Students assured strike will not effect grades

by Greg MacSweeney and Tom Boul/INU

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 pursue 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."

"It is not fair to students to be pressured by faculty or administration. They are the ones caught in the middle and the students can be assured that both the faculty and administration feel for the position that they are in," said Franke.

Franke added that if a teacher is going to teach during the strike and the student does not agree with crossing the picket lines, that the students of the class should get to -

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CWA, other unions pledge support for AFT

by Greg MacSweeney/INU

"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 finding 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 living 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 spokesman, 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 personal 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 Kamel 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. With 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 Judge Edward Mattch 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 was not 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 90 percent of MSU's faculty to the picket lines at all college entrances.

Dauder said he will call AFT Strike Coordinator Richard Fick 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 the foodtruck drivers' unions 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 interrupted food service. "The food service is under contract to serve the students and they better 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.
FIRE ALARM
Feb. 6 at 5:26 p.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 Clove 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.

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and officer responded to a report of the ceiling on the Blanton walkway. Of­ ficers located the shut off valves and cut the electricity. The male resident arrived and removed the stove and the electricity. The male resident left.

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.

GAS LEAK
Feb. 7 at 6:30 p.m. in Blanton Hall the dining service manager reported that a stove was leaking gas. Officers shut off the system and contacted PSE&G.

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 located the shut off valves and controlled the leak. The area was roped off and salted.

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.

Feb. 8 at 6:35 p.m. on the Blanton Hall walkway by Lot 17 an officer noticed a male laying on the pavement holding his right knee. She was taken to the Health Center and later transported to Mountainside Hospital.

Feb. 14 at 5:55 p.m. in Calcia Hall a female reported cutting her hand while cutting a piece of wood. She was transported to Mountainside Hospital.

DAMAGED 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.

Feb. 10 at 11:20 a.m. in Lot 6 an exiting car drove over the grass to bypass the locked gate. The driver was issued a municipal ticket.

FUEL SPILL
Feb. 14 on Heating Plant Way the fire marshall noticed gasoline running down the street. Maintenance was notified and applied and absorbent 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 Blanton Hall resident and the other was a visitor.

ATTEMPTED THEFT
Feb. 1 between 10:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. in Lot 25 a 1988 Mercury Grand Marquis was reported to have its driver's side door lock damaged.

THEFT
Feb. 8 a male employee reported that his paycheck was stolen. He was advised that check had already been cashed. The matter is currently under investigation.

Feb. 9 between 1 and 1:20 p.m. in Sprague Library a female reported her wallet stolen from her jacket. She reported at 3 p.m. that her wallet was found in the music building missing the cash.

Feb. 9 between 12 and 12:30 p.m. in Bohn Hall a female reported various items stolen from her room after taking a shower. The door was left unlocked.

Feb. 17 between 10:15 and 10:20 a.m. in Dickson Hall a male reported his wallet stolen from his coat after going to the restroom. At 12:15 p.m. he reported that a female returned his wallet to his house.

THEFT OF A MOTOR VE­ HICLE
Feb. 6 between 11:15 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. in Lot 28 a 1988 Mazda RX7 was reported stolen. It has not been recovered.

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Feb. 19 a female reported a "weird male" going by the name "Bob" in November 1995 who had given her a letter and had been following and watching her and campus. In the beginning of 1996, he stopped her to introduce his mother. A composite sketch was made of "Bob." On Feb. 19 the police contacted "Bob" and questioned him. He stated that the letter he had given her was just a list of song titles. He also said that he was attracted to her, but agreed to stay away from her. No charges were signed against "Bob".

SIMPLE ASSAULT

Feb. 15 at 5:15 p.m. at College Avenue a male reported that he was assaulted by a known male while he was waiting for a bus. Officers dispatched to the scene picked up the suspect who stated that he just pushed the victim. Neither party agreed to sign a complaint. The matter is being handled by the Dean of Students.

Feb. 16 at 10 a.m. in the Maintenance Building two co-workers got into a dispute regarding work being done at a campus building. Both declined to sign complaints. The incident was reported to the maintenance supervisor.

ARREST

Feb. 14 at 2 p.m. at Blanton Hall police responded to a call of a domestic violence situation. Upon investigation, it was determined that the male was not properly signed into the building. Tysson Evans was arrested for Defiant Trespassing. Pamela Graham was arrested for Aggravated Assault after she began choking Evan and cut his jacket with a pair of scissors and set the jacket on fire while he was still wearing it. At 5:30 p.m. Graham was arraigned at the Little Falls Municipal Court. $25,000 bail with no 10 percent was given to Graham. She was taken to Passaic County Jail at 7:50 p.m. because she could not make bail. Graham was also suspended from MSU pending a meeting with the Dean of Students. A Pre-Indictment Procedure is scheduled for March 6 at 9 a.m. at the Passaic County Superior Court.

Phonathon volunteers help reach fund raising goal

by Lee Volkman

Tonight marks the third night of the Annual Fund Phonathon at the Alumni House where volunteers are avidly raising funds for MSU. However, there are more fund-raising sessions scheduled and volunteers are still needed to make calls nightly from Feb. 26-29.

Faculty, staff, alumni and students from organizations such as Psi Sigma Sigma, Alpha Kappa Psi, Alpha Omega, the Student Leadership Corp., of EOF, Residence Life and the Management Club have been making calls. Many alumni have been reached and their generous contributions are helping the Alumni Association come closer to its goal of raising $50,000.

"Everything has been going smoothly so far and we're really making progress. Tuesday night was particularly exciting when an alum from the class of 1936 pledged $5,000 in unrestricted funds," said Hollie Stephens, director of Alumni Relations.

Alumni donations will be used for scholarships, faculty support, and funding for faculty/student research within the community. Contributions will also go towards the maintenance and improvement of school programs and materials.

And along with raising funds for MSU, volunteers are eligible to win several prizes. Each night a $25 award is given out to the person who raises the most money during that particular night. "Our organization, Psi Sigma Sigma, decided to participate simply to help out one of our sisters who works at the Alumni House. I guess volunteering can be rewarding in many different ways," said Jackie Ruege, Monday night's winner.

At the end of the phonathon, all of the donations will be tallied and 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes will be awarded to the organizations ($250, $100 and $50 respectively) and the individuals ($100, $50 and $25 respectively) who have raised the most money overall. Everyone who participates will receive an MSU "volunteer" t-shirt, and various other prizes are given away nightly.

The Alumni Phonathon serves a complimentary dinner including meals such as pizza, pasta and fried chicken. After dinner, some basic guidelines are explained and then calls are made from 6-9 p.m. No experience is necessary to participate in the phonathon, and it's up to students or organizations when and how often you decide to help out.

To get involved in the Alumni Annual Fund Phonathon, either stop by the Alumni House which is located right off-campus at 34 Normal Ave., or contact Hollie Stephens at 655-4141 for further details.

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 Meachem 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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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 do 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 on 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, 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 Margaree 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.

AFT INFORMATION HOTLINE.
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An Appeal To Students

Help us all avoid a strike. Call or write Governor Whitman, your State Senator, and your State Assemblypersons.

Do it today.

The absence of a fair contract offer by February 29 will result in a strike on that day at 7:00 am.

In the final days preceding a strike, you can get up-to-date and accurate information from:

**AFT Local 1904**
**Strike Headquarters**
**Newman Catholic Center**
**894 Valley Road**

**Strike Center Telephone:**
746-4156 (5 lines)

Sample Student Letter

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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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DISTRICT 36 (Parts of Bergen County)
The Maya Ball Game: A Lesson In Culture

by Anthony R. O'Donnell

A relief image shows the victorious player and the vanquished in costumes of comparable splendor, their protective gear ornamented by cords, plates, plumes and richly carved animal figures. They assume a similar attitude 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 the central image of the ball parable splendor, their protective garb of medieval art and court culture. The event was funded by a grant from Global Ed.

Evidence of the game's practice is found in contemporary accounts by Spanish Conquistadors, in the Maya book Popol Vuh, and in the well-preserved remains of the courts where the game was played, said Sarro. This evidence shows that the game was a pervasive feature of mesoamerican culture and was played not only in Maya territory but in Aztec domains to the north, sites as far south as modern El Salvador and as far away as Puerto Rico. Mesoamerican 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.

Le Cercle Français is organizing a trip to Quebec province as far south as modern El Salvador and as far away as Puerto Rico. These items, named for their resemblance to lacing 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 in mind, it is easy to imagine that the 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.

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 Bordeau.

Le Cercle Français is considering visiting several areas of the province, he said. "It's safe to say we are going to Montreal and Quebec City. We are also thinking of visiting other areas such as Lac St-Jean, the Laurentide Mountains, and the Gaspésie (Quebec's seaside hotspot 600 miles NE of Montreal). 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."

Bordeau 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 I and a couple of club officers showed up. We have been having trouble finding a time that will fit within 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."

Bordeau said the film festival will be an on-campus event featuring a series of French films. Bordeau added that Le Cercle Français is also thinking about a cultural excursion to the Big Apple.

In terms of budget, Bordeau 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." Bordeau said that future fundraisers will determine how much Le Cercle Français can discount the trip.

Bordeau 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 Montreal since it's a cosmopolitan city as well as a bilingual city. It's also much cleaner than New York."

Bordeau 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 stickler, 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 Bordeau 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 Bachelors 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 special program counselor 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 Cafeterias, we would like to thank everyone for coming out to the Afri-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

Montclair State University
Jewish Student Union
Invites You For Lunch At
Bagels and Binyamin

When: February 27, 1996
Time: 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Where: Student Center Room #407

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To RSVP or for more information...please call us @ 201-655-5280

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LECTURES/SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS

Thursday 2/22 - "The Emergence of the Black Panther Party and The Future of the Revolution" Brother Bobby Seal. Student Center Ballrooms A+B. 7p.m.

Monday 2/26 - Eating Disorders Workshop. 12-2p.m. S.C. Room 419. - Peggy Orenstein, author of School Girls. S.C. Ballrooms 7p.m. - "Nigeria and Information Technology Transfer" - Dr. Longy Anyanwu. S.C. Ballroom C. 6:30p.m.

Wednesday 2/28 - Emerging from a History of Oppression: Achieving the Best Kind of Loving" - Dr. Gwendolyn Grant. S.C. Ballrooms A+B. 7p.m.

Thursday 2/29 - "The African American Business Owner: Survival Through Competitive Business" - Dr. Ed Bewayo and Dr. Jerry Midgette. S.c. room 419, 6:30p.m.

EVENTS

Saturday 2/24 - Bus Trip to Schomberg + Sylvia's Bus Leaves from S.C. 8:30 a.m. - College Bowl Tournament. 10-3p.m. S.C. Ballrooms.

Monday 2/26 - Free Coffee and Bagels for Commuter Students at the Clove Road Shuttle Bus area from 8 - 9:30 AM.

Thursday 2/29 - WSO 1st Anniversary Reception with speaker Dr. Yvonne Thornton. S.C. Ballroom 3 - 4:30p.m.

Tuesday 3/4 - He Said/She Said, A Controversial Issue on Rape: How far is too far? Dickson 178 & 7p.m.

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Tuesday 2/27 - International Dance Exhibition sponsored by Psi Phi Sorority. 7:30p.m. in the RATT.

WEEKLY

Every Wednesday - French Club Meetings. Now 12-1p.m. Dickson Room 115.

Every Friday - Muslim Student Association Gatherings. 3-4p.m. Student Center Annex. Room 205

Every Sunday - Mass. 11a.m. Dickson Hall, Room 178; 6-30p.m. Newman Catholic Center.

To announce your club's events and meetings send all information via e-mail to FEIGLES. Events are subject to change without notice.

Calendar events are due in the Montclarion office by 4 p.m. Mon.

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PIC FROM L-R: Chef Maurice Thomas, Sup. Beth Anderson, Coord. Andrea "Nicky" Rouse, and Chef Al Green

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MONTCLAIRION 11
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 roommates. 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.

The Commuter Connection
by Val Winlow

The main purpose of the Commuter Connection is to highlight for the total campus community some commuter students who have achieved high accomplishments, despite their demanding lifestyles. It will also give other students, staff, and faculty the opportunity to get to know about the off-campus work commuter students are doing, and the great achievements they are making as leaders in a variety of settings.

Campus events, sponsored by students who commute, will also be presented in this column so that commuter students can plan ways to connect with other campus groups and people who have diverse backgrounds and cultures.

In this commuter connection update, commuter student Dodi Barbaloza is being highlighted. Dodi is a volunteer leader with the Catch Program which is sponsored by the YMCA. Dodi works with girls from the Oakwood Avenue Elementary School in Orange, New Jersey. The purpose of the Catch Program is to reach out or "catch" young, underprivileged girls, and help them learn how to feel good about themselves.

Dodi, a senior at MSU, is majoring in Human Ecology with a concentration in Early Childhood Development. She gives time to young girls who are in need of individual attention, and need to feel like they belong. Because Dodi loves kids and finds them unique and special, she feels that it is important to work closely with underprivileged girls to show them that they are unique and special. Dodi does this by first making the members feel good about themselves - build self-esteem.

During her weekly meetings with the members of the group, Dodi encourages the girls to talk about significant issues that they are concerned about. "This is done during the member's "share time" where they discuss their wants, desires, persona problems, and other matters that affect them," Dodi said.

According to Dodi, when a member is dealing with a problem during share time, the other members surround her to provide comfort. Dodi keeps a discussion box with her during the sessions in case one of the members does not want to verbally express an issue. "By doing this, issues that the members might be nervous about discussing eventually get out into the open," according to Dodi.

The members feel good after they have expressed an issue. Dodi also feels good when she leaves each session because she feels she is making a difference.

Dodi, a member of the Commuter Student Organization, is the mother of a 4-year-old boy named Joseph, who attends MSU's Child Care Center. After graduating from MSU, Dodi would like to teach in an elementary school, or go into the social service field.

Dodi was introduced to the Catch Program by Lisa Novemsky from the Home Economics Department.
ers become alert and energized said Roger Cervantes, junior history major who needs a caffinated 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 beneficial for health.

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 have also been found to overindulge on high fat diets, and tend to be physically inactive. "I'm a walking timebomb," said Donna Kerstner, 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," said Bob Jones, a graduate student enrolled in the Masters in Teaching program. Bob, now a tea drinker, no longer gets headaches.

Unfortunately caffeine creates dependency. Symptoms such as headaches, fatigue, lethargy, muscle pain, and overall bad moods 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.

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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 caffinated beverage in the morning or at work to stay alert.

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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CAROLINE

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LISA, NICOLE, WENDY AND CYNDI (PHI SIG),
UGLY KID JOE IS MY IDOL,
IPSL, GUESS WHO?

HEY PHI SIGMA SIGMA,
IT'S THURSDAY NIGHT - YOU KNOW WHERE WE'RE GOING? ON OH, A MILLER?
LISA (PHI SIG),
BINGO WITH MOM SHOULD BE A FUN THURSDAY.
OK SKOOL, GET OFF YOUR CHOPPER. I'M GONNA REPLACE YOUR RICE-DREAM WITH SOME MILK OR 16 G HITTING THE BEAT?"

THOSE THINGS ARE JUST GETTING BILLIERS AND BILLIERS.
LISA (PHI SIG),
BINGO WITH MOM SHOULD BE A FUN THURSDAY, NITE ACTIVITY AFTER ALL THOSE MIXERS.
CAROLINE (PHI SIG),
DANCING ON THE CHAIRS!
OLD HABITS DIE HARD!
JENNIFER

RUSH PHI SIGMA SIGMA

HEY CAROLINE (PHI SIG)

BEASTIES RULE!
I DIDN'T GET A HAT THIS DAY NITE AFTER ALL THOSE MIXERS.

THANKS FOR BRINGING THIS 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!
PHI CHEERLEADERS

SORRY ABOUT THE BLOODY NOSE! I GAVE YOU AND NEXT TIME WATCH OUT FOR THE BUTTON WHEN YOU GO DOWN A CLIFF, MIGUEL.

FINALLY A NIGHT OF DANCING.
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TO THE TWO MUS & 90 AND 92.
I OPENED THE CAN AND OUT CAME THE WORM.
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TO MY LITTLE ERIC ((TX)),
HAPPY BIRTHDAY SWEETIE! GO TO TOWN TO-NIGHT AND PARTY HARD! JUST WHATEVER YOU DO, TRY TO STAY OUT OF TROUBLE.
LOVE, YOUR ADOPTED BIG PS BEWARE OF THE SHOWER.
TO THE "CUTE BOY" FROM (TKE),
NOW THAT IM 21, DO YOU THINK MAYBE YOU'LL LET ME BUY YOU THAT BEER? I OWE YOU OR SHALL WE GO POOL AGAIN AND UP THE STAKES? MAYBE DANISH AND A MOVIE?
LOVE YA, YOU KNOW WHO

PHI SIGMA SIGMA, ASSUME THE POSITION.
JENNIFER

I DON'T WANT TO DANCE AGAIN.
CAROLINE

YOU DO, TRY TO STAY OUT OF TROUBLE.
TOM (TKE)

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WE ARE ALL SO PROUD TO BE A PART OF YOUR TEAM!
MU'S 90 AND 92,
TO THE SISTERS OF PHI SIGMA,
PHI SIGMA SIGMA,
YOU TELL ME WHO YOU ARE?

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IT WAS GREATLY APPRECIATED!!

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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 should not cave in to their demands. No one made these people become teachers; they did it of their own free will. If they don’t think that they are making enough money then they are free to go into the workplace and try to match the income and benefits they are receiving at this time in another place. Teachers feel as if they are not subject to giving into their health care benefit package or taking pay cuts. Are they aware of the world we are living in today? They should be grateful that they have a job. If they feel as if they are a priceless commodity here at MSU, I think they are dead wrong. Thousands of teachers would love to get the jobs teachers have here. What message are we sending our students when teachers strike? Growing up we are told that you compromise and don’t give up. The message that teachers send when they strike is that things are not going our way, so we are giving up and quitting until we get our way. Doesn’t this make you want to question why we have these people teaching our students?

I realize that this next statement is a stretch but I feel as if it would be a bold statement: If teachers strike on February 29 at 7:00 a.m., I would love to see them all fired at 7:01 a.m.? Yes, I do realize that the reality of that statement is very far from what will likely be done. Once again we will give into the demands and do business as usual. Some will say that we must do this in order for school to “run as usual,” and so that there are no big waves generated. I truly believe that waves need to be generated in order for this to change! The first wave to be generated is always the hardest fought; but once it catches on we are no big waves generated. I truly believe that we need to generate the assurance of the administration that we are not sending our students when teachers strike? Growing up we are told that you compromise and don’t give up. Doesn’t this make you want to question why we have these people teaching our students?

I urge you to stick to your guns and not give in to the union demands.

Karen E. Achille

**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 1998 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 the student is 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. Please let our light under the basket be seen and in this case also be heard.

Thank you for your assistance and understanding of our plight.

Olga Gantafis
English major

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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 28. Both sides have dug in their feet, and neither party seems ready to budge. And 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 life 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. 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

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
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 can not 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 preserve 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’s plan to merge organization is harmful to college relations

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 $60,000 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.

Inherent of his response was the idea of working towards a non-discriminatory atmosphere on campus. Mr. Gonzalez attempts to undermine egalitarian ideals with falsehoods, pretty words, and empty phrases.

Unfortunately, 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 affiliation peppered with false accusations designed to attack my credibility.

Notable among his ad homonym 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 man is 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 cut of up to 10 percent of their pay. This is a small fraction of the amount the colleges and universities spend to attract and retain their faculties.

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 retain the best in industry. Do they really think they can buy the teachers out of 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 assembly. This is a higher education institution we should already know how to do this. However, where is this brochure? It should have and could have been produced that very afternoon. The whole SGA should have been out on campus making waves and handing it out. The whole SGA should have been out on campus making waves and handing it out.

The focus of attention has become a strike that has not yet happened. It should instead be on the appalling offer to our teachers. This is the problem, not the strike. I can understand the concerns of the 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 workforce 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, our taxes, 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 hardly 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—this must be heard.
Native American
by Joseph Paternoster

Fairmont, West Virginia was one of the middle class towns that make up the landscape of America. Most of the town's residents were coal miners, just as their fathers and grandfathers had been. The outlook for Fairmont was bright. "Last summer," a miner I met said, "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 government. The city has been devastated, but it has become just one Marion County, where Fairmont is dismissed all of its 368 workers last year. Fairmont, West Virginia was one of the nation's largest coal producers, and it was shut down. 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 "primary jobs" because they get secondary jobs that can be primary employers and their workers. In Marion County, for example, the closing of the mines and the loss of the mining supply companies has led to 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 $200 million more a year outside the county than in it. "It hurts," an underestimating 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 technology 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 a third of that. And according to a report of the county government, for 1994 and 1995 there were applications for 21 construction jobs, hardly an even trade. 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 public schools lose 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 just isn't our style," Mr. Reese said. They are too busy working to support their family and the country. Unfortunately, the Screamers yellers are the owners who support things like the Clean Air Act — and that's who the Liberals and Democrats listen to.

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International Warbaby
by Raf Ricci

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. There are also those who fear their graduation may be postponed.

I've also heard a whole lot of anger 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 without 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 since then, 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 wretting 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 union than in a non-unionized system. In a massive federal system. A union typically provides for a pension plan that can be inherited by the family if the worker dies. Unions also help take care of their members' children, day care and child care, or 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 then were forced to be more concerned with the workers here. 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, attend 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 the faces of your kids, and the fact that you owe the unions, and I hope you will try to repay that debt.
Danceworks ’96 Abstract & Intense Imagery

by Ertna 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. Loni Ratlifer, dance division coordinator and artistic director, designed a conglomeration about the memories of the dancers’ loved ones in Breath Takes 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 Patrick 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 Sprtngman

"Last Friday night, my wife and I braved the unmitigated 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 joyous evening with the lead singer and songsmith for 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 intermixed with "the fomented ranting of a sex-crazed rock-and-roller"—readings from Davies' recent autobiography, X-Ray. Davies skillfully impersonates sleazy 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 six 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 in Davies' life.

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However, it's this same individuality that the hard-core Kinks fans came for. They ate up hits such as "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 unrequited love, and "In the X-Ray," a message song illustrating that ugliness, like beauty, can be skin deep.

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 "Happy Rag," and "Village Green.

"Village Green" provides a classic illustration of why the Kinks haven't 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.

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The Weight of Alice’s Chains

by Guy Shahar

Despite the condemnation that is associated with a band riddled with rumors of drug addiction and personality conflicts, Alice In Chains have successfully 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 labeled by critics are only some of the many obstacles they’ve surmounted, it seems that Staley has been haunted by 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 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 do not 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 battlewith 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 fuck you.”

The dark, dreary, self-deploiring tone of “Sludge Factory” is the lyrical semblance of Layne Staley’s incurable pain. Look in my eyes deep and watch the clouds change with time/20 hours won’t print my picture milk carton size. Staley croons, yet this sentiment does not last long: Now the body of one soul I adore wants to die/ You have always told me you’d not live past 25/ I say stay long enough to repay all who caused strife. Staley’s contribution is not only lyrical. His emotional ghost-cries flood the song coalescing with Cantrell’s subtle interplay leading to the great “Your weapon is guilt.” (S:42:5:50) These are some of the best eight seconds of music today, sealing their artistic partnership in a bond made up of Cantrell’s sensitivity to Staley’s depression.

“God Am” is an outright naked step out into the cold, a journey perhaps more shocking than it is vulnerable. Staley pursues the existence of a drug god, “Invite you in my heart, then/ When done, my sins forgiven?/ This God of mine relaxes,” but soon finds out he is traveling down a one-way dead end street, “All bloomin’ life you’re feeding/ Can’t hide sick ones you’re weeding.” Staley is arrogant now that he realizes that his lack of will power 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 gobbets 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 its 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 at a time 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.
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions-forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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

by John J. O'Sullivan

1) Dialing the telephone would really be a pain.
2) Baseball players would have to hit the ball with their heads.
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 mlm bnbv n,k;.kbh.vmnpOo7t6ry678
14) Jumping jacks would really look silly.
15) Everyone's hair would look like Kramer's hair.
16) When you go to McDonald's™, you'd have to balance the tray on your head.
17) Michael Jordan would still kick all of our collective asses in basketball.
18) Hopscotch would be really enjoyable.
19) Breakdancers would be out of jobs (as if they aren't now; duh!)
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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MSU survives scare; outlasts Rutgers-Camden 79-76

by Bob Czecchowicz

When the MSU men's basketball team traveled to Camden on Saturday, they probably thought that they would win, and win easily. Well, as the saying goes, one out of two isn't bad. MSU (9-15, 6-12) was forced into overtime by Rutgers-Camden (0-24, 0-17), a team whose losing streak now stands at 108. In overtime, MSU took control, and came out on top, 79-76.

Doug Dreby of Rutgers-Camden knocked down a huge three-pointer with four seconds left on the clock to knot the score at 68-68 and force overtime. In OT, Marquis Henry sank four foul shots as MSU was nine of ten from the free-throw line in the extra session. MSU turned two costly Rutgers-Camden turnovers into four points which gave them a 72-68 lead. They never looked back from there.

MSU was lead by Rohan Sutherland who scored 23 points with three 3-pointers and six free throws. Second leading scorer for the Red Hawks was freshman Andy Weinman, who finished off the game with 12 points. For Rutgers-Camden, Vincent Kennedy came off the bench and scored a game-high 24 points.

MSU finished off the season with a 9-15 overall record and a 6-12 record in the NJAC. Rutgers-Camden's record is now 0-24 overall, 0-17 NJAC, and their NCAA record losing streak stands at 108. The NJAC playoffs begin tonight, with the final on Saturday.

Cathy Grosvenor qualifies for NCAA's

by Bob Czecchowicz

MSU junior Kathy Grosvenor ran an NCAA-qualifying and meet best time of 5:06:31 in the mile run at the Collegiate Track Conference Championships at Southern Connecticut in New Haven.

Not only that, but Grosvenor also came back later in the day to win the 3,000 meter run with a time of 10:28:24.

Earlier in the season, Grosvenor qualified for the NCAA's in the 1500 meter run with a time of 5:10:00.
**MSU on the ball; trounce Rutgers-Camden 85-59**

Open NJAC playoffs against Rowan

*by Nick Gantafis*

The MSU women’s Basketball team (13-8, 13-9) 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 Kovar (Hazlet) finished her career as the all-time leader in blocked shots with 300 and rebounds with a career total of 995. Kovar blocked a total of 107 shots this season. 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 Kovar, 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 boast 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%.

Takiyah 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. Attili 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 Gantafis*

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 goes down the drain with the state and the American Federation of College institutions and MSU rather than big sports industries like Major League Baseball. Let’s all sit down and just talk this nonsense over.

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. What I mean 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.

I used to ride my big wheel.
Red Hawk Sports Week

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**The Montclarion's Athlete of the Week**

- **NAME:** Heidi Klingert
- **YEAR:** Junior
- **POSITION:** Guard
- **H.S.:** Pilgrim Academy

Heidi scored 22 points against Rutgers-Camden, helping the Red Hawks to a 26 point victory.

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MSU athletes face uncertainty if teachers strike

by Nick Cantaffis

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.

There could be lost, and if he/she loses a whole lot with that, Brian McLaughlin, head coach of 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.”

“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 Metropolitans, 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 leaning 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 he 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 P.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...