be prepared and keep our composure."

RED HAWK NOTES: MSU is taking on Stevens Tech on Friday, September 29 and Rutgers-Camden in an NJAC matchup on Wednesday, October 4.

"It touches home a little bit for myself being that I was raised in Newark."

RED HAWK NOTES: Montclair is 1-0-1 while Southern Connecticut comes into the game with a record of 2-0-1. Tickets are still available for the game in the Athletic Office, located in the rear of Panzer Gym. If purchased before 12 noon on Friday, student tickets are $5. If purchased after this time, or at the gate, the cost is $10.

From left to right: Kevin Gibbs, Coach Rick Giancola and Jeff Lerner at Pride Bowl practice.
Trenton State causes a racquet for the lady Red Hawks tennis team

by Nick Cantafio

Seeing a seven game winning streak come to an end is difficult, but ending it to the Trenton State Lions makes matters worse. Last Thursday, the Lady Red Hawks dropped an 8-1 contest to perennial powerhouse Trenton State.

The only victory for the Lady Red Hawks was Wendy Saladino, who at #3 singles improved her overall record to 8-0. At #1 singles, transfer sensation Paige Fuller lost in a tough three set match and at #2 singles Crystal Jakober dropped a hard fought 6-4, 6-4 decision to give herself an overall 6-1 record on the season.

Coach McLaughlin feels that Trenton State was definitely the better team, but it’s better teams that make better players. “They are definitely the stronger team, but we gave them a hard time,” said McLaughlin. “The Trenton State coach was not surprised at our level of play. TSC is familiar with Saladino and when they saw her at #3 singles they knew we were tough.”

This is the second consecutive year that Saladino has been victorious against Trenton State. Last season she played at #1 singles on and off and seeing her this season at #3 makes opposing teams aware that MSU has quality players.

McLaughlin stressed the importance of challenging his team and players by facing teams such as Trenton State. “What hurts us is that we do not play teams like TSC. We need more matches that are fast paced in order to be successful,” said McLaughlin. “Trenton State helps us for future matches.”

Saladino is only three wins shy of breaking the all-time MSU record for wins in a season held by herself and Kelly Carroll, in 1983. Saladino finished last season with an overall 10-3 record and she looks to break it by the end of another successful season.

Women’s soccer four games shy of record

by Bob Czec/iowicz

First-year head coach Fernando Barboto has every reason to be happy these days. His MSU women’s soccer team is only four wins away from tying the all-time record for most wins in a season. The record presently stands at nine, and was set back in 1992. Being that the program has only been in existence for five years, double-digit wins for a first year coach would be a major accomplishment.

Barboto considered how it would feel if he broke the record. “I’d feel really good about it, if I can accomplish it.” The Red Hawks can beat the record with five wins before their final regular season matchup on October 28th at Kean. Barboto knows that the record is not nearly as important as the play of the team as a whole. “I’m not really concerned about the record, I’m just looking out for the team as a whole.”

Coach Barboto also reflected on the season so far. “Everything is going good. We had a good start, but lost two games. We also played well against Rowan.”

On Saturday, September 23rd, the Red Hawks squared off against rival Rowan College. This was the first ever game between the two teams and turned out to be an exciting one.

In the first half, Rowan’s Crystal Feo scored a goal to give the Profs a 1-0 lead. The defense of Rowan was able to keep MSU scoreless for most of the game. With five minutes left in regulation, freshman Kristin Mazurkiewicz (North Arlington), headed the ball into the net off a corner kick by Holly Young ( Parsippany). This was Kristin Mazurkiewicz’s fourth goal of the season, keeping her in third place on the team in the goal column.

The assist by Holly Young was her fourth of the season. That places her second on the team in assists.

Both teams were held scoreless for the next 36 minutes of play, leaving them knotted up in a 1-1 tie.

Looking forward to the rest of the season, the record will not come easy to the Red Hawks. They have to square off with Stockton State (ranked fourth in the country), and later in the season, will have a good test against Trenton State, who is ranked number one nationally. However, with the great play of juniors Chris Bohanan and Jen Polifrone, the wins should come easier. “They really stepped it up to another level. They’re our best players,” said Barboto.

The only problem the Red Hawks have now is injuries. Both Keri O’ Meara and Jen Polifrone have fractured ankles, but the rest of the team have turned it up a notch.

If all goes right, this will be a record-setting season for MSU. The future also looks bright for Montclair. “The key things we are only losing one player (Keri O’ Meara)” said Barboto. With the majority of the team sophomores and juniors, Barboto knows that this team can be successful in the years to come. “We are an up and coming team, and we’re only getting better.”

RED HAWK NOTES: Up next for the Lady Red Hawks is the NJAIAW Tournament, a tournament that counts individually rather than as a team. McLaughlin feels that his athletes should do well considering their success throughout the season.

Also, next up for the Lady Red Hawks is the Rolex Tournament held in Trenton. At age 14, #4 singles has a 4-2 overall record. In doubles, Jakober and Kristin Aquila have a 3-0 overall record.

Montclarion’s Athlete of the Week

NAME: WENDY SALADINO
YEAR: JUNIOR
HS.: JOHNATHAN DAYTON
POS.: TENNIS (SINGLES AND DOUBLES)

Wendy improved her overall singles to 8-0 on the season. She was the only player to be victorious against Trenton St. Wendy is three matches shy of breaking her own school record for most wins in a season.
Up close and personal with... Paige Fuller

by Nick Cantafis

Nearly four years ago, MSU head women’s tennis coach Brian McLaughlin, discovered his prize recruit only to have her slip through his fingers to a small Division II college in North Carolina. “The girl was Paige Fuller and the college he lost her to was Elon.”

Fuller, who is a 21 year old transfer student in her final year of tennis eligibility, attended Hasbrouck Heights High School and was a 1992 graduate of the small group 2 school in Bergen County. MSU was heavily recruiting Fuller, but she decided to attend Elon College because the school’s tennis coach, Herb Bolic, also coached basketball, a sport that Fuller excelled in. “I wanted to play two sports and I also wanted to go to school far away from home,” said Fuller.

At the end of the Spring semester last year, Fuller decided the college life away from home was getting much too hectic. She missed her family and friends in New Jersey, and decided to stay home for college and remembered Coach McLaughlin at MSU. Fuller wasted no time and enrolled at MSU, the school’s tennis coach, Iler Bolic, also coached basketball, a sport that Fuller excelled in. “I wanted to play two sports and I also wanted to go to school far away from home,” said Fuller.

At Elon, Fuller went undefeated in singles on the Division II level. “We have tough competitors, for example Trenton, who is number one in the nation. Besides that, if we play well and as a team and communicate we should have no problem winning.”

RED HAWK NOTES: Co-Captain Alyson Severino suffered a hip injury during Tuesday nights match against Kean College. Severino is day to day and is expected to return in a few weeks. Alyson Severino, co-captain of the squad. “We made a big improvement from last year.” Senior Jen Jobes, who plays on the front line, junior wings Kelly Bradyberry and Tammy Wenner, and co-captain Alyson Severino will look to help the team in any way possible. “Before games we try to get ourselves really psyched. During practice games we hustle a lot, we try to keep focused on practice and the game coming up. “The overall attitude is very positive,” said Co-Captain Meredith Kane.

Besides the upperclassmen on the team, MSU also has a strong freshmen nucleus. Names like Lori Dempsey, Bethann Severino, Mary Hughenin, and Kristin Esist are already becoming common among field hockey fans, and will definitely help the team in years to come.

“We’re really working together. We’re quick, hard and determined.” said Alyson Severino. When asked about the rest of the season, co-captain Meredith Kane had this to say, “We have tough competitors, for example Trenton, who is number one in the nation. Besides that, if we play well and as a team and communicate we should have no problem winning.”

Field Hockey looking ahead

by Matt Mongelli

The MSU Field Hockey team had three matches this past week. After three close contests, the Red Hawks came out with a 1-3 record, bringing them to an overall 2-5 record, 0-3 in the NJAC.

On September 23rd, MSU took on the Aggies of Rowan College. Rowan (3-2, 2-1 NJAC) took a 1-0 lead when Kelly Gyurecz popped in a goal in the first half. Michelle Andre of Rowan added another goal in the second half, making the final score of the game 2-0. Goalkeeper Lori Deusey (Union) made seven saves on 19 shots.

In a 1-0 loss to C.W. Post, Lori was impressive with 25 saves on 26 shots. Lori has 75 saves on the season with a 2.16 goals against average.

In a home match against the Aggies of Delaware Valley, Montclair came out on top with a 2-1 victory. MSU outshot the Aggies 31-6, literally dominating the match. In regulation time, Tammy Wenner (Oceanport) scored the first goal, and in overtime, she knocked in the game winner to close out the game at 2-1.

The rest of the season looks bright for the team. We’ll definitely hit .500, if not that, we’ll be extremely close,” said Alyson Severino, co-captain of the squad. “We made a big improvement from last year.”

Senior Jen Jobes, who plays on the front line, junior wings Kelly Bradyberry and Tammy Wenner, and co-captain Alyson Severino will look to help the team in any way possible. “Before games we try to get ourselves really psyched. During practice games we hustle a lot, we try to keep focused on practice and the game coming up. “The overall attitude is very positive,” said Co-Captain Meredith Kane.

Besides the upperclassmen on the team, MSU also has a strong freshmen nucleus. Names like Lori Dempsey, Bethann Severino, Mary Hughenin, and Kristin Esist are already becoming common among field hockey fans, and will definitely help the team in years to come.

“We’re really working together. We’re quick, hard and determined.” said Alyson Severino. When asked about the rest of the season, co-captain Meredith Kane had this to say, “We have tough competitors, for example Trenton, who is number one in the nation. Besides that, if we play well and as a team and communicate we should have no problem winning.”

RED HAWK NOTES: Co-Captain Alyson Severino suffered a hip injury during Tuesday nights match against Kean College. Severino is day to day and is probable for tonight’s match against Sacred Heart. Also for the Lady Red Hawks, T. Muhammad went down with a torn ACL ligament and will miss at least 2-4 weeks.
Clearing the Bench

With Nick Gantaifis & Bob Czechowicz

The best thing to happen to the New York area in the last week is the good news that the New York Knicks have signed Forward Anthony Mason to a long term deal. Mason is a major force off the bench for the Knicks in the last few years, and he's a big reason why they have been successful. Mason is worth all the money the Knicks gave him and more. With the veterans they have already, and strong youth like Mason played in Yankee Stadium last Sunday.

Whether or not the Yankees make the post-season or not will determine if Don Mattingly's last home game was played in Yankee Stadium last Sunday. Mattingly is the last of Yankee greats and may be compared with former Yankee legends. The only problem that I have with Mattingly is his outspoken mouth about how he's been treated this year by Yankee owner George Steinbrenner and the hard core New York media. I wish he would shut-up and stop disturbing the team during a critical moment of the season. Mattingly, if you have a problem with New York and the Yankees, just keep quiet and leave.

Great move for the Philadelphia 76ers, signing Vernon Maxwell from the Houston Rockets. This great move could be overshadowed if the 76ers are dumb enough to trade All-Star Guard Dana Barros. Last year Barros was one of the only players to give the Sixers any highlights and word is that the Boston Celtics are courting him. Barros would love to come back to Boston, a city where he played his college ball at Boston College. After making a stupid move like drafting Sean Bradley, the Sixers can't afford to make another mistake.

Last Saturday's Penn State-Rutgers game ended in a sour note for the Scarlet Knights of Rutgers with a final play touchdown to make the margin of victory higher than what it was. Rutgers coach Doug Graber had a post game fight with Penn State coach Joe Paterno about his play calling. The final touchdown was thrown by a back-up quarterback and Graber had a serious problem with the called play. My opinion is that Graber should shut his mouth and realize that his defense was sleeping as usual. Why shouldn't a student-athlete who attends practice every day and works hard both athletically and academically not be entitled to throw a touchdown pass? If Graber is angry that Penn State ran the score up he shouldn't be. Not running the score up last season may have cost Penn State the National Championship.

After the Bell

The New Jersey Nets and Derrick Coleman: two things which shouldn't be mentioned in the same sentence. Last season, I got sick of hearing all the hubbub about Coleman faking injuries and seeing him not give his all. This is one guy who is definitely not earning his huge paycheck. A kid working at McDonald's (Tom Tracy's former place of employment) probably does more work than Coleman does. I'd say trade the bum, but the problem is, nobody wants him. Not even the expansion Raptors.

What's next for the New Jersey Devils? Simple. Easy. No-brainer. Another Stanley Cup is what's next. I know this may sound like a repeat of last week. It is. I know this may sound like I'm a die-hard Devils fan. Why the hell shouldn't it sound like that, I am! Every time the Devils play, they reinforce why their names are the most recent engravings onto Lord Stanley's coveted Cup. So far, they have won every pre-season game. Mike Peluso has beat the crap out of every poor soul he dropped the gloves with. They beat the cross-town rival NY Rangers twice in dominating fashion then again, anyone can beat the Rangers, even my 10 year old cousin's roller hockey team. The funny thing is, the Devils are doing all this, without star goalie Martin Brodeur, or defensemen Scott Niedermayer. Another dull point is the dispute between cheapskate McMullen and playoff MVP Claude Lemieux. Don't worry though, the cup will be ours, no matter what!

Final note to the New York Rangers: I sincerely hope you have a receipt for that sorry-ass team of rent-a-players you put together. Keep tryin'. Only 53 more years until the cup will be ours, no matter what! A-B-C ya, bye!

Fearless Forecasts

BRIAN HOFFMAN: SWIMMER AND BOB'S ROOMMATE (0-0)
Giants +5 over San Fran. Shampoo's better. The Giants are good too. Cincy +101/2 over Miami. Do the Ickey Shuffle (room 925). Jaguars +91/2 over Houston. Call X 5820 for all updated scores and info. MSU (pick em) over Southern Conn. Penguin's on our side.

BOB CZECHOWICZ: CO-SPORTS EDITOR (0-0)
1/2 over DUINK!
Oakland -7 over Jets. The Jets suck, just like my record.
St. Louis +3 over Indianapolis. I got a Ram on my 3rd birthday.
SD +2 over Pitt. If I knew what a Charger was, I'd be one for Halloween.

TOM TRACY: MANAGING EDITOR (3-5)
Giants +15 over 49ers. Let's go for two in a row.
Kansas City +12 over Arizona. Buddy ball sucks.
Oakland -7 over Jets. Silver & Black attack the puke green.
Tampa Bay -51/2 over Carolina. I was a Buccaneers for Halloween also.

BRIAN COSGROVE: JACK-OF-ALL-TRADES (6-0)
Dolphins -101/2 over Bengals, because Cats hate the water.
Denver -3 over Seattle. Snow, rain, you make the call.
Saints -2 over Eagles. Falconry, the sport of Kings.
Tampa Bay -51/2 over Carolina. Who cares, they both suck.

GREG MACSWEENEY: INU COORDINATOR (2-2)
Oakland -7 over Jets. Those guys are big and scary.

MIKE ROESSNER: TREASURER (3-5)
Pittsburgh -2 over San Diego. I put my grandfather in sleepersholds.
Kansas City -11 over Arizona. I'm almost as cool as Bob the Guy.
New England over Atlanta. I come from the water (room 925, X 5820). Dallas -13 over Washington. I have Cowboys' Funderoos.
It's all about pride

MSU faces Southern Connecticut in 17th annual Pride Bowl (Czechowicz, p. 28)