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by Greg MacSweeney

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International

Cuban Military Pilots Knowingly Fired at Civilian Plane—Transcripts of aerial radio conversations released on Tuesday prove that Cuban military pilots knowingly and illegally shot down two civilian planes flown by Cuban exiles without warning, an act of "cold-blooded murder" according to Madeleine Albright, the chief American delegate to the U.N. The transcripts weren’t enough for the Security Council, which gave a weak condemnation of the act, apparently influenced by China and Russia’s demand to hear the Cuban government’s version of the incident.

Canada Testing the V-Chip—While the U.S. has just passed new legislation requiring a computer chip device to block out violence and sex on television, Canada’s cable companies emphasize voluntary parental control over governmental legislation in blocking out offensive programs and hope to work with American broadcasters on a joint classification system for a North American V-chip. Arafat’s Police Hunt Bombers—Pushed hard by the Israeli government, the Palestinian police investigating two suicide bombings that killed 27 people on Sunday rounded up Islamic militants and identified two missing Palestinians from a refugee camp as suspects. Meanwhile, a Palestinian-American visiting the U.S. who lost control of his vehicle and ran into a bus stop on a Jerusalem street was killed by Israeli bystanders who mistook the accident for a terrorist attack.

Foreign Leaders are Wary of Buchanan—Ever since Buchanan won the New Hampshire primary, capitals from Mexico City to Tokyo have sounded their alarm at his politically toxic rhetoric and isolationist image. Much to his embarrassment, Buchanan’s only foreign endorsement came from Russian ultranationalist Vladimir V. Zhirinovsky, who suggested that they cooperate on deporting Jews. While most foreign governments say they aren’t worried about Buchanan winning, Bush and Clinton are likely to say that the announcement provides the IRA with new strength.

Britain and Ireland Restart Peace Effort—The Irish and British Governments announced agreement on a new initiative to revive the Northern Ireland peace effort, with prime ministers of both countries agreeing to meet and disclose further details. While British and Irish Government officials are likely to say the announcement provides the IRA with the benefits and pressure to work with the British, and that London and Dublin had already been close to an agreement before the violence resumed, supporters of the IRA cause are likely to say that the bombings hardened British concessions. The agreement on a date and other aspects of the talks put an immediate end on Sinn Fein’s current cease-fire from the IRA.

National

 Victim of Jerusalem Bombing Eulogized—One thousand mourners, including Governor Whitman and Collette Avital, the Israeli Consul General in New York, filled the Beth Sholom Congregation and spilled over into the street, alternately crying and laughing over the memories of four speakers who shared their recollections of Sara Duker, the 22-year-old New Jersey resident who, along with her fiance, Matthew Eisenfeld, was killed in a Jerusalem bombing last Sunday. "She was at once a lively intellect and a gentle soul, a rare combination," said Nahum J. Duker, a cousin of Sara’s, during the ceremony. After the service, Duker's body was transported to Connecticut to be buried next to her fiancé.

AT&T Will Provide Free Internet Access—AT&T will offer five hours of free Internet access each month for a year, bringing computer network service a step closer to becoming a utility like electricity or water. In addition, AT&T plans to offer residential customers unlimited access to the Internet, e-mail services and national telephone directory services for less than $20 a month. The service will begin in March for an estimated 16 to 20 million AT&T customers with personal computers and modems.

Fox Network Takes a Political Grandstand—Following the Fox network offer of free time to presidential candidates, the other networks criticized Fox’s parent Chairman Rupert Murdoch of grandstanding and toadying to the politicians. Independent analysts who rarely find themselves praising Murdoch applauded his invitation and said the other networks were overreacting. Murdoch has promised an hour of free television time to the candidates as well as ten one-minute "position statements" to be broadcast intermittently during prime time programming. Murdoch said his main motive was to reduce the importance of big spending in politics and that he’s imitating the British system where free television time is provided to candidates.

New twists in GOP Race—Pat Buchanan says his campaign’s still on fire despite losing his primary in Arizona. Buchanan took his America First message to South Carolina where he began a push to win that state’s primary this Saturday. Bob Dole’s also in the Palmetto state, where he’s fresh off twin victories in North and South Dakota and a second-place finish to Steve Forbes in Arizona. There are new questions today about Lamar Alexander, who did poorly in yesterday’s balloting and faces a must-win situation.

Miami Robbery Ring Indicted—An alleged robbery gang that preyed on Miami tourists has been indicted. Prosecutors say the suspects could be responsible for more than 200 crimes that have darkened Florida’s international reputation as a holiday destination.
Class One budget meeting cuts operating budgets

by Tom Tracy

Members of Class One Organizations of the SGA met last Tuesday with SGA President Francois Dauder and Treasurer Jane Loake to discuss operational budgets for the 1996-97 fiscal year. The purpose of the meeting was to allow for representatives of the class one to listen to one another and learn exactly what each organization does with the money they are allotted by the SGA. This was the first time in the yearly budgeting process that Class Ones were required to get together and talk about their budgets.

The Organization of Students for African Unity (OSAU) represented by Kalidah McMorrin. OSAU took a budget cut of $6,050 to bring them to a proposed budget of $31,550 for the year 1996-97. This included a deletion of their Festival line which had been set up at $6,000 but was not being adequately used. The Montclarion has a total budget of $75,850 with $53,000 coming from direct advertising revenues. This means that the Montclarion is only allotted $22,850 from the SGA.

Players managed to cut approximately $8500 from their budget to come to a grand total of $13,100 allocated for next year. Said Dauder, "Players has proven that you do not need an exorbitant amount of money to be successful in programming. They make every penny they get count."

The College Life Union Board (CLUB) faces $1,550 in cuts and will have to work with a budget of $27,530 next year. Their most severe cut was in office expense, proposed at $400 for the 96-97 year, down from $1,400 this year. Class One Concerts' budget was cut $4,500 and the organization did not feel that they were left with adequate funds in some lines to program for next year. In particular, the lights & sound line for the Spring Semester was reduced to $2,000 according to their treasurer. After a brief conference between Dauder and Loake, it was agreed that C1C would receive $1,200 in addition to their proposed budget.

WMSC voiced the most concern over their budget. According to General Manager Al Reising, "the meeting was the first time that he had seen his budget and it was cut so severely, that the radio station would not be able to function." Their proposed budget was $20,600 and they were asking for at least the same amount that they received this year ($22,971). Another conference by Dauder and Loake produced a compromise that would grant WMSC an additional $2,000 above their proposed budget. According to Loake, "it is the organization's position that they need this money to function because there are outside sources (the FCC) that they must answer to."

The Livermore American Student Organization (LASSO) was allocated $1,000 less than their proposed budget. The only thing that president Maria DaSilva asked for was the addition of a $100 postage line which covers the cost of mailing and other office procedures that the organization may occur.

The Student Intramural Leisure Council's (SILC) position was very similar to that of WMSC. According to them they did not receive a copy of their proposed budget, and were not satisfied with the proposed copy. According to President Leanne Guido, "we need at least $1,000 for softballs alone and you (the SGA) are only allocating us $1,000 for the whole semester." After a brief debate, a compromise was reached and SILC received an additional $1,600 to bring their proposed budget to a total of $16,700.

Not present at the meeting were Quarterly (4 Walls) and La Campana. The proposed budget for La Campana is $47,300.

The total of all the budgets comes to an approximate total of $505,000. Right now, Dauder is estimating that student fees will produce about $530,000 to fund the Student Government budget. If this is approved by the Legislature, then it will mark the first time in 5 years that there will be a surplus available to be spent by the SGA.

The budgets that are agreed upon right now by the members of the Class Ones must now be brought before the Appropriations committee of the SGA, and then before the full body of the SGA where they will attain final approval.

I would like to see the faculty vote against it because the wage freezes, the small raises, the health care, and the absence of a 12th step on the salary scale is just unacceptable. People like me (at the top of the salary scale) will have essentially nowhere to go," Batkay said.

Dr. Joanne Englebert of the MSU Spanish Department elaborated further on the university's impact. "I think it shows the low regard in which the government of this state holds for college professors. This offer will, in effect, erode the value of a Montclair diploma. Inevitably, we are going to lose the talented young faculty and we will not be able to attract the kinds of faculty Montclair needs to have." Englebert said that New Jersey is the 2nd most affluent state in the nation, but ranks 33rd nationwide in educational spending.

Englebert said she feared the contract settlement will discourage people from pursuing careers in higher education. "Young people today graduate with very large debts. They have to think of what career they can choose to pay off substantial debts as well as maintain a decent lifestyle. This contract does not favor the attraction of young people to our profession. However, the contract is an insult for people of any generation."
Montclair State University Campus Police Report

by Lisa Monaco

Fire Alarms
February 25, at 12:54 p.m. A Stone Hall fire alarm went off signaling a second floor problem. There was no apparent sign of smoke. The smoke detector was reactivated.

February 25, at 6:06 p.m. Stone Hall fire alarm signaled a problem again on the second floor. It was assumed to be a faulty detector and was removed from the system.

Medical
February 24, at 3:00 p.m. A male resident from Stone Hall cut his finger on a broken piece of glass. The office admitted first aid and upon arrival of the Montclair ambulance it was determined he needed stitches. A friend drove him to Mountainside Hospital.

February 25, at 8:20 p.m. A male resident from Stone Hall sprained his ankle while playing basketball at Panzer gym. First aid was administered and a friend took him to Mountainside Hospital.

Theft
February 21, at 5:15 p.m. At Panzer gym a male left his jacket and jeans in a locker for less than ten minutes and when he returned the lock was open. His jeans were missing. A friend said five minutes before he saw kids from a swim team running towards the bus with jeans in hand.

February 16-22. A female resident of Stone Hall had her credit card used by an unidentified person charging through various catalogs and stores. The case is under investigation.

Disorderly Conduct
February 23, at 7:30 p.m. A student at the Blanton Hall Cafe attempted to enter with no meal plan and then became argumentative. The student refused to leave the cafe then handed the ID card to the manager and left the scene. The officer took the card to hand in to the Dean of Students on Monday, February 26.

Assault
February 23, at 4:00 a.m. A group of females from Blanton Hall were visiting cafe workers home. In route back to campus one of the females got in a verbal confrontation in the van back to campus. After exiting the vehicle at Bohn he came up behind her and swung and punched her head and face. The female ran in the dorm and called the police but the suspect already left the area. The next day she signed a complaint and the worker was charged with simple assault.

Bomb Threat
February 26, at 1:19 a.m. An unknown caller to the front desk of Freeman Hall said that there was a bomb in Freeman. All officers responded but no bomb was found.

Arrests
February 8. An employee of the music building reported his paycheck was stolen. He asked the university to put a stop payment on the check. Payroll discovered that the paycheck had been cashed at a Pathmark in Fairlawn. There was a continuing investigation at that point.

Eddie L. Green from Newark was arrested and charged with theft of the check from a mailbox at the music building. Tara Bugg from Paterson was arrested and charged with theft, and with receiving the check knowing it was stolen. She was also charged with conspiracy to commit theft and with receiving the check and then cashing it. Bugg was an employee at the Pathmark.

There was a warrant issued for the arrest of Jean Lauture from Roselle for theft of taking a check from the payroll mailbox out of Clove Road. Ball was set for Green and Lauture. It was determined there were additional warrants from other divisions. Combined bail could not be met. Both were sent to the Passaic County Jail.

February 23, at 3:00 p.m. Green and Lauture turned themselves in. A court date is set for March 12, at 4:30 p.m. in Little Falls Municipal Court.

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The Organization of Students for African Unity (OSAU), Latin American Student Organization (LASO), Players and Class One Concerts all received Class One SGA charters at Wednesday's SGA meeting.

Approximately 100 students packed the SGA meeting room to show their support for LASO and OSAU. OSAU's charter passed 29-4-4 after discussion was ended abruptly by SGA Legislator Greg Fryer who asked that the charter be voted on immediately.

LASO's charter passed with only three negative votes. Legislators Joe Paternoster, Jean-Marie Navetta and Brian Cosgrove were the three legislators who passed negative votes for LASO.

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• 3/5-Rutgers University, contact Dianne Clarke-Kudless, (908) 932-3785
• 3/7-Brookdale Community College, contact Career Services, (908) 842-1900
• 3/8-Bergen Community College, contact Sheila Hendlin, (201) 447-7171
• 3/9-Middlesex County College, contact H.R. Dept. in College Center, (908) 906-2538

Health Coverage

"The agreement provides for free health coverage for members and their dependents in the New Jersey Plus program and approved HMOs," said the Governor's statement.

However, union members who want to stay with the traditional health care plan and who earn over $50,000 will be required to pay one-percent of their base salary but no more than $20 per month if they chose the traditional plan.

Other New Jersey state colleges that will be affected by the new proposed contract will be Thomas Edison State College, Trenton; Jersey City State College, Jersey City; Kean College of New Jersey, Union; Ramapo College of New Jersey, Mahwah; Rowan College of New Jersey, Glassboro; Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, Pomona and Trenton State College, Ewing Township.
Journey to the far edge of the universe

by Tom Bond

North Jersey Astronomical Group (NJAG) President Kevin Conod narrated a slide show of the Hubble Space Telescope's latest images at the Feb. 14 NJAG meeting. Conod said the slides were furnished to him by the Hubble Space Telescope Institute Public Affairs Office in Baltimore, MD. All of the approximately 15 slides were taken since last November.

MSU Astronomy Professor Dr. Mary-Lou West, described the Hubble Space Telescope as a 90-inch telescope orbiting several hundred miles above the Earth. West said the Hubble Space Telescope revolves rapidly around Earth since it is well below the altitude of 22,000 miles necessary for geostationary orbit. "Because it moves around the Earth so fast, the Hubble has a very busy schedule. It looks at one object for a minute, before moving on to many other objects. The Hubble can't look at the sun or moon because these objects are too bright. They would burn out the telescope's camera."

Conod presented a high-resolution photo of Jupiter's bands along with an artificial arrow showing exactly where the Galileo probe entered Jupiter's atmosphere on Dec. 7. Conod then discussed the Galileo probe's findings. "When the probe was dropped, scientists discovered atmospheric winds at a much higher velocity than anticipated. The winds were clocked at 330 mph. They didn't find many clouds and they found a lack of helium and water. Carl Sagan speculated that Jupiter had a water level in the upper atmosphere where creatures could thrive, but that does not appear to be the case."

Conod unveiled close pictures of the Orion Nebula some 1,500 light years (nearly 9 quadrillion miles) away. The pictures showed bluish-white stars in gestation. "They found 153 young stars with disks around them called proplyds. Some of these stars are shooting off jets of gas. They are only a million years old which, in terms of stellar evolution, is pretty young." In comparison, astronomers believe that our sun, which is a middle-aged star, has been around for 4 1/2 billion years.

Conod displayed the Deep Field image which is the deepest photo ever taken of the universe. Conod said the image featured 1,500 galaxies, including several hundred galaxies discovered for the first time. "Some of the galaxies in the background are 10 billion light years (almost 59 sextillion miles) away. One of the interesting aspects of the Deep Field image is the wide variety of shapes of galaxies detected. Some of these galaxies are as faint as 30th magnitude (about 4 billion times fainter than the naked eye)." Conod added that the slide he displayed is only one quarter of the entire Deep Field image.

Conod said the entire Hubble Deep Field image is actually a composite of 542 frames taken between Dec. 18 and Dec. 25 of a speck of sky 1/30 the diameter of the full moon. Conod said astronomers focused on a tiny patch of sky in order to keep foreground stars and gas clouds of the Milky Way galaxy to a bare minimum. "In fact, it took astronomers a year to find an ideal place to take this multi-galaxy shot. They needed a place away from the sun and moon in a direction where there wasn't too much gas and foreground objects."

Conod stressed the Hubble Space Telescope is only beginning to reach its full photographic potential. "Public Affairs releases a couple of new photos each month, so we should have more photos by the end of the semester." Conod said Hubble Space Telescope pictures are readily found on the World Wide Web at URL http://www.stsci.edu/pubinfo/PR/96/01.html, or via links in http://www.stsci.edu/pubinfo/Latest.html.

Mayan mysteries unearthed by recent finds

By Anthony R. O'Donnell

Archaeologists studying the Maya have long puzzled over how this thriving civilization could have disappeared so suddenly. In his lecture Recent Archaeological Investigations in Maya Regions, Director of MSU's Center for Archaeological Studies Dr. Stanley Walling explained how evidence newly uncovered may provide clues to this and other riddles of this highly developed and mysterious culture.

Among the most significant of recent findings is evidence of intensive termaced and raised land agriculture, which suggests that the Maya were capable of sustaining population levels greatly exceeding earlier estimates. While it was previously thought that the Maya numbered between 500,000 to 1 million -- significant figures -- it is now thought that they may have been as many as 20 million or more.

According to Walling, vast areas of land were cultivated at distances from population centers, producing stores of cotton, beans, squash and corn. Raised land cultivation, made by piling earth in wetland areas, took advantage not only of a perpetual water supply but also of rich sediments, resulting in perhaps ten times the productivity of dry land agriculture. Dr. Walling described massive extensions of such islands where one could stand toward the center of the area with nothing but the same as far as the eye could see.

The construction and maintenance of such projects required a large labor force, as did the transportation of foods to population centers, since the Maya had no pack animals.

This included not merely the laborers but also persons of intermediate classes serving other organizational needs. Walling observed that there is indeed much evidence to suggest that Maya society was not a simple stratification of elites and lower classes, but that significant
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- Drug Enforcement Administration
- US Marshal Service
- Postal Service
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- Secret Service
- US Department of Transportation
- General Services Administration
- Internal Revenue Service
- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, & Firearms
- Department of Defense
- Department of the Interior
- Agriculture
- Labor
- Health and Human Services

At the State level, a person can work for/as:

- State Trooper
- State Police Officer
- Alcohol Beverage Control
- University Police
- Parks and Recreation
- Department of Justice
- Fish and Game
- Consumer Affairs
- Department of Motor Vehicle
- Department of Corrections

At the County Level, you may be able to find employment in:

- Deputy Sheriff's Office
- County Marshal's Office
- Department of Probation
- Housing Authority
- County Animal Control
- Harbor Patrol Department
- Parks & Recreation
- District Attorneys

At the Municipal level, the most visible law enforcement official is the police officer, but there are other agencies:

- Animal Regulation
- Harbor or Port Police
- Airport Police
- Transit Police

Although each law enforcement agency has its own standards for entry-level personnel, there are general qualifications that are common to most agencies across the country:

- US Citizenship
- No felony criminal convictions
- High school diploma or equivalent
- Good health (yes, you may be asked to undergo a physical)
- Minimum age requirement (usually 21)

- Passing a written examination

Because each agency has specific standards, it is important that you contact the one that is of particular interest to you and get information on how to apply. Career Services is coordinating a Careers in Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement Day on Thursday, March 7 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Student Center Ballrooms.

The Multicultural Mentor Program is introduced to provide college student role models. The mentors were previously only composed of faculty members until this year, when upper-class students were also asked to participate. Currently there are 103 faculty mentors and 47 “junior” student mentors. This semester there are over two hundred mentees. Recruiters for the Multicultural Student Mentor Program are introduced to freshmen during orientation through a videotape made by the program. Afterwards, interested students can enroll at the Student Support Services Fair. Prior to this year, the program only directed their services toward minority students but now any student may join. The overall success of the Multicultural Mentor Program has not yet been established. No research has been conducted to determine the achievements of students involved in the program versus those who are not.

Multicultural Mentor Program helps minority students succeed

by Erin Perry

The Steering Committee of the Multicultural Student Mentor Program met to develop future plans to further the success of the organization. The committee decided to hold a Spring Reunion Luncheon to be held on March 26th of this semester for mentors and their mentees. The luncheon will be in a social environment in efforts to improve relations. Participants will be asked to bring board games to play together.

Secondly, efforts were made to combine the organization with the One Hundred Black Men of New Jersey. This “Brotherhood” program, led by Board of Trustees member, Bill Wimberly, is an off campus service that aids inner city youths by providing college student role models. Lastly, a Graduation Recognition Ceremony is being created for students who have been involved in the Mentor program up to their graduation. No date has been arranged thus far.

The Multicultural Mentor Program, established ten years ago by Dean Harris, was created to increase the enrollment of minority students and to improve retention of first year students. Many minority students feeling isolated, alienated, or overwhelmed can find guidance with volunteer mentors. Common problems dealt with are money, transportation, and employment as well as academic grievances.

The mentors were previously only composed of faculty members until three years ago when upper-class students were also asked to participate. Currently there are 103 faculty mentors and 47 “junior” student mentors. This semester there are over two hundred mentees. Recruiters for the Multicultural Student Mentor Program is introduced to freshmen during orientation through a videotape made by the program. Afterwards, interested students can enroll at the Student Support Services Fair. Prior to this year, the program only directed their services toward minority students but now any student may join. The overall success of the Multicultural Mentor Program has not yet been established. No research has been conducted to determine the achievements of students involved in the program versus those who are not.

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The Real World
by the students of the Co-operative Education Program

by Brian Aberback
As I look forward to graduating this May, my excitement is tempered by the anxiety about how successful my attempts will be in the job market. In other words, I’d like to have secured a good job by the time I graduate.

While I am now in the process of sending out my resume to prospective employers, I am much more confident in my quest since I took part in a co-op internship last summer. As an English major, I want to pursue a career in which I can use my writing skills. The retail sales job at which I have been working has helped pay for my education, but did not involve writing. That is why I decided to go to the cooperative education office to find out about getting a co-op internship in my field.

I am currently interning in the marketing/communications department of The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York in Teaneck, New Jersey. As a communications floater, I have had the opportunity to assist various people within the department. I have written press releases and agent biographies. I also proofread and edit legal documents, along with advertising material. I have also been involved in helping the print buyers update their inventory of sales aids.

The experience that I have gained has been invaluable. Writing for a corporation is totally different than writing a paper for English class. I’m used to writing long papers examining various themes in literature. Now I have learned to write in a business style which is more direct and concise than anything I’ve written.

Another aspect of co-op which I feel is just as important as the new skills I have learned is the effect the overall experience had on my confidence. When I first decided to get involved in co-op, I was nervous. I thought, “maybe this isn’t for me, maybe I won’t fit in a corporate environment.” I think these were valid fears. I had always worked in a retail store, and applying for co-op internships at big corporations was a big step for me.

The doubts I had all turned out to be foolish. The people I worked for were all terrific. I learned a lot from them and communications in the insurance industry. Everyone was willing to answer questions and help me whenever I had a problem.

My co-op experience was one of the best things that happened to me at MSU. It has been more than just something impressive to have on my resume, though that was another great benefit. My co-op experience has exposed me to a professional work environment. Now I have a sense of what working in an office is like, and have seen what kind of work is available in a corporate environment to people with an English background. By applying for a co-op position a year before I graduated, I got a head start on the important process of preparing for job interviews.

I cannot begin to tell you how much more confidence I have as I approach graduation. Without co-op, I would still have no idea what to expect working in a professional office environment. Not only do I now have this experience, but I am also more clear on what kind of career path I would like to follow. I guess I can only conclude by saying to anyone who is thinking about co-op: definitely go for it! It does make a difference.

The Commuter Connection
by Valerie Winslow
On February 26, the Office of Student Activities sponsored a successful Monday Morning Commuter Student Coffee Hour at the Clive Road bus shuttle area. Quite a few shocked students stopped by for free coffee and bagels. Some asked, “What’s the catch?”, or “why are you giving away free food?”, and, my personal favorite: “what do I have to sign?” It was explained that students need a break.

There are, at present, 82 members of the New Commuter Student Organization. There is still time to join this exclusive organization where you will be one of the first to know about issues and events that take place at MSU. The Commuter Student Organization will also enable you to meet other people with similar, diverse lifestyles. We have addressed many issues and are pleased to say that we are making a lot of progress.

The University Bookstore manager extended the hours into the evenings Monday through Thursday, to service students better. At the moment, there are no plans to open the bookstore on Saturdays.

There are, however, Saturday services during “special” weeks, like Homecoming Week. The Bookstore will also be open on Saturdays during the first two weeks of the spring and fall semesters.

The Child Care Center is also considering big changes. The Director, Janey DeLuca, has received many requests to have the center open on Saturdays. At the moment this plan is not feasible because of a staffing issue. However, discussions are taking place. In the meantime, the Center does have extended hours for students who take afternoon and evening classes.

A Town Meeting, for commuter students who want to voice their concerns, will be held during the month of March. More details will be coming soon. Dean of Undergraduate Students Dr. Helen Matusow-Ayres, and Student Government President Francois Dauder will be available to address a wide range of topics that are of concern to students.

At the Commuter Student Organization are very pleased with the progress that is being made, and hope more students get involved.

Write for Life !!!!!
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MSU Gets Bowlled Over
by Matthew Connolly
Last Saturday, February 24th, MSU played host to the North Eastern Regional College Bowl final which pitted ten teams from the area against each other in a battle for a place in the national finals in Arizona this April. With a hard final round, Princeton University came from behind to beat fellow finalists Swarthmore University and win the tournament.

The competition was as serious and intense as any Varsity sport based purely on physical prowess. Some of the teams involved were coached or schooled to the highest levels, College Bowl became a Super Bowl for them. They rotated their team players around, much as in basketball, in order to afford players a rest period from the 15 minutes of nerve jangling, rapid fire questioning that constituted each “game.” They had exercised their minds and practiced the format of the contest to hone their skills. This was serious stuff.

All sorts of psychology and gamemanship was used to bolster performances. Perhaps the most skilled at this questionable aspect of the quiz was the University of Pennsylvania team who employed their own score keeper to chalk up their spiraling totals on a blackboard, which helped to demoralize their trailing opponent.
**FOOD FOCUS**

**January 8, 1996 issue of The Food and Drug Administration**

Olestra can not be digested and it adds no fat or calories to food. Olestra's magic ingredient is a sucrose polyester with fatty acids based substitute that can be used for frying. So, now fried snack tortilla chips and corn chips will be on hand for people who can't stop eating them. Olestra has been temporarily approved by the FDA until recently. "There was a lot of pressure to introduce olestra to the market," said Dr. Specchio. Considering that nearly a third of Americans are obese, a fat substitute seemed to be an answer to America's weight problem. Unfortunately, according to a recent article from The New York Times, there is lack of evidence that olestra causes weight loss.

Due to these reported side affects, FDA is requiring Proctor & Gamble and other manufacturers who use olestra to label all foods made with it. Foods made with olestra, must also have fat-soluble vitamins A, D, E, and K added to the list of ingredients.

For more on this story, go to http://www.tiac.net/~rnewman/scientology/home.html.

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**Log-on @ MSU**

**by Rita Bronnenkant**

"Reach for the sky! This is a step-up!" This is essentially what a ten year old boy said to the Toys R Us company a couple months ago. Instead of a gun, the kid was armed with the Internet rights to the domain name toysrus.com. Ransom demand was for a computer and a bike in exchange for the rights to their own domain name.

Actually the lad did not attempt this hijacking alone, he was assisted by an entering uncle who had registered the corporate name with InterNIC Registration Services. While the dynamic duo was deciding what kind of computer and bike to exchange for the rights to their own domain name.

So, what exactly is a domain? Domains identify computers and groups of accounts on a computer. Look at your MSU address@student@alpha.montclair.edu. The lowest level domain is the left part of the name and the highest level is the right part. The edu represents a national group of educational institutions, of which MSU is a member. Montclair tells which institution and alpha which part of montclair. Com indicates commercial organizations, e.g. toysrus.com. Mil denotes military; gov, the government as in whitehouse.gov, org for organizations like the Electronic Frontier Foundation, ef.org. There are national domain id's also. It is Italy, nl the Netherlands, au for Australia, etc. Sometimes it's important to know not only who wrote something, but where they come from. It can provide some perspective on the info they are giving out.

I am still wearing my blue ribbon to show support for freedom of speech in electronic communications. I think I may have to wear it for a long time. Compuserve, a world wide Internet service provider, recently dropped a selection of newsgroups deemed to be indecent and in violation of German law regarding content that may be harmful to children. This is similar to our own new statute, the Communications Decency Act. Big Brother is watching. But, he's not the only one. There are other groups that want to censor the information you can receive. Who?

Last year the Church of Scientology sued some former members for posting the church's sacred texts on the net. They also sued Netcom, the Internet service provider, for allowing the postings to appear. Netcom, the Scientologists argued, should monitor its customers' postings. For comparison, that's like asking Information Services Director Jim Byrne to read every piece of mail that goes in and out of MSU. Is the Bell Atlantic held responsible if a con artist swindles you on the phone? Or the Postal Service if someone sends you a threatening letter? No.

Scientology has another trick up its sleeve—dubbed the cancelbunny, they attempt to cancel via electronic communication any posting to a newsgroup that is unfavorable to the Church! Freedom-of-speech advocates, the Rabbit Hunters, alert service providers when cancelbunnies are working from their domain. Read all about it at http://www.cybercom.net/~rnewman/scientology/home.html.

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**by Ann Margaret Kane**

Junk food lovers can celebrate! The Food and Drug Administration has recently approved olestra, a fat-based substitute that can be used in certain snack foods. Developed by Proctor & Gamble Co., this new food additive, due to its unique chemical composition, adds no fat or calories to food. Olestra's magic ingredient is a sucrose polyester with fatty acids based substitute that can be used for frying. So, now fried snack tortilla chips and corn chips will be on hand for people who can't stop eating them.

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Foreign Student Profile: Klaus Draskowitsch

by Suzanne Felgle

Name: Klaus Draskowitsch
Country of Origin: Austria
Major: Business Administration and Music Science

On the American educational system: "Here school revolves around a campus setting. In Austria, school was fifteen minutes away and there was not the opportunity for eating and socializing with friends. One thing that I do not agree with is that the American system tends to segregate people based on prestige. The cost of an education is a large factor here and it's not even an issue in Austria. There, school is free. You attend the school with the best program for your needs, not for the cost or recognized name."

On classes at MSU: "The classes do not match up with the image I had about American schools. I expected classes with interesting discussions and active participation. It's not like that at all. I am kind of disappointed. However, an academic education is not why I chose to come here. I'm here for cultural awareness. That is why I am also doing an internship at a record company while I am here."

On Social Life: "It's great! I see friends far more often here than I would in Austria. People are far more accessible in the campus setting."

On the Food: "I like Freeman Hall's food the best. People do not know how spoiled they are here. In Austria, there are not as many choices and the prices are much more expensive."

What he'll miss about MSU: "Besides the people, I'll miss the campus and it's freedoms. People don't realize how good they have it here. In Austria everything closes on the weekends. You can't even go to the library! Your schedule is more restrictive, and many choices are made for you. The independence here is very important!"

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numbers of people fell into middle levels of status and function who "lived fairly healthfully and comfortably." Walling said.

An appreciation of the existence of a large "middle class" raises a challenge to the notion that the elites of Maya culture exercised unchallenged domination over their less exalted counterparts. The theory is further undermined by archaeological evidence that shows that forms of Maya ritual and architecture appeared outside the context of central palaces and temples, and both pre- and post-dated elite manifestations of Maya art and religion. "Elite traditions derived from what already existed," Walling said.

This larger and more complex version of Maya society, which comprehends vast, populated urban areas and complex economic activity, makes the construction of impressive Maya architecture more understandable. It was a society of many more hands and many more mouths than previously thought. It is thought, said Walling, that the period of militarism and rapid de-population which reduced the Maya by 80 to 90 per cent within a century was plausibly due in part to their fragile agricultural support system. A mere blight on a crop could affect several great cities, helping to plunge this decentralized domain rapidly into a downwardly spiraling chaos.

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CLASSical ACTs: eight scenes, six plays, four songs

by Matthew Connolly

When you think of Shakespearean theatre, Madonna and the Beatles do not immediately spring to mind, however for Dan LaPenta the concever and guest director of MSU's Studio Theatre Series production Classical Acts there is a connection. Classical Acts is a series of vignettes from various Shakespeare plays, with love as their unifying theme, linked together by modern pop songs.

I didn't really care for the musical renditions very much. They didn't really enhance or even complement the straight theatre, and the cast themselves seemed a little hesitant and uncomfortable with them at times—which was a little ironic during songs like The Beatles, 'I Feel Fine.'

The acting however, was much more impressive. The cast had to deal with a panopoly of characters from a diverse group of plays. Dan Boudous for example, had to portray star crossed lover Romeo from Romeo and Juliet, and star cross fairy Puck from A Midsummer Night's Dream. Not an easy task. His Romeo was spoiled a little by rushing the fine verse of Shakespeare's lines were spoken well. The unifying theme of the selected scenes seemed to be how men can be abusive and violent in love, and women inconstant and fickle in their emotion. This is not really a true picture of how Shakespeare regarded love but nevertheless an interesting choice.

The scene chosen from Much Ado About Nothing represented this position best, and brought out some of the best performances from the cast. John Koeppl, who plays Claudio uses physical the madness and power of love. Jerry Amiraunt, Hero's father, stepped into smooth things over and with a croak of sorrow in his voice, failed. I wanted the rest of this play to be resolved. The frustration at seeing only a snapshot of the play and knowing that it could all be sorted out was slightly annoying. This is perhaps being saved for another production.

The scene continued with Greg Amend and Judith Leporati taking on the roles of Benedick and Beatrice. They jousted verbally for a while, snapping out some scathing attacks which they both seemed to enjoy. Leporati was particularly impressive in her vituperative remarks. When she told Benedick to "Kill Claudio" you knew she meant it. The line "Oh that I were a man. I would eat his heart" had me feeling slightly uncomfortably. This woman was mad—at the madness of men.

The spark between Amend and Leporati was kindled again in the second half of the show during a scene from Measure for Measure, where Isabella is torn between saving her own virtue or her brother's life. Angelo is also pulled by his desire for and obsession with Isabella.

There were lighter moments, too. I thought the comedy in one scene from A Midsummer Night's Dream (of which there were too many) was really brought to the fore. Tara McQuaid as Helena was relentless in her pursuit of Chuck O'Connor, Demetrius. She was fawning and swooning all over him indifferent to his ardent protestations. This was a genuinely funny situation, almost slapstick in its presentation. Yet despite the handicap of being flung about the set, Shakespeare's lines were spoken well. Obviously presenting eight scenes from six different plays presented big problems for the production designers. The set was pared down to the bare essentials: only the balcony from Romeo and Juliet was needed. The costumes were equally minimal in nature but effective enough to give some sense of time period and location. However I feel that the lighting could have been designed in a more effective manner. The moon was not apparent in Romeo and Juliet, and a simple green filter could have helped to further the illusion of a forest in A Midsummer Night's Dream. These were small caveats. I really enjoyed the production and the talent of the whole cast. Next time let's hope more of MSU will get to enjoy such classical acts. For times and ticket information, call the box office at 655-5112.

God Lives Underwater, Feeling the Tug of Success

by Jodi Kastel

God Lives Underwater is an incredible band. Though you probably have never heard of them, you will soon. They have the feel of pre-commercial-success Nine Inch Nails, but with the raw rock energy of a group like Alice In Chains or Stone Temple Pilots. And they are great live.

God Lives Underwater played Saturday night at Irving Plaza, with Gren and Mr. Mirainga opening. I hadn't been to a small venue in a while, so it was a nice change from well-known commercially recognized bands playing to the masses, to an intimate show from a basically undiscovered band.

Though I had never heard of either opening act, I was pleasantly surprised. Gren went on first, promoting their album, Camp Grenada. They have an alternna-grunge feel, but stood out because of their original vocals. It's hard to hear lyrics when the first taste of a new song is played live, but the phrases I could decipher transcended the usual sex and suicide motif that is the norm in music today. Gren T-shirts featured a particularly humorous line from Camp Grenada, "What's this stuff I'm on again?"

The second opening act, Mr. Mirainga was hilarious. Mr. Mirainga is also an up and coming band, saturated with creativity and all-around nuttiness! Complaining about his bowel movements, the lead singer also playing bass, and another member manning the keyboards. Their music, to define it further, is a mesh between Seattle-type alternative and industrial. Their album Empty deals with a gamut of emotions and topics, ranging from loneliness and unrequited love to being ridiculed and tempted by society. Performing almost every song off Empty, God Lives Underwater started the set with the first track God Lives. Continued on page 12
"3" is slow and haunting. The lyrics are romantic and heart-wrenching. He sings that at age 23, "I really only want a few things. They've all been taken away. What does the next life bring? I just want to feel ok," expressing the despair and restlessness we've all felt at some point. The song goes on to say that the only thing that will make him happy is someone to love. Familiar, eh? He sums it up by saying, "I've really only had a few things. They've all turned to tears..."

God Lives Underwater will hopefully get the acclaim and recognition they deserve soon, but judging by the turnout on Saturday night, they already have a loyal following. Success can only be just around the corner.

Imaginative Impulses

by Marta Tucci

Pins and needles, needles and pins. A happy man is a man that grins.

You will do more than grin once you visit, "A Labor of Love," time and labor intensive works of art that reveal imaginative impulses. Curator Maria Tucker gathered 50 contemporary artists to combine their contemporary traditions of extraordinary handicrafts at the New Museum of Contemporary Art, located at 583 Broadway between Houston and Prince Streets in Soho.

History consists of 100 pieces of work that include: beading, glassblowing, painting, woodcarving, embroidery, dollmaking, soap, drawing, bread, chocolate, decorative banana peels and wisdom teeth.

There is an explosion of fine, folk, modern, and domestic art, capturing the spirit of a set-up domestic avant-garde environment. This mix of "handmade" work exemplifies traditions of fine art, not just hobbyists. Visually, the array of art has a history that makes each piece extra-ordinary. The halls are pumped with a soothing diversity of folk music, selected by Tucker to drive the inner-spirit, rather than by dealers or movements.

Chuck Greenco's "Influence Generator Transmitter" (1987-1992), is the turn of the century static-electricity generator. The wooden spoon, and wrinkly-apple tree, "In the tradition of clothespin, buttons, and needles, he would have to crawl underneath the table. She did this so that if her boyfriend wanted to look at the picture, he would have to crawl under the table like a dog.

The pièce de résistance of the entire exhibit is Lisa Lou's "Kitchen" (1991-1995). This 14 x 14, 12-foot high kitchen is covered with 10 million glass bugle beads. Floors, walls, table, stove, oven—everything is covered in beads. This five-year-long process includes the work of a housewife doing ordinary domestic tasks such as cooking, cleaning, baking, and beautifying the home. Lou had to lay each bead down with tweezers, on-top of glue.

Another interesting detail is the one that is unseen. Lou added to the kitchen an everyday life experience inspired by her boyfriend. Her boyfriend used to look at dirty magazines at the breakfast table every morning, so she ripped out pages of centerfolds and glued them under the table. She did this so that if her boyfriend wanted to look at the pictures, he would have to crawl under the table like a dog.

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Gonzo, Fozzie, Kermit & Miss Piggy back in action

by Erin Perry

The Muppets are back! Their new movie *Muppet Treasure Island* is out in theaters. I have to admit I was a bit skeptical to see this one, thinking it would be missing something after the death of Jim Henson, but the Muppets are funnier than ever! Directed by Brian Henson, The Muppets take to the high seas to recreate the book by Robert Louis Stevenson, *Treasure Island*, af

*Producer* Produced by Martin G. Baker, the tale begins in a tavern in England where Jim Hawkins (Kevin Bishop) is working with his pals Gonzo and Rizo the Rat (both playing themselves.) Constantly dreaming of "Something Better," Jim finds himself consorting with the Captain Billy Bones (Billy Connolly), who tells him stories of one-legged pirates and buried treasure. Suddenly Jim is the owner of Bones' treasure map, after Bones has been given a dreaded death sentence, the "Black Spot." After escaping pirates, Jim, Gonzo and Rizo meet up with the half-wit financier, Squire Trelawney (Fozzie Bear), who helps them build a ship to find the treasure. Fozzie's crazy role is believable as he consults with the man who lives in his finger, Mr. Thimble, who tells the bear what to do. Also joining the journey are Beeker and the scientist (playing themselves), who are constantly experimenting with gun powder.

The entire crew of the ship, *The Hispaniola*, is hysterical and captivating. Kermit the Frog returns to the screen as Captain Smollett and is as lovable as ever. The two old guys from the balcony, Waldorf and Statler, are fixed on the bow of the ship with their usual wisecracks. All of the crew have come along too, tricked by Rizo who sells them tickets to a "cruise." The band is also joining the journey; Beeker and the scientist (playing themselves), who are wackier every time.

Marooned on a desert island, Miss Piggy is reunited with her true love Captain Smollett (Kermit). ©Jim Henson Productions, Inc. All Rights Reserved. The movie, by Walt Disney Pictures is truly a treat for any Muppet fan. *Muppet Treasure Island* is an exciting adventure, complete with an all-star cast. Action packed and filled with fun, the Muppets prove they only get better and wackier every time.

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Thomas A. Edison, Black Maria Film & Video Festival
Calcia Hall, rm. 135 at 8 p.m.

Friday, March 1
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Call 655-5112 for ticket information.

Saturday, March 2
The Roches perform a benefit concert at Memorial Auditorium - 8 p.m. Call 655-5112 for ticket information.

Sunday, March 3
It's Amy Fisher's 21st Birthday - Celebrate!
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Alumnus defends LASO

I am writing to respond to the climate of uncertainty of the future of two of the SGA's Class One organizations, but particularly the Latin American Student Organization (LASO).

As an alumnus of MSU, I was an active student leader within the SGA ‘bealtway’ as a cabinet member, legislator, president, and treasurer of two Class One organizations, president of the Residence Hall Federation, among other appointed positions on campus-wide University committees.

The concerns expressed at recent organizational meetings may no longer be recognized as a Class One organization as disturbing, because the excellent educational programs help the MSU community to become better informed about Latin-American as well as African-American history and cultural traditions.

The SGA leaders and students questioning the value of rechartering LASO should be questioning whether the requirements to be a Class One organization have been met as stipulated by the SGA’s constitution, its statutes, and LASO’s constitution. Based on my observations and meetings with the LASO and the SGA leadership, there have not been any grievances of violations of policies and/or procedures.

As a Class One organization, LASO is responsible to the MSU community to be open to all students in the activities as well as its membership. I can confidently state that LASO has historically recruited members of diverse ethnic, and had non-Latino executive board members. In addition, LASO has participated in programs sponsored by the University administration and the SGA, such as Freshman Orientation, co-sponsorships with other Class One organizations, and activities with Greek organizations.

The move to no longer recognize LASO as a Class One, and form a committee to do cultural programming is a new idea to the SGA or the campus community. The idea was initially introduced about 10 years ago when certain SGA student leaders thought it would make more sense to restructure the whole SGA Class One organizations into a programming board made up of several committees.

Once again, as 10 years ago, I am opposed to the idea of forming any type of programming board, or restructuring the current SGA class organization at the University for fear of the possible negative impact on LASO. As noted above, LASO has an important role in University community to program events about the Latin-American community. As a Latino, the SGA, LASO, and their organizational system have contributed to my academic studies because of the opportunity to further develop my educational, political, leadership, cultural understanding, and Damaging to the MSU community in general.

Those supporting LASO’s change in Class status will be hurting the growth and development of the Latino community, cultural understanding, and Damaging to the MSU community in general.


Professor lauds columnists

I’d like to thank the writer of last week’s Montclarion editorial, as well as columnists Mr. Connolly and Mr. Ricci, for their support of the possibility of a strike. They recognize the truth: the strike is not for us alone, but to keep our lives in the workplace. They realize that the solution is not to cut our wages, but to fight for a better society. They are right.

Ms. Achille says teachers shouldn’t be fired. Who would benefit from this? It would be hard to imagine a clearer example of the employer ideology than this letter. But the bosses Ms. Achille interviewed are right from their viewpoint. They want cheap, docile labor. These employers know (though Ms. Achille may not realize) that there is a direct conflict of interest between employers and employees. This conflict is the central contradiction in capitalism, the “free enterprise system” that is “free” only for the capitalists. The problem is: what will we in the Union “win” if we “win”? Not even the “status quo” – not even keeping up with inflation. And we will have to fight hard to win that! This is all wrong! I suggest to you all: A system that cannot provide a decent standard of living does not deserve to exist! A system – capitalism – that permits tens of millions to live in poverty, and tens of millions more to live in lifelong insecurity, a few paychecks removed from poverty, needs to be destroyed and be replaced by a system in which all will be responsible for all, where wealth and scarcity will be equally shared.

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Author should gain knowledge of real world before she judges others


First, I share her disgust over what has been happening here. I do not like the fact that my education might have been interrupted because of a teacher's strike. As a matter of fact, I resent that. On the other hand, though, I do sympathize with the teachers. I am not too sure that Ms. Achille knows all the facts. The State of New Jersey had lowered the health benefits plan without negotiating with the teachers, and is continuously reducing the plan. As for their salary raise, it is smaller than the cost of living adjustment, and the pay raise that they will receive won't be until the third and fourth years of their contract, and it is very minimal. Like I said, these are the facts.

Second, does she know why all of the people in the industry are "very much agitated at the way teachers go about getting what they want"? Because the teachers' union is the strongest union. It affects the production of their products: students! Unlike an automotive industry strike in which production could continue by different manufacturers, students' education would have been interrupted. Students would get agitated.

The campus administrators would see this through the articles, appeals, and the like. Ms. Achille also said that "people need to stick up for themselves." Does that mean that if I was accused of murdering someone, that I should defend myself and not hire a lawyer? Does that mean that if I want a pay raise or better working conditions I should go before the president of the school board and demand this by myself? Does Ms. Achille know what he would say? He'd say, without any hesitation, "no." A larger group sends a stronger message than one person alone.

Ms. Achille is also right in saying that these people chose to be teachers. It is also correct to say that if they are not making enough money they are free to go and match this. She questions if the teachers, "are aware of the world we live in today?" They should be grateful that they have a job." Two things are being said here. If you don't like your job, go. You are lucky to have this job because there aren't enough jobs due to the heavy competition. There are many teachers on this campus who have tenure they don't want to lose by leaving. Some may not be able to get another teaching job due to their age. Much is at stake.

And yes, Karen, I do believe that they know the world that they live in today. It is called reality. They are paying mortgages or rent. They are paying very high taxes. They are paying for gas and electric. They are paying water bills, phone bills, credit card bills, food for their families, clothing, car insurance, life insurance, medical and dental bills, and their children's education. What is the message that the teachers are sending us? It's the same message that they teach us. If you want an "A" in my class, you have to work and fight for it. If you want something out of life, you have to work and fight for it. Their message is loud and clear. The message that all unions send us is the same that the teachers are sending, which is coincidentally what you sent: "Things are not going our way, so we are giving up and quitting until we get our way." That is the theme of unions, whether it is AFT Local 1904, the Meaptackers Union, or the Teamsters. That is the idea of a strike!

Karen believes that waves need to be generated for change. The teachers created a tidal wave, which could have wiped out everything.

I know what it is like to struggle. I have seen a hell of a lot in my 22 years of life. I have done a lot. I don't know reality. I only know harsh reality. One day Ms. Achille will hit it with it. God help her when it does!

Robert A. Karpowicz
Business Administration

President Reid's strike comments

I am most pleased that the State of New Jersey and the Council of New Jersey State College Locals, N-JFT-AFT/AFL-CIO reached a tentative agreement on a new contract on Saturday evening, February 24, 1996. The major features of the agreement, reached after many months of negotiation, closely resemble those in the settlements that the State achieved with its other major unions. The fiscal framework within which these negotiations occurred made them particularly difficult, and I am pleased to note that both parties ultimately practiced the art of compromise to settle their differences.

The major and immediate impact of the tentative agreement is that the uncertainties surrounding this extended labor dispute will disappear, and the higher education community can concentrate its full efforts on delivering programs and services to our students.

It is time to place events and sentiments associated with this strike behind us and to focus, once again, on the issues and opportunities facing the University: the successful completion of the present academic term, the continuing development of doctoral programs, the completion of task force reports for the


Paternoster challenged on Clean Air Act

The recent tide of Mr. Paternoster’s opinions denigrating the acts of those who appreciate and advocate the preservation of our beautiful world is disturbing. Most recently he has cited the Clean Air Act of 1990 as the despair of a West Virginia town, attributing this wanton desecration to the “Liberals.” Then President George Bush had been criticized for many things; he was often perceived as being a “wimp,” though when he exhibited courage in the Persian Gulf no one complained. He showed similar vision and leadership in signing that Clean Air Act into law, but it is doubtful history will recall him as being a Liberal. Nor were other prominent conservationists so declared; Richard Nixon established the EPA and Theodore Roosevelt preserved open spaces with the National Parks. These men were not so anti-Liberal as Pat Buchanan, but then who is?

The only liberty being taken is with the essential nature of the matter by premature and reactionary rhetoric. The core of Mr. Paternoster’s criticism of the laws protecting our clean air is that these laws make it difficult for corporations whose operation depends on the use of coal from buying the high-sulfur coal mined east of the Mississippi. The added expense of removing sulfur from the coal before burning, or alternatively scrubbing the pollutants from burning to prevent that “rotten egg” stench, is prohibitive. The economic hardships that Fairmont and other old-fashioned mining towns face as a result of this is caused not by the high sulfur content of the coal, but by their paucity of the low-sulfur coal now demanded by society for cleaner air.

A few years ago a similar argument ensued from laws protecting the habitat of the Spotted Owl. In order to protect an endangered species whose extinction would be an irreparable loss, limitations upon how much timber could be cut from their nesting sites were imposed. The cry of the time was that this caused undue economic hardship upon the lumberjacks whose livelihood depended on free reign to harvest trees. Initially there was a crisis and the state of Oregon, facing popular pressure, enacted job re-education programs and business incentives for the high-technology sector. What happened? Now nestled between California’s Silicon Valley and Seattle’s Microsoft is a blossoming semiconductor, and software development paradise. Intel has already established research and manufacturing facilities near Portland, with Motorola and others following suit, to pioneer and produce the fastest microprocessors in the world. The strength of the Endangered Species Act helped to blaze the Oregon Trail onto a prosperous path well into the next century.

The resolution of such a short-term crisis for these underdeveloped communities is to move into greener markets, both environmentally and monetarily. This is the way a progressive Capitalist marketplace is supposed to function, and it is the driving force of our nation’s technological advancement. T.D. Crocker, a noted authority on Environmental Economics, said “cleanliness is next to affluence.” There is no greater testament to this than the prosperity America has experienced hand-in-hand with cleaner air and water over the past 25 years. Although Mr. Paternoster only mentions screaming and yelling, I suspect even he would hesitate to suggest a Liberal plan that somehow compensates dirty coal towns just because they were not endowed with clean coal. I would encourage readers of Mr. Paternoster’s opinion, and my own, to become one of the “thousand points of light” by joining student organizations like the Conservation Club and NJ Water Watch, which actually do something for our little blue speck, instead of screaming and yelling in favor of dirty coal and rotten air. 

Derek Harmon
Computer Science

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College at Thirty-something
by Angela Diadone

My daughter is in her room right now fighting with her boyfriend on the phone. Again. It happens a lot and she always asks me what to do. But she doesn't listen, and it's out of my control. A woman I used to work with is so unhappy in her marriage that she has had numerous affairs, all of which, thank God, ended before anything more disastrous happened to her relationship with her husband or to her. She sought my advice over many late-night diner cups of coffee, but never took it.

My friend Bob (his real name) thinks nothing of calling me at all hours of the night, seeking suggestions on how to handle his girlfriend of the month, his lack of financial security, or the problems with his wild (but very cute) younger brother. I try not to put too much weight into what I tell him, because he will only do what he wants anyway—only to call me back, tell me I was right all along, and ask how he can fix it now. These examples are constants in my life. And there have been countless others who, for some unfathomable reason, have found solace in my voice or comfort and understanding in my eyes. The one common denominator has been their desire to be happy, something I find ironic because I wasn't happy for a long time. Maybe I didn't show it or maybe they didn't care enough to notice. Maybe they were just content to have someone who would listen to their problems for not much more than a few beers or black coffee.

Nevertheless, I don't want the job of Dear Abby or the HMO therapist anymore. I don't want to keep finding myself holding someone's hand and telling them that it'll all be okay. I'm tired of spouting verbal gems that steer just clean enough of being trite. What I say is believable, oh yes, probably because my life has been peppered enough with her marriage that she has had numerous affairs, all of which, thank God, ended before anything more disastrous happened to her relationship with her husband or to her. She sought my advice over many late-night diner cups of coffee, but never took it.

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I hope my daughter will realize that there could be happier times waiting for her, sitting across the cafeteria, or maybe in front of her in some summer Shakespeare class. I pray that my friend wakes up one morning and is thankful that she is not waking up alone. And I look forward to the day when Bob finally starts sleeping through the night.

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On the lighter side of...Bill Clinton

I won't be spending a lot of time this year helping to elect Democrats to Congress...I'll be too busy defending my wife...

The use and abuse of pragmatism

When Democrats complain about evil employers and greedy corporations, Republicans bite back by grumbling about Democrats waging class war and opposing financial success. In all the Republican primary debates, the deciding factor always seems to be which candidate is more practical. Consequently, what is practical and what is not will again be the top issue in electing the President this year; but that this is not important. But, the candidates on both sides seem to have replaced all of the areas of politics, such as social and international issues which are equally, if not more, important. The belief that what is true and what is practical is defined by what is practical, pragmatism, has permeated our culture. The result: a world with no direction or leadership.

Pragmatism entails the giving up of objective grounds for testing our beliefs. Everything is viewed as in constant flux, and as a means rather than an ultimate end. The result is the most radical and destructive kind of relativism. Moreover, pragmatism usually leads to meaningless conclusions. For instance, suppose a patient fears he has cancer. He visits a doctor who runs tests. Sure enough, cancer is present. However, knowing the mental state of the patient, the doctor tells him that there must be surgery, but that there is no cancer. The patient comes through the operation with flying colors and the cancer surgically removed. The lie has clearly worked. Therefore, on pragmatic grounds, the lie must be true.

If we reduce truth, or what is good, to "what works," we lose a different, distinctive, independent meaning of truth as saying what is. Consequently, the use of pragmatism in politics has resulted in a society that depends on material things for measuring the "good life." Since the 1960's, despite the economic boom of the 80's, SAT scores have dropped by more than seventy-five points. Abortions have increased to 1.5 million a year. Last year, the Legal Services Corporation reported that five out of every ten marriages ended in divorce. From 1985 to 1991, homicides committed by boys in the fifteen-to-nineteen-year-old age group increased 154 percent. From 1982 to 1991 the juvenile arrest rate for murder rose 93 percent, for aggravated assault 72 percent, and for forcible rape 24 percent (The Barna Report, 1996). All this despite the "practical" men who govern in Washington D.C.

In practice, pragmatism usually begins in America's two favorite materialistic occupations: consumerism and eroticism, greed and lust. Although economics and other such related issues are necessary in politics, it is the emphasis and the prioritization of these things that is destroying society. Pragmatism does not work. In reality, it just isn't practical.
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**Crossword Quiz**

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The Top 10 Ways They Settled the Strike

by Tom Boud

10. The state confused the teachers’ union by negotiating in 12th century Thai.
9. The state got Dr. Seuss to take care of teacher health benefits.
8. The state dropped the superstar teacher plan for the roboteacher plan.
7. The state generously replaced their 100 year wage freeze with a 99 year wage freeze.
6. The state borrowed a loan from the Bank of Namibia to pay for the teachers’ 0.000002% raise; effective May 32, 2095.
5. MSU President Reid called in Zulu union busters from Mozambique.
4. The state paid aliens from Rigel V to kidnap all teacher union stalwarts.
3. Governor Whitman invoked black magic on the teachers’ union.
2. The state hired Bob Barker as their top-gun negotiator.

AND NOW FOR THE NUMBER ONE WAY THEY SETTLED THE STRIKE

1. The state threatened to wake Godzilla up from his slumber if the teachers didn’t agree!

Safety Tip #4:
I know that it may sound like a good idea to use axle grease on stairs to create a wacky practical joke, but it is very hard to clean up; use ball bearings instead!

By Ruby Wyner-lo
A.A.B.P. -certified Astrologer

Aries (Mar. 21–Apr. 19) Time to reminisce. An old flame sends you a gift on the anniversary of your first meeting—a bag of sand.

Taurus (Apr. 20–May 20) Because your moon is in ascension, you should get your basement piereed.

Gemini (May 21–June 21) Focus on the positive. Your lifetime of imprisonment will be highlighted by visits from Clancy the Locavore Sewer Rat.

Cancer (June 22–July 22) Your mate’s been cheating on you for weeks. Maybe it’s because you’re a homely shuffler with rank PO Leo (July 23–Aug. 22) He’s good to the animals. While hiking through Montana, shoot only those creatures with brown fur.

Virgo (Aug. 23–Sept. 22) A blistering headache awaits you when your supervisor transfers you to the Turbine Room.

Libra (Sept. 23–Oct. 22) The paint on your bedroom walls is alive and plans to strangle you in your sleep tonight.

Scorpio (Oct. 23–Nov. 21) Romance heats up at the health club when another member collects the sweat you left behind on the stationary bicycle seat.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22–Dec. 21) Your incessant humming of TLC songs results in an impromptu beheading. Wear a steel collar.

Capricorn (Dec. 22–Jan. 19) Financial concerns must be addressed. You can’t keep paying rent with your baseball cards.

Aquarius (Jan. 20–Feb. 18) Beware of a tall man with a beard made of human heads. He may want to borrow your shovel.

Pisces (Feb. 19–Mar. 20) The stars say, "To keep your Karma intact, you should explore vegetarianism. If that doesn’t work, try some other freakish cult."

Ms. Wyner-lo wishes to thank all her fans for the cards and letters she received while drying out at the Millersville Deconjugation Center. She also apologizes to that guy she slapped at the Clara Bar in downtown Millersville. Please don’t sue.

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MSU baseball looks to defend NJAC title

by Nick Gantalfs & Kevin Culley

The 1996 MSU baseball team returns a solid class of athletes that look to defend their 1995 NJAC championship and seek their third consecutive league title. MSU will be playing under the watchful eye of Head coach Norm Schoening, who will enter his ninth season as leader of the Red Hawks. Schoening's career record stands at 251-110-4 (.694) with an NJAC overall record of 103-24.

The Red Hawks will rely on the pitching of NJAC Pitcher of the Year Brian Cordeiro (Matawan), Todd Sak (Edison) and John Carlion (Wayne). Besides Cordeiro's honor of NJAC Pitcher of the Year, he also was named First Team ECAC All-Star, NJ College Baseball Assoc. Pitcher of the Year and Mid-Atlantic Regional All-Tournament Team. And had 34 K's in 57.1 innings pitched. Junior transfer from Rutgers Newark Kevin O'Shaugnessy (Nutley), and Junior transfer from Morris C.C Tom Fleming (Hawthorne) will fill out the starting rotation for the Red Hawks.

The biggest problem one would think the Red Hawks have to face is the loss of four great athletes from last season's roster. Ralph Yezza, the First Team NJAC third baseman, without a doubt is a tremendous loss to the defensive and offensive side for the Red Hawks. Yezza, the career doubles leader in school history with 50, batted .354 last season, with 55 RBIs, 68 hits and 60 runs. Besides the loss of Yezza, the Red Hawks also lose third other 1995 NJAC honor selections in Tony Martinez, T.J. Costello, and Jason Scavalla.

A tremendous recruiting class of freshman and transfers will be counted on to help the Red Hawks infield. The left side of the infield will be made up of two key transfers. At third base will be power hitting senior from Erskine College in South Carolina, Joe Chonka (Bordentown). Sophomore Brian Mercer (Bayonne), who brings his skills from Fordham, will play short stop. Sophomore Mike Connolly (Bordentown) will play second and freshman Shawn McCorkle (Newton) will play first. Freshman Lou Finamore (Franklin) and Jamie Iovieri (Hazlet) could also see considerable time in the Red Hawks infield this season. This seasons freshman class is considered the finest since 1991 and the Red Hawks have a batting lineup that could put opponents away early on in game play.

MSU returns a dynamic batting duo in senior outfielders Chris Roof (Berkeley Heights) and Tom Vellis (Wallington). Roof, a First Team NJAC selection, First Team ECAC Division III All-Star, First Team All-Mid-Atlantic Regional and All-Regional Tournament selection, boasts a .95 batting average of .354, .486 slugging%, .63 RBI's, 62 hits and 50 runs scored. If that doesn't sound like enough, Vellis, a Second Team NJAC selection, Second Team All-Mid-Atlantic Regional and All-Regional Tournament Team member, batted an awesome .396, had a .572 slugging%, .44 RBIs, 63 hits, and 42 runs scored. Adding to Roof and Vellis's talent is Junior C.B. Leon (Bogota), an NJAC Honor Mention, who batted .284 with 19 RBIs and 33 hits and E.J. Sebelle (Morristown) the NJAC's 1995 Rookie of the Year. As well as talented transfers Mike Mullane (Bayonne) from Rutgers-Newark and Francisco Ortiz (Newark) from Brookdale C.C.

The Red Hawks open their season Saturday, March 9 in Virginia and will play two games against Bridgewater before leaving to play seven games in sunny Florida. The NJAC season play will open Thursday April 4 at Jersey City State. The Red Hawks are set for yet another competitive and winning season, and as usual they are expected to finish as one of the top teams in the NJAC. Once again, major competition will come from the Pioneers of William Paterson College, a team MSU defeated twice in the regular season, and once in the NJAC Tournament to win the conference. The last time the two schools met, MSU was defeated 7-3 in the NCAA Regional Championship game.

A cop-out for Rutgers-Camden

by Nick Gantalfs

On Monday morning, I woke up and to my surprise I read that Rutgers-Camden dropped their miserable men's basketball team after suffering the nation's longest losing streak at 108 consecutive defeats. Rutgers-Camden, a Division III NJAC team, went 0-24 this season, and once again continued to work and attempt to overcome those obstacles until I was successful. Success doesn't come overnight Mr. Gordon, and if you had anyone tell you that it does, I advise you to check with another source. Five years may sound like a hell of a lot, and it is, but, if you lasted and worked until you did notch a win, I bet it would have been the best feeling of all, at least better than the feeling of giving in and quitting.

Senior outfielder Tom Vellis
Senior outfielder Chris Roof
Expectations high as softball returns six starters

by Nick Gantaitis

The talent that comprises the 1996 MSU softball team looks strong and promising, as six out of the nine starters from last season's team return in their attempt to win the Atlantic Region and Division III College World Series.

The Red Hawks will look to senior All-American pitcher Robyn Baron (West Milford) to lead the way on the mound. Baron is the NJAC Pitcher of the Year, All Region, and All-Regional Tournament Team selection, boasts an overall 1995 record of 24-6 for the Red Hawks, who had a '95 record of 37-11. Joining Baron is sophomore Sharon Ormsbee (North Plainfield) who finished the '95 campaign with a 12-4 overall record. Denise Warnock (Keansburg) and freshman Susan McCarville (Buena) were All-State, All-County and All-South Jersey pitcher last season while in high school. The pitching staff appears to be solid, along with a strong batting line-up that has the ability to go far in post-season play. Jerrilyn Acevedo (Long Branch) will be behind the plate as she returns from a '95 season in which she was named to the All-Regional Tournament Team and a batting average of .312, .364 OBP, with one home run, 10 doubles and 21 RBI's. Jenifer Citarella (Belleville) a junior outfielder who was an All-Region second team selection, an All-Regional Tournament member and a .431 batter, adds to the line-up. Citarella's ability to steal bases makes her even more threatening as she achieved a perfect 24-24 stolen bases last season. Senior Jessica Gondek (Sayreville), brings her veteran leadership onto the field, after returning from a junior year in which she was named All-Region with her impressive .359 BA, 1 HR, 3 triples, 14 doubles, and 34 RBIs. Rounding out the key returning starters is Rosalie Guzzi (Long Branch), and first baseman Cheryl Lopez. Guzzi, a junior shortstop was an All-Region selection in '95, as she batted .403, and was 16-20 in stolen bases. Guzzi also hit 10 triples, 3 doubles and 35 RBIs.

This strong batting order will remain solid even though the Red Hawks lose Jennifer Flinn, Amy Edinger and Fran Belliapianta. Flinn, last seasons second baseman, finished off her career as a three time All-American who batted .452, stole 24 bases and had an awesome .988 fielding % in '95. Flinn holds a number of MSU records; the most notable is her career batting average of .432. Flinn also scored the most runs in Red Hawk history with 190, and had the most at bats with 586 from '92-'95.

The Red Hawks are skippered by Anita Kubica, who is in her sixth season as MSU head coach. Kubica, who played her college ball at Trenton State, holds a career record of 143-78 in six seasons. Her coaching staff will be made up of former MSU great Flinn and Donna Koperwhats.

Once again, MSU's nemesis will be the perennial power Trenton State Lions, a team MSU lost to by one run in last season's Atlantic Regional Finals. Trenton State was nationally ranked #1 during the time MSU was defeated. With six of the nine starters returning, defeating Trenton State and most of their NJAC opponents can be accomplished.

The two captains Baron and Warnock will be looked upon to lead the Red Hawks to another sensational season, and a possible national championship. The quest resumes on Saturday, March 9 against Bethel, Minnesota in Ocoee, Florida.
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MSU women lose to Rowan 69-48

Look ahead to ECAC Tournament

by Bob Czechowicz

Last Wednesday in Glassboro, the MSU women's basketball team finished off their season with a 69-48 loss to Rowan. It was a first round game in the NJAC tournament, and it brought the all-time series record between these two teams to 25-14, in favor of MSU.

MSU came into the game with a 15-8 regular season record, while Rowan was undefeated in 24 games. MSU fared well in the first half, only down by four points when the halftime buzzer sounded.

However, in the second half, it was all Rowan as they took a commanding lead. Rowan went on a 9-point run early in the second half which put them up by a score of 39-28. After that run, the lead never dropped below nine points. In fact, at one point the lead stretched to 23 points in favor of Rowan, and the game finished with a 21-point win.

MSU was 1 for 10 from behind the three-point stripe, and shot 50% from the free throw line. One block in the game, while Rowan also outrebounded the Red Hawks by 1 point. Rowan had a total of nine as a team. Rowan was 0 for 4 from three-point land, and shot 17 of 26 from the charity stripe.

Surprisingly, Kim Kovar only had one block in the game, while Rowan had a total of nine as a team. Rowan also outrebounded the Red Hawks by a margin of 56-49.

Tracey Singletary led the Red Hawks in scoring with 13 points on 6 of 12 shooting from the floor. Wykemia Kelley was the leading rebounder for the Red Hawks with 11.

Rowan was led by Takiyah Bowen who also was the game’s leading scorer with 20 points. Bowen was also the Prof’s leading rebounder with 10.

MSU will now enter the ECAC tournament with a 15-9 overall record, and a 13-6 mark in the New Jersey Athletic Conference. Rowan College finished off the season with a perfect 25-0 record, and should definitely be a threat in post-season play.

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