Returning students surprised when ID-Cards prove useless

by Cheri Meisne

As of the beginning of the spring semester, all on-campus students that have a thin black stripe on the back of their ID cards, must have them updated at the ID-card office in Bohn Hall, said Director of Residence Life Margaret Coleman-Carter.

If the student ID cards are not updated, students will not be able to use their cards to enter their dorm, apartment (Clove Road), or eat in the cafeterias. "There is no charge for the new ID card," said Coleman-Carter.

The changes came about as a result of a new system that is being installed throughout the campus. So far, the system has been installed in all cafeterias and dorms on campus.

Eventually, the system will expand to the bookstore, vending machines, laundry, free flow and the convenience stores. Students will be able to obtain money from free flow and buy books without a deferment slip, just by using their ID cards.

Coleman-Carter says that Residence Life has known about the changes since December of 1995, but was unaware of "how many students that did not have the updated ID card." Coleman-Carter says that "for about two years, all ID cards have been printed with a large stripe on top and a smaller stripe on the bottom of the back."

Many students who live on campus were confused to find that their ID cards did not work when they tried to enter their dorm or eat in the cafeteria. Senior Kelly Schab of Freeman Hall said, "I found out my ID didn't work when I tried to punch into my dorm on Monday. I was very annoyed because I felt we should have been sent a notice about the change."

Junior Mike Mansuy of the Clove Road Apartments found out his ID card did not work, "when I went to eat in the cafeteria in Blanton Hall."

Although most students were permitted to enter their dorms and eat in the cafeteria with the old ID, many were inconvenienced because of the long lines at the ID card office on Tuesday. Freshman Milagro Collazo tried to get her new ID on Tuesday, "but there were just too many people," she said.

Director of Bohn Hall Joe DiMichele says that his hall, "posted notices in the lounge and all floors about the ID change on Sunday afternoon." He said, "When students come in with the wrong ID they are still processed through, but they are told to get a new ID as soon as possible."

DiMichele said, "The new system has some kinks but will become much faster once the kinks are worked out."

"The ID office was open both Sunday and Monday with very little lines," said Associate Director of Residence Life Connie Spencer, "but Tuesday was very bad because many on-campus students came back on Monday night."

Residents bear burden of chronic elevator failure

by Matthew Connolly

Students returning to Blanton Hall on Monday were faced with the same problem that they left at the end of last semester - broken elevators. Repair work due to be carried out during the recess was held up in part by the recent adverse weather conditions.

Assistant Director of Facilities Doug Cooper said that work was scheduled with a deadline of Jan. 14, however three days had been lost on the job because of the blizzard.

Works on Monday were unsure when the maintenance would be completed and elevator service restored. Work was supposedly being carried out around the clock to expedite the repairs as quickly as possible.

Site supervisor Sam Devereaux said that the elevators had been an ongoing problem for a while; that it was an antiquated system and the system as a whole needed redesigning to provide a more efficient service.

Students and parents, moving possessions into the building, were taking the difficulties in their stride, another spokesperson said. "They are complaining, but being considerate."

On a stairway barely wide enough for two unencumbered people to pass, residents had to carry items such as boxes of books, laundry baskets full of clothes, bulky stereo systems and even refrigerators up three or four flights.

One student, Betsy Matos, said, "I don't understand why we have and elevator because it's always broken. When we left it was broken and it's broken when we get back."

A fifth floor resident UI Schledner said of the elevators, "They are moody. They work every so often."

Aline McMahon, a dance major, said, "Not only did I sprain my ankle on an unplowed sidewalk, but now I have to hop up the stairs to my room because the elevator doesn't work."

A sign at the entrance to Blanton Hall promised an elevator service by Tues., Jan. 16. However this promise was not met.

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Residents of Blanton Hall carrying their belongings up the stairways.
Ethnic Conflict Escalates in Russia: A band of Chechen rebels stormed a hospital in a southern Russian city, taking some 2,000 hostages in their quest for an independent republic of Chechnya. Russian troops took aim at the rebels after reports they had killed some of the hostages. The battle widened as the rebels hijacked a ferry in Turkey bound for Russia. Sympathizers in Turkey are said to be aiding the rebels.

Ethnic Conflict in Bosnia: Under a shroud of secrecy, President Clinton recently visited American troops in Bosnia. As an international military presence in the region tries to maintain the peace, evidence mounts that Bosnian Serb leader, Radovan Karadzic, is becoming increasingly isolated from within his own people. Members of his party have denounced him.

Mitterrand is Buried in France: Leaders of France and the world said their goodbyes to former President Francois Mitterand in Notre Dame Cathedral, while his family laid his body to rest in the town of his birth. Loved by some and hated by others, Mitterand, along with Chancellor Kohl of Germany, is credited with making the concept of a united Europe a reality.

Pilot Blamed for Cali Crash: A Colombian aviation official said that navigational and recording data on the American Airlines flight that crashed near Cali on Dec. 20 verified pilot error as the cause of the crash.

Peacekeepers to Stay in Haiti: Acknowledging that problems are likely to persist in Haiti, the United States, United Nations and Haiti have agreed to retain a small peacekeeping force. However, no American troops will be involved in the peacekeeping force and all soldiers are to leave when the President-elect, Rene Preval, takes over in February. The military presence includes troops from France, Canada, Bangladesh and Pakistan.

Mexican Leaders Appeal Arrest: The Mexican government portrayed the arrest of Juan Garcia Abrego, the country's billionaire drug trafficker, as a trophy in a campaign against "crime, corruption and impunity." Abrego had an extensive drug network on both coasts of the United States.

China Tightens News Flow: Citing national security, China announced it would restrict the flow of economic information, namely Reuters and Dow Jones. Western executives questioned the wisdom of this decision saying that members of the Chinese leadership still don't fully understand how the freedom of information is fundamental to economic success.
**Criminal Mischief**

Dec. 14 at 6:11 p.m. a student reported witnessing a '86 Toyota Tercel break the gate in Lot 7. The license plate number was obtained and the owner, a Freeman Hall resident, was contacted. No criminal charges were filed. The owner of the car will be billed for the damage.

Dec. 18 between 4:50 and 7:30 p.m. in Lot 22 a male reported his '92 Acura Legend smashed and the ignition switch damaged. A Sony Discman, Walkman and sunglasses were stolen after leaving it on a chair in the hallway.

Dec. 18 at 7:55 p.m. in Lot 26 a male reported his '92 Lexus rear driver's side window smashed.

Dec. 31 between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. in Dickson Hall the hard drive of a computer in the student's office was erased. The owner of the computer in the Blanton/Bohn Quad. After the group dispersed, one of the suspects went into Bohn Hall and began making comments about Campus Police's authority on campus. The dormitory director was notified. The matter will be handled through residence life.

**Theft**

Dec. 13 - 19 in the Student Center Class One Concerts reported that an adding machine was stolen from the office. It was not determined whether the room was secure at all times.

Dec. 14 between 3 and 5 p.m. in the Student Center a male reported his Clifton High School ring stolen in the bathroom after taking it off to wash his hands.

Dec. 18 between 12:30 and 12:30 p.m. in Dickson Hall a female reported her bag stolen after leaving it on a chair in the hallway.

Dec. 20 a female student reported that she did not receive her financial aid check and that it had been cashed. Campus police contacted a check cashing service and obtained a photo ID of the suspect. The service will make restitution to the female with the cancelled check. No criminal charges were filed.

Dec. 21 at 10 p.m. in the Student Center two cash boxes with a total value of $600 were stolen from the office of the manager of the dining service. The safe was open also.

Dec. 21 - 23 a '90 Toyota Celica was found with its driver's side door handle and door damaged. A Sony Discman, radar detector and adaptor was stolen.

Dec. 22 - 28 in College Hall a female employee reported that money was stolen out of her desk.

Dec. 21 between 7:15 and 8 p.m. officers responded to a group yelling and fighting in the Blanton/Bohn Quad. After the group dispersed, one of the suspects went into Bohn Hall and began making comments about Campus Police's authority on campus. The dormitory director was notified. The matter will be handled through residence life.

**Harassment**

Dec. 15 at 1:40 a.m. a Freeman Hall female resident reported that a male friend came to her room and after an argument about their relationship, threatened her. No complaint was signed and the suspect agreed to no further contact with the resident.

Dec. 16 at 12:30 p.m. in Lot 9 a female reported that while she was picking up her daughter at the bus stop a vehicle with a male driver and female passenger called to the daughter and asked her to come into their car. No further action was taken.

**Assist Other Agency**

Dec. 21 at 8:35 p.m. the Statewide Police Emergency Network notified Campus Police that the suspects of a motor vehicle theft in Little Falls are in the area. Officers observed the suspects in Lot 27 with the surveillance camera. They claimed that the car belonged...

**Weather**

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Students’ grades delayed by Blizzard of ’96

by Tom Boud

Traffic wasn’t the only thing the Blizzard of 1996 inconvenienced. Report cards for the fall semester were held up due to the extremely inclement weather, according to Registrar Denise DeBlasio.

"Three states were in a state of emergency. As a result, grades for the fall 1995 semester were delayed. They were mailed out in three batches on Jan 10, 11, and 12, but grades were processed on time and grades were available on VRS (Voice Response System) as of Jan 3. We had a lot of kids calling us on Jan 2, Jan 3, and Jan 4."

There were also days where we had as many as 2,200 calls made to the system and other days where we had 1,200.”

DeBlasio added that she can not give exact statistics on how many students called the VRS for grade information since the system is presently not capable of recording specific data on usage.

DeBlasio credited the VRS with avoiding an in-person registration session which would have taken place around the time of the blizzard. “The time the blizzard hit would have been the week in-person registration would have been held. During the storm, I sat home looking out the window and thinking what it would have been like if in-person registration took place. Instead, kids were getting grades and making changes in their schedules at home. If we didn’t have voice response grading up and working, I would have been very grey,” DeBlasio said, pointing to her hair.

Concerning report cards, DeBlasio stressed that her personnel did their utmost to get fall grades in the mail. “When the last storm hit on Jan 12, the university closed at 12:30 pm. We hung around to get the last batch of grades out and the mail room staff also hung around to get the job done. All students have their grades by mail now or will have them shortly.”

DeBlasio said that her personnel have been streamlining operations by informing students on line at the Office of the Registrar about the VRS. "We were telling students, ‘If you are on line for grades, you don’t need to be on line. It’s on the VRS system.”

DeBlasio added that the Office of the Registrar has been offering further assistance by providing on-the-spot grade reports to students at their request.

Any MSU student can find out about their fall grades by calling the VRS at (201) 783-4008.

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Cooper explained that the intention was to work on replacing the elevator car controllers one at a time, in order to ensure one car was always in service. However, Elevator Maintenance Corp., the company responsible for the work, shut down both shafts with the assurance they could meet the deadline.

Cooper also said that for the last two days Elevator Maintenance Corp. has refused to man the job because of the conflict over the work deadline. However, negotiations had been taking place and the remaining work should be finished by Friday.

Cooper said that arrangements have been made for anyone with disabilities to be able to utilize the guest rooms on the first floor in if proved necessary.

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MSU struggling to recover from record-setting Blizzard '96

by Tom Baud

The MSU Department of Facilities Maintenance is still in the process of cleaning up the campus, according to Assistant Grounds Supervisor Elmo Crocker. Regarding snow removal, Crocker is currently supervising parking lot operations whereas Crocker is overseeing cleanup efforts throughout the campus proper.

The anti-snow offensive comes in the wake of the worst winter storm in history which hit the tri-state full force on Jan. 8. "It's a matter of rolling the snow to the side and stacking it. This involves using such equipment as a front-end loader with a specially designed snow basket as well as a backhoe rigged strictly for snow," Brighton added that plowing operations are complicated by the steep inclines in some the lots. "It's hard to plow in places like Lot 24 because the lot is on a steep angle," Brighton said.

In terms of campus roads, Brighton said that the refreezing which occurs after salt ing causes difficulties. "We go out every morning (to salt) and every time campus police call us. We use grits which is a mixture of salt and sand. The problem is the ice refreezes after we salt. We can peel off most of the ice if the sun comes out. However, if the sun doesn't come out, the plows won't move the ice."

He advised MSU commuters to use lot 26 in heavy snow periods. "Lot 26 is the furthest away from the campus, but it's the best lot to go to after a storm. It's level and it has shuttle service." Brighton estimated that lot conditions will be back to normal by early next week.

Crocker also underlined that refreezing poses difficulties with sidewalk operations. "At night, it's only a matter of minutes before the ice refreezes. You see, we're on the top of a mountain where ice refreezes a lot quicker. Right now, we're hitting all the trouble spots. We're widening the sidewalks by salting, waiting an hour or two, and then dislodging the ice.

We use $850 worth of salt each time we hit the sidewalks on campus."

Crocker said that ice can't be taken care off by brute force alone. "You can't break the ice. You got to have something like salt to penetrate it. You can't push solid ice with a blade. Not only will the blade fail to get through, but you run the risk of destroying your equipment. You can put sand down for traction, but we can't use sand in our spreaders."

Sand is moist and it clumps and binds when it comes down through the spreader, so I have to put pure salt," Crocker said.

Crocker added that the essential element in any snow removal operation is persistent effort. "It is critical for us to keep at it. Whenever you roll snow off of a sidewalk or road, it doubles on you. For sidewalks, you can't let more than four to five inches of snow pile up. Otherwise, the machines can't handle it. It's been a real challenge. I've been here 32 years and this has been the worst winter. My people have been working in shifts of 8, 10, and 12 hours to get the job done."

Log-in @ MSU

by Ritë Bronnenkant

FREE E-MAIL! All registered students at Montclair State University are entitled to an email account. As it has already been paid for by student fees and taxpayer dollars. How do you open an email account? Go to any computer lab. The account creation procedure should be posted in each lab. Every lab assistant is familiar with it. Students need to know their social security number and their four digit PIN number from registration. You will be prompted to create a password of six or more letters and/or numbers. Be sure to read the statement on Responsible Computing. Take it seriously—the university does. Those students with TEMPORARY social security numbers issued by the Registrar (beginning with 95 or 96 should refrain from opening their account until they receive their permanent SSN.

Now that I've got it, what do I do with it? Communicate. I know one professor who rues a paperless class. He emails assignments. Students email him their work, he makes his corrections and sends them back. Emails it back. Yes, you still go to class.

What else? The Alpha system is more than email. At the $ prompt type MENU <enter>. This is the list of all the things you can do with your account.

Check the library to see if you have the book you want and if it's available. Telnet to remote hosts to find information. FTP files to remote hosts. Telnet to Alpha.

Lynx is a text-only web browser. So, what is the Internet and the World Wide Web? The Internet is a network of networks. A network is a group of computers linked together so they can communicate. Thousands of networks are connected via the Internet. These networks have millions of computers and users. You can find out more about it from the Internet Society at http://info.isoc.org on Lynx. The Web is "a hyper text system that helps you travel around the world electronically, looking for information." (The Complete Idiot's Guide to the Internet) You can research virtually any topic.

What is a home page or web page? It's a specific site you visit by entering it's address (known as a URL—Uniform Resource Locator) in a web browser. The URL for the Internet Society is http://info.isoc.org. To find it in Lynx, hit the O key. It prompts you for the URL., type in "isoc". Off it goes to that URL. Use the arrow keys to move through the site. If you place the cursor on any highlighted text and <enter>, it will jump to that place, which can be either in the same site or in a totally different location. Think of it as a magazine that directs you to turn to a certain page.

Who has a web page or home page? Academic institutions, the government, non-profit organizations, businesses, the military, and just plain people. The MSU home page is http://www.montclair.edu Can I do this from home? If you have a computer with a modem, a phone line connection and communications software, you can log on to Alpha from home by dialing up the system at 201/655-5434 or 7580. If it is not a local call, you will be paying phone company charges. Be advised that you cannot use America On Line, Prodigy, Compuserve, etc to log on to Alpha. You can, however, use their graphical web browser to reach the MSU home page.

I'm computer phobic. How will I ever learn this stuff? The Virtual University is offering free classes via email on the Internet, the worldwide web, dreams, healing wisdom, economics of the web, and a variety of other subjects. Browse their course catalog at http://horizons.org or obtain the calendar of classes and enrollment details by sending mail to Calendar@Horizons.Org. You can enroll from the website via Lynx. Professors, you can enroll your entire class if you wish. I have taken a couple of their courses and found them useful. They are all self-guided. The info is emailed to you at regular intervals. Read it at your leisure. No books to buy, no mandatory homework. Best of all, no tuition.

Exactly how do I email the Virtual University or anyone else? 1. Log on to your Alpha account. 2. At $ prompt type MAIL <enter>. 3. At MAIL> type in SEND<e>. 4. At TO: type in pony% Calendar@Horizons.Org<e> (Note the % and the double quotes before Calendar and after Org.) 5. At Subject: type in whatever subject<e>. 6. Now type your message, put your name at the end as you would in a paper letter. Even if you forget to give your name, your Username (last name plus first initial) and your email address always appear in the recipient's email.

7. To send it off: Ctrl+Z. You will see the word EXIT. Your mail has been sent. (Changed your mind? Instead of Ctrl+Z, use Ctrl+C to cancel. You cannot cancel mail that has already gone out.)

Well, you have just mastered Email-101. Aren't you proud of yourself?
Do you feel lost? Maybe this will help.

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THE MONTCLAIRION

HEALTH CENTER

ACADEMIC ADVISING

ADMISSIONS: UNDERGRADUATE

ADMISSIONS: GRADUATE

BOOKSTORE

BUSINESS OFFICE

CAMPUS POLICE

CAREER SERVICES

DEAN OF STUDENTS

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

DROP-IN CENTER

FINANCIAL AID

I-CARD OFFICE

LIBRARY

NEWMAN CATHOLIC CENTER

REGISTRAR

RESIDENCE LIFE

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

TUTORIAL CENTER

SECURITY

MAINTENANCE

655-5169

655-4361

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655-4444

655-5147

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655-4206

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655-4364

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Your Last Chance to See Treble Dutch

by Matthew Connolly

It was billed as a once in a lifetime event. The chance to see 21 of the 35 known Vermeer paintings in the world. They didn't mention that the lifetime involved was the wait in line to get tickets to wait in another queue to get in. Thanks to private funding the National Gallery's 'Johannes Vermeer 1632-1675' was the only thing open in Washington during the government shutdown and this undeniably swelled an already eager wait. It was worth the wait though.

For masterpieces like The Geographer from the Stadelsches Kunstinstitut in Frankfurt (never lent before), The Lacemaker from the Louvre and the National Gallery of Ireland's Lady writing a letter (stolen in 1986 and recovered and restored in 1993) to be on display together is a tribute to the organizational and persuasive skills of the museum curators. Vermeer's work is typical of the Old Master style with concerns for balance and harmony and spatial relations. The lighting of his subjects is superb, it silhouettes every canvas.

My favorite painting in the exhibition was Girl with a Pearl Earring; it is a gem! The gleam in the girl's eyes echoed by the iridescent pearl earring is wonderful. Having been recently cleaned and restored previously unrecognized features have been revealed introducing elements of doubt into earlier analysis of the picture. What was regarded as a pearl earring may in fact be a much larger silver or glass ball. This theory is amplified by flecks of white on the girl's shoulder; possibly glints of light reflected or focused by the jewelry. This adds a much deeper element to the portrait as at the time Vermeer was acquainted with Leeuwenhoek, the inventor of a type of microscope. The use of lenses was still in its infancy but Vermeer appears to have experimented with a Camera Obscura in some of his paintings.

Another painting shows how restoration can change the intent and even title of a work. A Woman Weighing Coal is now more clearly seen as a pregnant woman with all her worldly possessions in front of her, perhaps a woman weighing her life. Again there is a much deeper meaning.

As I proceeded through the bustle of the exhibition crowd I was struck by the contrast of the calm subjects on view. They were indifferent to the bally hoo around them, displaying an inner peace and serenity that perhaps we all seek. No peace or serenity however at the Metropolitan Museum in New York.

12 Monkeys: A Journey into Confusion

by Lauren Magnus

12 Monkeys, a new futuristic thriller directed by Terry Gilliam, dishes out slices of schizophrenia, time travel, a deadly virus, the possibility of an apocalypse, and many bouts of confusion for its audience.

The story begins by introducing the main character, James Cole (Bruce Willis), a prisoner in a futuristic prison in a year unknown. He is offered a pardon if he “volunteers” to travel back to 1996 to stop a deadly virus that wipes out almost the entire world population.

Needless to say, the story gets very complicated and puzzling. A glitch in his time travel sends Cole to the year 1990, eventually correct the problem with the virus, and then Cole must find the virus supposedly spread by a group known as the 12 Monkeys. But what Cole finds, with the help of Jeffery and Dr. Railly, is not what he expected. They eventually correct the problem with the 12 Monkeys, but this is where the story gets really bad.

After solving the initial problem, Cole and Dr. Railly are confronted with the real igniters of a virus. But, then someone dies, and the movie ends, and they leave the audience hanging. The movie is hectic and if you don't follow it extremely closely, you will be lost for the whole thing.

This flick had good intentions; some great acting, and an almost interesting plot, but the way the story is told is unsettling and way too involved. Too much goes on at the same time, and time itself passes back and forth too quickly. This movie is great for those that love disturbing films, but for those of you that enjoy a movie that you can understand and love at the same time, skip 12 Monkeys. There are lots of films to blow your hard earned $7.50 on, but this isn't one of them.
Henry and June Will Take You to The Moon

by Tom Bond

Looking for a thing to make you go zing? Then let Henry and June take you to the moon. This 1990 hundering directed by Philip Kaufman revolves around the sexual liaisons of four individuals.

Set in 1931 Paris, Henry and June is about the true life story of bohemian writer Henry Miller. His husband Hugo appears in this adaptation as Morris Baruch, a novelist with a smug personality and a nagging wife, June. Whereas Thurman's portrayal of Henry's elegantrend as Anais. She comes across as sassy and sexually uninhibited whereas Thurman's portrayal of Henry's wife June is farther towards the floozie side. On the other hand, you can forget Richard E. Grant's performance as Anais' husband Hugo. He is as bland as a bottle of hydrogen peroxide.

The one drawback in Henry and June is the film takes place in Paris and all the eroticism is brought to you through the stream. It's the type of film that leaves you wondering what the movie's credibility. Nonetheless, Henry and June won't fail to set you thinking about the significance of one's sexual being. Director Kaufman managed to keep an artistic ambiance permeating all throughout the picture, even though you'll lose count of how many times the word "Pck" is used.

So, remember Henry and June the next time you go bumbling around at Blockbuster. After all, Henry and June is a fine choice anytime from January to December.
Residence Life

"Leaders are like eagles. They don't flock- you find them one at a time."

Interest Meeting/Mocktail Party
Tuesday, January 23, 1996 7-9 pm Bohn Hall Lounge

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• Leadership Experience

Applications available starting Tuesday, January 16 in all Residence Director’s offices and the office of Residence Life. Application deadline 4 pm, Thursday, January 25; 1996.

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Spring greetings to MSU students from the SGA Executive Board

Welcome back, MSU! We hope you enjoyed your Winter Break, whether you had to spend it on the slopes or shovelling slopes. Over the last few months, the SGA has been hard at work to ensure that the “student voice” is being heard. How does one do this, you ask? We hope to accomplish this by trying to get together with more of the students through your organizations, programs, and also through individual meetings. In doing this, we can learn where the SGA is or is not servicing your needs, thus making it easier for us to better represent you.

Secondly, we have made it a priority to keep an open dialogue with faculty, staff, administrators, and the student Board of Trustees representatives. It is important that the student voices are heard by these groups.

Thank you again for electing us as your chief student representatives. We look forward to representing you for the remainder of the academic year. Remember that our office door is always open to you, and we will be happy to address any concerns you may have. Always feel free to drop by. Carpe Diem!

Francois M. Dauber, SGA President
Julio A. Marenco, SGA Vice President
Jane Looke, SGA Treasurer
Lauren Pytleski, SGA Secretary

Wild, Wild, Wacky World of Washington

The speckle-bellied Newt is a very rare species found in the far reaches of the Washington, D.C. rainforests. Despite his furry and cuddly appearance, this creature is capable of tearing other animals limb from limb. This crafty creature generally uses smoke and mirrors to capture his prey. In one fell swoop he can claw his way through dense budgets and undergrowth of burgeoning programs for the needy.

In his natural habitat he is the king of the jungle, often intimidating lesser beasts for sport. At night, under the glare of the moon, he will curl himself up in a cute grey ball. By day, he’s a frothing ferocious fanged killing machine. He is much like the Great White, except that he’s landlocked. The beast, however, has an Achilles heel. When placed on airplanes, particularly near the weight in hefty portions of mindless meandering. This behemoth is hard pressed to keep up with the group because of his girth. And so this herd wanders aimlessly from one waterhole to another forever looking over their shoulders for something or someone to attack.

Thomas A. Hutchines
Senior Maintenance Worker, Residence Life

Administration responds to student safety concerns

You may recall that during the month of November 1995 there was considerable concern expressed regarding the need for improved methods by which Campus Safety and Security notifies students during emergencies. The issue of an emergency notification system came about as a result of an incident occurring on the Clove Road Bridge which was reported in the November 16 issue of the Montclarion. On November 29, 1995, a group of concerned students sought help from the Division of Student Development and Campus Life to remedy the problem.

I am pleased to inform you that an e-mail system is now in place which will allow electronic communication with students during times of emergency need. Campus Safety and Security Officers are also working very hard to ensure the safety of all MSU students, and as a result there should be minimal need for such notification in the future.

Lee Wilcox, Vice President
Division of Student Development and Campus Life

E-mail the Montclarion Mailbag

Submissions to the Montclarion Mailbag can now be sent via e-mail. Send all letters to the editor to NavettaJ@alpha.montclair.edu. E-mail submissions must be received by Monday at 3:00 p.m. and include the author’s name, major, social security number, and phone number.

"The god of sex is the god of death."
- Schopenhauer

Is anything working?

Two giant Residence Life snafus have plagued students recently. During Winter Break, the company of the silverbacked Dole. This vicious and carnivorous creature also resides in the deepest darkest D.C. This single-pawed marsupial is absolutely ageless and has ambitions for the coveted position of leadership.

The horn-rimmed Reno, a small, lethargic, near-blind animal bearing large owl-like eyes and razor-sharp claws, is allowed to tag along in this motley herd for protection from enemies.

Rounding out this rabid band of flesh-eaters is the wooly mammoth Limbaugh. He is able to consume his weight in hefty portions of mindless meandering. This behemoth is hard pressed to keep up with the group because of his girth. And so this herd wanders aimlessly from one waterhole to another forever looking over their shoulders for something or someone to attack.

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Malier attitude about its responsibilities to the students who haven’t gotten new cards recently, tiice and judgement?

Before addressing this latest prediction of doom and gloom, let’s take a brief look at the history of global warming. Between 20 and 25 years there was a phenomenon that was backed by such noted global warming fanatics as Paul Ehrlich, Stephen Schneider, Carl Sagan, and Congressional Democrats. They predicted that the temperature changes would bring droughts to India, the Sahara Desert, and the American Midwest which would in turn cause world wide famines. The name of this crisis: global cooling.

In the 1970s worried scientists pointed towards a thirty year trend of declining temperatures as a sure sign of a “cooling signal” that threatened the earth. Of course these “climatologists” surmised that the cause of this refrigerator effect was, once again, mankind. Industrial pollution and slash and burn agriculture were the main culprits, because they injected aerosols into the air which cooled the earth by reflecting sunlight back into space. These hypotheses were eagerly endorsed by Sagan, Schneider, and a host of other “environmentalists” who couldn’t churn out the Doomsday books fast enough, on the heels of this information.

Then came the 1980s; the hottest decade on record, and the global cooling messiahs were born again as global warmers. It was the beginning of the end,” according to Paul Ehrlich, a cooler turned warmer, of global warming. Global warming first caught the public’s attention on a sweltering 99 degree Fahrenheit day in June of 1988, when Goddard Institute for Space Studies scientists James Hansen told the US Senate Energy Committee that he was “99 percent” sure that the warmer weather in the 1980s was caused by the “Greenhouse effect,” which was of course produced by industrialized nations. This combined with the summer drought convinced people that global warming was real. The New York Times ran a front page story on it, “Journalists loved it. Environmentalists were ecstatic,” crowed born-again global warmer Stephen Schneider.

Since then, every upward shift in the temperature has been touted as proof that global warming exists. Not only that, but the doomayers hedge their bets by saying, as an op-ed piece in the New York Times recently did, the “freakish” types of weather (warm in California and a blizzard on the East Coast) are a further result of warming. So no matter what the weather is, sun or snow, doomayers win and their opponents lose.

“One year does not a trend make...” the New York Times states in their article, but they seem to ignore this fact. If 1995 was the hottest year on record and it broke the 1990 record, then the trend from 1991 to 1994 were lower temperatures than the 1990 figure. Between 1990 and 1940 the planet warmed by 0.9 degrees Fahrenheit and then cooled by about one half degree until 1975, when it warmed up again. Most of the recent warming occurred between 1976 and 1980, despite scare headlines about how (fill in the blank) number of the hottest years on record have occurred recently. “We must be prepared to accept the idea that weather and climate records like those in sports, are always being broken...This is the way the ball bounces climatologically; I would be more concerned if records stopped falling by the wayside,” says Harvard researcher Peter Rogers.

The doomayers such as Ehrlich, Schneider, and Sagan apparently feel no obligation to the truth or to consistency; as the weather changes so do they. One way to identify these prophets of doom is to look at their past predictive records. Do they use conditional language such as “could,” “should,” or “perhaps” when hypothesizing doom? Are their institutions, organizations, or agencies in need of money? If the answers to these questions are “yes,” then the prophets should be considered wary.

While there is no doubt that human actions do have an effect on the environment, it has not been determined whether the effect has been large or small. The only two things that are “99 percent” certain in the weather business are that every change in the temperature will be to the benefit of business and that every change in the temperature will be hypothesized by one group or another as the end of the world (caused by capitalism and industrialization). And that the weather is always changing. Three days after its front page global warming story, the Times’ front page read, “Record Freezing Temperatures Hobbling the Northeast Region.” As Philip Abelson, former editor of Science magazine put it, “if global warming is analyzed applying the customary standards of scientific inquiry one must conclude that there has been more hype than solid facts.” Don’t believe the hype, it’s only a sequel.
College at Thirty-something

by Angela Diadone

There has been a lot of press coverage in recent weeks over Governor Whitman's first half term "report card." The usual topics, taxes and insurance, have been the main thrust of these articles, not to anyone's surprise. But what is troubling me, both as a parent and a citizen, is the constant referral to the concern of the near future of education. Will the near future ever get any closer?

The procrastination of bringing this serious subject into focus is disheartening. My son will be a senior in high school this coming September; I've been listening through the curriculum requirements. They are devoted to this "our next main concern" speech too long, through Florio and now Whitman. One person cannot do nearly enough to even make a dent in the process. How many letters can I write and how many petitions can I sign? My suggestions, opinions, my voice, have fallen on deaf ears, so much so that I was about to fall into that apathetic paddle on the side of the road that will eventually evaporate and go away with the graduation of my last child from the system.

What has renewed my once fierce passion on the importance of education has been my almost daily contact with the education majors here at Montclair. These students - most of them - are in the education program because they want to be there. They have the dedication and the desire to pursue a career teaching the young people of our world or they would not have made it through the curriculum requirements. They are devoting their energies into lesson plans and presentations and internships and they aren't earning a dime doing so. They are preparing for their future in a professional and enthusiastic manner. And I'm proud to know some of them.

I only wish I didn't know in my heart that, unless the system gets an overhaul, many of these fine individuals will not stand a chance in hell in getting a job. Tenure has outlined its usefulness. Too many teachers can no longer pass the efficiency exams. I remember having a teacher who boasted about being an educator for thirty years. What a lie! She wasn't educating students for thirty years; she was merely showing up and doing the same work year after year. The same lesson plans and the same antiquated material and the stale approach.

She was a teacher for one year and did the same thing thirty times. And I'm sure that this was just one case among many, many more.

There are so many chances for creative and innovative teachers to rejuvenate our schools. Look around campus and you'll see them. They are the ones with hope in their eyes and sincerity in their guts. They are the ones that played school with their dolls when they were little girls and worked in summer camps and as volunteer wrestling coaches when they were young boys. They love children of all ages and aptitudes and they know they can make an impact on young lives. What they don't know, however, is that their futures depend on political foreplay. Maybe with a little insistence from a lot of us change will take place. The time is right. The issue has been on the back burner long enough. It would be a tragedy to let these fresh, willing, prospective newcomers fall by the roadside next to that puddle of disinterested parties.

Governor Whitman should put her popularity concerns in the back of her mind and focus on the concern of the near future of education. Will the near future ever get any closer? The issue has been on the back burner long enough. It would be a tragedy to let these fresh, willing, prospective newcomers fall by the roadside next to that puddle of disinterested parties. Before we lose our future teachers to discouragement. Before we lose our chance of enriching and enhancing the lives of our students. Before we lose our children to the same apathy their parents must be feeling. Before we just simply lose.

Education should be the main concern for today

Rubino

An observation and wish list for 1996

Frankly, I don't know what the hell has been happening the last few weeks. Historically, I have used the holiday season and the winter break as a time to recover from the previous grueling semester. This year was no exception.

I spent the winter break with family and friends and focused primarily on amusement, rather than controversy. I consumed an awful lot of Samuel Adams (the best beer in America) and participated in the pinnacle of winter activities - skiing and ice skating. And when Rush Limbaugh, Bob Grant, and Jay Diamond all used the holiday season for vacationing, there is little incentive to allow myself to be induced towards politicking.

So when my editor called me on Sunday evening to inform me that we were indeed publishing a paper this week, I was stumped for thoughts - but only temporarily. In the spirit of blizzards, sports, and talk radio 770 WABC, here is my observation/wish list for 1996:

• New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani deserves praise and re-election in 1997. He has shown courage, an adjective traditionally omitted from descriptions of politicians, as he battles runaway spending and crime. Annual crime statistics in the city show a 38.7 percent drop in homicides in two years, a 30.5 percent decline in robberies and a 35.7 percent decrease in auto theft under the Giuliani Administration. There were 117,845 fewer crimes reported in 1995 than in 1993. More proof that the tough-on-crime attitude shames the liberal Democratic ideal of rehabilitation and compassion.

• The family of Gambino crime boss John Gotti is complaining that his windowless, 6'8" cell, in which he sleeps on an 18" concrete slab with a roll-up mattress, is inhumane and unconstitutional. But his story makes me wonder. What kind of system do we operate under when Salvatore "Sammy Bull" Gravano can admit to killing some 20 people, but be allowed to virtually walk away in return for ratting out Gotti?

• The Blizzard of 1996 was undoubtedly one of the early highlights of the year. Why does everybody think it's chic to complain about snow and yearn for spring? In fact, I hope we get 10 more snowstorms. Maybe some more snow will encourage the whiners to move south. A little secret: it's supposed to snow - it's winter!

• What a Super Bowl this could be. My beloved Steelers will challenge the Cowboys for the NFL championship. The Steelers are not expected to beat Dallas. But maybe a couple of vicious hits from Lloyd, Greene, and company can beat the ego out of Deion Sanders, Michael Irvin, and the rest of those attention-starved balloon heads.

• Yeah, football's great, but we Puckheads know why hockey is the greatest sport in the world. No other sport can combine the elements of speed, skill, strength, grace and excitement into one game. For those who aren't sure, check out the NHL All-Star game this weekend.

• FACT: Cancer kills 14 times more people than AIDS. Despite AIDS awareness and pleas for increased AIDS research funding, at all the expense of cancer!

• Oh, Hillary darling! Hillary, the smartest and most powerful woman in the world! Come clean you phony!
Like MacArthur, I have returned

by Calle

Did you ever wonder how and why some of our GERs became GERs in the first place? You know, those terribly enriching classics of the Modern Western Tradition--Bowling, Computers in Society, Speech, etc...

Speaking in my official capacity as MSU's oldest teenager, I must say that I've had about 10 or 20 semesters to give it great thought.

Simply put, the reason is money. I didn't even have to take personal finance to figure that one out.

Take, for instance, the Foreign Language requirement. After two semesters of Spanish, the average student will have trouble ordering at Taco Bell. I suppose that a Spanish major would fare much better. However, only a small percentage of students are Spanish majors, or French majors or Russian majors, Bleu Cheese majors, Thousand Island, etc. (I, myself, am a Vinaigrette type-a-guy.

Think about it! What better way to fund a program than to require every student to co-opt it through their enrollment? Through this system, Monclair state can claim to offer a full-service Foreign Language program by teaching 100% of the student body to properly say, "Fajita Pita Taco Burrito--por favor--sankchu".

Now, wait a minute! Don't ruffle your own feathers. Let me proceed...

Computers In Society. Obviously these people feel we need 20 hours of class to learn how to properly ask some

Incoherent ramblings

by Tom Tracy

Ever since I came back to this lovely campus last Sunday morning, I have been bothered by something. No, it's not the great abundance of ten-foot high snow drifts or even the crazy people who live beneath me in Bohn Hall and felt that it was necessary to throw a quarter into my cup. It's the floors.

I know what you're thinking, everyone bitches about the food, you're just jumping on the food-bashing bandwagon. Well, my friends, if that is how it looks, then so be it. Normally, the only safe time to eat in Blanton is the first few weeks of each semester because there are a lot of parents around and everyone wants to look good. Now, even that false security is lost. Instead of the food sucking down the road, say about a month into the semester, it sucks right off the bat.

Come to think of it, I don't know if justice can be completely served by solely blaming the food. I mean, the food has to start out normal, right? The problem, I feel, is that the overall atmosphere of eating in Blanton sucks. The ever energetic person who checks my I-card so I can have the privilege of poisoning myself just lets me know what great service I am in for. If I say hello or what's up to the person, I do not think that it would take too much energy to say something back. Anything.

Next, comes the fun part. Assembling my meal. After staring at the dishes and analyzing what the hell they could possibly be, I give up hope and ask, "What the hell is this" or something to that effect. Sometimes, I actually get an answer. Other times, the person dishing out the slop will look at me as if I am crazy which I know that I am because I am eating here in the first place.

So I proceed to throw the expected seven pans of food. I say I want this and that, and the person replies, "oh no, you can’t mix these two dishes." Okay, not only does the food sucked, I can't even choose what I want to eat. If I want to be a daredevil and eat the incorrect type of vegetables with my meat, then I should damn well be able to. Now that I am thoroughly stressed out, I make my way to the salad bar. Call me silly, but I put my salad in a bowl. Therefore, there should be bowls present. Maybe they are just doing me a favor and saving me from attempting to digest the luscious brown lettuce and other various veggies.

I am on a roll now, in full "bitching mood" swing. I like to drink with my meal too. A cold drink. What is the purpose of having an ice machine if there is hardly ever any ice in it? Did we forget the recipe for making it? Oh, how I so wish I could

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Now is the time to invest in antacids

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SNOW TIP #5: SNOW ANGELS ARE REALLY COOL.

Casper's Corner by Jay Alders

Without prior warning, Chet unleashes his terror as the town's first dignified fireman

MISTER BOFFO by Joe Martin

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I THOUGHT THAT I HAD THE ANSWERS IN A SAFE SPOT IN MY KNAPSACK, BUT THEY ACCIDENTALLY FELL OUT OF IT AND FELL ONTO A NEARBY SNOWBANK, WHICH WAS LEFT COURTESY OF THE BLIZZARD OF '96™. THE REMAINS ARE ON PAGE 16. SORRY.
I can't believe that I am writing an article about what I did on my Winter break. I really can't; it just goes to show you what an extreme case of writer's block will do to you. I am sorry, dear reader, if you were expecting "Nuns vs. Rangers," "Brady Kombat" X," or "Reach Blanket Bิงgo Massacre," but I really can't think of anything else to do. It's called life-deal with it.

Anyway, my Christmas was rather spiffy. I got some really nice sweaters, espresso cups, Atari™ carts, and plans for world domination. My family came over and ate with us. I was assaulted by my grandparents (as usual) when they came over and was prodded with such questions as:
1) What is that crap you write for the paper?
2) What is with that crap you write for the paper?
3) Why aren't you married
4) What is that crap you write for the paper?

I ate and ate and ate, and it was good. I looked over my plans for world domination, and started by cutting off the head of Green Day's obnoxious singer, Billy Joe, and paraded around West Milford showing everyone the dead idiot's head. That was rather good.

Then came New Years Day. I went down to Hoboken, and spent a short amount of time over in beautiful New York City, where we were herded like cattle on the streets. The general consensus of our little group was that the ball would be totally disappointing, and we were expecting "Nuns vs. Rangers," "Brady Kombat" X," or "Reach Blanket Bิงgo Massacre." Fortunately, due to all of the eating, I had plenty of blubber to fall upon, cushioning my fall. I got off campus, and dumped some snow and ice on President Reid's head.

And that's it. Have a good semester, or don't. I really don't have the time nor the patience to bother myself with your pitiful concerns...

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Teacher educates pupil as MSU knocks off WPC

by Brian Brodsky & Nick Gantaifis

Last night’s men’s basketball game against William Paterson College (6-9, 4-5) was more than a conference match-up; it was the first time former MSU assistant and head interim coach Jose Reinhomias faced MSU Head Coach Nick DelTino and his Red Hawks since taking over the head job at WPC. DelTino and his squad came out on the win column as they defeated the Pioneers in Wayne 77-75.

Leading the way for MSU (7-8, 4-5) was Rohan Sutherland (Miami, FL.) who led all scorers with 25 points. Sutherland was a perfect four of five from the free throw line. The Red Hawks finally captured their first home win of the season on Saturday as they defeated winless Rutgers-Camden (6-11, 0-7) 85-49.

In the victory, 11 Red Hawks scored as the team was led by Sutherland who had all scorers with 20 points on seven of nine shooting. Sutherland was a perfect four from three point range and 61.5% from the free throw line.

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The Big East Conference this season features many talented teams with extremely talented athletes. Players such as Georgetown’s Allen Iverson, Connecticut’s double team of Ray Allen and Denon Schefler along with Saint John’s Felippe Lopez and Villanova’s Kerry Kittles.

The last time a Big East team was represented in a National Championship game was in the ’89-90 season when Seton Hall fell to Michigan in an overtime game. The talented athletes are in the conference, but the championship teams are not. In the past few years, the other conferences in the nation seem to be getting bigger and better. The ACC and even the Atlantic Ten conference are producing some talented athletes and strong teams that are advancing their way far into the 64 Tournament. The Big East’s problem is that they have no real “big men” to lead and power their way to the rim. Georgetown’s answer for a center is Othella Harrington, who was a dominant All-American center on the high school level. Harrington hasn’t lived up to his expectations when he came to Georgetown. He was supposed to be the next Patrick Ewing. Harrington is nowhere near the talent of past Hoyas superstars.

The East displays smaller players who are looked upon to do all the scoring. When a point guard scores most of your points during the regular season there’s nothing wrong with that. If you rely on a point guard or another small position to lead the way to a championship game you’ll have a problem come tournament time.

St. John’s is under heat because their recruiting class last season was one of the best in the Big East and media and fans can’t understand why they are not as good as they should be. When Felippe Lopez signed with the Red Storm along with Zendon Hamilton and Tariq Turner, the nation believed St. John’s was instant champions. Remember College Basketball fans, everything comes in time. That talented recruiting class is only sophomores, they still have two years to produce a National Championship if they can all stay together.

What is happening to the New Jersey Devils? A year after dominating the hockey world, the Devils are sucking it up and making themselves look bad. Really bad. Jacques Lemairc is thoroughly pissed at his team, and has every right to be. They are definitely not playing together, and just can’t seem to score goals. Even when they do manage to score some goals, the other team usually scores more, which usually results in a loss, actually, always results in a loss. That has been happening a lot to the Devils this year, and the way I see it, they have got a lot of hard work ahead of them if they want to repeat. To finish off this thought, I’d just like to say that the Devils doing bad doesn’t bother me that much, it’s the Rangers doing good that makes my stomach turn. I don’t like having my stomach turn.

So, did you hear the good news? You probably did hear some good news, so that question is kind of general and not very direct. Anyway, the news I’m talking about is of the approval to allow inter-league play in Major League Baseball. This is a great idea, because many major cities have two baseball teams, yet most of them are in different leagues. Having interleague play will give fans a chance to see great rivalries born. Also, I have a strange feeling that the murder rate in New York City will go up by a drastic percentage, being that Yankee and Mets fans will be in the same stadium cheering against each other. Hopefully, the schedule makers don’t let the Yanks and Mets play on the same day that the stadium is giving away free bats.

My pick for the Super Bowl: Dallas Cowboys. Reason: I work at Pizza Hut™ and Deion did that Pizza Hut™ commercial. (This does not mean that I would take that McNeeley guy over Mike Tyson.)

My pick for NCAA Championship: UM; Reason: The ‘Cats have a great record, great coach, and one of the best players in the country, Marcus Camby. Once he comes back from his "injury", he will dominate his opponents, much like he has been doing.

Have a nice spring semester.
The Montclarion’s Athlete of the Week

NAME: KIM KOVAR
YEAR: SENIOR
POS: CENTER

Kim was named NJAC Player of the Week as she averaged 12.5 rebounds per game. Kim has also amassed nine consecutive double doubles including last night’s victory over WPC.

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Women’s basketball drops first conference game

by Brian Brodeley & Nick Gantaifis

The MSU women’s basketball team (0-4, 7-1) dropped their first conference loss of the season last night as they fell to the Pioneers of William Paterson College (9-5, 7-3) 59-57.

At the end of the first half, the Red Hawks were trailing 33-12, only to fight back and tie the game late in the second half. Despite the loss, the second half was all MSU as they outscored WPC 35-26. Leading the way for the Red Hawks was Wykemia Kovar (Paterson) who scored 14 points. Also contributing for MSU was Robyn Berrios (Union) who added 14 points and senior center Kim Kovar (Hazlet) who poured in 13 points, 14 rebounds and 7 blocked shots.

Last night’s performance by Kovar was her sixth consecutive double-double and her ninth of the season. Overall the poor shooting by the Red Hawks cost them the game, as they shot a dismal 36% from the field. Prior to last night’s game, MSU owned a 31-8 overall record against the Pioneers of WPC.

This past Saturday, the women’s basketball team displayed their power, as six Red Hawks scored in double digits to defeat Rutgers-Camden (5-5, 4-4) 75-68.

The Red Hawks were led once again by freshman point guard Kelley who poured in 18 points on 11 of 14 shooting from the foul line. Kovar contributed with her eighth consecutive double-double and her ninth of the season. Overall the post shooting by the Red Hawks cost them the game, as they shot a dismal 36% from the field.

The MSU women’s basketball team continued to roll through the NJAC as they opened the new year by defeating Rutgers-Newark (4-8, 2-5) 71-47 last Wednesday.

Kovar once again paved the way for the Red Hawks with 15 points, 13 rebounds and six blocked shots. MSU’s victory over Rutgers-Newark was its first game in almost a month, as they last played and defeated FDU-Madison back on December 15. In the victory over Rutgers-Newark, five MSU players scored in double figures.

For the first time this season, MSU swept the NJAC “Player of the Week” and “Rookie of the Week” honors. Kovar was named “Player of the Week” as she scored 12 points, 12.5 rebounds, 2.5 assists and 5.5 blocks in capturing the award for the first time this season. Kovar is in third in the conference in rebounding with 11.2 per game and is in the top five in the nation with 4.08 blocks per game.

Kelley was named “Rookie of the Week” for the third time this season, and was also named ECAC “Rookie of the Week” by averaging 13 points, six assists, six steals and 5.5 rebounds in the two MSU victories. Kelley is in second in the conference in assists and steals as she is averaging 5.08 assists and 3.75 steals.

The rebounding category for MSU hasn’t missed a step from last season as Kovar is leading the team with 11.2 boards a game. Kovar has improved from last season as she was averaging 9.9 a year ago. The Red Hawks are also getting rebounding help from Berrios who is averaging 6.7 rebounds per game. Berrios has nearly doubled her average from last year.

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MSU has only conference games remaining on their schedule and this is a plus as they hold a 190-57 all-time record versus NJAC teams. In fact, the Red Hawks have won 20 of their last 22 games versus conference opponents.

Wrestlers finish strong at Hunter College Invitational

by Nick Gantaifis

While most of the MSU students and faculty were enjoying their winter break, the Red Hawk wrestling team took the mat at the Hunter College Invitational placing fifth out of a 12 team tournament.

In the championship finals, 177 pound sophomore Scott Stepe (Wanaque) and heavyweight freshman Barrett Cervetto (West Creek) captured second place as Stepe fell to Keans Ben Bivens 6-5 and Cervetto dropped a decision to Ron Zukley of Delaware Valley 5-2.

In the consolation finals, MSU was represented by four wrestlers with junior Mike Deluca (Lyndhurst) being the only third place winner. Deluca decisioned Jason Kay of Kean 4-3, while Dan Gelata, Chris Rea (Weehawken) and Jason Velante (Clifton) all lost in the consolation finals.

The winner of the Hunter College Invitational was Delaware Valley as they scored 179 points. Delaware Valley had five first place, two second place, two third place and one sixth place winner. MSU took fifth overall out of 12 teams in the tournament, posting 84 total points.

The most outstanding wrestler of the tournament went to Delaware Valley’s Brandon Totten at 167. The fastest fall was recorded by MSU’s Gelta at 150, as he pinned his opponent in 0:22.

MSU finished well at the Hunter College Invitational tournament.