Returning students surprised when ID-Cards prove useless

by Cheri Melone

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 Margaree 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 their ID-Cards updated. Students will be able to obtain money from free flow and buy books without a deferment slip, just by using their ID cards.

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. Workers on Monday were unsure of 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 Ulf Schlund 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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Ethnic Conflict Erupts in Chechnya: 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 Mitterrand 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.

U.S. Court Hears Case Regarding Gay Troops: The 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 Tights 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. 15 at 6:30 a.m. an employee of the Student Center reported the lock to the gate of the cafeteria damaged.

Dec. 18 between 4:50 and 7:30 p.m. in LOT 22 a male reported his '92 Acura Legend passenger side window smashed. His cellular phone, books, walkman and sunglasses were stolen.

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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 12:50 p.m. in Dickson Hall a female reported her bag smashed and the ignition switch damaged. No criminal charges were filed.

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.

ASSIST OTHER AGENCY
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.

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Disorderly Conduct
Dec. 19 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.

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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.

Dec. 15 a Bohn Hall resident reported the odor of a CDS on the 13th floor. The dormitory director and officers responded, but could not determine from where the odor originated.

ARREST

Dec. 30 at 7:15 p.m. Joseph Downey was charged and arrested with possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance during a routine motor vehicle violation stop. The office determined a suspicious odor of a CDS. The occupants admitted to smoking marijuana. The driver was arrested and found with three joints in his pocket. The car was pulled over for failure to stop at a stop sign on Clove Road.

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to one of the passengers. The driver of the car was frisked and a weapon was found. The witness of the theft did not identify them as the suspects of the crime.

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President Reid reported that a car was disabled in his driveway. Officers responded and found a male with an antique gun in his glove compartment. His license and registration were suspended. The male claimed to be there to get better reception on his cellular phone. No criminal charges were filed.

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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.

SUMMER SESSION(S) 1996 FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION DEADLINES:

FEBRUARY 1, 1996: MUST HAVE FILED 1995-96 FAFSA
MARCH 1, 1996: SUBMIT 95-96 SAR AND SUMMER SESSIONS APPLICATION
APRIL 8-16, 1996: COMPLETE TELEPHONE REGISTRATION

APPLICATIONS AND INFORMATION ARE AVAILABLE NOW IN THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE, COLLEGE HALL ROOM 321.
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 Engineer in Charge James Brighton and Grounds Supervisor Elmo Crocker. Regarding snow removal, Brighton 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. According to the front page of the Jan. 9 Star Ledger, a record 27.8 inches had fallen in Newark, not to mention accumulations as high as three feet in many other areas of Northern Jersey.

Regarding the parking lots, Brighton said that maintenance workers are still struggling to get the white stuff off the lots. "It's a matter of rolling the snow to the far 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 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 stressed the refreezing which occurs after salting 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 28 in heavy snow periods. "Lot 28 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 dissolving 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 use 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. Wherever 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 Rini Brombownik

FREE E-MAIL! All registered students at Montclair State University are entitled to an email account. 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 every 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 runs a paperless class. He emails assignments, students email him their work, he makes his corrections and then he 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 they have the book you want and if it's available. Telnet, to remote hosts to find information. FTP (File Transfer Protocol) will download files from remote hosts to your Alpha account. Maple V3 is a math program. 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. Find out more about it from the Internet Society at http://info.isoc.org on Lynx. The Web is "...a hypertext 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 «enter». 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? Academinc 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 changes. Be advised that you cannot use America On Line, Prodigy, Compuserve, etc. to log on to Alpha. You can, however, use their graphical web browsers 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 world wide 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 email 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 «enter». 4. At TO: type in pony%Calenda@Horizons.Org «enter». (Note the % and the double quotes used before Calendar and after Org.) 5. At Subject: type in whatever subject «enter». 6. Now type in 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.
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 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, a prisoner in a futuristic prison in a year unknown. Cole is befriended by fellow inmate Jeffery Railly (Madaline Stowe), who claims to be a designer, not an artist, but an excellent conservationist. Cole is also befriended by the county psychiatrist Katherine Railly (Madaline Stowe), who claims to have “met” Cole somewhere before.

After a successful escape, Cole finally reaches the year 1996, and encounters the same people he knew in 1990. To make a long story short, 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 ignitors 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 few films to blow your hard earned $7.50 on, but this isn’t one of them.
Two If By Sea: Lacks Comic Inspiration

by John Springman

Two If By Sea, with Sandra Bullock and Denis Leary, is a triple-barreled threat: a comedy that falls flat, a romance that fails to convince, and a crime caper without twists and turns. It’s not an awful movie. There are enough elements to keep you awake, but if you want utter mediocrity, stay home and watch McMillen and Wife reruns on A&E. Comedian Denis Leary, who also co-wrote the script, plays Frank, a small-time thief and Bullock is Roz, his crotchety girlfriend. The pair steals a valuable painting and flees to a wealthy seaside resort town to await buyer. Frank and Roz both sport annoying regional accents — he’s from Boston, she’s from New York — in a half-hearted attempt to make this My Cousin Vinny Goes to Newport. Unfortunately there’s not enough comic inspiration to make it work.

The movie does start out fairly promising with a snappy patter between Roz and Frank as they’re pursued by the police. The chase scene, which continues onto a train, is amusing, if not inspired. However, once Roz and Frank break into an unoccupied mansion and set up housekeeping, any comic momentum grinds to a halt. The script falls to set up any good comic interactions with the locals, and Leary and Bullock don’t have a special comic (or romantic) spark to light up their scenes together.

Two sequences in particular fell flat. In one, Frank attempts to go fishing, but too inept to cast a line and keep his balance in the stream. It’s the type of scene Chevy Chase can pull off in his sleep, but Leary isn’t that type of physical comedian; he doesn’t have the grace to be amusing. In another scene, Bullock and Leary are each standing before mirrors, trying on a series of itzy clothes, accompanied by a funky song on the soundtrack. The clothes aren’t outrageous enough to be funny, and the actors bring no comic mannerisms to the scene. It’s a pointless, underwritten video clip.

Limiting the action to the mansion weakens the comic element in Two If By Sea; shifting focus to romance kills it. Roz and Frank’s relationship is in trouble because he’s a dopey, though good-hearted, thief who will never amount to anything, while Roz wants a house and a family and blah blah blah blah. Sensitive close-ups, sickly-sweet music and picture-postcard shots of the sea hamper the viewer over the head with concern that this epic love affair may be doomed.

The most convincing part of the movie was that Frank was a dim, irresponsible loser who could never settle down to the domestic life that Roz craved. To me this was so obvious that when she meets a wealthy sophisticate, I was hoping she would dump Frank and go off with the rich guy. Since this would require screenwriter Denis Leary to de-emphasize actor Denis Leary’s character, of course it doesn’t happen. “True romance” between the top-billed stars must wait — it’s in their contracts.

In bad movies, romantic rivals are always revealed in the end as thieves or scoundrels. This brings us to the crime caper portion of Two If By Sea. The police who are hunting down the stolen painting are more interested in tracking down the buyer, an infamous stolen artbroker, than in busting Frank, the small-time thief. No points for guessing who the ultimate bad guy really is.

The biggest disappointment in Two If By Sea is Sandra Bullock. She’s the movie’s big star and the one hope of redeeming this picture, but with her annoying accent, multi-colored dye job, and water thin character development, she’s part of the problem, not part of the solution. Sandra, this C- is for you and Two If By Sea.

Henry and June Will Take You To The Moon

by Tom Boul

Looking for a thing to make you go zing? Then let Henry and June take you to the moon. This 1990 hundinger 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, Henry (Fred Ward) needs to get away from New York City to finish the novel he is working on. Henry’s wife June (Uma Thurman) comes up with the bright idea of sending him to the city of lights.

However, Henry falls for svelte scribe Anais Nin (Maria de Medeiros). Through Anais’ husband Hugo (Richard E. Grant) along with June’s arrival in gay Paree and voila! You’re cooking a rich recipe for erotic exploration.

Talk about eroticism. The whole flick is fraught with flurries of frenzied Peking. However, Henry and June’s sensuality is done with a highly aesthetic flair.

Thanks to Director Kaufman’s careful crafting, you don’t perceive the characters as barnyard animals rolling in the hay. You perceive them as sophisticated adults who are seriously searching for their suitable sexual identity.

Speaking about characters, Ward’s portrayal of Henry carries the whole film. Ward bubbles with a spontaneity which stands out like the Arc de Triomphe on a moonlit August night. You get to see Henry do such outrageously rambunctious stunts as dance wildly to the tune of “Barnacle Bill The Sailor.” Moreover, Ward does a grand job of wailing intellectually which more than makes up for the tough looking exterior and his brusque Brooklyn accent.

As for the others, de Medeiros gives an elegant rendition as Anais. She comes across as savvy and sexually uninhibited whereas Thuman’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 cliché images of the city (Eiffel Tower, Seine, etc.) are absent. This detracts from 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

Benefits:
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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.
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 past 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 serving 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 students 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!

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Wild, Wild, Wacky World of Washington

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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 feral 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 rear, this menace will go into convulsions and may even begin writing bland and bloated books in retaliation.

Please be advised that the Newt travels always in 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 even has ambitions for the coveted position of leadership.

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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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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

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Is anything working?

Two giant Residence Life snafus have plagued students recently, both break, both unnecessary, both avoidable.

First, Residence Life decided to change the card readers throughout the entire portion of campus residents’ cards unusable. Residence Life explained that students would be inconvenienced, so they posted no notices in the halls to let old style cards to get new ones at no charge. After all, who would want the sweat and toil of just a few students? But the number of students who had to reapply, mostly juniors and seniors, turned out to be larger than Residence Life projected.

To add to the confusion, the elevators in Blaine Hall were not operative. This is a situation that has persisted since the end of last academic year. This year, Residence Life remedied as planned over the break. The blizzard might have stopped traffic, but not everyone can imagine a similar situation occurring in a building that is not held accountable for its many lapses in service and just goes through dense budgets and undergrowths of burgeoning programs for the needy.

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- Schopenhauer
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The very cold truth
about global warming

The Chicken Littles of the environmental movement are at it again. Just days before the Blizzard of '90, the
*New York Times* trumpeted the headline "'95 Is Hottest Year on Record As the Global Trend Continues." They
use numbers from the British Meteorological Office and the University of East Anglia provisional report to show
the average temperature of 58.72 degrees Fahrenheit breaks the old record, set in 1990. The cause for this new
record is blamed, predictably, on man.

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 ago there was a
phenomenon that was backed by such noted global
warning 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
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 messiass were born again as global
warming. 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 warmest 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 doomsayers 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 warn­
ing. So no matter what the weather is, sun or snow,
doomsayers win and their opponents lose.

"One year does not set 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 1980
and 1990 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 head­
lines 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 way­
side," says Harvard researcher Peter Rogers.

The doomsayers 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 hypoth­
esizing doom? Are their institutions, organizations, or
agencies in need of money? If the answers to these
questions are "yes," then the prophets should be consid­
ered warily.

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
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.

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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 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 voice, my suggestions, my course, have fallen on deaf ears, so much so that I was about to fall into that apathetic puddle 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 outlived 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 closet somewhere and address this concern before it's too late, 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.

On the lighter side of... foreign policy

Rubino

by Michael 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 use 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 homicide 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’x8’ cell, in which he sleeps on an 18” concrete slab, is inhuman 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 winers 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: Even with healthy living patterns, cancer can strike anyone at anytime. FACT: AIDS is deadly and brutal, but unlike cancer, healthy living patterns prevent its spread. FACT: Cancer kills 14 times more people than AIDS. QUESTION: Why do leftist activists and Hollywood frauds continue to wear red ribbons, promote AIDS awareness, and plead for increased AIDS research funding, all at the expense of cancer?

• Oh, Hillary darling! Hillary, thou smartest and most powerful woman in the world! Come clean you phony!
Calle

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 have 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 Spanishmajor would fare much better. However, only a small percentage of students are Spanish majors, or Frenchmajors 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, Monclar state can claim to offer a full-service Foreign Language program by teaching 100% of the student body to properly say, “Fajita at the Shitter, you like my sauce.”

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 at my window. No, it’s the food.

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 own a microwave, or even a rice cooker. I can have the privilege of poisoning myself just less 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 have a conversation with me. The food sucks.

Next, comes the fun part. Assembling my meal. After 20 hours of class to find out if and when I would be receiving my student aid. I had to do this early because I need to know these things so that I can make early contingency plans for paying my bills, food, car, gas, rent, and the like. The Business Office has been more than helpful when I go there with a problem that falls within their purview. I also asked for a book deferment so that I won’t have to wait for my federal aid to show up before I buy textbooks.

I usually get kissed first

by Raf Ricci

I tried to avoid a bad financial situation like last semester’s by going to the Business Office on the first day of classes to find out if and when I would be receiving my student aid. I had to do this early because I need to know these things so that I can make early contingency plans for paying my bills, food, car, gas, rent, and the like. The Business Office has been more than helpful when I go there with a problem that falls within their purview. I also asked for a book deferment so that I won’t have to wait for my federal aid to show up before I buy textbooks.

The woman who assisted me pointed out that the unused portion of my book deferment would not be returned.

I had to think about this for a moment. The part of the deferment based on what will be my educational and living expenses that I don’t spend at the bookstore during the window allocated will not be returned. It didn’t occur to me until I had left the building that this was the equivalent of, “Sorry, No change.”

Last semester, I got a book deferment for $200, and spent something like $170. My fee bill listed a book deferment reflecting what I spent. This semester, if I get a deferment of $200, and spend $170, my bill will say $200.

What happens to the excess? Ostensibly, the bookstore keeps it. Why? I don’t know. But judging from the labels on the textbooks, it’s not to keep the prices down. The savings are not being passed down to me.

This all reminds me of my friends who live on campus and eat in the dining halls. They have choices for how many meals they want on their meal plans. The unused meals on the card at the end of the week are forfeited to Gardner Merchant. This fact is blithely accepted by most of the university community without batting an eye. It’s almost as if paying for five meals but only eating three and not getting a refund for the two uneaten is the norm.

Why can’t the value of the unused meals be rolled over to the Free Flow accounts? Don’t let them snow you with excuses of technical impossibilities or overwhelming overhead.

You’re getting ripped off on your Free Flow cards too. You pay these people in advance for the sole purpose of consuming products only they can sell you at hours that are apparently set for your convenience at a noncompetitive price. And it’s not just that. The unused portion left on your card at the end of the spring semester is forfeited. You can’t cancel or exchange for cash.

Why can’t they send out checks for the money you haven’t spent? Lots of other companies seem to be able to do it. I’ve gotten checks for miniscule amounts from multinational corporations because I overpaid my bill by a few cents. Is the University so cash-strapped that it has to resort to petty thievery to gain revenue?

And why are we allowing this to happen?

E-mail Raf at ricci@alpa.montclair.edu and maybe you too can have your letter published in the MONTCLARION!
SNOW TIP #5: SNOW ANGELS ARE REALLY COOL.
I THOUGHT THAT I HAD THE ANSWERS IN A SAFE SPOT
IN MY KNAPSACK, BUT THEY ACCIDENTALLY Fell OUT OF
IT AND FELL INTO A NEARBY SNOWBANK, WHICH WAS
LEFT COURTESY OF THE BLIZZARD OF '96™. THE
REMAINS ARE ON PAGE 16. SORRY.
What I did on my Winter Break
by John J. O’Sullivan

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’XII,” or “Reach Blanket Bingo 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 I was provided with such questions as:

1) What is that crap you write for the paper?
2) What is with that crap you married with four kids yet?
3) Why aren’t you married with four kids yet?
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 Billie Joe, and paraded around West Milford showing everyone the head of Green Day’s Reid’s head!

Fortunately, due to all of the snow man building, I got to walk to campus, and fell on my ass twice on the way. The thing was okay. I then proceeded to have a heart attack, but I gave up 6 pounds of pure fat for that week alone.

And now, the final conclusion. the last nail in the coffin: I drove to the school today. The roads on the way here were fine...that is, until I got to campus. I drove around and waited (no lie) for about a half-hour until I realized, “Gee, I really should park in Clove.” As I made my slow egress from the main campus, I hit a patch of ice and nearly hit another car. I hit a patch of ice and nearly hit another car. I then proceeded to have a heart attack, but I gave myself CPR and everything was okay. I then walked to campus, and fell on my ass twice on the way. Fortunately, due to all of the eating, I had plenty of blubber to fall upon, cushioning my fall. I got to 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...

John J. O’Sullivan is a part-snow man on the weekends.

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Teacher educates pupil as MSU knocks off WPC

by Brian Brudzky & Nick Gantaifis

Last night's men's basketball game against William Paterson College (6-9, 2-7) was more than a conference match-up, it was the first time former MSU assistant and head interim coach Jose Reinhubs faced MSU Head Coach Nick DelTulfo and his Red Hawks since taking over the head job at WPC. DelTulfo and his squad came out on the winners 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 23 points. Sutherland was 9-14 from the field and 4-6 from three point land. Transfer student Donnell Pauldo (Paterson) added 15 points while junior Yarn Jones (Finton Falls) and freshman John Weipz (Waretown) both contributed with 12 points. For the Pioneers, Jeff Lewis led his team with 19 points and Justin Frederick and Fabian Giner netted 17 points and 10 points respectively.

In the victory, 11 Red Hawks scored as the team was led by Sutherland wholed all scorers with 20 points on seven of nine shooting. Sutherland was a perfect four from three point range. At halftime the game was basically even as MSU led by 15 points. The Red Hawks scored 23 points in the first half. The Red Hawks finally captured their first home win of the season on Saturday as they defeated winless Rutgers-Camden (6-11, 6-7) 85-49.

In the victory, Nick DelTulfo faced his former assistant Jose Reinhubs, last night.

The Big East Conference this season features many talented teams with extremely talented athletes. Players such as Georgetown's Allen Iverson, Connecticut's Shelden Williams, Ray Allen and Damon Schelfer along with Saint John's Felipe 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 Odella 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 have a problem come tournament time.

St. John's is under heat because they are not producing the way the experts predicted. 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 Felipe 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.

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What is happening to the New Jersey Devils? Aye, after dominating the hockey world, the Devils are sucking it up and making themselves look bad. Really bad. Jacques Lemaire is thoroughly pissed at the team, and has every right to be. They are definitely not as good as they should be. When Felipe Lopez comes back from his "injury", he will dominate his opponents, much like he has been doing. He has a nice spring semester.

The Big East is still the beast

Nick DelTulfo faced his former assistant Jose Reinhubs, last night.

Bob Czehowicz

The men's basketball team returned to action last Wednesday by losing to Rutgers-Newark (6-4, 5-3) 85-71. The contest featured four players from each team scoring in double figures. Leading the way for the Red Hawks was Jones who scored 19 points hitting on six of 13 shots and grabbing a team high 11 rebounds while Weipz contributed with 16 points.

The Red Hawks have a new face on the squad as sophomore guard Pauldo joined the team four games ago. Pauldo transferred to MSU from Shaw University, NC, and his presence has been felt immediately as he is averaging 10.5 points per game, 5.5 assists and 4.5 steals. Since his arrival, the Red Hawks are 2-2.

MSU has nine regular season games remaining on their schedule and all are conference match-ups. MSU holds an advantage as five of their nine remaining games are home contests.

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: UMass. Reason: The Minutemen 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 Brodsky & Nick Gantaifis

The MSU women’s basketball team (9-4, 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 36-20. Leading the way for the Red Hawks was Wykemia Kelley (Paterson) who scored 14 points. Also contributing for MSU was Robyn Berrios (Union) who added 14 points and senior center Kim Kovar (Hazel) 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, 5-4) 75-59. The MSI women’s basketball team had 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 year, 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 rebuffing 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. The two guard positions which are played by 5'6 Heidi Klingert (Linwood) and 5'1 Kelley are averaging 5.5 and 6.3 rebounds per game. On the season, MSU is on the same record pace it set one year ago, averaging 59.3 boards a game.

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 Kean’s Ben Bivens 6-5 and Cervetto dropped a decision to Ron Zudek 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 94 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 Gelata at 150, as he pinned his opponent in 0:22.

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