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Allegations of campaigning violations taint SGA Election

• Legislature votes 18-9 to uphold “clouded” results

by Tom Boud

Alleged violations of SGA Election rules have, for the second year in a row, cast a shadow over the results for SGA president and the SGA Legislature has again chosen to ignore testimony from candidates and legislators who said the rules were violated.

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**International**

**Middle East Clashes Continue**-Week-long Israeli raids in southern Lebanon countered by Hezbollah guerrillas firing rockets into northern Israel have created 400,000 refugees so far; with no diplomatic solution in sight. Hezbollah, a pro-Iranian guerrilla group in southern Lebanon, rejected a U.S. proposal for ending the Israeli blitz. Wednesday, stating that they will continue a campaign to end Israel's occupation of southern Lebanon. Although Lebanon has suffered considerable social and economic strain since the raids began, the war is unable to constrain Hezbollah.

**Popes Offers Words of Tolerance**-Declaring that "None can kill in the name of God," Pope John Paul II toured Tunisia on Monday with a message of religious tolerance to the Islamic world, and a denunciation of religious fanaticism. The Tunisian president, Ben Ali, has been in power since 1987 and is carefully monitoring neighboring Algeria's civil war to ensure its Islamic militant movement doesn't spill over to Tunisia.

**U.S. and Japan Reach Peace Accord**-During a summit in Tokyo on Wednesday, President Clinton announced that America has formed a special partnership with Japan to safeguard peace and prosperity in the Asia. The U.S. and Japan signed an agreement that reaffirms security ties in the region and is the clearest statement made since the end of the Cold War that defines U.S. strategic goals in Asia. The agreement also stipulated that although no reduction in the number of American troops stationed in Japan will take place, "let some military bases will experience a 'shrinkage'."

**Exodus Back to Vietnam**-Two decades after the fall of Saigon, the Vietnamese exodus has taken a new direction back to Vietnam. The U.N. agreed to cut off funding for refugee camps in Southeast Asia last month, and many say the only option for the remaining 35,000 people in the region is to return to Vietnam willingly or not. The Vietnamese government is preparing to receive and resettle the returnees, many of whom are hostile.

**Mad Cow Scare**-A month after setting off an international scare about the safety of British beef due to mad cow disease, the government said Wednesday that beef sales in Britain were recovering, with beef consumption increasing by 85 percent of the level before March 20, the day the announcement was made of a possible link between the fatal bovine disease and a similar disease in humans. The plan to dispose of all cows over 30 months of age, at a rate of 15,000 a week, will begin April 29.

**Safety Lapses Cited in German Airport Fire**-Last week's fire at the Düsseldorf Airport was caused by a lapse in safety procedures which failed to supervise the welders who, while working on a road ramp outside the airport, apparently started the fire that killed 16 people. German prosecutors have opened a criminal investigation.

**Possible Cause of Gull Sickness Found**-Researchers say they may have found the cause of the mysterious illness known as "Gull War Syndrome" in a chemical cocktail given to soldiers to counteract nerve gas poisoning and insect-borne diseases. While the chemicals alone don't have any side effects, the researchers say that experiments on chickens indicate they are highly toxic when taken together.

**Clinton Worried About Internet**-Saying that in the next 20 years "every great nation will have to face the question of terrorist access to the Internet," President Clinton voiced his concern over the Net's accessibility to terrorists and the ease with which they can obtain information on bomb manufacturing and nerve gas production.
Students protest 9% tuition increase at turbulent Board of Trustees meeting

by Tom Boud

The MSU Board of Trustees (BOT) voted nearly unanimously on April 11 to increase summer tuition 8.9% (9.2% for nonresidents). The only exception was Student BOT Representative Natalie Vaccaro who casted an abstention. "I don't agree with this tuition raise on a personal level, but I realize that it must be done for the good of the university. Please remember our living and eating conditions," Vaccaro said.

In addition, the BOT heard testimony from students and faculty concerning further tuition and fee increases.

In June, the BOT will vote on extending the summer increase to the 96-97 academic year along with a $10.00 hike in parking permits. The BOT will also consider instituting a $2.50 per credit Facilities Fee (to help clear up building maintenance backlog) as well as a 6.1% boost in room and board for campus residents.

SGA President Francois Dauder voiced his dissatisfaction. "The summer increase is an outrageous increase. The projected fall increases are outrageous for the students who will have the financial burden of offsetting increases of 9 percent. We're quite aware of the state department of higher education cuts, but this university can come up with alternatives other than the summer increase and the proposed 96-97 budget that would not be such a burden. The SGA will still be here during the summer and will make efforts to recruit students to be at the June board meeting," Dauder said.

Vice President of External Affairs Victor Cirillo, director of External Affairs, brought out baskets containing about 1,400 signed letters from MSU students. Cirillo is currently heading a campaign to gather thousands of anti-tuition hike letters which will be forwarded to the NJ State Legislature on April 22.

Furthermore, Blanton Hall resident Brenda Sheehan appeared before the board with several hundred signatures from students opposed to any tuition hikes.

AFT Local 1904 President Dr. Catherine Becker said raising tuition is not in the university's best interest. "I think it sets a bad precedent where today's students pay for tomorrow's buildings. To point the real finger of blame, we must look at Trenton. The Whitman administration has sharply cut aid for higher education. Montclair and our students all suffer from this. Governor Whitman must not be allowed to continue cutting in the name of tax savings. She needs to be stopped now and we need to band together to do it," Becker said.

MSU President Irvin Reid supported Becker's call for organized protest. "I agree with Dr. Becker in that we need a concerted effort. I myself have been meeting with state legislators at the rate of 1 to 2 per week. We are in an environment where we are expecting a 2.2 million dollar reduction. We are also in the most expensive part of the state. However, we are continuing to listen to ways in which we can improve." Reid said the summer tuition increase along with the projected 96-97 tuition/fee package will not totally absorb the shortfall in state assistance.

BOT Chairperson Murray Cole said the board takes student input seriously. "I don't want people to think that what you say here tonight will be forgotten tomorrow. We don't just come here and hear what you have to say and just do what we want. We strive to do things with a minimum amount of pain. But at the same time, we can't let MSU become stagnant to the point where it does not progress. Our responsibility is not only going to students, faculty, and administration, but also acting as trustees of the public and state of New Jersey."
by Lisa Monaco

Assault
April 12 at 2:20 a.m. An officer on patrol observed commotion in Lot 26, suggesting a fight. Prior to this a witness observed the fight between a man and two females and tried to break it up. Apparently the man became intoxicated at an off-campus party which prompted an argument to start in a vehicle. The females were treated at the Health Center, but the man needed stitches and was transported to Mountainside Hospital by ambulance.

Disorderly Conduct/Lewdness
April 9 at 7:30 p.m. A woman residing at the Clove Road Apartments reported that a man was standing outside her apartment with no pants on. The man was apparently intoxicated.

Criminal Mischief
April 9 at 7:30 a.m. Derogatory comments were found written on a fire alarm panel in Bohn Hall.

April 12. An officer on patrol during the night shift observed the back windshield of a 1984 Volkswagen Rabbit smashed.

Trespassing
April 13 at 2 p.m. A woman reported seeing a man run through the women's locker room.

Harassment
April 15. A man came to headquarters reporting that unknown persons were putting up fliers stating that Zeta Beta Tau cut down a tree and was destroying nature.

Notice Complaint
April 11 at 1:09 a.m. Numerous residents complained of noise from the Quad area between Blandon and Bohn Halls. There were 70 to 100 males and females participating and watching a step show. They were advised to take it into the quarry and the group dispersed five to ten minutes later.

Suspicious Person
April 12, between 11:10-11:50 p.m. Two separate females reported a man trying to engage in them in some conversation while they were walking on campus earlier that day.

MSU Campus Police Report

Theft
April 10. A bookbag was stolen from the Student Center Ballroom. The victim feels it may have happened while she was handing out fliers for the health fair.

April 12 at 4 p.m. A Student Center employee reported that a computer keyboard, and file center were stolen from the ballrooms.

April 12 at 1 p.m. A woman in Sprague Library left her bag on the chair inside the bathroom while she went into stall. When she came out her cellular phone was missing.

April 14 at 1:40 a.m. A woman resident of the Stone Hall reported that she left her door open while running around the dorm doing things and when she returned she found her wallet had been stolen from her bookbag.

Medical
April 11 at 6:59 p.m. A woman fell down the stairs at Blanton Hall and possibly fractured her foot. She was transported to St. Joseph's Hospital.

April 12 at 1:40 a.m. An officer on patrol observed a woman Bohn Hall resident vomiting by a car in Lot 21 after returning from an off campus fraternity party under the influence. She was transported to the Health Center and was examined by a nurse.

Fire Alarm
April 9 at 4:37 p.m. The fourth floor smoke detector in Freeman Hall in front of the rooms was activated. The RA used the key to open the door and found heavy smoke in the room. Apparently the resident was cooking chicken and used ammonia on the floor to clean up the mess. The combination of substances started the smoke.

April 10 at 3:49 a.m. In Blanton Hall a fourth floor pull station sounded the alarm. No smoke or fire was found.

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Medium Coffee

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Tainted

If we try to get into who did what, we would be here for days. Let’s not waste the legislature’s time with this. If you are going to disqualify the votes of more than 1,500 people who are not apathetic, please make sure you do it based on the facts”, said Paternoster.

SGA Legislator Jean-Marie Navetta further argued for accepting the status quo. “This is totally stupid! I don’t understand why we are fighting over this when we can’t prove anything. Where are our facts? Unlike last year, we have no evidence that any votes were tampered with. The fact is, 1,500 students voted. If we hold a one day run-off election for president, maybe 100 students will vote. It would be a kick in the rubber parts for all the students who voted,” Navetta said.

“AT least you can’t say the legislature is hypocritical. They are simply always wrong,” said SGA Legislator Greg MacSweeney who argued at the meeting that the “SGA Legislature has no integrity” and that the election results should be overturned because of violations of election rules.

Members of the legislature and members of the audience also argued that the rules should be followed or there should be no election rules at all.

Crash

Little Falls Police Department, at about 12:45 p.m., Napoli's car was traveling on Clove Road and stopped in the northbound lane to make a left turn into the Clove Road apartments. Apparently a shuttle bus was stopped in the opposite lane, and Napoli "began to make the left turn and was broadsided by Stern's vehicle and then Napoli's vehicle struck the shuttle bus." The shuttle bus sustained very little damage, and was able to drive away shortly after the accident occurred.

Napoli, 21, had x-rays taken of her head and neck but only suffered from minor bruising and shock. According to her father, Napoli was able to return to school on Monday.

Stern, 48, says that she feels "very sore and bruised in my neck, arms, and chest." She is currently under her doctor's care, and does not know when she will be able to return to school.

Neither the bus driver nor any of the passengers were injured in the accident. Senior Victoria Caldes, a passenger on the bus, says that "I felt a small jolt and that was it."

To date, no summons or charges were filed in connection with the accident.
Crossing Boundaries: Author Shares Transgender Experience

by Jean-Marie Navetta and John J. O'Sullivan

As a highlight of the "Crossing Boundaries" series at MSU, nationally acclaimed author Leslie Feinberg gave a presentation entitled, "Stone Butch Blues: Lesbian Genre or Transgender?" in Dickson Hall on Wednesday night.

The presentation was part of the week-long lecture series, which was co-chaired by Sally McWilliams of the English department and Peterson of the Theatre Department. The series celebrated "the interdisciplinary aspects of work by lesbian artists." Other speakers throughout the week focused on their work as lesbians in the various genres of art, film, and literature.

In this segment of the series, Feinberg discussed the similarities and differences between the gay and lesbian community and the transgendered community through the themes in her novel Stone Butch Blues. The novel received the American Library Association Award for Gay and Lesbian Literature, and a Lambda Literary Award. Feinberg is known for being a grass-roots activist and a journalist who has spoken on this topic in over 40 states. She has also just completed a nonfiction novel about transgendered individuals and culture entitled, Transgender Warriors: A History of Resistance from Joan of Arc to RuPaul. Feinberg started her discussion with an explanation of the term "transgendered," commenting that, "it challenges the Ozzie and Harriet paradigm of sex." Though a number of different self-identifications appear to fall under the "umbrella" of transgender, Feinberg argued that people are beginning to recognize the existence of a defined transgender movement, evidenced by use of the term in many mainstream publications such as the New York Times.

This recognition may also be attributed to the momentum in the United States generated by the lesbian, gay, and transgendered people working together as one movement, according to Feinberg. "Although its not the same oppression, to our enemies, we are all Queer with a capital Q...having a common enemy is a basis for coalition." She argued that the groups must remain together for power, and that, "narrowing the forces would be inconceivable."

Her novel, Stone Butch Blues, aims to help explain the transgendered experience. Stone Butch Blues is a novel about being inside the transgendered experience — we are usually the Other...the book lets you have your entire world shift in terms of how you will be perceived. It takes you on a rollercoaster ride that tells you about sex and gender in our society." The book takes on issues which overlap — sex, gender, women's issues, and class — and how these issues can create or break unity. Feinberg noted that such issues are now being discussed and publicized by more mainstream media, including Hollywood, who is "trying to cash in on interest, hunger, and discussion."

Feinberg drew a literary parallel between Stone Butch Blues and Radcliffe Hall's The Well of Loneliness. Both could be read as transgender narratives because of the issues taken on in the texts and the author's backgrounds (Hall was also transgendered and preferred to be called "John"). "The book (The Well of Loneliness) is both lesbian genre and transgender genre," commented Feinberg. "That's what makes a kind of bond between The Well of Loneliness and Stone Butch Blues. The authors have one foot in each of the overlapping communities." The significance of books like these was touched on by Feinberg: "Books can take truth out to places we can't go.

Feinberg then attempted to create a clearer understanding of the relationship between transgender and sexuality. "There's an assumption that transgendered people are just gay and don't want to admit it — but transgenderism isn't sexuality expressed, it's our spirit and how we express it."

Feinberg continued on p. 9

Spring Week starts with a deal of the deck

by Tom Boud

The thrill of Atlantic City came to MSU thanks to Casino Night, a gambling extravaganza sponsored by CLUB on April 15 in the Student Center Ballrooms. Casino Night is part of CLUB's Spring Week, which runs throughout this week.

According to Casino Night rules, each participant was provided with $2,000 in chips, in addition to a free raffle ticket upon entering the ballrooms. Each person would try their luck at any of the blackjack, roulette, or big wheel tables scattered throughout the ballrooms.

When it came time to cash in one's chips, each gambler would receive one additional raffle ticket for every $5,000 in chips. CLUB then raffled off about 25 various prizes ranging from a pack of cards to a color television.

Meanwhile, the normally sedate Student Center Ballrooms took on an air more typical of Billy's Casino. Students were to be found shouting, rooting, clapping, and celebrating as if they were betting real money. Nonetheless, there were some who thought Casino Night still had room for improvement.

"I'm wondering how come they don't have any craps tables here. After all, it's just doesn't feel like a casino without craps," said Sophomore Keith Frey. "Anyway, where are the waitresses serving cocktails and beer?" Frey said jokingly.

All jokes aside, many people literally hit the jackpot on Casino Night. At night's end, there were many winners with stacks of twenty or more black chips ($5,000 each) which translated into long reels of raffle tickets.

The festive mood didn't stop when all the tables were closed. Gamblers were still roaming with enthusiasm during the CLUB raffle drawing for a color television and the final grand-prize drawing.

Spring Week Co-chairperson Wendy Mechtel said this year's Casino Night fared better than last year's event. "So far, it's been a great success! As of 9:30, we had 225 people and more were coming in. They stayed and had a lot of fun."
LIRR Victim’s Parents speak to students on daughter’s legacy

by Matthew Connolly and Tim Donnelly

On Tuesday, April 9, MSU alumni Jake and Arlene Locicero gave a presentation to approximately 55 student and faculty members concerning their daughter Amy Federici, one of the victims of the December 1993 Long Island Railroad Massacre. The event was sponsored by the MSU Campus Ministry Council and the Wellness Week Committee.

Arlene Locicero began the presentation with a brief reading from the Bible and introduced a news video from the night on which Amy’s life was taken. Jake Locicero gave a poignant account of how he came to learn of his daughter’s death. He said “During Amy’s life, she was a vibrant, pious, affable woman; always the first to extend a hand of friendship.” Amy’s sister also described her as “a wonderful sister, a loving caring woman, and someone who put God first.”

Throughout the process of organ donation, Amy’s death has given a new lease on life to three recipients. Her heart recipient, a 60-year-old grandfather from Long Island, is regarded by Arlene Locicero as “one of her own children.” The presentation stressed the sanctity of life, and how the force and love behind it lasts far beyond death.

Afterward, over refreshments, Jake and Arlene took the time to meet individually all who attended. Information regarding organ donation was also available. All information can be attained by contacting the Newman Catholic Center at 746-2293.

Events

Thursday, April 18:
- Lecture. Ethics in Accounting 6 PM, Robin Hood Inn. $25 faculty, $15 students. Sponsored by the Accounting Society.
- "Out of Bounds: Dykes Talk Sex, Lives, Art." 6-8 PM, Dickson Hall, Room 178.

Monday, April 22:
- CERAF Conference “Promoting Equity Markets in Africa.” 7:30 AM – 5 PM.

Tuesday, April 23:
- Trina Paulus and Worm Village! SC Ballroom 11:00 AM, Creating Your Own Indoor Compost. 12:00 PM, Biogenetics and You. 1:00 PM, The Natural Cure for AIDS?!!!
- "Tweaking the Dragon’s Tail: Teaching Western Journalism in China" 12:30 – 1:30 PM, Dickson Hall, Room 272.

Wednesday, April 24:
- Campus Cleanup; Pizza exchange for garbage! 10-2:00 PM
- Aerobic Fitness Expo for Women...12-1 PM. Panzer Gym
- Fitness Center.

Weekly

Mondays
- Amnesty International Meetings, S.C. Room 408 4 p.m.
- Players, General Membership, S.C. Cafe B 6 p.m.
- Al-Anon meetings, Gilbreth House 6 p.m.
- OSAU General Membership, S.C. Cafe C 7:30 p.m.

Tuesdays
- LASO General Membership, S.C. Room 417 3:30 p.m.
- Narcotics Anonymous, Gilbreth House 6 p.m.
- OSAU General Membership, S.C. Cafe C 7:30 p.m.

Wednesdays
- French Club Meeting, Dickson Hall, Room 115, noon
- Theta Xi, “Going Greek” Cafe B. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Conservation Club Meeting, S.C. Room 120 3 p.m.

Thursdays
- Phi Mu Alpha holds bake sale in Dickson Hall.
- Public Telescope Night, front of Richardson Hall 8 p.m.

Fridays
- Muslim Student Association, S.C. Room 205. 3 - 4 p.m.

Sundays
- Mass in Dickson Hall. Rm. 178 11 a.m. NCC 6:30 p.m
M A D I A AN D THE LAW: the lessons learned from O.J.

by Nancy Thompson

What makes a case the "Trial of the Century?" Those of us who attended the special event, MEDIA AND THE LAW, at Dickson Hall last Monday night were treated to insights from Raymond Brown, Esq., a trial attorney, and Dr. Paul Thaler, the Director of the Journalism and Media Program at Mercy College.

The event, jointly sponsored by both the Broadcasting and Legal Studies Departments at MSU, was moderated by Sandra King, Senior Correspondent of New Jersey Network News and the Senior Producer of NJN's Due Process.

At the top of the evening, The Harry Belfe II Senior awards were bestowed upon Lisa Lombardo and Vered Adoni by Murray L. Cole, the Chairman of the Board of the MSU Alumni Association. Federal Bar Association Members Anna Navotta, Esq., and Moses Apsan, Esq., were in attendance as gavels were presented to Sandra King, Raymond M. Brown, Esq., Dr. Paul Thaler and Jeff Friedman, head of NJN's Special Projects program.

The evening's format was informally structured with audience participation encouraged. Ms. King asked Mr. Brown to initiate the discussion concerning whether or not cameras should be allowed in the courtroom.

Mr. Brown, a proponent of camera openings by referring to the O.J. Simpson trial as a benchmark case. Telling the audience that OJ's trial generated 50,000 pages of transcript, 900 pieces of evidence 11 defense attorneys, 9 prosecution attorneys and 126 witnesses. There were at least 1,000 press people with credentials, and 900 phone lines. All this ran up a cost of more than 10 million dollars.

Dr. Thaler, who disagrees with the decision to place TV cameras in the courtroom, claims that TV cameras trivialize the courtroom. "The courtroom is affected by it, the legal system is affected by it, and we are affected by it," he said. "Marcia Clark became a media star, making the line blurry between trial and entertainment, which is dangerous."

Brown countered by saying that Dr. Thaler's analysis was "the O.J. trial was the "Trial of the Century" not because the camera was there, but because it concerned an interracial marriage and domestic violence."

Dr. Thaler contends that this leads to making the news "consumer driven. News division will ask 'what news do you want to see?' The things we televise are not the more mundane cases we could learn from." When Mr. Brown objected to his assertion, Dr. Thaler replied that "If we really want to put trials into the media context, this would follow as a logical conclusion."

During the question and answer session with the audience, Dr. Thom Gencarelli of the Broadcasting Department posed the question with reference to Brown's remark on elitism and his position regarding the Lovinger theory of the reflective versus subjective phenomena of television. "That TV doesn't so much reflect what we think as project what we ought to think. I'm not so sure there's any measurable way we can determine what we get out of TV."

Mr. Brown responded by referring to an earlier remark made by Dr. Thaler that the public ignored cosmically important events during the OJ trial. "Not having our eye on the ball started long before court TV. It's much of what constitutes gender, race, sexuality, or female. 'These may all seem like abstract facts, but not if you're transgendered... Unearthing your own history is in and of itself an act of resistance."

She observed that the current period makes it possible to change how people refer to transgendered individuals. In the book jackets for Feinberg's latest novel, her publisher agreed to use the term "s/he" and "hir." "Assumptions people have about me when they see my picture will be shattered when they read the pronoun."

Challenging definitions and stereotypes which can be "so archaic and self-limiting" seemed to be the theme of Feinberg's social and political message. She explained that by discussion, "we allow people to open up and be who they really are. It will have an effect on society just the way black liberation, women's liberation, or gay and lesbian liberation did."
by Ann Margaret Kane

Many students and faculty jogged over to the Heath Fair, held last Wednesday, April 10. Located in the Student Center Ballrooms A & B from 9:30 p.m. as part of Founder's Week, The Health Fair hosted a variety of vendors ranging from Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) to The American Cancer Society (ACS). The booth offered information and health screenings.

Questions about smoking? The American Cancer Society had many booths informing people about the health risks associated with smoking, second hand smoke, and chewing tobacco.

The American Psychiatric Association had information on topics such as depression, eating disorders, anxiety and stress. Just in time to help students cope with added stress from end of the semester papers and projects.

Local hospitals like Barriere at Paterson and Mountainside in Montclair checked students blood glucose (diabetes test) and cholesterol screening. Many people took advantage of the cholesterol screening, with results given within three minutes.

The Hepatitis Foundation was on hand to talk about this often unknown, yet prevalent virus. Hepatitis, inflammation of the liver, exists in three forms: A, B, and C, and can be spread through contaminated water, food or sexual intercourse (to name a few forms of transmission).

This virus, although not "hot" in the media, is more common and can be as deadly as AIDS.

AIDS has played a big part in Wellness Week, as well as at the Health Fair. Hospice Care and the NJ Buddies, who are professionally trained facilitators assisting people with AIDS and HIV were some of the AIDS groups offering information at the fair.

In addition to outside health organizations, Montclair State University had vendors representing the various on-campus organizations. The Women's Health Center, Exercise Science Department, Health Center, Nutrition (Home Economics Department) and the Drop In Center had displays at the fair.

The Exercise Science Department had numerous activities ranging from flexibility tests to exercise prescriptions; one was exhausted upon leaving the booth.

Fat was the theme for the Nutrition table. Various foods such as McDonald's apple pie and low-fat milk were displayed along with test tubes of fat contained in each food. One look at the test tubes of fat in McDonald's food products would cause a fast food fanatic to forgo the fat laden foods and make healthy choices for their next meal.

Now that students know a little bit more about the health facilities on and off campus that improve physical and mental well-being, maybe finals this semester will be a breeze.
Class One Concerts Proudly Presents:
THE ANNUAL OUTDOOR JAM
FEATURING:
CRACKER
and
Cornershop
AIDS Awareness Concert
In Memory Of:
Jim Mc Roy
and
Douglas Tomlinson
Montclair State Amphitheater
Sunday, April 28 @ 2 p.m.
This is a Free concert!
If you have any questions, call C1C at:
655-4478
C1C is a Class One of the SGA
Even though the anticipated *Twister Tournament: Don’t Screw, Just Twist!* was sadly cancelled due to inclement weather, it didn’t stop students from enjoying Spring Week 1996. Casino Night on Monday and the Comedy Show on Tuesday kicked off the week’s planned events. As you can see, a good time was had by all!
A magically juicy tale, James and the Giant Peach

by John Springman

How do you film a movie in which most of the action takes place in or on a colossal fruit and most of the main characters are insects? If you're director Henry Selick (The Nightmare Before Christmas), you combine stop-motion animation, computer-generated imagery and stylized live-action sequences. Call in Randy Newman (Toy Story) to contribute some bouncy tunes and add a few celebrity voices (Richard Dreyfuss, Susan Sarandon) to portray your characters. The result is an imperfect but ultimately pleasing children's fantasy, James and the Giant Peach. Most children and more than a few adults will be carried away by the magic of this tale.

James and the Giant Peach is based on the book by Roald Dahl, perhaps best known for Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. The story begins with James (Paul Terry) spending an idyllic time with his too-good-to-be-true parents. His father makes a promise to take James to a place where dreams come true - New York City, of all places. As usually happens in such a story, the wonderful parents are snuffed out by a black rhino and the orphaned James is sent to live with his horrid relatives.

Aunt Sponge (Miriam Margolyes) and Aunt Spiker (Joanna Lumley) combine the worst qualities of Roseanne, Tammy Faye Baker and your average prison warden. James seems condemned to a life of misery until he meets and old man (Pete Postlethwaite) who offers him a handful of small magical green items — no, not amphetamines, crocodile tongues. The crocodile tongues are accidentally dropped at the base of a barren peach tree, which soon sprouts a magical peach twenty feet in diameter. James finds a tunnel into the peach and is transformed from a live boy into a stop-action figure. He meets several insects who have also been magically transformed, and when the peach is cut away from the tree, an exciting transatlantic journey begins.

James' new family consists of an aristocratic English Grasshopper; Miss Spider (Sarandon), a Russian femme fatale; a matronly but tough Ladybug; a streetwise Brooklyn Centipede (Dreyfuss); a pessimistic Earthworm; and a luminous Glowworm. The characters are all fun, and the animators have done a wonderful job of giving them both human and insect qualities.

The Ditchdigger's Daughter, an inspiring rise to success

by Jodi Kastel

On March 28th, the Women Students' Organization welcomed Dr. Yvonne Thornton, author of The Ditchdigger's Daughters, as part of their anniversary reception. The reception marked the group's first year as a Class III organization, and the second anniversary of the group's creation.

WSO President Christine DiChristina delivered the welcoming address to the thirty-or-so members of the audience as Dr. Thornton regained her composure after her harrowing trip through the MSU parking lots.

Dr. Thornton is the director of The Perinatal Diagnostic Testing Center at Morristown Memorial Hospital, and is an associate physician at Rockefeller University Hospital. She was the first black woman doctor to specialize in perinatal (high risk birth) obstetrics. After receiving her undergraduate degree at Monmouth College (now University), Dr. Thornton applied and was accepted at the prestigious Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons. Dr. Thornton credits all of her success to her parents, who stressed education above all else.

Both her mother and father had very little education. Her father was everything from a garbage man to a ditchdigger just so that he could provide a good life for his family. Dr. Thornton's mother worked in sweatshops and scrubbed floors to help make ends meet. Donald and Tass Thornton weren't content with their five natural daughters, so they decided to adopt another, instilling their excellent work ethic and strong drive for success in all six girls.

Donald told his girls, "I love you better than I love life. But I'm not always gonna be around to look after you, and no man's gonna come along and offer to take care of you because you ain't light-skinned. That's why you gotta be able to look after yourselves. And for that you gotta be smart."

To further round out their educations, the Thornton's bought the girls music lessons, which eventually spurred them on to form their own band The Thornton Sisters Band, and later, The Thorntonettes.

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The girls played together for nearly twenty years, balancing school and music while carving out a name for themselves. In 1959 the Thornton Sisters appeared on the televised Ted Mack's Original Amateur Hour at Radio City Music Hall. Dr. Thornton showed the audience the videotape of their performance during her lecture.

The Thornton sisters, Yvonne, Linda, Donna, Jeanette, and Rita were accompanied by Mrs. Thornton on stage. After that gig, they continued to play at colleges, and eventually performed at the Apollo Theater, winning the amateur competition for six weeks straight.

Though they were making a considerable amount of money and were offered lucrative contracts, Mr. Thornton stressed school and education, ripping up contracts that posed a threat to the dream he had chiseled out for his bright daughters.

In 1968, Dr. Thornton applied to 13 medical schools, and was accepted at every one. After a few other interviews she decided that Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons (P&S) was the right place for her to make her mark.

Multiple conflicts and learning experiences peppered her P&S career, proving, once again, Yvonne Thornton was a winner, and could handle any type of pressure placed on her. Her photographic memory, tenacity, and general intelligence gave her the tools to make her dreams come true. When times would get tough and the days never seemed to have enough hours, Mr. Thornton would remind her, "Cookie, you don't find time, you make time."

Mr. Donald Thornton passed away in 1983, preceded by his wife, Tass, in 1977. Their love and support yielded not just happy, healthy, intelligent daughters, but two doctors, a dentist, a lawyer, a nurse, and a court stenographer.

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by Chris Bernardo

The 1995 Greta release, *This is Greta*, contains the perfect mixture of current punky guitar lines, with lazy underlining bass lines. The first two tracks are boring, but they are not representative of the rest of the tracks. The third track, "Cal Cool," is a commercial hit and can be heard a great deal on 104.3 FM. It's pretty strong. It has a corny chorus section, which actually sounds cool.

The fifth track, called "Anomaly" really kicks ass. It can also be heard on the radio from time to time. It's one of those "get fired up" type of tunes. The guitars are strong, along with a powerful rhythm section. This stuff sounds like heavy metal for a while, then comes back to its senses and straightens out.

This track is comparable to a Bush-like tune, whatever that means. The verses and chorus sections are similar to stuff reserved for the British quasi-punk scene—slow and lazy verses, with loud and raambunctious chorus sections. "Anomaly" is probably the best of all the tracks.

The following tracks are completely unpredictable. They range from rough and punky to slow and pointless. The sixth track, "Charade" represents the rest of the songs pretty well. The beginning is real commercial and pop-like, then it moves into a heavier bass oriented chorus section before eventually retreating into a slow melancholy verse.

It's difficult to describe Greta, or to put a label on them. Like so many other bands today, there are several different influences that are blatantly obvious. In comparing them to modern bands, I can see similarities to Sponge or Filter. Maybe a happy medium between the two.

The last four tracks are similar to a lot of late Beatles stuff. I hope they stick to the heavier stuff, it seems to work better for them. If it means doing more commercial type music, then that's the way it should go. The only stuff of theirs that gets time on the radio, is the heavier stuff. That's their market, they should leave slower stuff to bands who can do it better.

Write for the Arts! Call Victoria at x5169.
Two weeks ago I was blessed with strep throat. This week I have a sinus infection. I am not well. I can most likely be found slumbering 24/7. No siesta for this chickie. Slowly, I am transforming into a vampire. I rarely see the light of day.

Why have I dragged my exhausted, weary, achy, feverish body into this office? I don’t know. Dedication? Devotion? Desire? Perhaps stupidity is the answer. Last time I was resting, I was here writing mean reviews and laying out a controversial article. An article that brought me a severe finger-wagging from the executive board at Monday’s meeting—too controversial? No, too long. They always find something wrong with the Arts section. Maybe it’s not the section that’s flawed but their perceptions.

So, I’ve been reprimanded. This does not help my health. It’s true I celebrated my friend Joy’s birthday pretty hard last Friday, but that’s not the reason I spent the entire weekend in bed. I only had two shots of Tequila, several beers, a few tokes, and some congruous conversation. I’m well past the three-day hangover age. I can hold my own, most of the time.

Right now, however, is not that time. I am congested. I cough. I sneeze. Several people have asked me, Why are you still here? I’m waiting for my prescriptions. Won’t you come with me now; for a walk through our beautiful Stupid, oh excuse me, Student Center. We’re venturing outside the Montclarion office past the Art Annex, rm. 113 or call x5169.

PS: For those of you who don’t know, there are only two issues of the Montclarion left. Since I am graduating, I decided on a full page and picture for my column, but I was denied my request. I think this is unfair. If you agree, please let your opinion be known. E-mail, telephone, write a letter, do something—this is your last chance to support me! Thanks.
Alonso’s thinking on planet discovery called “sadly typical”

Nelson Alonso’s article regarding the discovery of two new planets orbiting Sun-like stars is sadly typical of the type of thinking that passes for objective commentary. While I admire Mr. Alonso’s faith I must, in all fairness, point out several facts that the writer conveniently blurred, ignored, or blindly stated without corresponding documentation or evidence.

To begin with, the writer’s disdain of evolution puts him squarely in camp with creation science, where he is welcome to stay. Evolution is a fact, supported by overwhelming fossil and empirical evidence. Creationism on the other hand, is based on a book of historical writings that preclude the time frame in which life could have evolved.

Of course, we can bury our heads in the muck of ignorance and ignore the facts as they presently stand, or we can step forward and embrace with courage the gifts of science. The universe has been steadily expanding for close to fifteen billion years. Carbon and zircon dating reveal the Earth’s age to be 4.5 billion years old. And the fossil record, the most obvious and incontrovertible example of the creationists’ specious arguments, extends back more than 3.5 billion years. I’m afraid, Mr. Alonso, that the earth has been spinning through space far longer than the myth would suggest.

The writer also belittles the spontaneous generation of life by commenting that it occurs “...given the combination of a little liquid water and a few essential elements.” I assume he is referring to the experiment first performed in the 1950’s by Stanley Miller, in which a mixture of primitive gasses and water were sparked in a glass flask to simulate the early atmosphere of the earth. The results were profound: after a few hours, the interior of the flask became coated with a rich variety of complex organic molecules — the foundation of life — hardly the type of science to be cast aside as irrelevant.

Finally, the writer purports that there are “...forty-six planetary, stellar, and galactic characteristics that must be fine-tuned for any conceivable kind of life to exist on a planet.” Really, sir, this is the kind of obscurantist rant unworthy of a university writer. Forty-six? How what was that number reached? And who or what was its source? And what was the meaning of “fine tuned”?

In closing, let me quote Theophrastus, a writer who lived during the founding of the Library of Alexandria. “Superstition (is) cowardice in the face of the divine.” Those who wish to turn their backs on the sublime and powerful possibility that other planets are bursting with life may indeed find comfort in a universe centered on Earth. However, I prefer to embrace the wonder of a night sky brimming with the light of intelligence.

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Flaws found in Navetta’s Utopia: Greed, limited skills, and losers

Could it be that Frank Fleischman III’s letter last week had an effect on Jean-Marie Navetta? I suspect not, her Utopian dream is probably not a socialist version, but still her dream of perfection in laws, government and social conditions is laudable. Unfortunately baseball may indeed be the closest thing America has to a Utopia at the moment.

Perhaps though there are some flaws in the baseball analogy that Navetta has drawn. Remember the strike? Does Navetta really support organized labor? Not very conservative. Is the withdrawal of labor by a group of very well paid individuals in the greedy pursuit of even more money a Utopian concept?

Maybe the owners are a better conservative example. You strike, we’ll sack you. That’s more like it. Replace these people who got there on merit with less talented people who will do the job for less. Less skilled, yes, but will the public put up with it eventually if there is nothing else right? We have control of the team franchises it’s our monopoly. That’s much better — market forces rule.

But wait, what’s that you say Mr. Mayor? New York City has to build a new stadium for the Yankees? I thought this was a free market. Surely we don’t want government and political influence in a free market. Can’t the owners build their own stadium? Aren’t they making enough money? Is the demand of all the baseball fans in the most populated and rich area of the country not adequate?

It seems that Navetta’s Utopia is one where a limited skill is exercised and people run around in circles — diamonds. It’s a world where the biggest hitters and fastest throwers are the winners, and there always has to be a winner. The losers, it seems, are the ordinary people, the fans who feed the greed, the ones sitting in the snow. Navetta’s Utopia is for chosen talents only: the ones she chooses — the rest are disregarded.

Now cricket would be a game that aspires to a Utopian ideal. It even stems from the same country that these Utopian ideals came from. A cultured and culturally diverse game. A game of skill, finesse, tactics, gentle behavior, respect and fair play. A game that is played for its own sake not just for money or to win. You can play for five days and still not get a result. This is not a distraction however, as it is the taking part that is as important as the victory. Ashes matches excepted. A pastime where you can succeed by talent and hard work but also take part for fun. A game that takes breaks for drinks, lunch and tea, not for advertisements. A far better Utopia than baseball. You can even get snow as late as May 15. So there.

Matthew Connolly
Technology
State of the World
by Tom Tracy

There has been a lot of concern lately about the proposed tuition increase for next year which was announced last week. The proposed increase is approximately 8.9 percent for undergraduate students and will amount to an increase of $304 for commuter students and $497 for residents. There are several reasons for these increases, and we, as the student body must be careful not to shoot the messenger, and to look at the larger picture.

Tuition at MSU is the second major source of revenue for the annual operation budget, the first being the annual state appropriation. If the state appropriation is adequate and covers the cost of living increases, salary increases, and fringe benefits costs, then the tuition increase usually is between 3 percent and 5 percent and does not alarm the student body. However, if the state appropriation does not cover the above mentioned costs, then we the students are responsible for carrying a larger part of the financial burden. If we do not, then we risk having the university reduce its services. If you feel that the university is providing inadequate services as it is, imagine what would happen if they chose the latter option above.

Since the fiscal year 1990, the salary cost, which is negotiated by the state on behalf of the university, is $817,644,000 including the proposed cost for 1997. The state reimbursement for these costs since 1990 is $9,232,000 including a whopping zero total for 1997. This means that the university has had to absorb almost half of the salary cost. In years past, the amount of support from the state has varied, and often times the university is not even certain about how much support it will receive until a day or two before the beginning of the fiscal year. Even so, the university has attempted to hold tuition increases to a minimum. Compared to the other state schools, MSU has been able to do this effectively.

The university has been absorbing the cost of limited state appropriations for so long that now we are faced with a huge tuition increase. Perhaps a better plan would be to plan ahead as the Board of Trustees for Rowan College recently did when they passed a resolution that will increase tuition 10 percent per year over the next three years. Are you upset by that? Are you thinking that it could never happen here because we have such great organizational power to protest such measures? Don’t, because the President has requested a study of tuition at MSU to gather up recommendations for the fiscal year 1998 that will position the school in a better financial state for the years to come. Sounds like a fixed tuition hike to me.

I think the arguments above show that the tuition increase may be justified. The problem that I have however, is with the method and areas where the increases occur. The increase that sticks out the most in my mind is the parking decal increase of $10. The explanation is that this will pay for improved security measures in the parking lots, but will it make it easier to park? Am I supposed to feel safer because there will be a camera watching me park 15 minutes from campus and wait 20 minutes for a shuttle bus? A large sum of the increase comes from the new Facilities Fee. My understanding of this fee is that it will pay off the debt on buildings that were constructed before I came here and help pay for buildings to be renovated and constructed after I leave. I hope I get a thank-you card from the class of 2010. Eventually, this fee will increase from $2.50 per student in the Fall of 1996 to $3.00 in summer 1997 to its final level (hopefully) of $4.00 in summer 1998. The room and board increases are nominal and consistent with increases in years past. Let’s just hope that they continue to improve the quality of the services they offer.

This tuition increase is inevitable. Still, I would like to hear more vocal opposition from the student body. At least make the administration think that we care. The attendance of 15 students at a Board of Trustees meeting does not constitute a protest. Write the Governor. Write your senator. Write your congressman. Write your mother. Write someone. If Governor Whitman is threatened with the possibility of losing votes, then she may reconsider her budget-hacking. It is a long-shot, but you never know unless you try. Great things have been accomplished before by the students of this campus when they have united for what they believed in. I just question if there are enough people out there who still care.
College at Thirty-something
by Angela Diadone

I have never been afraid to work. If the job required getting dirty or if I had to spend hours on my feet, that was okay. I realized at a young age that I must work, and do whatever was necessary to make some money for the things I want. And although it felt like I was trying to get out of a financial sand trap with a five wood many, many times, I can honestly look back and say that I haven't wanted for much.

With graduation only a few short weeks away, I've begun the process of pursuing the help-wanted ads and trying to redesign my resume. And I always end up on my front porch in desperate need of some air, attempting to compose myself. I'm afraid of the interview. And I'm terrified to hand someone my resume. I feel as though I need a separate piece of paper attached to it so I can explain why I worked where I worked and why it has taken me since 1974 to finish college. How do I squeeze into one neat page twenty years of customer service jobs (waitressing, social and psychological services (bartending), and a host of other euphemistic phrases that fit the countless jobs I've had throughout the years? From my point of view, they've been extremely valuable experiences that have created a well-roundedness that a lifetime of that? 9 to 5 job would not have provided for me. But will I be able to convince a potential employer of that?

Years ago, during a crazy lunch shift at a little diner, one of my regular customers suggested I speak to his friend who was looking for a new salesperson in his company. ‘Get out of this job again. Fortunately, this fellow was discriminated against by Miss Prom Queen some sixty pounds later. The miracle of shock value! I walked away unnoticed, but couldn't help but think that Miss Prom Queen was one of those customers who ordered double fudge sundae with a diet soda. I couldn't help being angry with myself for feeling the need to make excuses for what I was. Any job is a real one. It's up to us to get the most out of each experience and gain from it. It doesn't ease the anxiety of having to walk into an interview, but maybe if I can recall these instances, I'll be able to hold my head up high when answering questions about my colorful employment past. And maybe the next employer will not have had his breakfast either.

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On the lighter side of...Ross Perot

by Angela Diadone

...if the volunteers want me to run, then I'll run!

HOORAY! YIPPEE! AWRIGHT! RUN, ROSS, RUN!

YAY! THANK YOU, PRESIDENT CLINTON...

Quarre by Greg Geiger

Political Correctness: overused and abused

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Hell bent for Prozac
Is the SGA just a puppet regime?

Aside from the Montclarion's main editorial and a brief flurry of letter signing in front of the student center, there hasn't been much outcry about the tuition increase. The SGA is suspiciously silent on this point. There weren't any letters to the editor about it, no requests for space to organize students in protest, no discussion of possible action against the administration. As these thoughts began to creep around the periphery of my cortex, I slowly begin to wonder exactly what the SGA is for, if it does not to act as an advocate for student issues. Am I overstepping my bounds as a columnist if I suggest that the SGA is a puppet regime for the university administration? It would seem that the SGA is merely an arbitrator for competing interests fighting over each organization's share of a seemingly shrinking pie. The SGA seems endlessly embroiled in the smallest details of every organization's budget, but silent on the issues that matter to the entire campus.

Who cares if a Class One spent $20 too much on office supplies? Students want a parking structure closer to campus so they don't have to walk or wait for a shuttle. Why hasn't there been any talk about this? Whatever happened to the bar that was in the Ratt? I thought the SGA was going to support some kind of bar in there, but it turned out to be just a guy with a keg of Bud Light at a dollar per 6 oz cup, and another guy who wanted my mother's maiden name to verify my identity before he gave me a bracelet that indicated I was of age. Couldn't the SGA have done better?

The only thing I could come up with, given the number of students who wanted alcohol back in the Ratt, and the weak attempt to satisfy these students, is that the administration doesn't want drunk college kids running around the Student Center, but wants them on or on the roads where they belong while intoxicated. So they attached so many provisions to their rules for alcohol service that the SGA just threw its hands in the air rather than fight. This is the same SGA that knew about the proposed tuition hike for about a month, but did nothing.

I think this backs up my theory. The administration, about a month ago, announced an 8.5% increase in summer tuition. It also said to expect a similar increase in the fall. Did anyone say anything about this? Did anyone in the SGA say anything when the administrators got a 5% salary increase, while the teachers were still working without a contract or pay raise for two years? Still don't think there's any collusion between the administration and the SGA? I'm beginning to convince myself now. I haven't done that since I found the secret connection between the Black Panthers, the John Birch Society, and the leaders of the Chinese Cultural Revolution.

The only item that keeps me from believing that the SGA and administration are working together is the Golden Rule of Conspiracy: "Never attribute to malice what can adequately be explained by incompetence."

Instant Karma

Why is Nelson Alonso trying to disprove the existence of life on other worlds? Is he trying to further his own position, which is one of Christian evangelism? What happens when this kind of thought interferes with the scientific method? Let us investigate, and pose a question.

Astronomers indeed have found other planet-like objects orbiting other stars, most of which closely resemble Jupiter. Why? Because only large objects are detectable at such mind-boggling distances. If alien astronomers pointed their telescopes and instruments at our sun, they would be lucky if they could detect Jupiter at all. Could they deduce an Earth from this? Smaller, Earth-like worlds do not exert the gravity necessary to influence a star's path as it crosses the sky. Only such stars with slight wobbles in their movement catch astronomers' attention, and these are the ones which are studied. Where there are Jupiter-like worlds, there is a probability that there are other planets, with solid surfaces, varying temperature, etc. Whether there is life on or near these planets is not the ultimate concern, but the formation of other planet's existence is rather exciting.

Also, I wonder what these "forty-six" characteristics that are necessary for "life" are. Alonso's calculations may only provide for the kind of life we know about, which is life on Earth. Could we even imagine life on other worlds? Interestingly, the Drake equation, using modest figures, estimates the number of planets with intelligent life at 10 to the seventh power (ten million) in our galaxy alone! (Check out page 299 in Carl Sagan's Cosmos.) With trillions and trillions of galaxies in the universe, the probability for intelligent life is quite enormous.

What if, unknown to most people, I tell you that I happen to know about a group of scientists who, for some years now, have been communicating with an extraterrestrial source. After the first initial code-breaking, transmissions are now decipherable and they have the knowledge of the coded language (prime numbers, in a certain sequence, whatever).

But unfortunately for us, the only information swapped is that of purely scientific interest. Stuff like, "How much methane is in your atmosphere?" or "We are bipedal locomotive sexual mammals," or "Our sun is yellow with a temperature of..." or "We have three moons." Boring, isn't it? With only scientific information exchanged, we have no idea about their art, culture, politics, or religion, if these concepts even exist for these beings.

Using this imaginary scenario, how do you think Christianity would account for it? This is, the question that Alonso must answer. Would Christianity have to reevaluate itself? Would it affect it at all? One person answered this question with, "If it's not in the Bible, then I can't believe it." But it should be fairly easy to suspend one's disbelief, since this is what we do when watching a movie or reading fiction. I wonder. Maybe this kind of knowledge would shatter it, unless it can incorporate it into its own dogmatic system. Perhaps the Christian may understand the aliens as angels who have come to save us, or as devils, wickedly deceiving us in the name of Satan. Some would no doubt see these beings as potential converts to Christianity. Did God put a Christ on every planet with life? Or is sin only a human problem?

Rather than contemplate the implications of the discoveries of other planets, this exciting event is warped into mundane evangelical drivel. Turning a blind eye to a fact is not an acceptable way of dealing with the world; neither is bends it to fit one's own personal system. This instance of brainwashing is just another example of what happens when knowledge is categorized according to a closed, dogmatic, and irrational system. I just hope the aliens don't get angry.

Christian 'brainwashing'
about alien life forms

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Rubino by Michael Rubino

Every now and then, a topic comes along that has the power to ignite widespread emotion. Unlike subjects such as balanced budgets or empowerment zones, which may be irrelevant or incomprehensible to most people, laws such as a restaurant smoking ban affect most everyone who dines out. New York City’s “Smoke-Free Air Act” has been in existence for the past year. As a result, it has become time for the makers and viewers of public policy to analyze this very controversial piece of legislation.

Anyone who has ever been outside the confines of his own home will have been a witness to or have been involved in an exchange between a smoker and an anti-smoker.

"Excuse me, but could you please put out that smelly cigarette while I’m trying to eat?"

"If you don’t like it, why don’t you go sit somewhere else – like on another planet?"

It seems to me that soldiers on both sides of this issue can be disrespectful, irascible, and downright rude. And it stands to reason that each side gives some very valid arguments to support their point of view. So the debate rages on. Is the restaurant smoking ban primarily a health issue or is it a violation of civil rights and personal freedom?

Native American by Joseph Paternoster

Associate Dean of Students James Harris has had a long and distinguished career at MSU. A few years ago, he received an award for being an administrator with just test for black students, but for all of the students,” as the award presenter said. This is a nice statement, but is it true? A look at Dean Harris’ handling of fraternity events suggests otherwise.

In May of 1991 a fight broke out at a party sponsored by Phi Beta Sigma. Fortunately, no one was seriously injured. Dean Harris had no comment on this incident and no charges were ever filed against Phi Beta Sigma.

In October of 1991 Lambda Sigma Upsilon sponsored a party in the Ratt. A fight broke out and a student was stabbed. Dean Harris had no comment on this incident and no charges were ever filed against Lambda Sigma Upsilon.

In November of 1988 Sigma Phi Rho sponsored a party on campus in which a fight broke out. Police officers from three cities and two sheriff’s offices were called to MSU. Some of the police men were injured by partygoers. Dean Harris had no comment on this incident and no charges were ever filed against Sigma Phi Rho.

In February of 1994 Dean Harris brought charges of “conduct unbecoming a Greek organization” against Delta Kappa Psi for a fight some of the fraternity’s brothers had gotten into off-campus. During the fight, one person’s throat was slashed. Dean Harris said, “Because the behavior of Delta Kappa Psi has become problematic for the Greek system and this is the second instance where an MSU student has been seriously injured at an event that was sponsored by the fraternity, charges were brought.” So, Delta Kappa Psi was brought before the Greek Council and found not guilty.

On March 23, 1996 Sigma Phi Rho sponsored a party in the Student Center. Two fights erupted and two officers were hit by students before the party was canceled. Also, the door to the Student Center Annex was smashed. The party was announced on Hot 97.1. However, according to Lt. Paul Cell, "The rule for the party dictated that the party could not be advertised over the radio."

Dean Harris’ response to this latest Sigma Phi Rho incident has been a lengthy investigation. Dean Harris said, "The important aspect of any investigation is to consult with everyone involved. If you exclude people, you run the risk of missing important information. We will be speaking with Campus Police, Sigma Phi Rho, and Student Center authorities, among other people."

That was two weeks ago. I called Campus Police last night and they informed me that they knew, he had not spoken to them yet. Currently, Tau Kappa Epsilon is being brought up on charges of "hazing” by Greek Council President John Cvelic. I spoke to Dean Harris about the TKE incident. He informed me that if Mr. Cvelic had not brought TKE up on charges, he would have done so himself. Mr. Cvelic said that he had already seen the TKE story and decided to file charges before Veronica Harris, on behalf of Dean Harris, came to see him. In contrast, Dean Harris said that he spoke to Mr. Cvelic on April 9th, and that was the first time that the Greek Council President had heard about the story. Dean Harris also said that while he did not specifically tell Cvelic of his intentions to file charges, John knew. Someone is not telling the truth.

Dean Harris told me that he did not find out about the incident until April 9th. Charges were filed against TKE on April 9th. Dean Harris said that there was an investigation done, wherein he spoke to Montclair Police, Chief Russo, and the Regional Vice President of TKE. However, according to TKE, "no one from the organization was contacted during the one day investigation."

Anti-Smoking bill may be healthy, but it’s still another government mandate

"As a national fraternity, they should not have done this," Dean Harris said. I was then told, though, that even if they had been a local fraternity, he "would have had the same reaction." I asked if it would have made a difference if it had happened on campus, to which he replied, "No."

The final question, which I am asking now, is: would it have made a difference if TKE was a black fraternity? I suspect that the answer would have been "no," but the reality would have been "yes."

A quick review of the written facts shows that Sigma Phi Rho hosted a party where police were beaten up, damage was done to the Student Center, and rules were clearly violated. Yet two weeks later, an investigation is still going on. TKE tied up five owners of Salsa, the off-campus party and their investigation was over in one day - and they were never even spoken to. To quote Dean Harris, "The important aspect of any investigation is to consult with everyone involved. Is that for all fraternities or just the black ones?"

Dean Harris brought Delta Kappa Psi up on charges because it was, "...the second instance where an MSU student had been seriously injured at an event sponsored by the fraternity..." The same is true of Sigma Phi Rho, but two weeks later, their investigation continues - and Campus Police still has not been contacted.

The reality seems to be that Dean Harris is willing to rule with an iron fist when incidents involving white fraternities occur. But he is much slower to discipline black fraternities. There are some questions which should be answered, and some concerns which should be voiced by the Associate Dean of Students. Last semester, in an interview with the Montclarion, Dean Harris was asked what vices he felt needed to be overcome on campus. He answered, "Number one, there is racism on this campus..." I couldn’t agree with you more, Dean Harris.
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1. Aiwa Z-AP 7700 (not a TV, but a hi-fi stereo system)
2. Blue Light Special
3. Hootie and the Blowfish
4. Who?
5. 311
6. No
7. Yes
8. No
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16. Yes
17. No
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YOU'RE GREAT (P.S., MY APPICATION — HOPE FOR ME WHILE I CRIED OVER MY PAPS)

SURE, MAYBELLINE

IN BLANTON. SOMEONE HAS THEIR EYE ON YOU

MINICK LAKE MUSICAL ITS A MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET, MERRY CHRISTMAS! —CARRIE

OF YOUR HELP... WHAT WITH U KNOW WHO YOU KNOW WHO YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO WRITE ANYMORE POEMS. SO STOP COMPLAINING.

SIDE TRACK (AO)

THEY'RE THE BEST MOR AND VPI EVER. THANKS FOR ALL OF YOUR HELP.

SIDE TRACk (AO)

YOU'RE ADDICTED TO LOVE OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

INTERNATIONAL ORGY STILL

MY BOGS (CHRIS, TRACIE AND JORGE)

I'M TAKING AWAY YOUR LITTLE

JOY, YOUR LAZY LITTLE

I MISSED YOU SOOO MUCH! WILL YOU MARRY ME?

LOVE TURTLE

THANK YOU DENISE AND MARIANNE.

LUV, MAYBELLINE

SIGMA UPSILON WE ARE ALMOST THERE.

LOVE, YOUR TREASURES, MAYBELLINE AND CHATTERBOX

HAPPY BIRTHDAY NOE PEREZ. LOVE, SIGMA UPSILON

CARLY, CARLY, CARLY, CARLY, CARLY

STALKER, THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT CAN HELP YOU.

-TB

CARLY (AO) — I LOVE YOU MARIA (SDT)

YOU ARE OUT AND OBNOXIOUS BUT WE LOVE YOU ANYWAY.

JEN AND FREAK BOY JOHN BROST

I HAVE BEEN THINKING ABOUT YOU SINCE THE MOMENT THAT YOU HANDED ME THAT FLYER IN FRONT OF THE STUDENT CENTER. I DIDN'T READ THE FLYERS BECAUSE MY EYES WERE ON YOU.

—LOVE YOUR SECRET ADMIRER

GOOD LUCK IN FLORIDA TO DON, DEBRA, AND ALLISON.

HECKLE

JEN & APRIL (PHI SIG)

I HAVE HEARD THE WORD OF JESUS.

—LISA

NICOLE (PHI SIG)

LET'S RUN FREE UNTIL THEY STICK US IN SUITS OFF

TO HOBOKEN.

LISA

D-PHI-E.

CONGRATS TO ALL NEW CHAIR POSITIONS. I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH ALL OF YOU.

LUV, LOREN AH 152

PI CLASS.

CONGRATS TO THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF DELTA PHI EPSILON.
PERSONALS
LUV, YOUR SISTERS

JEN (PHI SIG)
STALKING IS ENTIRELY UNDERRATED
LOVE, LISA

GREG,
I HOPE YOU ENJOYED THE ROAD TRIP WITH A FUTON
LOVE, LAUREN (AIX)

SIGMA 154 (AIX)
LETS GO BUY A DRESS, TAKE A DETOUR TO THE RED ROBIN, AND STOP AT ALEXIS GO FUTON
LOVE, SIGMA 156 (AIX)

CASEY (AIX) AND GREG, THE BOGEYMAN IS GOING TO GET YOU
LOVE, SIGMA 156 (AIX)

TO THE PLEDGES OF ALPHA PHI OMEGA,
BE A LEADER. BE A FRIEND. BE OF SERVICE. GOOD LUCK.
LOVE CARRIE

TO MY LITTLE, WENDY
KEEP YOUR HEAD UP, IT'S ALMOST OVER
LOVE, CARRIE

NIKKI (AKA MUZZLE)
IT'S A MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET, MERRY CHRISTMAS CARRIE

MELISSA (THETA KAI)
CONGRATS, I'M SO PROUD OF YOU. YOU DID A GREAT JOB.
LOVE, YOUR LITTLE SISTER

SLICKY B,
WOULD YOU CONSIDER LAST FRIDAY AS A DATE? IF NOT, THEN WE HAVE TO GO ON ONE. I HAD A VERY NICE TIME FRIDAY. WE'LL HAVE TO DO IT AGAIN SOON. MAYBE THIS TIME CAUSE A LITTLE TROUBLE. JUST KIDDING.
LOVE, CHICKY

JAY (TX)
WHEN ARE WE GOING TO PLAY BINGO AGAIN? NEXT TIME. I'LL BE MORE SOCIAL.
LOVE, YOUR LITTLE SISTER

I WON'T HAVE A SPEECH TO WRITE
LOVE, YOUR LITTLE SISTER

JOHN C. AND RICK (TX)
THANKS FOR ALL YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT. GOOD LUCK IN THE ELECTIONS. RICK, I'LL BE VOTING FOR YOU. U KNOW WHO
LOVE, SIGMA 156 (AIX)

KIM, MARAI, EBLENDE, HEY GIRLS, STAY STRONG. IT'S ONLY 1 MORE WEEK LEFT
LOVE, NANNY

LISA (PHI SIG)
I WASN'T UNHAPPY IPSL "155
MEGHAN, HOW MANY MORE CLASSES? THAT MEANS NO MORE WEIRDOS.
LOVE, KIM

ZOLI (ZBT)
CONGRATS ON YOUR INITIATION.
LOVE, KIM (PHI SIG)

AMY (PHI SIG)
I NEVER SEE YA ANYMORE. WE GONNA HANG OUT
IPSL, KIM A.

ERIN (PHI SIG)
I NEED TO GO OUT AND RAISE SOME HAVOC. I'M TOO STRESSED OUT. I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE.
LOVE, GENEVIEVE

LITTLE ANDREZZI, YOU BEAT UP BAILING OUT ON ME. YOU ARE LOSING OUT ON ALL THE ACTION.
LOVE, YOUR BAKING PARTNER (IF WE EVER DO)

JACKIE (PHI SIG)
CONGRATS ARE YOU READY TO HAVE THE BEST YEAR YET?
LOVE, YOUR VP

LISA (PHI SIG)
IS THE NUMBER YOU ARE THINKING OF BETWEEN 7 AND 10?
IPSL, "THE WEIRD 66 LITTLE GIRL"

"PHILLY" (PHI SIG)
WILL WE BE TAKING MANY TRIPS DOWN THE SHORE THIS SUMMER? ARE YOU CRAVING A LOVE, YOUR BIG 10?

LOVE, YOUR LITTLE SISTER

TO THE PLEDGES OF ALPHA PHI OMEGA,
TUESDAY NIGHTS, MY PLACE WE'LL BRING THE GARBAGE BAGS, YOU BRING THE COMPLAINTS
LOVE, VANEZA & DULCE

MEOW,
MEOW MEOW MEOW MEOW MEOW MEOW MEOW.
LOVE, MEOWTKA

MARK (GM 69)
YOU WILL BE AT THE SEMI BECAUSE I WILL BE MAD IF YOU DON'T GO.
BROTHER

CASPER
THANKS FOR YOUR HELP ON RED HAWK FEST. NOW IT IS TIME TO TAKE A BREAK. Y O U R ROOMMATE

JUO'S,
FJORO. BUT MEOW AND SOME MOCK TO GO WITH THAT
XOXOXOX, MAUDE (WHO MISSES 9 AM CLASS)

APHI-O "5,
THANKS FOR THE KIND WORDS. YOU'RE ALSO AS "REAL" AS THEY COU3. STAY STRONG.
LOVE, YOUR GRAND VANESSA

FROM THE BROTHERS OF ALPHA PHI OMEGA

GAMMA THEATA KAI
OF APO, WHAT'S NEW? NU? NU PSI?

GUESS WHO?
PS MY LAST NAME IS O'SULLIVAN
PLEDGEMATES OF AKPSI (SU)
YOU GUYS ARE REALLY GREAT. IT'S BEEN WONDERFUL GETTING TO KNOW YOU. I HOPE YOU GUYS HAVE A GREAT WEEK END. WE CAN DO THIS.
PLEDGE MATE HUSH, SPRING '96

FISHER
YOU HAD BETTER BE ON YOUR BEST BEHAVIOR ON FRIDAY. OR ELSE NO AMORETTO OOURS FOR YOU.
LOVE, YOUR LITTLE SISTER

BARRY BERNSTEIN
THE LAST AMERICAN GUIDO. GO HAIR GEL BOY GO.
"TOM

ME AND JOHN J. ARE GOING TO BOTH GET DRUNK NOW. MONTCLARION MEETINGS NEXT YEAR MONDAYS 4:30 AT THE ALEXUS.

YIPPIE, I'M GOING TO MASSACHUSETTS TO DRINK SOME SMART COCKTAILS. SEE ALL OF YOU LATER.
"JUO'S

THESE PERSONALS ARE ALL LAME!!!!!
MSU earns split in tourney

by Nick Gantalfis

The MSU's women's softball team continued to roll through the regular season as they participated in the Ithaca College Tournament held in Ithaca, N.Y. In game one of the tournament, MSU fell to 19th ranked Ithaca College 5-0 as Nikki Swan threw a complete game allowing only three hits. Ithaca's runs in the first and third innings were unearned. Julie McGraw hit a two-run single in the fourth to account for the first earned run. Errors in the first and third innings resulted in runs to make the score 2-0. The fourth inning was the icing on the cake for Ithaca as they scored three runs to make the score 5-0 where it remained until games ending. MSU had a total of five errors in the game compared to Ithaca's two.

Pitching for MSU was ace Robyn Baron who lost her second contest of the season. Baron pitched six innings giving up eight hits and three earned runs. Baron also walked four batters and struck out six. Swan pitched a complete game for Ithaca giving up three hits and no runs. She struck out three batters and walked only three. Swan improves her overall record to 5-3.

Ithaca's Jen Blum had two hits including a double, her fourth on the season. MSU's Jerrilyn Acevedo went 2-3 in the game, and Ro Guzzi earned run. Errors in the first and third innings resulted in runs to account for the first three hits. Ithaca's runs in the first innings resulted in runs to make the score 2-0. The fourth inning was the icing on the cake for Ithaca as they scored three runs to take an early 3-0 lead. The Red Hawks never looked back as they got RBI singles in the second from Acevedo, Denise Wamock and Cheryl Lopez. Lopez went 2-3 in the Red Hawk victory. The losing pitcher for North Adams State was Sarah Peek who pitched 6.0 innings giving up eight hits, two earned runs and one walk.

Ormsbee's performance earned herself NJAC Pitcher of the Week. Ormsbee didn't allow a run in 11.2 innings of work last week while racking up two victories for the Red Hawks. For the season, Ormsbee is 5-0 with a 1.24 ERA. MSU has won eight of its last ten games on the season and continues to roll through the NJAC.

Up next for the Red Hawks is a make-up game at William Paterson College. The game is today at 3:00 PM. The game was originally scheduled for Tuesday but was postponed due to rain. MSU then faces Rowan College at home in a double-header on Saturday starting at noon.

In game two, the Red Hawks defeated North Adams State 4-0 behind pitcher Sharon Ormsbee's three hit shutout. Ormsbee pitched 7.0 innings of ball giving up only three hits with two walks and three strike-outs enroute to earning her sixth victory of the season.

The second inning proved to be fatal for North Adams State as MSU scored three runs to take an early 3-0 lead. The Red Hawks never looked back as they got RBI singles in the second from Acevedo, Denise Wamock and Cheryl Lopez. Lopez went 2-3 in the Red Hawk victory. The losing pitcher for North Adams State was Sarah Peek who pitched 6.0 innings giving up eight hits, two earned runs and one walk.

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Outfielder Wendy Saladino has had a solid year for the Red Hawks.

MSU ready to rumble with William Paterson

by Nick Gantalfis

Today at 3:30, the Red Hawks face off with rival William Paterson College in a much anticipated matchup. The Red Hawks will most likely pitch lefty ace Brian Cordeiro and the Pioneers will place freshman Eduardo Gomez on the mound. Gomez, who holds a 3-0 record will not be taken lightly as the Red Hawks will look to get their bats going in the first meeting of the season between the two perennial power schools.

"This is a big game, because it is WPC, but it's just another conference meeting, and we'll be taking it as a normal game." said senior outfielder Dan Massaro with a calm and smooth voice.

MSU's lineup is coming around after an early season slow start. Senior outfielder Chris Roof has a .421 batting average. Roof has seven doubles and over 17 RBIs on the season and he looks to produce and play a major role as usual in tomorrow's game.

Massaro's bat and speed will be a threat to the Pioneers as his two triples ties him for first in the NJAC with a number of other players. Cordeiro holds a 2-1 record and leads the NJAC in strikeouts with 41, an average per game of 10.85 in 34.0 innings pitched.

Although this is just another conference match-up, it is a meeting between two schools that have much history. Both schools are undefeated in conference play and an early lead in the NJAC winning percentage category will boost the confidence of either school. MSU may hold a grudge because as you may remember, WPC defeated MSU last year in the NCAA Mid-Atlantic Regionals 7-3. But, that was then and this is now. "We are going to put the ball in play, and just because Gomez is a freshman doesn't mean we're going to take him lightly," said Massaro.

Once again, game time is set for 3:30 PM. See ya there.
Award as she was a double-winner awarded with the female Track MSU earned second place in the Shot in the triple jump with a leap of a time of 14.92. Scott also excelled in the 10 meter hurdles. Scott took ship was Mike Scott, who competed with a time of :43.68. MSU's relay teams were consistent all day long as they placed third in both the 4x100 and the 4x400 Meter Relay. Their 4x100 was clocked in a time of :54.58 and their 4x400 in 4:45.63.

**Correction:**
Senior Pitcher Brian Cordeiro only walked two batters against Elizabethtown College on April 2nd, not the four that was reported.

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The shark loses his bite

by Chris Lengle

Do you remember last Thanksgiving dinner? Uncle Andy started hooking on a chicken bone. He fell to the floor, choking in agony. Your little sister Amy jumped up and came to the rescue. She jumped up and gave him the Heimlich maneuver. That fixed Uncle Andy's choking problem and everybody was happy. Well, if only Amy had been in Augusta on Sunday. She could have helped Greg Norman from totally choking in the final round of the Masters at Augusta National.

The word choke is synonymous with teams like Denver Broncos (it was the defenses' fault), and players like Chris Webber (it was only one time, but that one time cost Michigan a national championship). After Sunday's debacle, there is no doubt in my mind that Greg Norman should get a lifetime choke award. You may not be golf fans, but if you are a sports fan you can appreciate a sheer collapse of composure.

Norman brought a six stroke lead into the final round of the Masters on Sunday but that wasn't enough. Nick Faldo shot a final round 67 to capture his third Masters (90, 91). Norman bogeyed the ninth, tenth, and eleventh holes. If that wasn't bad enough, he double bogeyed the 12th when he hit his tee shot into the water. His ultimate demise was at 16 when he double bogeyed again. By the time the two men were done with the 16th hole, Faldo had built a four stroke lead. He finished up with a birdie on 18 which gave him a five stroke lead at the end of the day. Norman finished up with a final round 78.

This is not the first time Norman has choked. He has taken leads into the final round of major tournaments six other times, never able to close the deal. That's not even counting being one or two shots off the pace and also coming up short. To date, he is still the tour's money leader but he is far from being the best out there. I like the guy and hope to see him do well, but as of right now, he's nothing but a choker. I'm not saying that he's not a great golfer, but if he wants to move into the ranks of golf's all-time elite, the Shark has to become more like Jaws. He knew how to put people away.

Mike Scott participates in the triple jump competition.

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Bava got the call and went three innings earning the win, allowing two runs on two hits. The rest of MSU's runs came from a solo home run by Roof, (.450 batting average) in the seventh, a Dan Masarro (S. Plainfield) three-run triple in the ninth and a Mullane sacrifice fly, also in the ninth. It was sweet revenge for Mullane who had three hits and drove in six for the Red Hawks.

Saturday's opponent for the Red Hawks were the Pioneers of Rutgers Camden. The torridal downpour, that hit the area on Friday night forced one of the day's two scheduled games to be moved to Sunday because the field was not playable until 3 pm. The Red Hawks only scored a single touchdown in this game as they won 7-4. In the third inning, the Hawks put up four runs, all coming with two outs. The first player to score was Mullane, on a McCorkle double to center. Roof walked and Joe Chonka (Edison) hit a double to center, plating two. Leon followed with a single to left, scoring Chonka, putting MSU up 4-0. The Red Hawks put another run on the scoreboard with a Mercier homer over the left field fence.

The Pioneers scored two runs in the fifth, one coming on a double steal, and the other coming on a sacrifice fly. This left the Hawks with a three-run lead. It was deja-vu in the seventh for the Pioneers as a runner stole home and an RBI single accounted for two runs, putting the score at 5-4. In the Red Hawks' half of the seventh, Roof led off and reached on an error by the second baseman. Roof would wind up being an insurance run, scoring on a wild pitch, giving the Red Hawks a 6-4 lead. The Hawks added their seventh run in the eighth as Chonka came up with two outs and hit an RBI single. Senior Lefty Brian Cordeiro (Matawan) was in control of the game for MSU, striking out nine and walking only two in eight innings of work while improving his record to 2-1.

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MSU streaking into game against William Paterson

by Kevin Culley

The Montclair State University Baseball team extended its winning streak to nine games, and remained undefeated in New Jersey Athletic Conference games last week. The streak which began at five games this week, continued to grow with wins over Ramapo, Rutgers Newark and Rutgers Camden. The Red Hawks record now stands at 12-6, 7-0 NJAC.

Offense was not a problem for the Red Hawks as they posted football-type numbers, three touchdowns and a field goal, enroute to a 24-0 thrashing of the over-matched Ramapo College Roadrunners on Thursday April 11. Among the many offensive leaders for the Hawks were designated hitter E.J. Sebelle (Morristown), and first baseman Mark Houser (Berkeley Heights), both of whom had two hits and two RBI's. Chris Roof (Berkeley Heights) had a hit and three RBI’s. Right fielder Shawn McCorkle (Newton), both of whom had two hits and two RBI’s. Right fielder Chris Roof (Berkeley Heights) had two hits, scored three runs and drove in one. The star of the day however was second baseman Mark Houser (Glen Ridge) who came off the bench and went three for three with two doubles and six runs batted in.

Hawks jumped on top in the second inning with two walks and a single followed by a Mike Connelly (Bordentown) RBI fielder’s choice which put the score at 1-0. The next batter for the Red Hawks, Leon, hit a three run home run well over the centerfield fence. The final run of the inning came off Mullane’s double plating short stop Brian Mercier (Bayonne). The Hawks added to their five-run lead with four more runs in the fourth inning. Leon led off the inning by hitting another home run over the left field fence. Two hits after that, Mullane continued to terrorize his former mates with a three-run home run. The Raiders were able to match the Red Hawks’ four runs with five in the bottom half of the fourth inning. The runs came off of O’Shaughnessy, on three errors and a single. Four of the five runs that scored were unearned.

The Red Hawks continued their hot hitting in the fifth inning, when it was Mullane doubling home a run and a Roof adding a run-scoring single. McCorkle (.381 batting average), came up with the bases loaded and launched a ball over the center field fence, for a grand slam home run. Rutgers Newark added a three run home run. The runs came off of O’Shaughnessy, on three errors and a single. Four of the five runs that scored were unearned.

MSU hosts NJAC Championships

by Nick Gantzas

This past weekend, Montclair State University hosted the NJAC Track and Field Championships with Rowan College and Trenton State College emerging as champions for the second consecutive season. Rowan captured the NJAC’s men’s title and TSC claimed the women’s championship.

The MSU Red Hawks proved that they could compete with the best as sprint master Kevin Gibbs ran away with the NJAC 100 meter title with a time of :11.22. Rowan’s Michael Best took second to Gibbs with a time of :11.32. Gibbs also had a strong finish in the 200 meter, as his time of :23.23 earned him a third place finish.

Gibbs’ performance at the NJAC’s wasn’t the only highlight for the MSU men’s team. Eddie Green owned the 400 intermediate hurdles with a first place finish in a time of :55.86. Hurdle teammate Richard Douglas also placed in the top six as his time of :57.81, good enough for fourth place.

The MSU sprint relay team showed the NJAC that they could team together and run away from the