Students assured strike will not effect grades

**by Greg MacSweeney and Tom BoudINU**

Students who do not make it to class because they refuse to cross picket lines during the possible strike that may take place starting on February 29 at 7 a.m. will not be penalized academically, said Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Richard Lynde.

"We can not penalize any student who does not make it to class during the strike. Students must be held harmless if a strike occurs," said Lynde.

Lynde said that the faculty must honor the students views towards the strike, whether it is in support of the union or not.

"We (faculty and administration) must be very flexible and make things as comfortable as possible for both students and faculty who wish to come to class during the possible strike," said Lynde.

Dean of Students Helen Matusow-Ayres said, "We (Dean of Students and Provost) will try very hard to persuade faculty members that the students position on the strike, no matter what it may be, should not affect their grades."

"There are, of course, many different professors with many different personalities on this campus but we will try to assure that students are not adversely affected," said Matusow-Ayres.

Matusow-Ayres added that any student that has a problem with their professor because of the strike should contact the Dean of Students Office.

"We will try to work things out for students," said Matusow-Ayres.

AFT supports "no harm to student policy"

American Federation of Teachers Union Local 1904 Strike Coordina
tor Dr. Richard Franke said, "Any students who have been intimidated by professors, either to support the strike or not to, should go to the SGA and to the Dean of Students and file a grievance against the professor."

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What will other Unions Do?

**Communication Workers of America Union Local 1030 (CWA)**- Secretarial staff and faculty support workers. Local 1030 expects that over 50 percent of the union will cross the picket lines because many workers are of lower pay and can not afford "dock pay." CWA expresses 100 percent support for faculty and urges CWA staff to support AFT during coffee and lunch breaks.

**Teamsters Local 945**- Drivers for Interboro Disposal and Recycling, Inc. Local 945 will not cross any picket lines of any formal union sanctioned strike as stated in their contract. Drivers will be instructed to honor picket lines if a strike occurs on February 29.

**Food Service Workers**- Most cafeteria workers in the Student Center, Blanton Hall, Partridge Hall and College Hall Cafeterias. No union local spokesman was able to comment but random polling of cafeteria workers confirmed that some workers will not cross picket lines.

**Food Service Delivery Drivers**- Many different companies supply MSU with food. Some companies are unionized and some are not.

CWA, other unions pledge support for AFT

**by Greg MacSweeney/INU**

Other union locals at MSU or who serve MSU have expressed support for the American Federation of Teachers and some have pledged to honor the picket lines of the possible strike set for February 29 at 7 a.m. Teamsters Local 945, the local that drives the trucks for Interboro Disposal and Recycling, Inc. and removes the garbage from most of MSU, has said that no Local 945 members will cross AFT picket lines, said spokesman for Local 945, and Interboro Disposal Business Agent Vincent Elliot.

"We will honor the picket lines. As it states in our contract, our drivers are not supposed to cross any formal union sanctioned picket line. We will instruct them not to (cross picket lines) in the event of a strike," said Elliot.

An Interboro Disposal management spokesman said that Interboro Disposal expects to operate as normal.

Communication Workers of America, Local 1031 (CWA)
The CWA Local 1031 has advised its members in a letter from Local President Abby Demel-Brown that members should use their own conscience when deciding to cross the picket lines.

"We support the faculty 100 per-

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International

Bomb Parts Found In London: Police raids in the last two days uncovered large caches of IRA bomb-making equipment and explosives. Although the find was considered significant, the police said the material found was probably not connected to the first explosion in the IRA’s renewed bombing campaign. The latest bombing occurred on Sunday, when a bomb ripped open a double-decker bus, killing one person who officials say probably was the bomb carrier.

Life Goes on In Rwandan Camps: Refugee camps housing hundreds of thousands of Rwandan refugees in Zaire are looking to a life of renewal after last year’s killings. Thousands of babies are born each month in the camps, conceived out of desire to rebuild families ravaged by the war. Health workers from the UN and other agencies are vigorously involved in providing pre-natal care and other health services in the heavily-populated camps.

New Attack on Chechen Rebels: Russian troops attacked a rebel stronghold in separatist Chechnya, a military magistrate, raising new questions about Yeltsin’s commitment to end the fighting there. 170 rebels have been killed, according to a Russian commander.

Cuban Human Rights Groups Cancel Conference: Citing “a wave of repression” by state security, the Concilio Cubano, a coalition of Cuban dissident and human rights groups, cancelled their plan to hold a first of a kind conference in Cuban regarding human rights violations. Members of the groups were imprisoned and others harassed by the security apparatus “a discouraging signal for anyone hoping for a peaceful transition or increasing political space,” according to a diplomat from the European Union.

Iraqi Defectors Return: Saddam Hussein has told his sons-in-law that all is forgiven. Despite a history of deadly responses to traitors, Saddam has pardoned the two men for defecting last year and calling for his overthrow. They returned to Iraq on Tuesday, along with Saddam’s daughters, after six months in exile in Jordan. Hussein Kamal Hassan and his brother Saddam Kamel were high-ranking military officers when they fled. They had hoped to lead the Iraqi resistance movement but reportedly had grown dismayed because Iraqi groups shunned them.

White House Denies Sanctions: The White House denies that President Clinton has decided to impose limited trade sanctions on China for supplying nuclear materials to Pakistan. The New York Times today quoted unidentified senior U.S. officials as saying the sanctions are designed to hurt China without damaging American companies that do business there. The Times said the selective sanctions were said to be an alternative to the stiffer penalties prescribed by law for countries that violate international arms trading rules.

National

Buchanan Celebrates New Hampshire Win: Hard-line conservative Pat Buchanan is celebrating his New Hampshire primary victory today with a call for unity in the Republican Party. Buchanan, already in South Carolina for more campaigning, says it’s time for establishment Republicans to get behind him if they want to beat Clinton. Writing front-runner Bob Dole, stung by the loss in New Hampshire, said he is still the Republicans’ best hope for victory in November.

Bomb Trial Moved to Denver: The trial of the two men accused of blowing up the federal building in Oklahoma City will be moved to Denver, U.S. District Court Judge Richard Matsch issued his ruling today, saying he feared Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols could not get a fair trial in Oklahoma. The blast last April killed 169 people and Matsch’s ruling is a disappointment for many of the victims’ families who had hoped to attend the trial. No date yet as to when the trial will begin.

Growing Tolerance for Pot: A new survey shows increased marijuana use among teenagers and a bit of hypocrisy on the part of their parents. The survey, commissioned by the Partnership for a Drug-Free America, showed the number of teenagers disapproving of drug use was 56 percent, down from 70 percent in 1992. The number disapproving of drug use in 1979 was about 35 percent. As for the parents, three out of four said they would be upset if their children tried drugs, although 60 percent of the parents said they had tried marijuana in the past.

Judges Warned of Plot: Authorities have warned federal judges in Texas that a fringe militia group may be planning to kidnap one of them. The Houston Chronicle says federal judges in Houston, San Antonio and Austin were told of the alleged plot by the U.S. Marshals Service. The militia, which has not been identified, allegedly was planning to hold a judge for ransom. An official with the Houston office of the Marshals Service declined to comment.

Politics Hits Internet: The presidential campaign is driving on an entry ramp onto the information superhighway. Candidates across the political spectrum have used the World Wide Web, the graphically oriented, point-and-click section of the Internet to state their cases. They are using text, pictures, sound and video to anyone in the world with the right computer software and Internet hook-up. Candidates, journalists and others also use electronic mail to communicate with each other. Internet discussion groups offer another forum for debate and electronic mailing lists provide an easy way to spread information and opinions.
SGA discusses strike problem

by Tom Boud

President Francois Dauder called for all students to express their concern about an impending teachers' strike at Trenton. The American Federation of Teachers (AFT) has set their strike deadline for Feb. 29 at 7 a.m. sharp, sending at least 50 percent of MSU's faculty to the picket lines at all college entrances.

Dauder said he will call AFT Strike Coordinator Richard Pick to tomorrow in order to obtain special pamphlets designed to help students contact their legislators. Dauder said the SGA will continue to function in the event of a strike. "We'll be holding SGA meetings off campus if a strike happens. We're going to have to confirm a definite place. I can't say right now where the SGA will meet. I should have a definite answer by Friday. The reason for moving the meetings off campus is because I want to avoid any possible problems with crossing the picket lines," Dauder said.

SGA Legislator Greg MacSweeney advised all students intending to cross picket lines to take the precaution of conspicuously displaying some token of their status in their front windshield. "I talked to the teachers' union. They're asking that on-campus residents post in their windshields where they are. They are also asking that all members of the SGA and student organizations advertise their status," he said. MacSweeney stressed that unorganized workers may observe the AFT picket lines. MacSweeney also said that garbage will not be picked up and, finally, that professors are not allowed to have off-campus classes.

SGA Legislator Brian Cosgrove commented on the prospect of a interrupted food service. "The food service is under contract to serve the students and they have to come through. The SGA will have to take action if the food service is interrupted," Vice President Julio Marenco replied that the SGA will be wrestling with the food service issue in the near future. "The food service question is something that we are going to look into with the administration." Summing up the strike debate, Dauder repeatedly underlined the importance of student reaction. "You guys paid for classes and there's the chance you are not going to get them. That's something we should be pissed off about. They want to shut this campus down which is not at all fair when we are paying thousands of dollars to come here for an education. We are going to get screwed if we don't take action. We all have to write to the state," said Dauder.

AFT contract
Negotiations scheduled for Friday

by Greg MacSweeney/INU

Negotiations have been scheduled for Friday after being cancelled this past Wednesday, said American Federation of Teachers Union Local 1904 Strike Coordinator Dr. Richard Franke.

Negotiations that were supposed to be held this Wednesday were cancelled last week by the State, said Franke. "The new contract talks look promising," said Franke. "Hopefully, we will have a contract by Monday."

"We are all hopeful that a strike can be avoided and hope that the semester will continue as usual," said Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Richard Lynde.

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FIRE ALARM
Feb. 6 at 5:26 a.m. in Freeman Hall a steam pipe was found leaking which caused the alarm. The leak resulted in at least two inches of water in the Freeman Hall classrooms.
Feb. 7 at 12:07 a.m. in Freeman Hall a second steam pipe was found leaking which caused the alarm. The leak resulted in at least two inches of water in the Freeman Hall classrooms.
Feb. 10 in a Clive Road apartment a stove caught fire. The officers that responded found the stove, wall and a nearby radio completely burnt. The Little Falls Fire Department was notified to fix the problem.

DAMAGE PROPERTY
Feb. 9 at the Stone Hall gate a vehicle which jumped the curb to get around the locked gate was stuck in the mud. The grass was damaged and the car was towed.

WATER DAMAGE
Feb. 6 at 7:22 p.m. in Blanton Hall a steam pipe leaked water from the ceiling on the Blanton walkway. Officers shut off the system and contacted PSE&G.

FIRE
Feb. 5 at 10:07 p.m. in Life Hall and officer responded to a report of smoke in the Speech Building. It was determined that the origin of the smoke was from a circulatory motor of the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system. Maintenance was notified to fix the problem.

MEDICAL
Feb. 8 at 10:55 a.m. a female walking toward College Hall on the west side of the building was hit in the left side of her head by a pile of snow that had fallen off of the roof. She was brought to headquarters by a classmate after she complained of being nauseous. She was transported to Mountainside Hospital.

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FUEL SPILL
Feb. 14 on Heating Plant Way the fire marsh shall noticed gasoline running down the street. Maintenance was notified and applied and absorbed to pick up the spill. The Department of Environmental Protection was contacted.

ACCIDENTAL OVERDOSE
Feb. 20 at 11:19 a.m. a female trying to stay awake while studying for exams accidentally took too many caffeine pills. She complained of heart palpitations and dizziness. She walked to the Health Center and refused transportation to a hospital.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT
Feb. 1 at 12:29 a.m. in Bohn Hall officers responded to a report of two males involved in a fist fight on the 13th floor. The fight was broken up by the Assistant Manager on duty. No charges were pressed. One male was a Bohn Hall resident and the other was a visitor.

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Marketing conference to take place despite strike

by Genie Feran

The impending teachers’ strike scheduled for next Thursday may shut down the campus, but the Sixth Annual Direct Marketing Regional Conference will go on as scheduled at the AT&T company headquarters in Basking Ridge on Feb. 29, with transportation being provided for all students who are interested in attending.

The strike threat prompted this year’s co-sponsor, AT&T, to “save the day” by offering their headquarters as the alternate conference site, and providing transportation for the students at the company’s expense, said Dr. Ralph DiPietro, chairman of the Marketing Department.

While sign-up sheets for the event are being circulated in most marketing classes, DiPietro expressed his satisfaction with the student body’s response towards the conference, saying that a cross-section of students from all majors have signed up.

This year’s conference will emphasize the role of interactive technology in direct marketing as well as the production process, from the creation of an idea to its presentation and implementation. Industry executives will present the latest methods in direct marketing and products in interactive technology, and will conduct their own presentations.

Company representatives will also be on hand to speak with students about job trends and opportunities.

In return for the $5 cover charge, students will be served breakfast and lunch at the AT&T cafeteria, one of the best in the country, Dr. Jayachandran said.

At press time, the Marketing Association and Dr. Jayachandran were in the process of working out specific details regarding pick-up times and places. The information will be posted throughout the campus as soon as it is finalized.

Singers needed for Commencement: Auditions will be held on Thursday, March 21 at 3:30 p.m. in McEachern Recital Hall. The auditions are open to any full time MSU student. Those interested may sing either the National Anthem or the Alma Mater. Accompanists will be provided. If you need music or have any questions, see Gina Balestracci in Room 2 in the Music Building.

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by Lee Vollman

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"Test your conscience. Do what you believe in and not what other people tell you," said Franke.

Off-campus classes, "A bootleg operation"

Lynde said that students should not be held under any obligation to go to a class that is taught off of campus, and furthermore, that students should not attend off-campus classes.

"Faculty members who hold classes off of campus open themselves to a certain liability, and I advise students not to attend classes that are not on the Montclair State campus. 

"Off-campus classes are a bootleg operation and are not a sanctioned operation of the university," said Lynde.

Lynde added that faculty members who hold classes off of campus could be held liable if anything happened to the students.

Contingency Plans

"We will try to maintain operations so that they are as normal as possible, but a long strike may become problematic. A lot depends on the length of the strike," said Lynde.

Lynde said that in the event of a prolonged strike, reading days may be used as class days near the end of the semester.

Lynde said that if a large number of faculty members strike, it will be 'extremely difficult' for the university to find replacements for them. He added, "Even if a few faculty members were to strike we would not be able to replace them because, as many know, it is even difficult for us to find enough adjuncts to teach our regular classes."

Both Matusow-Ayres and Lynde could not speculate to how many faculty members would strike, because they said that it would be inappropriate to ask faculty members ahead of time if they plan to strike.

"It is a very difficult situation for both the students and the faculty. We are hopeful that there is a contract before the strike deadline," said Lynde.

"We have already had a number of students come to us to talk about their concerns for the strike," said Matusow-Ayres.

What's open, What's Closed?

Classes - Check with your professor beforehand to see if the professor will be holding class during a strike.

Administrative offices - Administrative offices including, among others, the Dean of Students, President's, the Registrar, Financial Aid, Admissions, Bursar, and the Graduate Student offices will be open. Also, other services such as the Mailroom and the Personnel office will be open.

Residence Life - Director of Residence Life Margaret Coleman-Carter said that the residence halls including the Clove Road apartments will be open.

Dining Services - The cafeterias including the Rat will be open, although delivery of food to campus may be a problem due to other unions honoring the picket lines.

The Health Center, Blanton Hall - The Health Center will remain open if all of the workers show to work and the office is fully staffed, said Matusow-Ayres.

E-mail - Contrary to recent rumors that the campus e-mail system would be shut down during a strike to prevent AFT Union correspondence, Associate Director of Information Services Edward Buscavage said that the rumors are false, and that the e-mail system will be working.

"As far as the system goes, everything will be fully operational during the strike," said Buscavage.

Campus police and Security - Campus Police and Security officers will be on duty during a strike, said Campus Police Director Philip Calitre.

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746-4156.
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Newman Catholic Center
894 Valley Road

Strike Center Telephone:
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Dear Assembly Member:
Dear State Senator:

I am distressed at the possibility of a strike in the State Colleges. It is important to me that my education not be disrupted.

High quality colleges and universities must compensate their faculty fairly and adequately. Faculty, librarians, and professional staff should not be subject to intimidation. Giving the college president the power to grant or withhold increments at will would endanger academic freedom.

Please do what you can to bring about a fair settlement.

Sincerely,

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by Anthony R. O'Donnell

A relief image shows the victor and the vanquished in costumes of comparable splendor, their protective gear ornamented by cords, plates, plumes and richly carved animal figures. They assume similar attitudes around the central image of the ball of play. What differs about them is that the loser's head is in the winner's hand. Such were the stakes of play. What differs about them is plumes and richly carved animal figures, their protective regalia along with his conqueror. Archeologists continue to speculate about the meaning of this apparent recognition of status even in defeat. Bearing one such illustration as a passive figure of the loser felt he had fulfilled some cosmic purpose by his loss. But the ceremonial knife at his throat left no doubt as to the consequences of the game for his earthly existence.

The Maya Ball Game: A Lesson In Culture

played in some parts of Mexico. Ironically, while the wealth of ball court sites provides detailed evidence about the wide variation of the game, very little is known about how it was played, scored and won. What is clear from Mayan art is that the game was controlled by the elite and associated with issues of political control and cosmological survival. Players generally wore highly ornamental costume proper to the nobility with protective chest plates, hip guards and knee pads as dictated by the local variety of the game — and courts are generally found in close proximity to sacred sites.

Mesopotamian myths underline the cosmological significance of the game through tales of players pitted against gods in promethean power struggles of life and death. In the relief described above, where the loser's head had been several serpents and a plant sprang forth. This, said Sarro, was related to Mayan notions connecting between death and sacrifice and fertility and renewal. A further clue to the deep significance of play was found in the presence of "yokes" at burial places. These items, named for their resemblance to lading yokes, were replicas of padded articles of protective clothing supposed to have been worn in combat. The designs they bear are replicas of decorative art found on ball court walls. The presence of the yokes in tombs suggests that the court of play was understood as a place where different levels of reality coalesce.

It is clear from some Mayan illustrations that some players had to endure humiliations in defeat. In other cases the loser appears in full regalia along with his conqueror. Archeologists continue to speculate about the meaning of this apparent recognition of status even in defeat. Bearing one such illustration as a passive figure of the loser felt he had fulfilled some cosmic purpose by his loss. But the ceremonial knife at his throat left no doubt as to the consequences of the game for his earthly existence.

The French Club Prepares a Journey

by Tom Boud

Le Cercle Français (French Club) is organizing a trip to Quebec province after the end of the semester, according to Vice President David Bordeaux.

Le Cercle Français is considering visiting several areas of the province. It said "it's safe to say we are going to Montreal and Quebec City. We are also thinking about visiting other areas such as Lac St-Jean, the Laurentide Mountains, and the Gaspésie (Quebec's seaside hotspot 600 miles NE of Montréal). We'll be going for at least a week, but a week and a half or two week trip is also possible. The more people show up at our meetings, the easier it will be to get the Quebec project off the ground."

Bordeaux said that Le Cercle Français is burdened with low membership turnover. "Attendance has been below par. The last time we had a meeting (Feb. 14), only 1 and a couple of club officers showed up. We have been having trouble finding a time that will fit with everybody's schedule.

As a result, we'll be switching our meeting time to 12pm Wednesdays as of Feb. 21 and it's likely to be a standard meeting time. We're hoping to get as many members as possible because we need help with the film festival."

Bordeaux said the film festival will be an on-campus event featuring a series of French films. Bordeaux added that Le Cercle Français is also thinking about a cultural excursion to the Big Apple. In terms of budget, Bordeaux said Le Cercle Français has the means to finance the film festival and the cultural excursion. "We already have enough money to do the little things, but it's too early to say how much the Quebec trip will amount to per person. Bordeaux said that future fundraisers will determine how much Le Cercle Français can discount the trip.

Bordeaux discussed Quebec's appeal based on previous visits. "Quebec City is very unique. It's not identical to France, but the architecture in the city's old section is influenced by traditions from Normandy and Brittany. The closest we have to Quebec City are Philadelphia and Boston. However, Quebec City is better preserved. I also like Montréal since it's a cosmopolitan city as well as a bilingual city. It's also much cleaner than New York."

Bordeaux lastly advised all those interested in the Quebec trip to get a birth certificate or a passport beforehand. "I ran into a hassle when I went to Quebec in October, 1994. I've been to Quebec six times. Aside from that, I had no trouble getting into Canada the other times. There's always the chance of running into a sticker, so you're better off playing it safe by getting a passport or birth certificate ahead of time."

Le Cercle Français meets every Wednesday at 12 p.m. in Dickson Hall, Room 115. For more information, contact Vice President David Bordeaux at 697-9563.

Check out the Campus Calendar on page 8
Dear Career Services,

Q. Most of my friends are looking for full-time jobs in the USA after graduation. Although I want to work, I want some adventure first, to travel and experience other parts of the world. How can I do this and still gain work experience?

A. If you are looking for something exciting and interesting to do after graduation, without jeopardizing your prospects for employment, the Peace Corps may be an option. The Peace Corps offers graduates the opportunity to live and work in one of 102 countries in Africa, the Americas, Asia, the Pacific, Eurasia, and the Middle East. This volunteer work is a great way of increasing your marketability for jobs, by learning another language and becoming skilled in working with people with diverse cultures and backgrounds.

As a Peace Corps volunteer, although you do not receive a salary, a bank account is set up for you with $5,400.00, which you can use for personal expenses at the end of your two years of service. There are also many graduate school scholarships and assistantships available for returning volunteers.

In order to qualify for the Peace Corps (which is very competitive), the person must be at least 18 years old, have a Bachelor’s Degree, and an interest in working in foreign countries.

Overall, the Peace Corps is a great opportunity for graduating students who are interested in learning a new language, contributing to social change in other countries, and exploring possibilities at an international level.

Q. I am majoring in Psychology. What jobs are available after graduation?

A. Psychology majors find many jobs after graduation, not all of which are directly related to the study of psychology. In a 1994 Career Services’ survey of graduates, the 38 psychology majors who responded were working in occupations ranging from client account representative, police officer, and export documentation coordinator to behavior analyst, residential manager and special program counselor. As you can see, there is a tremendous variety of jobs available.

It is important to keep a solid GPA and supplement your studies with extra-curricular and work experiences that will enhance computer, communication and research skills. These will help you decide on a career path after graduation. Come into Career Services and we will gladly assist you.

Thank You MSU

On behalf of Blanton and Freeman Cafeteria, we would like to thank everyone for coming out to the African-American Heritage Month Dinner to enjoy a delicious meal that turned out to be a great success. 673 students of all racial and ethnic backgrounds enjoyed a variety of meals and desserts.

The event was perfect. I am so proud of the MSU students for coming out and taking part in the festivities. I would strongly encourage anyone who wanted to prepare a holiday event to put forth their comments to the Manager of Dining Services, and use their tuition money towards a good cause.

Thanks Again,

Andrea M. Rouse
Member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority

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The Real World
by Marianne Ferrera

The program included attending business seminars on Managing and Communicating once a week. These seminars gave interesting and useful information, not only for building a career in the Walt Disney Company, but they also gave tips on resume writing and interviewing. Although at times my job as a hostess at The Crystal Palace seemed boring and tiring, I only needed to look out the window to be reminded that I was in the most magical place in the world. My most memorable work experience was when I was given the opportunity to be a “greeter.” I got to talk to hundreds of guests throughout the day and was especially flattered when a little girl asked to have her picture taken with me because she believed I was “Belle” from “Beauty and the Beast.”

One of the most interesting aspects of my co-op experience was learning about the different lifestyles of my room-mates. I learned about growing up on a farm in Illinois, having only three television stations in Kentucky, learning to play cards on a farm in Indiana, and never seeing snow in Texas. These are such foreign experiences to someone from northern New Jersey. Although my roommates and I had many differences, we bonded as though we had known each other forever.

I strongly recommend this program to any student who has the desire to broaden their horizons beyond classroom experiences. My experience was unforgettable. I had the opportunity to meet and speak with a Disney animator and designer, audition for a Disney character, meet guests from all over the world, volunteer for Give Kids The World, and I learned to resolve everyday situations on my own. Best of all, I made lifelong friends. Don’t pass up this opportunity. Recruiters will be on campus March 6th for the Summer and Fall Programs. Look for the flyers on campus.
by Ann Margaret Kane

Can't imagine going to your eight o'clock class without your morning cup of coffee, or maybe your afternoon cola while studying? If so, your not alone.

More than 80% of all American adults consume caffeine -laced foods and beverages every day, according to the January 96 issue of Environmental Nutrition.

The newsletter reported that the average intake of caffeine is 280 mg a day. This amount is equivalent to three cups of brewed coffee, six cups of tea, or eight cans of soda.

"I drink coffee or soda, particularly Jolt cola," said Dan Maka, freshman Art major who needs a caffeinated beverage in the morning or at work to stay alert.

Physiologically, caffeine can trigger heart palpitations, and high blood pressure. Caffeine has also been linked to cause infertility, cancer and osteoporosis. It makes some people tense and anxious, while others become alert and energized. "Regular coffee makes me nervous," said Roger Cervantes, junior history major who opts for decaf.

Does coffee warrant its bad reputation? Researchers are still not sure about the health risks associated with caffeine consumption. However, many people believe that coffee is getting a bad rap.

For years it was believed that coffee drinking increased your risk of coronary heart disease. However, many early studies failed to take into account that heavy coffee drinkers are often heavy smokers and drinkers. People who overindulge on coffee are also often found to overindulge on high fat diets, and tend to be physically inactive. "I'm a walking timebomb," said Donna Kerstimer, sophomore Spanish major who drinks eight cups of coffee daily and is a smoker. "At five cups of coffee or less per day, there is really no evidence of an association between coffee drinking and heart attacks," said Stanley Segall, Ph.D., professor of food and nutrition science at Drexel University, from the January 96 issue of Environmental Nutrition.

Along with heart attacks and caffeine there has been an increased concern about cancer and coffee consumption. According to a recent New York Times article, no link has been established between cancer and coffee drinkers.

For some, especially women, the link between caffeine intake and osteoporosis is disturbing.

Some studies have shown no association between caffeine consumption and osteoporosis. However, other studies have shown decreased bone density in women who were heavy coffee drinkers. To counteract this problem, a recent study has shown that calcium will offset the negative effects of caffeine on bone density.

Good sources of calcium can be found in low-fat dairy products, such as skim milk, yogurt, and dark, leafy green vegetables.

On a more positive note, caffeine has been proven to provide a boost of energy and improve moods for tired or sleep deprived individuals. Between 100 to 300 mg (one to three cups), of coffee can give you a "pick me up." "I need my morning cup of coffee on Monday mornings," said senior accounting major Kim Kovan, who needs her coffee in the morning to function. "I usually get a cup of coffee on my way to class," she added.

Unfortunately caffeine creates dependency. Symptoms such as headaches, fatigue, lethargy, muscle pain, and overall bad mood swings have been associated with caffeine withdrawal. "I used to get headaches when I first cut back on my coffee consumption," said Bob Jones, a graduate student enrolled in the Masters in Teaching program. Bob now a tea drinker, no longer gets headaches.

Most experts agree that two to three cups of coffee a day is unlikely to cause health problems. So whether you drink coffee, tea, or cola to keep you up studying or to get you through your morning class, don't worry: your health is not in jeopardy...but without that caffeine burst your grade might be!
A Message to Students from Faculty, Librarians and Professional Staff:

WHY WE MAY GO ON STRIKE ON FEBRUARY 29 AND WHAT STUDENTS CAN DO

The Council of New Jersey State College Locals, American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO, which represents the faculty, professional staff and librarians at the eight State Colleges and Montclair State University, has set a strike deadline of February 29. If an agreement with the State is not reached by that date, all nine campuses will be on strike.

Negotiations have been going on since October, 1994, for a contract to succeed the one that expired on June 30, 1995. These negotiations are currently stalled because the college presidents are demanding that employees' experiential salary increments be controlled by the college administrations and awarded on a discretionary basis.

Currently, each employee is on a salary range with eleven steps. Employees go up from step to step until they reach the top by acquiring additional years of on-the-job experience. The presidents want to divide the increments into twenty-one half-steps which will be granted or withheld at the pleasure of the college administrations.

Such a system would be fraught with economic intimidation and would have a chilling effect on academic freedom. The result will be a campus environment in which pleasing those in power becomes the favored mode of behavior and challenging them becomes dangerous. A quality higher education not only requires adequately compensated faculty and other college professionals, it also requires an institutional environment in which people are free to speak out, to promote innovation and new directions, to conduct research and share the findings of that research with students and colleagues.

Unless this obstacle to settlement is withdrawn, no agreement will be possible on the many other outstanding issues in the negotiations. No other State employee union has been required to give up normal increments to reach agreement with the State. The presidents are trying to bust our union.

If there is a strike, students can ensure that it is a short one by respecting the picket lines of their professors and other college professionals. Either join the picket lines or stay away from school while the strike is on, so that the college administration and state representatives can see that business as usual is not possible so long as an agreement is not reached. A strong strike will be a short strike.

Students should be free to act on the basis of conscience. The union will make every effort to ensure that students who act on the basis of conscience and refuse to cross a union picket line will not be penalized.

In the event of a strike, reliable information will be available from union strike headquarters. Phone numbers for each campus union hot line will be circulated prior to the strike deadline.

Meanwhile, students can write or call the Governor at (609) 292-6000 and indicate support for a fair contract that will preserve academic freedom and the conditions necessary to ensure a quality higher education. Letters and petitions for you to sign are being circulated. The Governor's address is: CN 001, Trenton NJ 08625.

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HEY PHI SIGMA SIGMA,
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LISA (PHI SIG)
BINGO WITH MOM SHOULD BE A FUN THURSDAY.
OK SHARON, GET OFF YOUR CHOPPER! I'M GONNA REPLACE YOUR RICE DREAM WITH SOME MILK OR 16 G HITTING THE BEAT??!

THESE THINGS ARE JUST GETTING SILLIER AND SILLIER.
PHI SIGMA SIGMA, ASSUME THE POSITION.
JENNIFER B
BEASTIES RULE.
I DIDN'T GET A HAT THIS TIME.
TOM (TKE)
THANKS FOR BRINGING THE TEAM TO WHERE IT IS NOW. YOU'RE DOING A GREAT JOB AND WE ARE ALL SO PROUD TO BE A PART OF YOUR TEAM.
MSU CHEERLEADERS
SORRY ABOUT THE BLOODY NOSE, I GAVE YOU AND NEXT TIME WATCH OUT FOR THE BUTTONS WHEN YOU GO DOWN THE HILL, LUV, MIGUEL.

FINALLY A NIGHT OF DANCING. COTILLION WASN'T AS SLOPPY AS SAPPHIRE OR WINTER BALL. YOU KNOW WHO.
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TO MY LITTLE ERIC (TX),
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PHI SIGMA SIGMA, ASSUME THE POSITION.
JENNIFER B
LOVE YA, YOU KNOW WHO.

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**Student speaks out against imminent teachers’ strike**

I am currently a sophomore here at Montclair State University. I am writing to you in disgust over what is happening at our institution of higher learning. During the last couple of weeks I have been pondering the question of expressing my feelings about the strike that seems to be quickly approaching MSU and state colleges of New Jersey.

In these last couple of weeks I have been obtaining the attitudes and feelings of students and faculty of MSU as well as “outsiders” who hold jobs in teaching, corporate America, and are self-employed. It is amazing to me that I received the results I did. Through my “polling” I was upset to realize that many students here on campus don’t really care about the strike. Some even see it as an early spring break! Others just want the strike to end as quickly as possible so that their classes are not interrupted and grades are not in jeopardy. I sympathize with these students but also feel as if we shouldn’t be terrified by the so called “power” of the teachers. When talking to people who hold positions in industry I found out that they are very much agitated and disgusted at the way teachers go about getting what they want in this world. It seems to be that when “the going gets tough,” the teachers strike. Why is this?

The days of unions are over. People should and need to stick up for themselves. Teachers bind together stronger than Crazy Glue in order to create a stampede and get what they desire. We need to stick up for themselves. Teachers bind...

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**Student appeals to President Reid to intervene in teacher’s strike**

The clouds of a strike by the professors of MSU loom over all of the student’s heads, an untimely and inconceivable concept. I transferred from Bergen Community College after graduating with an Associate’s Degree because MSU is ranked high in the educational field. September 1995 was my first semester at MSU. My brother also goes here and will be graduating this year. There were many reasons why I wanted to attend MSU. One of these reasons was that the quality of the degree that I am studying for and paying for is impressive and significant. In 1996, both of these qualities are unparalleled considering the decline of our economy.

President Reid, I implore you to appeal to the mediators for the State of New Jersey to negotiate a reasonable, honest, and acceptable contract offer. Even though I am writing to you personally, I am sure that the majority of the students at MSU do not want to have their studies interrupted by a strike. To lose even one day of my schooling is a considerable penalty to pay for the goals that I have set for attaining my education. Please, President Reid, speak out with a loud, audible voice and protect us from a strike. Let the students of MSU stand up and be counted. We do not want our professors to go on strike.

Thank you for your assistance and understanding of our plight.

Olga Gantaifis
English major

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**Support the strike**

In a week, the teachers, librarians, and professionals demand the contract negotiations to meet the imminent teachers' strike. The teachers need better pay raises (in order to keep up with inflation as well). The state has been cut from the administration, and decent health benefits.

The teachers have been very busy, working on their decisions. The state negotiators haven’t had any more to offer besides a contract. The teachers need to resolve the situation. Write letters to the Governor, State President Reid, and the Board of Trustees to get your views heard. The more pressure that the state government can put on the administration and the state have been quiet is terrible.

The teachers are also fighting for you. A provision for superstar faculty that maintains the expense of teachers who actually teach. Education would suffer while enabling the prestige to look good.

Another proposal would allow the students to take their classes through the pay scales faster at his discretion. This would focus more on internal politics and on keeping up to date on teaching. We don’t think that this could happen.

A less tangible issue is that of the pricing of supplies. They raise the standards of living, make work more enjoyable for their members. Some of us are union members. Some in the future. Each union makes all of us better off. The teachers need to resolve the situation. Write letters. The more pressure that the state government can put on the administration and the state have been quiet is terrible.
The Strike

A professional staff will go on strike if their concerns are not met. We think that this is an unfair salary scale with more frequent pay increases if they are heard. Rather than allow ourselves to be passive victims of this situation, we need to become actively involved in the struggle to find a solution. Since these decisions will directly affect our lives, we need to make sure that our concerns have been heard and our interests have been completely considered. We need to organize, discuss, and take a stand on this issue.

To all students who are interested in saving their education, let's come together for an open discussion of this issue on Wednesday, February 28 at 7:30 p.m. in Sprague Library.

Robert Jones
Teaching program

Author advocates open forum about strike and its consequences

As I write this letter, the situation on campus seems ready to spiral out of control. Teacher contract negotiations have broken down and a strike deadline has been set for Thursday, February 29. Both sides have dug in their feet, and neither party seems ready to budge. No matter where you stand on this issue, one thing seems clear: the battle will be fought over the bodies of MSU students. Caught in the crossfire, it's you - the MSU student who stands to lose the most. If the strike goes through, it's our lives that will be most seriously disrupted. It's our education that will be sacrificed, and our lives plans that will be tossed to the wind. Depending on how long the battle rages on, we could lose a few days of education, a few weeks, or perhaps an entire semester. And when the smoke finally clears, it's entirely possible that all this damage will be paid for with yet another tuition increase.

To make sure that this does not happen, that our interests are not callously forgotten, we need to organize on this issue and make sure that our voices are heard. Rather than allow ourselves to be passive victims of this situation, we need to become actively involved in the struggle to find a solution. Since these decisions will directly affect our lives, we need to make sure that our concerns have been heard and our interests have been completely considered. We need to organize, discuss, and take a stand on this issue.

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Gardner Merchant accused of denying students their rights

When I hurried over to Freeman Hall cafeteria around 11:20 Tuesday morning, little did I know that I would have to wait a good 15 minutes just to be allowed entrance. Unlike the day before, there were no announcements in the dorm telling residents that the cafe would be opening a half hour late for lunch and closing a half hour early for dinner. Since I had to be at work by 12, I was not happy with the prospect of grabbing whatever looked edible (which wasn't much) and eating as quickly as I could to get to work on time.

Finally they opened the gate and register around 11:35. One of the girls I was with refused to have her bookbag checked in because there was money in it. After the cashier attempted to call her back, the manager threatened her that if she didn't check-in her bag, the place would have to be closed. Knowing full well that nowhere in our dining contracts does it say that we have to check-in our bags in the first place, this statement infuriated me. I tried to refuse to check in my bag once as well, and was told that I could either check in my bag or not eat.

Why do I feel like I'm in middle school again? Don't students have any rights? Due to the fact that residents must purchase a meal plan, which is paid in full before the start of the semester, Gardner Merchant already has our money. The only way I can effectively protest is to reduce my meal plan to the minimum allowed for on campus dorm residents: nine meals a week. Granted, this is only about a $50 difference from the 14 meal plan but I'll be damned if Gardner Merchant gets any more of my money than is absolutely necessary.

My right to choose has been taken away and there are no money-back guarantees if we students are not satisfied. We don't even get part of our money back if we've only used a portion of our meal plans. Since I will be graduating this May, I will be sure to tell all prospective MSU students that I encounter about the shoddy treatment I and many of my friends have received from this dining service.

Kelly Schaab
English major

An invitation to MSU students from President Reid

I am pleased to announce that I will again be holding an open house in my office on the date listed below for any of those who wish to attend. Appointments are not necessary. Individuals should come in during the designated date of March 6, 1996 between the hours of 2:00-3:30 p.m., and I will be available in my office.

If there are any questions, please feel free to call my office at 655-4212

Irvin D. Reid
President

"Lying is the prolegomenon, the foreword, to the encyclopedia of evil."

- Paul Johnson

MONTCLARION 17
Calle’s plan to merge organization is harmful to college relations

I became aware of Mr. George Calle’s efforts to alter the Class 1 structure, which would directly impact OSAU and LASO in the February 8th issue of the Montclarion. As a former president of LASO who was the first non-Hispanic ever elected to the post in the state college system in New Jersey, founding brother of Lambda Sigma Upsilon Latino Fraternity, Inc., an SGA legislator, sports writer for the Montclarion, and Sports Director for WMSC-FM Radio, I was appalled and offended by his offerings of a combination organization to enhance diversity on the campus in order to save a few dollars.

Calle’s perspective on merging LASO and OSAU at the expense of minority students would do more harm for college relations rather than save a few dollars. This effort would be tantamount to the action that Lyndon Johnson would have taken during the Cuban Missile Crisis if he had been president. If Johnson or Calle would have been the trigger man at that time instead of John Kennedy, the Eastern United States would not exist as we know it today.

Mr. Calle’s immaturity in addressing his own insecurities, coupled with his lack of understanding, has lead me to offer this man’s perspective that is unique from any other LASO member. One of the most important lessons that I learned as LASO president is that the organization cannot be run at the expense of micromanagement. Secondly, growing up in a predominantly African American community and coming to MSU and surrounding myself with Latinos who have been striving to be the best that they can be and willing to welcome someone outside of their heritage and educate them about their culture has been the most enriching experience I gained from attending college.

My commitment to MSU and the Alumni Association has been centered around LASO and LSU respectively. This is due primarily to the positive experience and people I have encountered during my tenure at MSU. When Calle graduates from MSU will his commitment to SGA be as continuous as my involvement with these organizations for the last 12 years? I say not! If Calle’s plan is passed by the SGA legislature, the long-term effects on harmony and cultural awareness are sure to be severely damaged, thanks to Calle.

I would also examine Calle’s proposal and offer some observations for the SGA legislators. First, LASO and OSAU offer programs that foster a dialogue on campus among all races, religions, and cultures. Although some speakers have been controversial the manner in which that discussion is fostered is centered around these organizations. The combination of all multicultural organizations with a limited budget will divide many organizations because each of those organizations will be fighting for precious programming dollars.

Second, there are organizations that would put up a fight if combined. Calle’s proposal of combining all multicultural organizations into one unit would be synonymous to taking the Montclarion, La Campana, WMSC., and Four Walls and placing them into the Mass Media Association at MSU. Would the legislature be willing to combine CLUB with Class 1 Concerts and form this as a Social Events Board? Moreover, would the Ice Hockey Club officially be forced to be a part of the Athletic Program? Finally, would Players be forced to be an official part of the Speech and Theatre Department? If any of these clubs or the legislature would say no to these proposals, then the issue of combining LASO and OSAU should be voted down by the legislature as well. Giving back to a university that has enriched my life is a key focus of this letter.

I have enjoyed my experiences at MSU because of my educational training coupled with a diversified student involvement. It is because of these points that I care what happens on campus to the organizations that have shaped my future. I hope that others will look to precariate what these organizations have done and maintain their status not only on campus, but for the quality of life they have done in improving our community through the efforts of LASO’s graduates.

Perry M. Schwarz
MSU Alumnus 1988

Calle by George Calle

SGA is still avoiding the issues

When I wrote about a discriminatory policy which our SGA is supporting, (Montclarion, Feb. 8, 1996) I thought for certain our SGA would respond to explain their position.

While many students have approached me to discuss the matter more thoroughly, I am disappointed that SGA President Francois Dauder has instead chosen to ignore the issue.

How does he explain away the allocation of over $600,000 of the students’ money going towards the funding of two specifically cultural organizations while all other similar organizations remain at a lower level in our organizational structure receiving no set budget at all? As president of the SGA, he is morally and ethically accountable for the student body as any leader is to their constituents. Instead, he chose to use last week’s SGA meeting to coin catchy phrases such as, "Funny that someone who has been around for so long could be so wrong." Dauder’s witty side-stepping is not relevant to the question he must answer. His failure to answer is disturbing.

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Unfortunately, Dauder was not the only person to attempt to divert the issue. The only letter the Montclarion received for the last issue, written by Jose M. Gonzalez, was another.

Gonzalez, a 1987 graduate who identified himself as a former LASO member, chose, like Dauder, to attack me with irrelevant arguments about his assumptions concerning my political party affiliations, rather than an honest debate. Gonzalez is not really all that important. His personal feelings about my intentions could be so wrong." Dauder’s witty side-stepping is not relevant to the question he must answer. His failure to answer this question is disturbing.

Notable among his ad hominum attacks and misrepresentations was his assertion that I had, in my original editorial, somehow attempted to “minimize” the contributions that LASO and OSAU had made.

Quite the contrary, I not only respect and admire their contributions, but I also have faith that these two organizations, once confronted with the fact that there is a form of discrimination going on, will be the first to rally to the just cause of bringing about a non-discriminatory atmosphere on campus. Mr. Gonzalez attempts to undermine good intentions, and to shroud his own lack of egalitarian ideals with falsehoods, pretty words, and empty phrases.

Unfortunately, some people will always feel that as long as they, as an individual or a group are treated fairly, then the plight of others who are not is not really all that important.

Adam Clayton Powell Jr. said it best in his 1967 book, Black Power: A Form of Godly Power, “Unless I am committed to the belief that all of mankind are his brothers, then he labors in vain and hypocritically in the vineyards of equality.”

The vineyards are full of such individuals. Just ask Mr. Gonzalez and Mr. Dauder.
University's strength is its teachers

At MSU, a self-proclaimed teaching university, the teaching staff must be its most important resource. To undermine the teachers is to cut out the heart of quality education.

The offer from the state to this valuable resource is quite frankly insulting. The teachers are facing a pay cut, and this is after 18 months of negotiation.

President Reid regards the offer to his teachers as 'unattractive.' If he respects and values his staff, and if he wants quality educators at his university he should fight for an attractive offer. Big money is paid to recruit and maintain the best in industry. Dr. Dauder and the education industry—those producing tomorrow's leaders?

SGA President Dauder has urged students to voice their concerns about the strike to their elected representatives. Dauder has said the SGA will be distributing a brochure on how to petition your senator. To me, higher education is a public service. What we should already know how to do is how to fight back. Where is this brochure? It should have been out on campus making waves and handing it out. Time is of the essence.

The focus of attention has become a strike that has not yet happened. It should instead be on the appealing offer to our teachers. This is the problem, the strike. I can understand the concern of students about what will happen if there is a strike, but I am also concerned about what will happen to the standard of education if the best are not remunerated fairly. Comments have been expressed that teachers can go elsewhere if they want more money. Wait until they do, then there will be real problems. America needs a well educated, skilled work force in order to maintain its position in the world, and education is the way to do this.

Governor Whitman talked about the issue of quality education in her State of the State Address. Now she needs to act. The apathy that leads so many Americans to not vote is coming home to roost. If you don't know who your representatives are, how can you write to them? Realize next time elections come around that the people in Trenton, who you call your teachers, are your representatives. This paltry offer is being made on your behalf. Before you vote, if you would only ask "what's in it for me?" then you might be in a better situation in the future.

To me, the teachers' union has been more than patient, and badly militant. Just as other groups use their common ties to gain strength, so have the teachers. I am glad they have been responsible in giving plenty of time for negotiation to occur before the deadline. I am sad that the last resort of any worker, the withdrawal of labor, is approaching. I do think that the union should make more effort to outline its demands. We know what they don't want. We should also know what they do want.

As students we should use our common purpose to support the teachers. I hope that students deluge Governor Whitman, their elected political representatives, and presidents Reid and Dauder, backing their teachers. Write, telephone, fax, or email—but be heard.

Stretford Mongrel
by Matthew Connolly

College at Thirty-something

The very first rule every bartender should adhere to is: Never discuss politics or religion with the customers. Both topics are too controversial and can open too many Pandora boxes. This is, perhaps, why I felt fortunate enough to be well-versed in sports, social trends and music to have successfully done almost twenty years of restaurant work without any major altercations with those folks that sat complacently on the stools on the other side of the divider.

Those years are over now and the fears of fluttering feathers have subsided to the point that I no longer have to worry whether my opinion will affect my income. There is an issue that is going on in New Jersey and United States Courts that is worth mentioning.

A man named John Martini, a convicted murderer who has been on death row for five years, wants to die. The appeal processes have worn him down and he wants it to be done and over with already. Should New Jersey grant his wish?

He doesn't like the rats in his cell or the lousy prison food. Gee, too bad. When he kidnapped and subsequently killed his victim, a warehouse manager in Fair Lawn, did he think he'd be able to order from the a la carte menu at Sardi's? Did he think he'd be watching Pay-Per-View from a luxury suite at the state penitentiary?

Proponents of capital punishment say let the guy die. He deserves it, and the courts and twelve jury members have seen no cause to think him innocent and worthy of breathing another breath on this earth. Aside from their moral standpoint, the economic implications of keeping him alive are just not worth it. It costs somewhere in the neighborhood of thirty thousand dollars a year to feed, clothe, and provide medical care for every prisoner who is incarcerated. I find this offensive considering it doesn't cost me that much to feed, clothe, and take care of myself.

There is another side to the coin to this story. And it touches the very sore spot that fuels the ongoing battle. Is it our decision to take a human life? Having come from a strict Catholic background, I grew up with the notion that the Almighty will ultimately have to make that decision for us. We will all be judged upon approach to the pearly gates and either rewarded or damned by Divine finding. Should this man be allowed to get what he wants? With his apparent disregard and disrespect for human life, why not keep him miserable until the time of his inevitable natural demise?

Could this be the equivalent of an eye for an eye, or hell here among the living? Why should we afford Martini the chance to have a choice in the matter, especially when his victim did not? Let him contend with the rats and horrible food. Let him rot away. Or let him have the opportunity to atone for his sins and someday maybe see the error of his ways.

This is a tough call to make. I thought I'd be able to convince myself by the end of this article to sit on either side of the fence. But all I did was straddle the top and could honestly say that it doesn't matter to which side I fall. I am comfortable on both.

I am normally not so indecisive and this troubles me a great deal. I've painted myself into the proverbial corner and would appreciate some feedback. I spent so many years deliberately avoiding the major issues in discussion that I find it difficult to take a solid stance, not out of fear of repercussion but of real moral questions. I want to finally take a stand.

I don't want to only worry if your drink takes an olive or a lemon twist.
Fairmont, West Virginia was one of the middle class towns that make up the landscape of America. Most of the nearly 1000 residents were coal miners, just as their fathers and grandfathers had been. The outlook for Fairmont was bright. "Last summer, I was up in the coal mines and there was another fifteen or twenty years of coal in here," said Charles Riley, a former miner. With such good fortune awaiting the townpeople, most of them bought new cars and homes. Then, the hard working, middle class people of Fairmont got a first hand lesson in the power of the federal government. The city has been devastated as a result of the 1990 Clean Air Act.

The Peabody Holding Company, the nation's largest, coal producer, shut down the Tygart River Mine and dismissed all of its 368 workers last December. Tygart was the biggest operation in the once "mine pocked" Marion County, where Fairmont is located, but it has become just one of the nearly 1000 casualties of the Clean Air Act. Because of the requirements of the Act, the coal that is found east of Mississippi is too high in sulfur to use, and too costly to clean. Consequently, mines are closing and leaving huge gaps in the surrounding communities. The United Mine Workers of America says coal mine employment in Illinois, Ohio, Pennsylvania, western Kentucky, and northern West Virginia has plunged more than thirty percent since 1990.

The Peabody company, like many others, has found that the new Clean Air Act, power plants were required to reduce sulfur dioxide emissions by half as of January 1985, and they must cut them further by 2000. Utilities can install scrubbers to filter their smoke, but they cost $100 million or more, so few companies take this option. Instead, most like the Peabody Company, have decided to close down their mines and move to the midwestern states, where low sulfur coal is plentiful.

The move by the Peabody Company has driven a spike through the heart of the economy of Fairmont. The economy was driven by the coal miners, who made $50,000 or more a year. Economists call these jobs "primary jobs" because they get secondary jobs that can go to primary employers and their workers. In Marion County, for example, the closing of the mines and loss of the mining support companies has cost the loss of nearly 400 retail jobs and twenty seven stores so far. A study that was done for the Marion County Chamber of Commerce says that county residents are spending $80 million more a year outside the county than in it. "It hurts," an understanding Charles Reese, president of the Chamber of Commerce said.

The recorded unemployment rate of the county is at nine percent compared with the national rate of 5.6 percent. It is actually higher than that, Mr. Reese believes, because many people have stopped looking for jobs and were not counted. "Things are not balancing out," he said. "We are getting some high techology jobs where the skills are high but the wages are low."

Congress, however, has stepped in to try to soften the impact of the Clean Air Act. They have extended unemployment benefits and are paying for the former miners to go to school for up to two years. However, where miners earned typically $17 an hour, they will now be receiving $6.50 an hour, which now will be reduced to $6.25 an hour because of the Federal minimum wage.

The mine shutdown is a result of the Clean Air Act. Congress has not answered, though, are more significant than their feeble attempts to make up for what they did to Fairmont. Instead of requiring emissions to be cut further by 2000, shouldn't they be measured to see if they are acceptable at 1995 levels? Many residents have stated that the air is now breathable and the rivers usable, where they had not been just five years ago. Instead of ruining the economy of an entire city, county, and region shouldn't a cost-benefit analysis have been done to see what the impact would have been?

So, why should you care about Fairmont, West Virginia? Because Fairmont is no different from Boise, Idaho or Beaver Lick, Kentucky or Bayonne, New Jersey, they are the backbone cities of this country. They are where the mining towns work twelve hours a day to earn middle class incomes. Their citizens are the "hard working, middle class people" that the Liberals and Democrats supposedly support. "I think sometimes we should yell and scream more. It's just not our style," Mr. Reese said. They are too busy working to support their family and the country. Unfortunately, the screamers and yellers are the ones who support things like the Clean Air Act and that's who the Liberals and Democrats listen to.

Some important reasons why you should respect the strike

I've heard a whole lot of hysteria about the impending teacher's strike. This is natural, I think. Students are afraid of losing their classes, their parents' money, and half a semester's worth of work. I don't believe this is true. There are also those who fear their graduation may be postponed. I've also heard a whole lot of anger sentiment directed towards the teachers for having the nerve to strike and get in the way of our educations. What right do they have to want more pay and better benefits for a job that becomes continually more difficult and less secure? Why can't they just settle and stop being selfish?

The strike is the weapon of last resort for any union. When the state refuses to cooperate with the demands of the majority of the workers, despite months of negotiating and working out a contract, what can they do? And while the strike may inconvenience you today, it will undoubtedly help you in the future.

The only reason we have a large middle class that owns its own property is because unions pushed up wages ahead of inflation from the end of World War II until the mid-seventies. Wages have declined against inflation since 1974, largely due to the unions' loss of membership and their resultant loss of power. This has also caused the middle class to shrink in recent years.

Let's think about some of the problems unions would solve that the federal government is wresstling with now. If more people's jobs were unionized, they would most likely get some form of healthcare, as most unions do. And the individual has a proportionately larger say in how he or she receives and pays for this care in a unionized contract. In a massive federal system, a union typically provides for a unionized pension for its members. If more Americans belonged to unions, then social security, welfare, and other benefits might not need to grow faster than inflation to keep retired people off the poverty rolls.

Thus, unions might help the government in three of the seven largest parts of the budget: Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid. And with this assistance, the government might not have to go into such ridiculous amounts of debt, thereby aiding with another giant part of the budget, interest on debts.

Another useful aspect of unions is their tradition of keeping their members working. Whether by retraining workers internally, or by offering apprenticeships, or through collective bargaining, unions keep people working. Unions also help take care of their members' children, from childcare and preschool, to college tuition assistance. The unions offer low interest loans to their members to make money on the pension fund and help young union members buy homes.

The decline of union membership could also be related to the rise of corporate and lobbyist control of government. The union leaders used to wield a lot of power because they could mobilize a lot of votes. These union leaders could be trusted to do the right thing, to a point, because they were directly accountable to the workers that they represented. The elected official had little choice to comply, or else he'd be out of a job by the next election. Candidates were afraid to be anti-union any more. Since there are fewer workers in unions now, they have less power over elected officials, and big money opportunists have stepped into the gap.

And even though at its height, union membership among the working population never rose to even 25%, the unions had a profound effect on the wages and working conditions of all workers. So if you think you'd be better served by the teachers just putting up with low salaries, then cross the lines, attack what few classes there are to attend with other students, who are as short sighted and ignorant of the future implications of their present actions as you are, and with professors who seem determined to cut off their noses to spite their faces. I only ask that you bear in mind what you and your parents owe the unions, and I hope you will try to repay that debt.
Danceworks ’96 Abstract & Intense Imagery

by Erin Brown

Danceworks ’96 is an annual dance festival, in which guest artists, faculty, alumni, MSU dancers and choreographers participate. It will take place this year in Memorial Auditorium.

Danceworks ’96 has a plethora of presentations that are all captivating. But one piece in particular, Captive, stands out with Stacey Pepper dancing in a cage. This piece symbolically analyzes the feelings incorporated with a young woman coming of age. Many of the ensembles presented in Danceworks ’96 are abstract and use imagery to convey various emotions. Lori Katterhenry, dance division coordinator and artistic director, designed a conglomeration about the memories of the dancers’ loved ones in BreathTakes A Holiday.

This piece emphasizes the different facets in the cycles of family life, using images such as a skeleton and black and white picture slides. Remarkably, this piece was executed without musical accompaniment; however, this did not detract from its intensity.

Many people will be able to relate to the theme of the foibles and follies of a long-term relationship presented in Sarah Hook’s Housebroken. This piece portrays the struggle in a family between men and women through constant antagonism, centered around a derby hat.

Danceworks ’96 is a colorful, artistic expression of abstract rhythmic poetry. This is definitely a worthwhile experience for the entire campus community as well as the local community. Not only is this constant motion appealing to observe, it also evokes an array of emotions ranging from passion to sympathy. This is a performance that you will not want to miss. Since the cost is low for students, it would be to your own advantage to partake of this opportunity to become more culturally enriched. To make reservations or for more information call the box office at 655-5112.

A Standing Ovation for Players Agnes of God

by Erin Perry & Victoria Caldes

Players opens their Spring ’96 season tonight with John Pielmeier’s drama Agnes of God. Paris Petrick and her assistant Melissa Ann Jenkins directed this chilling story about the death of a newborn baby, a disturbed nun, the tormented Mother Superior, and an atheist psychiatrist.

Agnes of God opens in Dr. Martha Livingstone’s (Maria Diaz) office, which is the set of the play. The set is simple with only two chairs and a black drape. The costumes are symbolic shades of black and white, which are stereotypical of their characters. Diaz plays a difficult and strong role of determining her patient’s sanity in a case of accused manslaughter. Diaz’s monologues expose her own religious conflicts, and bring her to terms with her troubled past. She also acts as a narrator, explaining the background of the case. Diaz’s performance of an obsessive character is powerful yet sympathetic towards her patient.

Throughout the play Dr. Livingstone wins the trust of the innocent 21-year-old Sister Agnes (Leyda Torres). Torres reveals a childhood of isolation, molestation, and a dead alcoholic mother, who continues to appear and torment her. Torres’ role of a fragile, frightened victim is honest and heartfelt.

As their sessions lead up to the present, Torres’ repressed pain of an inner child surfaces in song, which is beautiful yet haunting. Torres’ performance throughout the play is compelling, but her strongest and most intense scenes are during her hypnotic sessions with Dr. Livingstone, which disclose the events that lead up to her forbidden pregnancy.

The pregnancy being the catalyst of the conflict of the play explodes during the many arguments about the credibility of immaculate conception between Dr. Livingstone and Mother Miriam Ruth (Meredith Handerhan). Handerhan supports their arguments with a highly religious and self-righteous attitude, while questioning her own beliefs in miracles in a modern world. Through her own emotional confessions, Handerhan professes her part in Agnes’ life. Handerhan’s performance is genuine and believable as a unsuccessful wife and mother, who turns to God for salvation.

Although there are no real resolutions at the morose conclusion of the play, the theme draws the audience to re-evaluate their own religious ideology. Agnes of God is a successful drama that makes the audience shiver in intellectual and spiritual contemplation.

All three women are magnificent under the excellent direction of Petrick and Jenkins. Agnes of God deserves a standing ovation and is must see.

Bravo Players! For show times and ticket information, 655-5159.
Ray Davies:
Infectious Enthusiasts

by John Springfield

"Last Friday night, my wife and I braved the unseasonable storm of this gentle winter to see an intimate show at the 300-seat Westbeth Theatre in New York. Ray Davies: 20th Century Man, a joyful evening with the lead singer and songwriter of the Kinks, quickly made us forget Nature's wrath.

The good news, Kinks fans and other lovers of classic rock, is that Davies will be performing nightly through March third. For fans, it's a can't-miss show, and for anyone else, it's an enjoyable evening with a talented artist who loves his work.

The show includes early Kinks classics interspersed with "the tormenting ranting of a sex-crazed rock-and-roller"—readings from Davies's recent autobiography, X-Ray. Davies skillfully impersonates sneaky promoters, stuffy upper-class managers, and John Lennon, as he recounts disastrous tours, shady business dealings, and a confrontation with the Beatles. He also discusses his childhood with his older sisters, and younger brother/rival Dave, co-founder of The Kinks. The tales are penetrating and funny, and go well with the early songs and a set of new songs written about this period of Davies's life.

Davies is accompanied by Pete Mathison on acoustic and electric guitar. This mostly unplugged format is excellent for bringing out the lyrics of the Kinks' songs. Geniuses (is) an overused word when applied to lyricists, Pete Townsend of The Who was quoted, "But in British rock Ray Davies is our only true and natural genius." An example of Davies's satirical ability is the opening song, "Dedicated Follower of Fashion" about a flop of the "Swinging London" era.

There is one thing that he loves and that is flattery. One week he's in polka dots and the next week he's in stripes. He flies from shop to shop just like a butterfly. In matters of the cloth he is fickle as can be.

Other Kinks' songs in the first act included "Sunny Afternoon," "Victoria," "20th Century Man," and "Tired of Waiting." Only "Victoria" missed anything in the acoustic translation, losing some of the rollicking quality provided by co-founder Dave's guitar and enthusiastic whooping. Davies paid special attention to "You Really Got Me," performing it three times before the end of the evening. The group's big break didn't come through some well-connected promoter; "You Really Got Me" made The Kinks, and Davies shows obvious gratitude towards his song/child/benefactor.

New songs included "Art School Babe," a tale of unveiled love, and "In the X-Ray," a message song illustrating that ugliness, like beauty, is a relative thing.

During the intermission, I was mildly disappointed that most of the tunes were staples of Kinks' concert tours; I was hoping for a few obscure but beautiful album tracks. This omission was corrected in the second act with gems such as "Two Sisters," an impromptu version of "Harry Rag," and "Village Green."

"Village Green" provides a class illustration of why the Kinks have achieved greater popularity. In a time when rockers were dropping acid and turning psychedelic, Ray Davies sang:

I miss the village green/ And all the simple people/ I miss the village green/ The church, the clock, the steeple/ I miss the morning dew, fresh air, and Sunday school...

Davies has always marched to his own drummer, expressing his preference for simpler times and disdain for the extremes of our modern world.

However, it's this same individualism that the hard-core Kinks fans came for. They ate up such songs as "Well Respected Man," "Days," "Waterloo Sunset," and "Lola" like pure ambrosia, and recalled the words to 30-year-old album tracks without a moment's hesitation. In this they were in perfect synch with their idol. It's ironic that many of Davies' songs deal with his neuroses, yet as a performer, he's funny, confident, and charismatic. The joyous tone of the evening was set by Ray Davies' infectious enthusiasm for his life's work, the songs of The Kinks.

Ray Davies: 20th Century Man continues at the Westbeth Theatre Center on Bank Street in New York. The Westbeth Theatre is a civilized arena in which you can drink soda or, if you're of age, beer at your seat without fear of reprisal. Call Ticket Master at 212-307-7171 or the Westbeth Theatre box office at 212-691-2272 for dates, times, and ticket information.

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victoriously succeeded in their third studio release. It seems to be an anthological evolution of the hard Facelift and Dirt albums, with a twist of the melodically mellow Jar of Flies, thus summarizing their continual growth. Chilling yet humorous in a sick way, a three-legged dog haunts the cover of the new self-titled album, aptly substantiating rumors of the band missing its member and lead singer, Layne Staley. Although the three remaining members deny any mental departure on Staley's part due to the Mad Season side project or even his drug addiction, it doesn't seem to distract from their latest release. In fact, this departure may even have brought the three members closer, while allowing Cantrell to tip-toe his way onto the forefront, carrying more and more the weight of Alice's chains.

Since the unfolding of the band in 1987, Jerry Cantrell and Layne Staley have been building off each other, one musical brick at a time, further developing the unique niche that has become Alice In Chains. And yet the band is not without it's shortcomings, however baffling, fascinating, and obvious they are...

The colossal weight of Staley's widespread heroin addiction has sonically impaired the band, somewhat. Though being thrown onto the grunge bandwagon, labeled, and maligned by critics are only some of the many obstacles they've surmounted, it seems that Staley has been involved with all things Alice. In an interview with Michael Goldberg of Addicted To Noise Cantrell states, "I don't need to know what he's doing," explaining the isolated nature of his collaborator, "I've got that faith in him. Sit down behind the board, give him a mike and come back in an hour or two later and he's got the song down. I know he's going to do something great every time."

He will never admit it, so don't let Jerry Cantrell fool you into thinking that he's not the driving force behind Alice In Chains. Aside from penning their two singles: "Grind" and "Heaven Beside You," this lead guitarist writes most of the music with little help from the band, and shares the lyrical content with Staley. Cantrell proves this by opening the album with "Grind." This power-song is not merely the obligatory flagship of an album, but a fully armed consort battleship with Cantrell's lyrics, "In the darkest hole you'd be well advised/Not to plan my funeral before the body dies." The album, he also told Goldberg, "starts off with a f**k you." has made him the sick one. "Can I be as my God am?" and unwilling to exert the power to restore his vitality, thus resorts to a rather selfless pity. Cantrell takes this pity and overlaps it with brilliant guitarwork, climbing the scales of madness with equally frightful melodies.

Cantrell's "Over Now," signifies the end of the album, and the end of four long months of studio work. Cantrell finally vents the unfair amount of responsibility burdened on him by Staley's sporadic absence. "Yeah, it's over now/ But I can breathe somehow."

Cantrell has assumed the responsibility of organizing Staley's thoughts for the good of the band, and has been doing so, yet Staley's contribution has been gradually dissipating into random drug madness. Staley spews out raw goblets of art during inconsistent bursts of airy consciousness, then Cantrell bundles it, shapes it, cradles it, feeds it, solely nurtures it, and takes a step back to allow the emotion to mature so that it will find it's own place in the music.

Thus, in a nutshell, Cantrell creates the perfect recipe for Alice In Chains, with the ingredients available at hand, and they are plentiful. We can only hope that the stigma of Staley's drug addiction does not worsen further, so as to catch up with Cantrell's steady progression as a guitarist, songwriter, and consequent frontman. The catastrophic circumstances are revealed by Cantrell himself in the last line of the album, "We pay our debt sometime." Let us hope not.

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Iron Maiden concert, energy and reckless abandon

by Brian Aberback

On July 8, 1988, I attended my first rock concert. The band was Iron Maiden, the immensely popular heavy metal group, the place, a sold out Brendan Byrne arena. Much has changed since then. Heavy metal’s glory days are long over; bands that once played to 15,000 people a night now have to rely on their loyal fans who have been with them from the start to buy their albums and see their concerts. Such is the case with Iron Maiden, who performed on Friday, February 16, at the Academy Theatre in New York City.

Iron Maiden first appeared on the heavy metal scene with their debut album in 1980. As Maiden has been around for so long, the ages of the audience members varied from newer fans in their early twenties to thirtysomethings, who saw them sell out arenas 10 years ago. Maiden is touring in support of their new album, The X Factor, the first to feature new vocalist Blaze Bayley, who replaced longtime singer Bruce Dickinson. As Dickinson was very popular with fans and was actually one of the better singers in the heavy metal genre, the big question of the night was how Bayley would stack up performing the band’s older material.

The band opened the show with "Man On The Edge," the first single from the new album, and then launched into "Wrathchild," off of 1981’s Killers. Maiden, rounded out by bassist Steve Harris, guitarists Dave Murray and Janick Gers, and drummer Nicko McBrain, balanced their set with a dose of songs from the new album, including "Lord Of The Flies," "Fortunes of War," and the 11 minute epic "Sign Of The Cross," with older favorites such as "Two Minutes To Midnight," "Heaven Can Wait," "The Clairvoyant," and "The Evil That Men Do."

Bayley does not have Dickinson’s range, and his voice was buried in the bass’ heavy mix, but on the whole he did a credible job with the older material. Bayley had no problem in his role as frontman, as he continually got the crowd involved and proved himself as a dynamic performer with just as good a stage presence as Dickinson had. Bayley’s energy on stage was only outdone by guitarist Janick Gers.

Gers gave one of the most energetic performances I have ever seen at a rock concert. He was literally all over the stage. A whirling dervish who leaped and ran around so much that on several occasions, he actually got tangled up in his own guitar wire. Maiden finished their show with the perennial set closer, "Iron Maiden," and came back for an encore which consisted of "The Number Of The Beast," "Hallowed Be Thy Name," and "The Trooper."

Throughout the two hour performance, Maiden played with such enthusiasm, energy, and reckless abandon that they would put to shame many new bands half their age. Although the band members are in their mid-thirties to early forties, the term "dinosaurs" just does not apply to their performance. The only downside to the show was the sub-par sound and the absence from the set of the Maiden classic "Run To The Hills."

As long as Iron Maiden can continue to put on the kind of energetic, entertaining show they played Friday night and can rely on their loyal fans for support, there is no reason for them not to continue on into the 21st Century for a third decade of heavy metal mayhem.

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What if people lost their arms all at the same time?

by John J. O'Sullivan

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3) People would drown if they went to swim.
4) Making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches would really be messy.
5) Self abuse would be completely impossible (unless you are really flexible).
6) Chopping wood would be really dangerous, considering you would have to swing the ax with your mouth.
7) Bye bye Atari!
8) Timothy Leary would still be so strung out that he would probably not even notice the lack of arms.
9) A lot of people would crash into trees with their cars.
10) Workouts would take a lot less time.
11) Hugging would be more like moshing.
12) You'd have to pet your cat with either:
a) Your feet, which your cat would take on as an attack and would consequently scratch them into tiny bits, or
b) Your head, in which your cat would take on as an attack and would probably scratch out your eyes.
13) If I was typing this right now without my hands, it would look like this: vb mln bnv n.k.; kbh.vnp007f0ry678
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20) I still wouldn't be Homecoming King. (Now don't you all feel upset??? Huh???? You don't??? Oh, okay (sniffle).)

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Men's swimming finishes third at Metro Championships
Arnold heading to NCAA's

by Nick Gantafis

Last weekend, the MSU men's swimming team participated in the Metropolitan Championships at Trenton State College and finished third in a nine team tournament.

The Red Hawks had a total of seven first-place finishes and a number of school records set, including senior Mark Arnold's (Annandale) first-place finish in the 100 Back Stroke with a time of 52.70 and 200 Back Stroke with an automatic qualifying time of 1:53.34. Arnold's 200 Back Stroke time is a school record and it is his fourth year in a row that he qualifies for the NCAA Division III.

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Earlier in the season, Grosvenor qualified for the NCAA's in the 1500 meter run with a time of 15:00:14.

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process of learning. Discipline and the education of working with others is taught on athletic levels. An institution needs sports and an athletic department to make a better environment.

Norman Schoenig, head baseball coach is hoping for a resolution before a strike occurs.

"Hopefully everything will be resolved before a strike materializes so the student body is not effected."
**MSU on the ball; trounce Rutgers-Camden 85-59**

**Open NJAC playoffs against Rowan**

by Nick Gantalfis

The MSU women’s Basketball team (15-8, 13-5) capped their sea­son off with a blowout victory over Rutgers-Camden, 85-59, finishing fourth in the NJAC.

Junior guard Heidi Klingert (Linwood) paved the way for the Red Hawks as she scored 22 points to lead the Red Hawks to a 26 point victory. Senior center Kim Kovan (Hazel) finished her career as the all­time leader in blocked shots with 300 and rebounds with a career total of 955. Kovan blocked a total of 107 shots this season. Her seven rebounds versus Rutgers-Camden tied her for first place all-time with former MSU great Carolyn Savio.

Besides the great play of Klingert and Kovan, sophomore Jill Schultz (West Milford) contributed with 19 points and six steals. Schultz’s 19 points is the third time in the last six games that she has scored 17 or more points.

The Red Hawks rebounded nicely after coming off their home loss to the Pioneers of William Paterson 70-63. The difficult part of ending the season comes next for MSU as they face the undefeated Profs of Rowan College in Glassboro. The Profs are an awesome unprecedented 24-0 record. This will be the first round of the NJAC play-offs. The Rowan-MSU matchup is owned by MSU as the Red Hawks hold a 25-13 all-time advantage over the Profs. Last season MSU beat Rowan in the first round of the NJAC play-offs and have lost the last two match-ups versus the Profs by two game average of 24 points.

The secret to Rowan’s success is the fact that they jump out to early leads and never seem to look back. In order for MSU to be successful against Rowan they must prevent the Profs from running away with the game early on in play. In the last two games versus Rowan, the Profs have engineered ten point leads early in the game. MSU must also shoot better this time, unlike the last meet­ing when they shot a poor 37.7% against Rowan’s impressive 48%.

Tatayh Bowen of Rowan also remains a major threat to the Red Hawks as she poured in 22 and 21 points in the two games versus MSU. Bowen is only averaging 12.7 ppg, but she seems to rise to the occasion versus MSU. Bowen isn’t the only athlete who rises to the occasion in the heated rivalry. Aidil Borrero (Jersey City) scored 15 and 16 points in both contests versus the smooth Profs. Undoubtedly, Rowan does have many weapons that can finish a team off in a hurry. Sharron Laddy, the leading scorer in the NJAC is averaging 18.6 ppg, but the MSU defense has held her under her season average in the previous two contests.

In the past three seasons, the Red Hawks have a combined record of 49-26, including an ECAC Metro NY/ NJ Championship in ’93-94 and an NJAC Championship last season. Coach Gloria Bradley has lead her team to success since taking over three years ago. This is the third consecutive season the Red Hawks have made the post-season and hope to make the NCAA’s and the ECAC Tournament which will be selected following the NJAC play-off tournament.

**The strike would be a damn shame**

by Nick Gantalfis

I know everyone is sick of hearing about this so-called strike that may occur beginning next Thursday if there isn’t an agreement by 7:00 A.M. February 29. Since I am a sports fan and a college sports fan it would be a damn shame to see MSU athletes go down the drain with the rest of the state schools programs. I know this sounds greedy, but losing out on an education is one thing but losing out on a sports opportunity is on a totally different level. Just joking. (Yeah right).

Wouldn’t it be a shame to see some of our talented baseball stars be deprived from another winning season? How about all those rising future major leaguers, possibly not being drafted. What about our softball team and all the seniors who could maybe miss out on their final year of eligibility. We have up and coming track stars who need straightaways to compete on. This strike shit is really/shit. Are any of these people in higher places than where we are considering the consequences and those who are truly going to suffer. Hasn’t there been two previous strikes in this schools history? So you mean to tell me you’re going to possibly do this again. Get a grip and understand there is more at stake than meets the eye. The state and the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) better think hard and above all quickly, because losing an education and sports just doesn’t go together in the same sentence.

The coaches and staff members who participate with the athletic program at MSU really love the sports program this school has to offer. It would be a tough situation for those who feel for the union and those who feel for the game. If I’m mistaken I would say all this strike and union talk sounds all too familiar. Yes, everyone, this strike business even happens in lower key places like college institutions and MSU rather than big sports industries like Major League Baseball. Let’s all sit down and just talk this nonsense over.

**First the Fat Boys break up, and now this**

by Bob Czechowicz

Well, spring training just started, and already there is somebody requesting a trade, sort of. Yankee shortstop Tony Fernandez has asked that if the Yankees are going to trade him, to do so soon. The reason he “wants” to be traded is that Derek Jeter, the 21-year-old sensation that the Yanks want to be their shortstop, is the reason he wants to be traded. Fernandez shouldn’t give up that easily. If he has an ounce of pride in himself, he should get on his horse and show the coaching staff why he is a former Golden Glove Award winner. Either that, or he could shoot Jeter, than Jeter’s mom would kill him, and I could play shortstop. Why not? I was good in Little League. I even made the All-Star Game two years in a row! The highlight of my Little League career was when I got beaned in the head by a fastball. It hurt. A lot. After lying motionless for about ten minutes, I denied the coach from putting someone in for me, and I walked myself to first base. A la Willis Reed.

Regarding my Pseudo-headline, no, I am not a lefty and I know that the ball looks big, but Clip-Art is only so advanced. Back to business.

Ray Allen. Arguably the best college basketball player in the land. Not only is this guy a great player, he’s got class. Look for him to be the next Grant Hill type player in the NBA. I mean what is, even though he’s a rookie, players will respect him not only for his play, but for his attitude.

I’d write about Jell-O, but it has nothing to do with sports.

Two words to the NFL: look out. Deion Sanders has decided not to play baseball for a year to devote his time to football. He said he wants to be a great receiver, as well as a great defender. He will attend his first full training camp in July. He once spent two weeks at the Atlanta Falcons training camp. Baseball kept him away the rest of the time. I’m sure this makes Dan Grigal happy.

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MSU athletes face uncertainty if teachers strike

by Nick Gantalfis

Union representatives have Thursday, February 29 set as a strike deadline for the American Federation of Teachers (AFT), unless negotiations for a contract agreement is reached.

This is an unfortunate situation for the university, faculty and staff and most of all for the student body. This is also unfortunate for the Intercollegiate Athletics here at MSU. What would happen to the sports and athletic department if a strike did take place? Could the sports at MSU be totally cancelled until a settlement is reached? These are all questions that one would ask themselves or ask people in higher places who would know. The only problem is that those in higher places aren’t too sure on what the outcome may be. Greg Lockard, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics here at MSU, has no real idea on what the outcome of a strike would do to the sports and athletic department. “I don’t have a comment at this time,” stated Lockard. “We would have to see what the magnitude and impact might be. At this time any speculation would only be guessing.”

There are many consequences that athletes, coaches and staff will face if a strike occurs. Losing a season could happen and if a season isn’t lost perhaps half a season or even a few weeks will be washed away. Practice could be lost and when an athlete loses practice, he/she loses a whole lot with that. Brian McLaughlin, head coach of MSU’s women’s tennis, and men and women’s swimming, would have to seriously think about what he might do in a case of a strike. “I can’t speak on behalf of all the staff and coaches here, but I would have to contemplate on our one or two swimmers who are heading to the NCAAs,” stated McLaughlin. “Everyday an athlete doesn’t practice they are being effected. Once they miss that it’s over and they can never get it back.”

MSU’s Mark Arnold, who had the meet of his life last weekend at the Metropolitanals, has a chance to finish in the top eight at the NCAAs and without practice and the support and coaching of McLaughlin he may never achieve that goal. “At this point, I’m probably learning towards coaching that specific person who has qualified for the NCAAs,” stated McLaughlin. “Arnold has been with me for the past four years and he has the opportunity to reach a goal he has been working towards for the last four years. I don’t know if I could do that without me. If I had to guess today, I would coach, and I think the faculty would understand if I cross the line to do that.”

Some coaches and staff members who are associated with athletics at MSU can’t even imagine what might happen if by February 29 at 7:00 A.M. a contract agreement isn’t reached. Head track coach Gerald Benson doesn’t even have an idea on what he would do in a situation like this. “I couldn’t even tell you. Honestly, I haven’t even given any thought about it,” stated Benson.

According to some coaches, no one has been informed about anything. Everything seems to be playing by ear. “No one knows or has been told anything,” stated Rick Giancola, Head football and assistant baseball coach. “We are going through our regular business at hand until someone tells us differently.”

At this time no one really knows how long a strike would last if there actually is one. Students will be provided with a telephone number at “Strike Headquarters” which is located at the Newman House. A representative will be there to answer anyone’s questions concerning this unfortunate situation.

No matter the length of a strike if one does occur, the only people who will be severely effected is the student body not only at MSU but other state schools throughout the state. Sports and an athletic department plays a major role in the lives of those who attend higher institutions of learning. There is more to athletics than simply fun and games. Athletics is another part of the everyday life of the student body not only at MSU but other state schools throughout the state.