SGA President and Treasurer temporarily suspended
by John Brost

The Judicial Branch of the Student Government Association issued a subpoena of the documents regarding the Executive Board’s summer conference in June, leading to a temporary suspension of President Julio Marenco and Treasurer Barry Bernstein yesterday at the weekly SGA meeting.

The subpoena was issued prior to the meeting by Justices George Calle, Lawrence Ramsey, and Kenyatta Montgomery, in response to a motion passed of President Julio Marenco and Treasurer Barry Bernstein, in response to a motion passed by the Legislature, which called for the receipt and all documents pertinent to the conference to be submitted to the Legislature and Judicial Branch for examination.

Early in the meeting, Calle and Ramsey reported the progress of the Judicial branch’s investigations into allegations of financial mismanagement by the Executive Board over the summer. They then demanded the submission of the documents, which Marenco and Bernstein refused to turn over.

The reason for this refusal, according to Marenco and Bernstein, was that a better presentation could be given by the accountants who had conducted an audit of the financial books for the period of the summer. The results of this audit would be presented at next week’s SGA meeting, they said.

Following the refusal by Marenco and Bernstein, the Judicial Branch brought forth a binding penalty against the pair, which suspended them from their positions until the documents are presented. Vice President Amy Fisher will be performing the duties of President, in keeping with the SGA Constitution, which states that the Vice President shall assume the responsibilities of President if the President cannot perform his duties, in the estimation of the Judicial branch.

The Justices stated that they were acting within their constitutional powers; Article IV, Section 4, C states that they may issue subpoenas and injunctions against any SGA member in matters of their jurisdiction. If their subpoenas or injunctions are not followed, they may then issue penalties against the parties in violation, as stated in Article IV, Section 4. D. Attorney General Lauren Pyteliski agreed with this ruling, stating “Can they do it? Yeah.” She went on to say that she was worried about the well-being of the SGA. “My concern is that I don’t want this organization to go down,” she said.

After a long discussion concerning the repercussions of this matter, as well as how this matter will affect the running of the SGA, a motion was made to begin proceedings for the removal of Bernstein and Marenco from office. According to Article II, Section 3, I of the SGA Constitution, proceedings for removal of any officer must be initiated by a two-thirds vote of the Legislature. Following the passage of this motion, the Legislature may vote to remove by a three-fourths majority the officers in question at the next meeting of the Legislature, as stated in Article III, Section 1, C.

This motion to begin the impeachment process failed by a vote of 10-7. Among other reasons, it was noted by the legislators that Marenco should be present at his impeachment proceedings. Concerns over how the SGA will survive without its President and Treasurer were also mentioned.

At press time, Vice President Amy Fisher will remain as acting President until the documents are turned over or the Legislature votes to impeach Marenco and Bernstein. Should that happen, Fisher will assume the Presidency and will appoint her successor, with the approval of the Legislature. Secretary Jennifer Lynch will not be affected by the procedures and will retain her position. President Pro-Tempore Fran Garcia will serve as acting chair until Fisher returns to her position as Vice President, or until she is able to appoint a successor.

MSU mourns the loss of a devoted professor
by Billy Casalino

On October 9, students and colleagues mourned the death of Dr. Thomas L. Veenendall, chairperson of the Communication Studies department at MSU.

Veenendall began his career at MSU in 1981, and became the division chair of the Communications program before it became its own department earlier this year. He was instrumental in organizing the National Communications Honor Society, Lambda Pi Eta and the local Zeta chapter on campus. He remained at MSU until his death.

Beyond his contributions at Montclair State, Veenendall had scholarly achievements in numerous publications, citations, and creative works, including the creation of the official newsletter for the Eastern Communication Association. He was an active member of several professional associations, including the World Communication Association and International Listening Association, among others.

The parents and sister of Veenendall plan to set up a memorial in his name in the near future, and later in the semester, an on-campus memorial will be held to celebrate his accomplishments.

Dr. Susan Jasko has taken the position of acting department chair. “To insure the program continues, our intent is to replace Dr. Veenendall. But right now it is too early, and it will depend on factors.”

Bohn Hall Resident arrested for possession of marijuana
by John J. O’Sullivan

Willita Cox of East Orange, a full-time student and resident in Bohn Hall, was arrested on October 6 for possession of a large amount of marijuana.

Another Bohn Hall resident, who asked to remain anonymous, called MSU’s campus police complaining of a marijuana odor emanating from one of the dorm rooms. The police came in to search the room and found a “sizable” portion of marijuana, then arrested Cox. She was led out of Bohn Hall in handcuffs, and brought to campus police headquarters for processing. Cox was arraigned at Clifton Municipal Court on October 9, where she entered a plea of not guilty. The court clerk was unable to give a specific trial date.

Once released, Cox was ordered to move her belongings from her dorm room, and was ejected from Bohn Hall. She was also put on Bohn Hall’s “Persona Non Grata” list, but is still registered as a full-time student.

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MSU Professor Tom Veenendall passed away October 9

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SGA News & Notes

by John Brost

In this week's meeting of the Student Government Association, money was appropriated by the Legislature to help bring the AIDS quilt to MSU, to support a Multicultural Food Festival, and to provide a bus for a philanthropy project by the Asian Student Organization. In addition, concerns over the security of electrical equipment used by Class One Concerts was brought to the attention of the legislature.

In a bill written by SGA Legislator Michelle Gibel, $1,000 was appropriated to help sponsor the Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt Display, which will be coming to campus on Tuesday, November 22. This event is being coordinated by the Office of Student Activities, and will promote the Women’s Center and the Gay and Lesbian Staff Association, as well as several other student organizations. The purpose of the event is to raise awareness and to gain donations to help local foundations.

Legislator Dragan Tubonjic authored the other two appropriation bills passed by the Legislature. The first was for the Second Annual Multi-Cultural Food Festival, which will be held in the Student Center Ballrooms on October 31. The Unity Collaboration and Global Education Center will cover half the costs of this event, which will have food from a number of different cultures. To date, 18 organizations will be bringing food to the event, and there is an expected attendance of 600 students. Admission will cost one dollar per individual, which will be given to charity.

The second bill was written in order to provide a bus for the Asian Student Association. The Legislature appropriated $210 to the organization so that they could go to a hospital and help children.

In other news, the new President of Class One Concerts, Brendan Whelan, brought forth concerns that there was a lack of security regarding electrical equipment owned by the SGA and which is used by various organizations. In particular, a sound board has been missing from a supply closet for a number of weeks. According to Whelan, replacement of this piece of equipment will cost approximately $1,000. There should be a sign-out policy in place, he advised. SGA Secretary Jennifer Lynch advised him to discuss the matter with Director of Programming Elizabeth Napoli, who is the member of the President's cabinet in charge of working with Class One Organizations.

MSU Offices extend evening hours

by Amanda Konecny

In an effort to accommodate MSU's diverse student body, many of the University offices have extended evening hours on Thursday or other nights of the week.

On Thursday nights, most of the main campus offices offer later hours including Admissions, Financial Aid, Registrar and the Office of the Dean of Students. Dr. Lee Wilcox, vice president of Student Development and Campus Life said, "In order to meet the needs of the students, all the offices in the department of Student Development are open late on Thursday nights. Some of them offer additional extended evening hours on other nights of the week."

Out of the five main colleges and schools, the office of the Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences is the only one so far to experiment with the extended evening hours, which are Thursdays until 7 p.m. Maridel Cuevas, a secretary in the School of Business Administration said, "There really has not been a need for the dean's office to be open late."

There are many major and department offices within the five schools and colleges that do offer evening hours, such as the department of Mathematics and Computer Science. Kenneth C. Wolff, the department's chairperson said, "Our office has maintained extended hours Monday through Friday for the past ten years."

Their schedule is 4:30-7:00 p.m. on Thursday evenings.

Montclairion general membership meetings are held every Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. If you're interested in getting involved, come on down!
Assault
10/15 - A group of four known males allegedly assaulted two females in the process of pledging for a fraternity in the Student Center cafeteria. One female was allegedly kicked and the other allegedly had her head pushed against the wall. Both victims declined to press charges.

Property Damage
10/9 - An overnight storm caused tree limbs to break damaging two cars in Lot 30.

Fire Alarm
10/9 - Contractors working in a Freeman Hall room caused a heat sensor to activate the alarm. The alarm was reset.
10/13 - A male staff member in College Hall suffered a diabetic reaction. Montclair Ambulance responded and treated the victim at the scene.

Theft
10/10 - A female Bohn Hall resident reported someone entered her room while she was sleeping and removed items of clothing. The victim stated that her door was locked when she went to sleep, yet was unlocked when she awoke. The case is under continuing investigation.
10/10 - A female faculty member reported her purse was stolen from her office in Dickson Hall. Several charges were made on her credit cards. The case is under investigation.
10/12 - A female Blanton Hall resident reported finding two stereos and a Walkman missing from her room when she returned from her weekend visit home. There was possible entrance of a forced entry in the area of the door lock. An investigation is pending.
10/14 - A life-sized scarecrow with stand was reported stolen from 23 Clove Road between the hours of midnight to 7 A.M. The case is under investigation.
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10/16 - A male student parked his 1986 Mazda in Lot 24 at 9:30 pm. Upon his return at 12:30 am, the car was missing.

Harassment
10/13 - A female Blanton Hall resident reported receiving unwanted phone calls from her ex-boyfriend.

Criminal Mischief
10/15 - A female student reported returning to her parked car in Lot 28 and finding her windshield smashed.

MARIJUANA, Cont. from front page
unaware of the arrest. "I know that someone was arrested for drugs, but Residence Life never really told us anything about it," said Jaime Zysling, a Bohn Hall resident. Many of the residents on the thirteenth floor, where Cox lived, knew little about the incident.

"It's a very unfortunate situation, and that type of behavior has no place in the community. Students should be respectful of the situation," said Marjaree Colman-Carter, director of Residence Life.

Repeted attempts to obtain a comment from Cox were unsuccessful.

VEENENDALL, Cont. from front page
uity input and guidance," said Dr. Geoffrey Newman, dean of the School of the Arts.

Veenendall received his bachelor's degree from Michigan State University, which he attended on a full-tuition scholarship. He then went on to Western Michigan University at Kalamazoo where he received his master's degree in Communications. Finally, he received his doctorate in Speech Communication from the University of Denver in 1982.
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New plan combats date-rape drugs

by Charles Dervarics
College Press Service

WASHINGTON-In an effort to reduce date rape on campus, Congress this month approved a bill that imposes much harsher criminal penalties for using any drugs to commit sexual assault and other violent acts.

Lawmakers approved the bill, H.R. 4137, after hearing testimony about the growing connection between sexual assault and Rohypnol, a so-called "date rape" drug considered 10 to 20 times more potent than Valium.

"This legislation marks the first time the use of controlled substance will be viewed as a weapon anywhere in the United States," said Rep. Gerald Solomon (R-N.Y.), a co-sponsor of the bill, the Drug-Induced Rape Prevention and Punishment Act. The bill provides a maximum penalty of up to 20 years in prison for using any controlled substance, including Rohypnol, to commit a violent act.

Rohypnol pills or "roofies" have been connected to a growing number of date-rape cases, especially in Florida and Texas. The drug can be dropped into an unknowing victim's drink, causing them to pass out and have little memory of the crime or the attacker's identity.

In urging support for the bill, Rep. Pat Schroeder, D-Colo., said Rohypnol had become a "crisis on some of our college campuses."

At the University of Florida, one woman reported being told in the morning that five men had slept with her. Some college students also use the pills to get a quick high from alcohol and marijuana.

The drug is smuggled in from Mexico, South America, Europe and Asia, where it is sold over-the-counter and used to treat insomnia. The United States banned imports of the drug in March. Still, H.R. 4137 had faced roadblock on Capitol Hill because Rohypnol, though illegal in the United States, has medical uses elsewhere in the world. Citing the need to reduce sexual assault, lawmakers in the end chose to target those who use any drug to incapacitate a victim.

"The people captured within the scope of this bill are truly dangers to society," Solomon added.

Focusing just on Rohypnol also could spur development of other drugs for use in committing crimes, lawmakers noted.

"There is no single 'date rape drug' and people who tell you otherwise are not being candid with you," the congressman said.

Rohypnol use is on the upswing, federal investigators said. Florida has 14 Rohypnol cases from 1990 to 1992, but reported 480 cases last year. The U.S. Customs Service told Congress it has 271 cases pending already in 1996.

Though the bill targeted all drugs used as weapons, it also contained harsher penalties for possession and distribution of Rohypnol. Simple possession of the drug carries a prison term of up to three years, while distribution of 30 milligrams can get someone up to five years in jail.

Those found guilty of distributing a gram of the drug can receive up to 20 years in prison.

"We wanted to provide stricter penalties for Rohypnol in addition of fighting date rape," said a Solomon aide. The new levels are similar to criminal penalties for possession of cocaine, heroin and LSD.

"The federal government must show that it will not tolerate the use of any drug to facilitate rape," said (Senate). Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), who led the fight for action in the Senate. Law enforcement must have "the tools it needs to fight the heinous crime of date rape."

Congress approved the legislation just before adjournment. President Clinton was expected to sign the legislation once it reaches his desk.
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MSU celebrates National Coming Out Day

By Samuel Oro

Last Thursday students and faculty gathered in the Student Center Quad to partake in the commencement of National Coming Out Day. The day's events were sponsored by the Gay and Lesbian Faculty Staff Association and included a Rainbow Flag raising ceremony, a symposium with a panel of nine speakers, and a closing question and answer period.

National Coming Out Day is significant in many ways to both the gay and straight communities. The GLFSA and P-FLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) sent a twofold message. One is that of embourgeoisement: the acceptance, over time, by revolutionaries of mainstream cultural norms. Secondly, it encourages non-heterosexuals to be open about their sexuality with others.

The most prominent aspect about National Coming Out Day at MSU was that of the faculty's participation and support. The faculty's active role in this event not only eased the tension and anxiety held by most students, but also remained as the most positive effect that NCOD had on the MSU campus. Eric Fay, a junior, says that he was "shocked but interested" by my existing knowledge on the lifestyles of homosexuals and the role homosexuality plays in society. Most importantly though it has me to draw this conclusion: Perhaps the issue of sexuality is not one of general awareness but one of individual awareness.

Q & A with the founding members of the MSU Republican Club

By Suzanne Feigle

The Republican Club is a new and interesting club on campus. In order to familiarize students with their plans, I spoke with President, Joseph Paternoster and Vice-President, Jeanne-Marie Navetta.

Q: What is the purpose of the Republican Club?
A: The purpose of is to educate people about the Republican party, sponsor debates and speakers, and add balance to the campus community.

Q: What do you mean by “balance”?
A: Well, We've checked and since 1985 there has been about one conservative speaker, G. Gordon Liddy. When you add to that the fact that Senator Bradley has been here a couple of times, Dr. Leonard Jeffries a few times, and even Louis Farrakhan once, in that span of time, the need for balance is easy to see.

Q: Who do you like to see as a conservative speaker on campus?
A: Any conservative. Specifically, people such as Terry Eastland, who we will be sponsoring on Monday at 7 pm in the Ballrooms, who will be speaking about the future of affirmative action. We would also like to get Christina Hoff Sommers, Janet Parshall, Walter Williams, Thomas Sowell, and host of other speakers that people have probably never heard of. But that's the point - they've never been heard from at MSU. Instead of getting people who say the same thing every year, we would like to bring a new voice to the table.

Q: Don't you think that "debates" between you and other clubs would create some animosity?
A: Not at all. In fact, we will be bringing the first real diversity-of-ideas since the push for it began. We believe that it is absolutely imperative to have a debate of ideas on college campuses. We believe that an education is not complete unless the free and open exchange of ideas takes place as much as possible. We also believe that debates will give us a forum to dispel the myths about Republicans.

Q: Do you think there is any interest or need for your group?
A: Yes. We believe there is a growing undercurrent of conservatism in America, and especially on college campuses. The problem is that most of the left-wing groups, media, and professors get to the students first and feed them half-truths or outright lies about our side, and we start out behind the eight ball. We want to take the offensive and reach out to students. It's sort of like preventative health in politics. At the first meeting we had about 15 people show up, so we know the interest is there.

Q: Do you really believe that there is some giant conspiracy to misinform people about the state of their alma mater in reference to lack of conservative speakers.
A: We want to get at least three speakers on campus this school year. We would like to expand our club membership to about 20 or 30 active members. Most importantly though, we would like to educate the campus about what the Republicans want to do for the country. We took a poll of the top three things our members would like the club to concentrate on and the overwhelming choice was to dispel the myths about Republicans. We don't think in a place that says it welcomes diversity, students should be afraid or ashamed to proclaim that they are Republicans. If all of these goals are achieved, we will be a successful first year.
The program gave me the opportunity to research some of my personal goals. I love the art of animation and have long considered the thought of becoming an animator. By chance, I was positioned as an attraction host at the Magic of Disney Animation Tour, in the MGM Studios.

The major contribution I made to the Walt Disney Company was my work on the redesigning of the Disney Animation Tour. We created a new tour format, which we presented to the top Disney managers. I am proud to say that 95% of our proposed enhancements were approved and will be in action by summertime.

My time on the Walt Disney World College Program was the most exciting and educational experiences of my life. I made some great friends, while having a lot of fun. More importantly, I developed skills to better prepare me for the workplace. Since coming home, I’ve decided that after my graduation in January, I’d like to attend art school to pursue my dream of becoming an animator. I am proud to have been a part of the Walt Disney Organization and I look forward to going back to work there this summer.

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**Answers to health questions by Health Services and the Wellness Program**

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Two hours a day, five days a week, well-trained, sensitive, interested physicians are available there for Health Services and Wellness Program and therefore literally on the cutting edge of what’s new in patient care. Some areas of particular pertinence include sports medicine, nutrition, infectious disease and women’s health.

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ISO plans Thanksgiving trip

By Tom Boud

The International Student Organization (ISO) is making plans for a Thanksgiving weekend trip to either Boston or Toronto, said ISO President Judy Socarras at the October 14 ISO meeting. The ISO is also gearing up for an October 25 excursion to New York City and an October 31 international food festival.

Socarras said the Thanksgiving weekend getaway will be by bus in order to accommodate as many MSU students as possible. "We're hoping to get between 30 and 40 people. I can't tell you anything about cost, because that depends on how much money the SGA gives us. We have a membership with a youth hostel, so it will be cheaper for students as possible. "We're hoping to get at least twenty-five dollars."

Socarras said she is getting ready to don her chef's hat for the October 31 international food festival. "I'm going to be cooking a Cuban dish with black beans. I think we are probably going to have 2 main dishes," Socarras said. No further details concerning ISO's participation in the food festival were available at press time.

Concerning membership, Socarras said ISO membership is open to the entire MSU community. "This semester, we have about 10 members who show up consistently at our meetings. There's a good diversity of nationalities, since we have members from Asia, Africa, and Europe. Anyone who wants to join is more than welcome," Socarras said.

The International Student Organization meets every Monday at 4:30 p.m. in the Global Education Center at 22 Normal Avenue. For further information, call the ISO hotline at 655-4253.

Ralph Nader to speak at MSU Oct. 22

by Bob Quaderoni

Consumer advocate Ralph Nader, the Green Party candidate for President of the United States, will speak at Montclair State University on Tuesday, Oct. 22. His speech, which is free and open to the public, will be held at the Student Center Ballrooms at noon.

Nader, named one of the 100 most influential Americans of the 20th century, is a longtime advocate for consumers, workers, and the environment. According to a press release, "He has consistently addressed issues dealing with election reform, working to make the political process more democratic by monitoring corporate financing of candidates. His campaign message in 1996 focuses on corporate domination of the political decision-making process and the need for progressive alternatives that can offer Americans more electoral choice. The Green Party works on issues related to its 'key values.' These include grassroots democracy, ecology, community, social justice, and peace."

Nader said that he is running to give the voters a choice. "I'm on the Green Party ballot because I think there needs to be more political competition to the Republicans and Democrats--who are increasingly becoming indentured to the same big-business interests--and to broaden the narrow agenda that the 'major party' candidates parade before the electorate."

Nader's campaign is unique in that it relies almost exclusively on volunteer effort. Yet a recent Los Angeles Times poll showed that Nader has about the same amount of support nationwide as Ross Perot, whose campaign is spending tens of millions of dollars.

Nader's speech is sponsored by MSU's Office of Student Activities and Student Government Association. For additional information, call Steve Welzer at (609) 278-4467, email WelzerStv@aol.com, or call Charles Feiner at (201) 655-7565.

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Log On @ MSU

by Kila Brannenkant

Last week may have been American Beer Week, but it was evidently National Pornographic Email Week here at MSU. A female student logged on to her Alpha account to find a very offensive message that can be categorized as kiddie porn. Help me determine its time to review the Guidelines for Responsible Computing in the Academic Computing pages. The bottom line here is that inappropriate behavior will result in suspension and possible permanent loss of your Alpha privileges. Think no one will ever find out who sent that message? Don’t bank on it. Email leaves an electronic trail. You can run, but you can’t hide.

Information Services Director Jim Byrne advises that about 10 students had their Alpha accounts suspended so far this semester. They were reinstated and there have been no other offenders. Wise decision. Students have been bounced out of other schools for sending harassing email. Don’t become MSU’s first such case.

What should you do if you are the recipient of offensive/pornographic message? First, forward it to Mr. Byrne. Go into the message, at the MAIL -> forward (enter) and at TO: TOBYRENE. In the subject line you can say “redeed this” and perhaps add your phone (enter). The lab assistants have no authority in this matter, so they can’t do anything about it. Do NOT delete the message from your directory. Leave it there until told to delete it. Enough said.

Speaking of the you can run, but you can’t hide...a faculty member searched unsuccessfully for an email address for a professor in Germany. He was unable to locate the man. Told me if I could come up with an email address for the German prof he would meet to dinner. Then, none of this on-campus stuff. I did a search, found a list of the German prof’s publications, emailed his publisher in the UK. No dice. Emailed the chairman of an academic department at WVU that runs a society dedicated to this man’s field of study. The chair knew him and provided both email and fax. I’m in New Jersey and I found a guy in Germany by emailing a guy in West Virginia. And I have never actually met any of them. Perfectly legal. So if you see me dining out with a faculty member, I am collecting my just desserts.

For those who thought I was kidding about Internet addictions, check out Netaholics Anonymous, http://www.safari.net/~pam/netanoni/welcome.cai. Founding Netaholic Pamela Kagan has created a site a la Jeff Foxworthy. “You know you’re a Netaholic if your dog has his own home page.” Scams abound everywhere via phone, TV, print media, door-to-door hustlers, and yes, even on the Internet! I know that you find this absolutely shocking, but I frequently receive unsolicited email promising get-rich-quick schemes, e.g. earn thousands of dollars a week doing whatever. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Keep up with the hucksters with the Online Fraud Newsletter and Discussion Lists at http://www.silverquick.com/fraudnews.htm#FraudNews.

Who is the founder of the world wide web? Impress a computer-challenged professor (we don’t have any of those at MSU, do we?) with your knowledge of Tim Berners-Lee, http://www.w3.org/pub/WWW/People/Berners-Lee-Bio.html/. Even though Netscape is absolutely the planets most user-friendly software ever, some people are still electronically-challenged. Get the basics at http://www.learnthenet.com/english/intbas/intbas.html. It even comes in French, Italian, and Spanish! No excuses!

Enjoyed my visit to World Wide Words, http://clever.net/quinion/words/. Michael Quinion has put together a collection of articles on aspects of English, some humorous, some serious. Quinion is majoring in software engineering at Sheffield University and is a self-employed software writer. Maybe the UK’s answer to Bill Gates! The Township of Montclair has a Web site http://wwwinteractive.net/upper.netpl.Pl

There is nothing like small-town politics for entertainment. Think I’ll check the dining out section to select my just desserts. TTYL (Talk To You Later).

Healthy Living

By Rob Kenny

Wanted: Anyone who needs a six pack. The previous does not mean what you think it does. In fact, I recommend you stay off the beers if you want rock hard abs.

The secret to the perfect midsection is diet, exercise, and dedication. How many times have you heard that line? True story, my friend had an asthmatic shaped body. He had no extra fat on his sunken chest or his puny arms. His legs he was okay but his stomach and butt is where he stored the whoopers. Guess what? He purchased the latest fat in exercise equipment, the ab sculptor. During a two month span he ate lean meats, fish, and minimized his intake of carbohydrates and fat. He used the ab sculptor everyday and rolleteria bladed four times a week. The finished product, a six pack.

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Did you know?

by Gary Doyt

All the fresh water from lakes, streams and rivers owe their existence to the accumulating rainfall. Lakes and rivers are the final stops of all the materials that have been cycled through the soil and the atmosphere, including garbage from our overcrowded landfills! If this hurts your environmental or moral sensibility, then you should ask yourself, “What can I do?” The answer is not far away, it is right here on campus.

We have a New Jersey Community Water Watch organization, with a student volunteer branch that operates under the supervision of the AmeriCorps. Two members were assigned to our campus: Ellen Stiefvater and Wendy Cooling. They explained that the goals of the Water Watch are to help communities in safely maintaining their waterways and water quality, especially near New Jersey’s inner city areas.

There are three proven ways to better the conditions of the water, they explained: One: Streamwalking is essential. It allows the monitoring of water quality through chemical testing and visual investigations. Second: Clean-ups help remove trash from the rivers. Last year alone, 250 volunteers collected over 20 tons of garbage from the Passaic River. Third: Educating the community on the do’s and don’ts of water usage and conservation helps. Over 2,000 students in Paterson were taught about the dangers facing the Passaic River, last year.

When asked why joined New Jersey Community Water Watch, Ellen said, “It’s satisfying to know that I’m doing something worthwhile for the future of our planet.” The volunteer students branch’s members, particularly Erin Gray, President, said she felt that getting involved assured a future for herself. Since her work with the Water Watch, she has declared herself a Geoscience major. Lalena Kurtz, the Treasurer, said, “was shocked that in a shower your body absorbs 6-8 cups of water; even though I don’t drink from the tap, there is a possibility of taking polluted water in.”

Come and join in a cleanup on Friday, October 25th. Oh, attend the meeting on Monday afternoon at 4:00pm, room 356, Mallory Hall. For further information, stop at 254 Mallory Hall, or on Alpha at NJWATERWATCH.
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4 Walls Poetry Readings: Open-Mic and Feature Poets

by Katherine Tempel & Jodi Kastel

Four Walls, the organization who publishes the Arts and Literary Magazine at MSU, held an open-mic poetry reading in the Ratt on October 10th.

All of the readers were gifted writers and performers. It would be impossible to suggest that any one reader was better than another, or to site specifically who stood out. What is significant to note is that the performances were each talented. They had the ability and willingness to share intimate and poignant thoughts as well as feelings.

The readings began with Veronica performing her poem, “Empty World.” Next was Maria Tucci, editor-in-chief of Four Walls. She performed several pieces, including an original poem entitled, “Crowning to Carve An Angel.” Tucci was followed by Shannon who read, among others, “Kick in the Night.” John read a prelude to a song he had written. Finally Delroy Meredith performed many of his poems, including a moving piece entitled, “A Hero’s Ode,” for and inspired by Marcus Garvey.

It was at this point that the evening, sadly, ended early. Many open-mic events seem endless and bring out the poet/performance, fretted dulcimer, piano, tin whistle, pan flute) and Paul Badalamenti (on acoustic and electric guitar). The band sent out warm vibes and discover the performer within.

On Thursday, October 16th, Four Walls and W.O.W. (Wonderfully Outrageous Wednesdays) presented two feature poets, Dr. Carole Stone of the English Department and student, Joy Selnick.

Dr. Stone began the reading with a short introduction before delving into her rich and expressive body of work. Reading pieces from her upcoming book, Orphan on a Movie Soundtrack, Dr. Stone captured the audience’s attention with amazing imagery, infusing her feelings about her life as an orphan into her poetry. She immortalized the memory of her mother in the image of a mermaid, swimming away, eluding her underwater. “Mother’s Gown” was one of my favorite, voicing the emotions of a girl wearing her deceased mother’s yellow gown. Smelling “the lilac scent,” and reminiscing, she ends the poem, “You rise up while I fill your gown.”

The last few poems Dr. Stone read were inspired by her annual January sestas in Mexico. “The Tropics Take Over,” was a three-part journey into the heart of Mexican culture. The final piece, “Lovin’ an Old Man,” was absolutely breathtaking. Strings of descriptive metaphors like, “clouds travel like white hardkernel corn,” and “the sea holds this world up as if death were a lie,” weave in and out of the narrative. Other works read were “Penelope,” “Foster Child,” and “Fireworks.”

Joy Selnick, a sophomore, ended the night with a combination of emotion and political observations. Her poetry is focused and to the point, which strengthens the impact of her carefully chosen words. Previously published in the Arthur L. Johnson High School literary magazine and Four Walls, but never before a featured poet, Selnick said after the reading, “I was nervous as all hell. I didn’t know what to expect, but I liked following Dr. Stone.”

Her poem, “Thou Shall Not Kill” highlights the brutality and lunacy of war. Citing various religious conflicts around the globe from Ireland to the Middle East,

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Robert Oakes and Friends at Barnes & Noble: a rare treat

by Yolanda Grbic

Are you a desperate listener, searching the radio endlessly for something worthy of your ear? Despair not, I have found a band that puts poetry back into music. There are very few bands who possess the timeless quality that the Robert Oakes Band exudes.

A few weeks ago I was pleasantly surprised to run into the band at the Barnes and Noble Bookstore in West Paterson. I could not have spent a better Saturday night. I found a seat close to the band, which consists of the multi-talented Robert Oakes (on acoustic guitar, bamboo flute, percussion, fretted dulcimer, piano, tin whistle, pan flute) and Paul Badalamenti (on acoustic and electric guitar). The band sent out warm vibes and an inviting atmosphere.

The Robert Oakes band creates a sound that has the feel of folklore and myth. Each song makes me feel as if a new tale is being uncovered and the flutes add to the mystery of a far away, distant sound. A listener can be swept away to magical lands, much to the delightment of the ear. Original songs like, “Before Dawn,” “You Beside Me,” and “Spread Your Wings,” send out a kind of sweetness which may be unfamiliar, yet warm and cozy at the same time.

The highlight of the evening consisted of an all out jam of a blues song, “Walled-In Blues,” with special guests, Leo McClusky (guitar) and Robert Oakes Sr. (vocals). Oakes informed the crowd that the song was inspired by Henry David Thoreau and then joked that if Thoreau had been a blues singer he might have written a song like this one. I don’t know how Thoreau would have felt about it, but the crowd loved it. “Walled-In Blues” sent forth waves of energy and excitement which became contagious.

Oakes commented on his performance at Barnes and Noble: “The show was really good. The reason I write my songs and perform live is to create an atmosphere of warmth and openness. I felt a real connection with the audience. It was a good experience that encourages me.”

Robert Oakes began his musical career at the age of five, singing in his father’s band. Now, he has an independently released album from Underground Renaissance Productions entitled, “Dwellers At The Oak-Trees.” Do yourself a favor and expose your ears to a musician who can feel music. Robert Oakes is a rare treat.
Two Days in the Valley, a silly roller coaster ride of a movie

by Jodi Kastel

Two Days in the Valley, billed as a comedy-thriller, features not only an outlandish plot, but a cast with enough depth to make it work. A Tarantino-esque production from MGM Studios, Two Days in the Valley boasts some of film and TV's biggest names, from Danny Aiello to Ten Hatcher.

The movie chronicles the intertwining lives of a dozen characters in California's San Fernando Valley. Aiello is great as Dosmo, a bumbling crook turned pizza maker, trying to make a comeback into crime. Running from a psychopathic hitman (James Spader) and his be-hemoth Swedish girlfriend Helga (Charlize Theron), Dosmo hides out in a smoky English art dealer's (Greg Crutwell) posh house. Taking art dealer Allan hostage, Dosmo encounters Su-san (Glenne Headly), Allan's quiet, mistreated personal assistant.

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Reel Big Fish has a new release, Turn the Radio Off.

by Timothy Casey

Black '47, an Irish Folk/ Rock band based in the Bronx, released their fourth album, Green Suede Shoes (Mercury Records), on October 15th. Green Suede Shoes contains fifteen new tracks. Larry Kirwan, the band's lead singer who produced the album, said that the album is "A look back, if not a return to our roots." This album was intended to capture the live sound of Black '47. Of their four albums, this is the closest to the "Sweaty, claustrophobic, passionate, live ideal," according to Kirwan. This new album exemplifies how much of a truly unique and unclassifiable band Black '47 is. Tracks such as "Five Points," "Forty Duce," "Czechoslovakia," and "Green Suede Shoes" use traditional Irish instruments such as the Uilleann pipes, banjo, accordion, tin whistle, and bodhran in addition to instruments not typically used by contemporary bands like the saxophone, trumpet and trombone. Combined with the more popular lead and bass guitar, drums, and keyboards Black '47 sounds like no other band.

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by Erin Perry

While I may not be a huge fan of the genre of ska music, I was genuinely impressed with Reel Big Fish's new release, Turn the Radio Off by Mojo Records. The band, sometimes described as "sk-punk," has tons of energy, combined with an almost playful attitude, they remind you that music is supposed to be fun.

Reel Big Fish hails from Southern California and is composed of seven members, not one overshadowing the others contributions to their sound: Aaron Kirwan (drums), Dan Regan (trombone), Tavis Werts (trumpet), and Matt Wong (bass). These guys have it together with what seems like little effort.

Now I have to discuss the lyrics off of some of the tracks from Turn the Radio Off because they made me laugh out loud. These guys are definitely not afraid of the censors and their witty sarcasm shines. Their song, "She Has A Girlfriend," is about some dude's girlfriend who has turned gay; "I never thought it would end like this/just because I've got no tits/ I'll shave my legs/ I'll wear a braid/ I'll even cut my penis off for you..." They attack other bands in the industry in "Sell Out," with lyrics: "No more flippin'  burgers puttin'  on my silly hat you know...sell out, with me oh yes, sell out, with me tonight/ record company's gonna give me lots of money..." They criticize dance cores and fads in "Trendy," "It's not so bad being trendy/everyone who looks like me is my friend please don't hate me because I'm trendy/they're not gonna laugh at me again!"

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Black '47 releases fourth album
"You’re Either On The Bus Or You’re Off The Bus."

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Friday, Oct. 18
Graham Parker & The Figgs at the Metro, 369 Broadway, Long Branch, NJ.

Saturday, Oct. 19
‘Great Events’ Series presents a family event, The Magic Schoolbus: “Arnold’s Favorite Field Trip,” 10 a.m., 3 p.m. in Memorial Auditorium

Sunday, Oct. 20
Jasper Johns: A Retrospective, at the Museum of Modern Art until Jan. 21, 10 West 53rd Street, NY.

Monday, Oct. 21
Tribes 8 and Vitapup (early show) at the Wetlands, 42nd Street, NY.

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I’m a big Janeane Garofalo fan, so I decided to rent her newest video, The Truth About Cats and Dogs (Fox Video). Produced by Ione Esta Albert and directed by Michael Lehmann, this movie puts a ’90s spin on The Yarn of Bob’s DeGeneres: type of unexpected love.

Garofalo plays Abby, a well-known talk radio personality with her own animal centered call-in show. Brian (Ben Chaplin) calls in for advice on how to calm a snapping dog. He put rollerskates on the dog for an ad he was photographing and oddly enough, the dog wasn’t too happy about the situation.

Crisis averted, Brian invites Abby to meet him for a drink so her can thank her in person for her help.

Abby has a very low self esteem and lies to Brian about her appearance, telling him she’s 5’11”, blond, and thin, just like her model next door neighbor, Noelle (Uma Thurman).

The scene where Abby and Noelle meet is one of my favorite in the movie. Noelle is being berated by her low life boyfriend/manager Roy (James McCaffrey) in the hallway of their apartment complex: “Your name is ’Dumb Bitch,’ too? No wonder I’ve been getting all your mail!” They instantly become best friends.

Noelle pretends to be Abby and dates Brian, while the real Abby charms him on the phone every night. Though Abby finds herself falling in love with Brian, she rationalizes that Brian would never like her if he knew how she really looked. This is my one problem with this film. Garofalo’s character is intelligent, witty, and independent. The script downplays these facts, instead highlighting the idea that physically Garofalo/Abby can’t “measure up” to society’s ideal beauty, blond, tall, thin Thurman/Noelle.

In the end, as can be expected, Brian discovers who the true Abby Barnes, and realizes that on the list of all the reasons why he loves Abby, his perceived appearance of her (Noelle) is at the bottom.

The Truth About Cats and Dogs is funny and cute. The role of Abby seemed created specifically for Janeane Garofalo’s sarcastic style of delivery. If the film didn’t dwell so much on Garofalo’s supposed mediocore looks, it would be perfect.

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Selnick wrapped her convictions in dead-on poetic angst. “Approx. 1000” also addresses the subject of war, illustrating the horror of a 1000 dead, nameless bodies being shovelled into a mass grave with the only marking “Approx. 1000.”

In “Prejudice,” inspired by the film Night and Fog, Selnick contrasted the images of hate with sugary fairy tale visions like, “sweet candy promises…” “Hatchling” was one of my favorites of the night. The last line nails the coming-of-age theme, “Amniotic fluid drips away and she emerges a woman.” Other poems recited were “My Dog Has Arthritis,” “I Fly,” and “Stabbed.” Her concluding poem for the night, “Admiration,” was dedicated to her favorite student poets, Josh Humphrey and Maria Tucci.

Dr. Stone and Joy Selnick entertained and enlightened the audience. The poems complemented each other not only in experience, but in technique.

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Some positive words from Tupac and another defense from one supporter

I would like to address Madam Ant’s remarks concerning Nicole Brown. Ms. Ant contradicts her faith in the justice system when she makes a point to state that Tupac Shakur was convicted of “rape and sodomy.” However, he was only convicted of sexual assault, a lesser charge than rape. Then she goes on to state that Nicole Brown was nearly decapitated “at the hands of her ex-husband.” This seems odd considering that O.J. Simpson was acquitted of murder. Also, she mentions that “there is no evidence that her [Brown’s] lifestyle contributed” to her murder. What evidence does Madam Ant have to prove that Tupac’s lifestyle justified his murder? As far as I know, no one has been convicted of his murder either. This would lead me to conclude that there is no legitimate reason for Tupac’s murder, Nicole’s murder, or any other cold-blooded murder.

As a fan of Tupac and his music, I have not been influenced to partake in any violent behavior. However, I have realized that the violence he and others rap about is real. Music should not be blamed as the only catalyst for street warfare and gang violence. People should listen to the problems expressed in the music before passing judgment. Politicians have the power to change the situation but, for the most part, they choose to ignore the information and attribute the violence in our nation to rap/hip-hop music. Tupac knew that the “thug life” was not a good solution, but his music certainly opened the eyes of a naive few, like myself, who otherwise would not have heard about the inner-city struggles.

Since there have been many responses that have already summed up my feelings about Madam Ant’s first article, I would like to share a few of the positive messages Tupac sent to his listeners through his lyrics:

From “Dear Mamma”: Mamma, I finally understand/for a woman it ain’t easy trying to raise a man/You always was committed/A poor single mother on welfare/Tell me how you did it/There’s no way I can pay you back/But the plan is to show you that I understand/You are appreciated.

From “Brenda’s Got a Baby”: Now Brenda never really knew her mom/And her dad was a junkie putting death into his arms/It’s sad because I bet Brenda doesn’t know/Just cut you’re in the ghetto/Doesn’t mean you can’t grow.

From “Me Against the World”: I know it seems hard sometimes/But remember one thing/Through every dark night/There’s a bright day after that/So no matter how hard it gets/Stick ya’ chest out/Keep ya’ head up/And handle it.

And finally, from “Life Goes On”: Life in the hood is all good for nobody...How many brother fell victim to the streets/Rest In Peace...There’s a Heaven for a G!

Connie Freestone, Theatre

A student’s attempt to “educate” Alonso and the campus community about Israel and Palestine

This letter is in reference to the October 3rd column by Nelson Alonso about the recent upheaval in Palestine. The reason I am writing this is to educate the reader about the status of the Israeli-Palestinian affairs to the present. His statements are, I will not say uneducated ones but, very misunderstood. The article is full of distortions and misrepresentations that are a direct result of a person’s misunderstanding of a complex issue.

The first distortion was his statement of the reawakening of an intifada that does not exist. The second is his redefining of the word “militants.” According to the author, people who fight for liberty and independence are “militants.” The third inconsistency in the article is the totally unfair and unequal comparison he made between racial riots in America with a nation occupied by a foreign power for hundreds of years. Muslims are not the only people who want the Israelis out — it is the Palestinians who are composed of Muslims and Christians. Radical groups, whether religious or not, often flourish in environments where injustice and repression are dominant characteristics of the existing order. These people are not “militant Muslims,” but an oppressed people reacting to the deprivation of basic human rights.

The final inconsistency I found in the article was the comparison between the riots in LA and the war in Palestine. The comparison to any riot going on in America due to racism or any other issue is the most blatant sign of ignorance that looms over a supposed knowledge. This is not to demean the issue of racism in the US, but the situation in Palestine is much more complex then the LA riots were. We are not talking about Americans vs. Americans, the crisis in Palestine is not a looting riot. A closer comparison would have been America vs. Russia during the Cold War, one nation versus another, not a civil war.

This is not to ignite any fury. I want the author and those like him to understand what the complex issues in Israel and Palestine are. This is a war to those extreme religious Jews, Christians, and Muslims. However, before we can begin stating our opinions on an issue, we should definitely learn about the topic we are writing about. Otherwise, we will pass our ignorance on to others instead of providing them with enlightenment.

Ribbi Huzien
Biology

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The Examined Life  
by Jean-Marie Navetta

Believe it or not, there was something more interesting on television this week than Louis Farrakhan discussing the spaceships floating above the US which are ready to take all the saved people to some galactic resort. Unfortunately, Louis Farrakhan’s interview with Ted Koppel on Nightline has seemed to garner more attention than the latest Clinton “Scandal of the Week.”

I realize that by now we should be immune to these weekly flashes of “attacks” on the ethics of the Clinton administration since they seem to exist in numbers greater than all people identified in the Bible (Old and New Testaments combined.) But the newest one is particularly interesting – although it seems likely that if weren’t for the work of William Safire, few people would hear about it, thanks to the furious spin the Democratic Machine has put on the issue.

The new ethical quagmire is known as “Lippogate.” The details are remarkably clear. Bill Clinton and the Democrats have allegedly accepted $1 million in campaign contributions from the Riady family of Indonesia, who have controlling interests in an international financial conglomerate named the Lippo Group, according to an October 14th press release from the Republican National Committee. Interestingly, the Lippo Group has ties to (surprise) Whitewater scandal flunkies Jim and Susan McDougal. These campaign contributions, incidentally, are illegal by way of a federal law which prohibits candidates and political parties from accepting money from foreign sources.

But this gets better. Clinton's ties to Indonesia run much deeper. According to William Safire in the New York Times (Oct. 7) John Huang, a former executive in the Lippo group was called “my longtime friend” by Mr. Clinton. Mr. Huang was involved in these illegal donations was “flat-out wrong.” It’s been touted as another harmless bureaucratic snafu, not unlike the theft of 900 FBI files by the White House. But once again, when the facts are examined (particularly Bill Clinton’s friendship with Huang and the relationship of the Lippo Group to the Whitewater crew) makes this a little hard to swallow.

But what should be expect from the “most ethical administration” ever? Should we just continue to attribute this to a mistake in paperwork, phone calls, or intentions? Or is another attempt by the mean-spirited Republicans to mar the flawless character of William Jefferson Clinton, Upholder of All That Is Ethical and Defender of the Common Man? Probably not.

When he was campaigning this week, Bob Dole related the story of Harry Truman’s campaign. People would tell him “Give ‘em hell, Harry,” to which Mr. Truman would respond, “I tell them the truth, and they think it’s hell.” Dole explained that this would also be his tactic – it’s completely appropriate today.

And well it should. After four years of Travelgate, Filegate, Whitewater, Lippogate, lies about tobacco money, lies to the gay community, and lies about the future of healthcare (to name just a few) maybe the truth does sound like hell. Bill Clinton has not been the honest man that stands proudly behind his morals. All he stands before is a list of lies and scandals that puts the Watergate case to shame – and has more parallels than he would ever care to admit. The truth is that after four years of blatant (and not particularly well hidden) deception, it would be nice to be told the truth – even if it doesn’t sound like what we want to know about our president. That’s why it is time to restore some real ethics to the White House and boot this shameful embarrassment known as the Clinton Administration right back to Arkansas in November.

Will we ever get the truth from Clinton?

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Don’t worry, be happy – and guilt-free

I used to think that Catholic school nuns and Italian grandmothers cornered the market on guilt. I was wrong. I was merely exposed to these two particular sources of anxiety growing up and was so busy trying to dodge them that I didn’t see that guilt comes from everywhere.

I actually thought that if my uniform skirt didn’t touch the middle of my knee, I might as well ask for an aisle seat on the bus ride to Hell. As I got older, the focus shifted to more timely sins: fourteen year old kissing games, saying “damn” in front of your mother (I still won’t say the “F” word with her around), and cutting class to go to the ballgame.

Adult guilt is much different, however. For one thing, it is almost always self-induced. After all, we are big people and should be able to make our own choices without having to seek approval. But it’s next to impossible to do that when you’ve grown up thinking you’re not in eternal flames if you tell Aunt Concetta that you really don’t like her calamari salad.

When I got divorced, I heard every cliched guilt line imaginable, including the ever-popular “Don’t worry the kids will be all right as long as you do the right things.” What was that supposed to mean? Was I planning to always do the wrong thing? Once, I dated a guy that was considerably younger than me. Boy, did we have a great time. Then came the time when he started meeting some of my family. Guilt came in extra-large size. Apparently, the fact that I was older than him was enough to seriously damage the psychological structure of my kids, who should have never been exposed to such an unscrupulous display of friendship and caring. Frankly, they didn’t even know how old he was until recently, when his name came up.

There are countless guilty moments – taking the day off from work to go to the beach, sleeping until noon on a Saturday, telling Mom you just didn’t feel like touching up the ceiling instead of doing it yourself – that are avoidable but are tough to deal with sometimes. For some reason, there’s very little guilt about the usual sin stuff like sex, drugs, and rock-n-roll, so I can’t figure out why it’s so hard to tell the guy you went out with on Saturday that you’d rather watch a Green Acres marathon than go out with him again. Or to tell your insomniac girlfriend that her annoying little habit of calling you at 3 a.m. is starting to bug you.

Sheryl Crow sings, “If it makes you happy, it can’t be that bad.” If it makes you happy, then why the hell are you so sad?” She’s right. A little happiness is okay, no matter how insignificant the price seems. We deserve to live guilt free as long as we can be kind to ourselves. And maybe the next time Aunt Concetta learned that I detest her calamari salad...
Apologist

by Nelson Alonso

Over the summer I participated in a debate with WNYU in New York University. My opponent, Lucille Lusk of the NYU chapter of liberal Democrats, asked me to comment on certain irresponsible statements made by some popular conservative activists. Although I was certain that some of the statements were taken out of context, some could not be so easily explained away. Let's face it, some people make stupid statements. However, the citation of such statements does not show any side to be implausible. It merely shows that some people do not take into consideration people's perceptions, however mistaken, of their public statements.

Although such statements are not to be used to win any kind of debate, if they are used properly, they will force either side to get back to the real issue and to realize the importance of objective truth. It is also interesting to see how ridiculous some liberals in leadership can get with their illiberal beliefs.

For example, Esther Langston, from the National Organization for Women (NOW), stated, "The simple truth is that every woman must be willing to be identified as a lesbian to be fully feminist." Sheila Coronel, radical feminist leader, said, "Since marriage constitutes slavery for women, it is clear that the women's movement must concentrate on attacking this institution. Freedom for women cannot be won without the abolition of marriage." Mary Jo Bane, assistant professor of education and director of the Center for Research on Women at Wesley College, had this to say: "In order to raise children with equality, we must take them away from families and communally raise them." (All quotes are from the National NOW Times, January 1990).

Most abortion rights proponents see nothing wrong with infanticide, the killing of infants after birth, or treating newborns as non-persons. Margaret Sanger, founder of Planned Parenthood, said, "The most merciful thing a large family can do for one of its infant members is to kill it." (Women and the New Race, 1991). Esther Langston, professor of social work, University of Nevada, has this advice to offer: "What we are saying is that abortion becomes one of those choices, and the person has the right to choose, be it abortion, to keep, to adopt, to sell, to leave in a dumpster, to put on your porch, whatever."

James Watson, Nobel Prize Laureate states, "Infanticide is not a great wrong. I do not want to be construed as condemning women who, under certain circumstances, quietly put their children to death." (New Dimension, 1995) A more disturbing quote comes from Mary S. Caldorney, MD, head of the Sex Information and Education Council of the United States (S.I.E.C.U.S.), "We have yet to beat our drums for birth control in the way we beat them for polio vaccine, we are still unable to put babies in the class of dangerous epidemics, even though this is the exact truth." (The Social Policy of Planned Parenthood, 1991).

Some liberals deny that it is possible to make objective moral judgments about sexual behavior. For example, Dr. Sol Gordon, in a report by the Institute for Family Research, states, "All thoughts, all wishes, all dreams, all fantasies are normal! If I walk down the street and I see a pretty girl, I have sex with her. Now the girl doesn't know about it, my wife doesn't know about it, and it enhances my walk. I have all kinds of thoughts about men, women, and animals." Douglas Powell, psychologist, Harvard Health service report states, "I have not seen anyone harmed by this (i.e. child sex) so long as it occurs in a relationship with somebody who really cares about the child." What is disturbing about these quotes is that they are whole-heatedly believed by people in power and in positions of influence. There are many more quotes I could have used, but the above should suffice. They are all completely documented. And they call the validity of these feminist into question.

Disgruntled

by Tom Tracy

It seemed like a pretty harmless request at the time. All that I asked on behalf of the legislature was to see all of the files, receipts, and other documents pertinent to the spending of the Student Government Executive Board on their conference to San Diego last June. There had been a lot of rumors and it was time to clear them up. Denied. Granted, I left the issue alone after I got no response the next day because I am a busy person and have bills to pay and a job to hold.

Other more personal issues kept me from addressing the matter earlier this week. Yesterday, I found out that the records I had requested were subpoenaed by the Judicial branch of the SGA. Denied again. At the SGA meeting yesterday, the records were again requested by the legislative and the judicial branch. Denied again; I did not understand. If there is nothing to hide, then why not just open the books? If the executive board overspent on their conference, would that be grounds for impeachment? Probably not. Mature people, as we all pretend to be in the SGA, can admit their mistakes and work out a feasible solution.

This cannot happen when requested information is being withheld. What is there to hide? Will that question ever be answered now? Yesterday I felt ashamed to be a part of the SGA. My integrity as the editor-in-chief of this newspaper, as a legislator and most importantly as a person was attacked. Never have I been interested in running a witch hunt or whatever this process has been called. The answers are all anyone in that room wanted and yesterday we did not get them.

So the President and Treasurer were suspended by the judicial branch. I've seen it all now. They were willing to give up the office that you the students elected them to because they refused to open up the financial books. What is in these things anyway? The vice president assumes the office of presidency, and the executive secretary remains in office. This e-board is split in so many different directions that it is beyond repair. How can a corporation with a $500,000 budget continue to function this way?

Impeachment procedures have been mentioned. This would have required a two-thirds majority vote in order to bring forth a hearing at the next meeting. But next week the suspended SGA President and current Executive Secretary are due to be in Little Falls court concerning an alleged incident that occurred over the summer at the same time as the SGA meeting. According to the constitution of the SGA the persons who are up for impeachment do not need to be present at the impeachment hearing. What type of sense does that make? None. I would love to hear the president and treasurer's side of the story. Why did they insist on not turning over the books?

The vote failed. It was a close vote, and I voted against having the hearing next week. No matter what a person has done, no matter what people allege that a person has done, they deserve the right to defend their position. The minute that we deny a person of that right, then this situation will become a witch hunt.

I do not know for a fact that the SGA overspent on the conference. I have never been shown documentation that would attest to that fact. I will not report rumors in this newspaper or other things that are heard secondhand. If anybody has any questions about that, come to my office and speak to me, do not insult me at an SGA meeting and accuse me that I withheld information from the students of this campus. This is what the SGA treasurer alleged in front of the legislature at yesterday's meeting. I have long said that the student government should be left alone to heal its own problems. Now I'm wondering just how much more time does this Student Government have before we completely run ourselves into the ground?

Yesterday I was accused of a lot of things – not having a spine and pressuring younger legislators just to name a few. Let me say this: I will be back at that meeting next week and I will continue to do what I have always done as a person and a legislator. Evaluate each and every decision I make without prejudice and without an effort to "push my personal agenda." If that means that I have no spine, then call me a jellyfish.

**"It is the proper business of government to resist the corruptions of money, and not to depend on them."**


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**An examination of some “ridiculous” quotations from the feminist Left**

The SGA Circus came to town... and now it seems like it never left
We will not forget: A visit to the AIDS Memorial Quilt in Washington, D.C.

This past weekend I went to Washington, D.C. with several of the sisters from Sigma Psi Phi, to take part in the Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt. Many of us are involved with the Quilt Display that will be arriving on the MSU campus the Sunday before Thanksgiving, and we wanted to get a first hand sense of what the Display is all about. My plan was to volunteer for a few hours as a roving site monitor then spend some time viewing the Quilt. Afterwards, my mind was set on hitting the D.C. club scene to see what it was like. Not a very noble way of spending an evening in D.C. but at the time I didn’t think I could help immersing myself in the distant city’s nightlife.

Prior to October 11, the last time I was in D.C. was in 1992, when I was a senior in high school. I remember the city of four years ago as a quieter place filled with a wealth of educational and historic sites. Looking back, it was a place that seemed to hold more width and length then it did depth. There was a dullness about it that I only came to understand this past weekend when its depth was in full focus. This focus would come from disrupting the course of events I had laid out for myself.

As the sisters and I were absentmindedly talking about superficial matters, the orange-pink rays of the sun rose slowly above the white dome of the Capitol building to warm away the wet dew from the grass that crews were working steadily to place the folded Quilt panels on. The light seemed to prepare the volunteers for the half-dream state most of us would be walking in for the remainder of the day.

Within the first hour of our arrival on the Mall, I was separated from my group due to both the immensity in proportion of the display as well as the vast numbers of people who arrived to help. I soon took my place among the numbers who were being trained to be roving site monitors.

In the cool, crisp hour following sunrise, pairs of us settled in our various locations. Behind us, the Quilt was being unfolded in sections with the drumming of the names of past victims of AIDS being read over a speaker system. I turned around to read a panel that had the name of the person it was in memory of. He asked for a quick death to his life that now held no meaning. In a rush, the weeping began. I can’t quite come from losing a co-worker, whom I knew in passing, earlier that week to the virus. The crying might have been from the tears that I couldn’t find for my uncle who died of cancer several years ago. Maybe part of me realized the pain that so many have gone through, both physical and emotional. Susie, the woman I was paired off with, lent me a strong hug and some reassuring words. She had lost her brother to the virus.

When the Quilt was fully unfolded, hundreds of white panels were working steadily to place the folded Quilt on. The light seemed to prepare the volunteers for the half-dream state most of us would be walking in for the remainder of the day. The Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt is about remembering the all too many names that have left this world. My reverie was altered my earthly intents. A great part of me had stood for thirteen hours so far, refused to succumb against our cars and wait it out. From my roof-top view I could see the vigil stretch for at least a mile away before the street curved out of sight.

In our role as volunteers, Susie and I asked visitors to sign a petition that would be sent to both Clinton and Dole, requesting increased funding for AIDS research and education. Most were eager to help, responding with, “You don’t have to say anymore. Where do I sign?” One mother was there with her two daughters. After she signed the petition I handed her a pin that read, “I am voting in memory of...” After she wrote “my brother,” she asked for two more pins to give to her daughters and told them to write “Uncle Billy” on it. When you hear the numbers of people who have died, the sorrow seems to be just out of reach. When you see the ten-year-old child of the man who died, your heart crumbles.

As the sun made its slow descent below the earth, its indigo wake waved memories across my vision of the fabric testimonies to the loved ones that have gone from this world. My reverie was broken when I encountered some protesters alongside the road. They were prepared to meet the candlelight vigil that was scheduled to walk down that road at 7:00 p.m. Some carried signs that read, “AIDS is God’s cure for fags” or “God HATES fags.”

One parent subjected her eight-year old daughter to holding a sign, that was almost as large as her, that read, “Fag death march.” It is a shame to us all that as the centuries role past, the name of God has been and will continue to be invoked to represent countless atrocities that have little to do with His divine mercy.

Walking back to my car I witnessed the birth of dozens of lights running and walking from the Washington Monument to the street below the hill. These candle bearers merged with the thousands of souls whose path blocked my car’s way out of D.C. Providence had yet again altered my earthly intents. A great part of me wanted to join the expansive march but my legs, who had stood for thirteen hours so far, refused to succumb to my higher wishes. We resigned ourselves to lean against our cars and wait it out. From my roof-top view I could see the vigil stretch for at least a mile away before the street curved out of sight.

The Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt is about remembering the all too many names that have left this world due to AIDS. I still have echoing in my head the sound fades away and an impression is left in its wake.

“We cannot learn from one another until we stop shouting at one another – until we speak quietly enough so that our words can be heard as well as our voices.”

- Richard M. Nixon, inaugural address, Washington D.C., January 20, 1969
Bob Dole’s economic plan – a sound investment for the future

Bob Dole’s economic plan has been talked about a lot over the past four months. Dole and the Republicans have been championing it as the catalyst the economy needs to get it growing. Bill Clinton and the Democrats have done their best to paint it as a “$550 billion tax scheme” that will “blow a hole in the deficit.” The problem is that the public has not seen nor been told exactly what the Dole plan is. Is that because it’s too complicated or are the liberals afraid that the American people will support once they understand it?

The first step in Bob Dole’s economic plan is cutting taxes. Personal income taxes rates will be lowered by 15 percent in three steps starting in 1997. It will not be pushed through in one year to wreak havoc (as the President has led us to believe) on the deficit. And it is an across-the-board cut for all taxable Americans. Unlike the Clinton tax promises, they do not discriminate against those that do not have children. Bob Dole believes everyone needs a tax break.

The capital gains tax rate will be cut in half. This cut will affect everyone from stock brokers to farmers. The reason this is important because it will stimulate savings and investment. By all accounts, savings and investment are crucial to the country’s economic success.

There will be a $500 credit given to low and middle income families for every child under the age of 18. Also, families will be able to set up Education Investment Accounts that will not be taxed, to help with college costs. This is not an irresponsible (and empty) promise of $10,000 here and $1,500 there, as the President is proposing, but honest, helpful tax cuts that can be gotten by all Americans, not just a few that meet certain criterion.

The Dole plan will also expand Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) and establish a spousal IRA to remove disincentives to savings and investment. It will also provide tax-free incentives for job training and investing in education. Again, these are the best ways to assure long-term prosperity for the country. Bob Dole’s plan will accomplish this goal.

The final tax cut in the Dole plan is the repeal of Bill Clinton’s 1993 tax hike on Social Security benefits. Due to this hidden and virtually unreported raising of taxes, some senior citizens were forced to pay 56 percent more in taxes. Bob Dole will repeal this unfair tax on America’s seniors and put the money back where it belongs – in their pocketbooks.

The other major tenet of the Dole plan, which has also gotten no mention in the press, is the Balanced Budget Amendment (BBA). It seems odd that just last year the President and the press were happily commenting on Bob Dole’s inability to get the BBA passed, while this year they can’t seem to remember that he was the one pushing for it. When the press and Clinton state that the Dole plan will “blow a hole in the deficit” they are lying.

However, just in case the BBA doesn’t pass, he has drawn up his own balanced budget, which has not been reported at all. In his budget, there will be an across-the-board 10 percent cut in non-defense administrative costs. By selling air time (or the right to it) which is currently given away, another $34 billion can be saved over six years. Bob Dole will eliminate the Department of Education, a huge do-nothing bureaucracy that hinders state and local schools from teaching students from what they need to know, and the Department of Housing and Urban Development. He will use that money to give housing vouchers to low income families so they can have a choice where they want to live. The Commerce Department will be done away with, since its duties are duplicated by 71 other government offices, and the Department of Energy will be given to the Department of Defense. There will be a 1 percent reduction in other spending (excluding Medicare, Social Security, and Defense which are “off the table”) for a total saving of $217 billion. The other $231 billion will come from increased tax revenue.

The Dole plan is needed because the American economy is not performing nearly as well as it could be. According to the National Center for Policy Analysis, the total tax burden is the highest in US history. The average middle class family spends more to pay taxes than it does on food, clothing, and shelter combined. Economic growth under Bill Clinton has averaged 2.4 percent per year, which is slower than it was when he was elected in 1992, according to the Joint Economic Committee. And from the President’s own 1996 Economic Report and the US Labor Department, productivity growth, the source of rising incomes, has been cut in half under President Clinton’s four-year tenure. As a result, this is the first period of expansion in US history when worker’s pay has not risen. Yet the President continues to call this the “best economy in the past fifty years.”

Bob Dole’s economic plan is not a “risky tax scheme.” It is based on economic theory that was proven in the 1960s and 1980s: lowering taxes raises tax revenue. Coupled with his insistence to balance the budget and cut spending, Bob Dole will deliver on his promises. Remember, in 1992 Bill Clinton promised a tax cut and did not deliver it – now he wants us to fall for it again. Bob Dole has proven that he is a man of his word, and he has presented a plan to cut taxes and balance the budget. Let’s reward him for his honesty and give him a chance to do it by voting for Bob Dole in November.
I didn’t vote for John J. O’Sullivan. Now I’m dead. This sucks. Vote for him. If you’re reading this before 3 p.m. on Thursday, you can still vote for him. Go to the Student Center. Ask for a ballot. Vote for John J. O’Sullivan, ‘cause being dead sucks.

Humour

No new taxes.

JJO’S=KING
The Homecoming King Pageant: A countdown to disaster

by the Committee to Elect John J. O'Sullivan for Homecoming King

Tuesday, October 15. 8:00 p.m. People were packed in the Student Center Ballrooms, anticipating the annual Homecoming King and Queen Pageant, not knowing what to expect. Oh sure, there was bound to be some dumb sexual innuendoes floating around. Yeah, there was going to be some disco revival. There was going to be singing, and maybe some vomit. The crowd really wasn't sure.

Oh, but what they weren't expecting at all was something MUCH MORE SINISTER THAN VOMIT! Something amazingly weird and SCARY! Something very, very, very, very, very, very, DUMB!

There was something lurking that was DUMBER than Kids Incorporated. Far more stupid than Ernest Borgnine in a cocktail dress. Far more idiotic than Lyndon LaRouche teaching the children of the world the lambada (the forbidden dance). More moronic than Ovaltine funnelling. It made Poison look like J.S. Bach. My GOD, it made crocheted condoms Bloody Damned Stupid than Ovaltine funneling. It was more idiotic than Lyndon LaRouche teaching. Far more stupid than Ernest Borgnine in a cocktail dress. Far more that was DUMBER than Kids Incorporated. Here it is:

John J. O'Sullivan's Moronic Waste-O-Time Homecoming King Revue™

AAAAAAARRRGGGGHHH! We're frightened just typing the cursed thing in. It was that horribly dumb. It really was quite embarrassing. We're surprised he survived. We're surprised the crowd survived.

How dumb was it? Let's give you the play by play description of events:

One: John J. O'Sullivan was dressed up in a gown of Christmas lights, a Christmas ball on his ear, and Margaret the Christmas Angel, on his head. He explained that he was terrible at impressions, so he was doing the impression of a Christmas Tree. Ed, wonder assistant extraordinaire™, helped him take the lights off when John started to fry due to excessive electrical current. John also said, "Hi.

Numero Dos: John donned his jester hat and tried (in vain) to jump rope. He was doing rather well, in fact he was at his career best at 4 consecutive jumps. And then, he got tripped up in the rope, and fell. The stupidity was starting to grow.

Trois: Ed, wonder assistant extraordinaire™, threw a ball at John. The ball didn't come close to hitting John. John fell anyway. No one is sure why. John isn't sure why. Ed wanted his mommy. The ball was so embarrassed at the dumb stunt that it hid. Ed was sad.

Four: John ran around and pulled confetti out of his shorts. He threw it all over the place. The janitors are plotting his death as this is being written. Vi: John took some silly string, and pretended he was blowing his nose. The silly string didn't work. People were really getting confused at this moment, so they all started talking to each other. Good for them, their talking could have very well SAVED THEIR LIVES!

Sis: The grand finale. John, wearing a hard hat, ran into a wall at full speed. The helmet, a useless piece of garbage, didn't do a damn thing, and John got a concussion. John, laying half dead on the stage, needed to be dragged off by Ed, wonder assistant extraordinaire™. The crowd survived. Ed survived. John still isn't sure if he survived. No one is really sure about that.

The show was terrifyingly stupid, but it got much worse. John recovered quickly from his concussion and he was asked a question by the emcee. He was asked, "What two words describe you?" John replied, "cute and fuzzy." WHAT? Evidently, that run into the wall must have damaged some section of John's brain! "Cute and fuzzy?" What the hell was he thinking? He could have said, "Strong and virile," or "Donkey and weird," or "Bread and butter," but NO! He said, "cute and fuzzy." Something was definitely wrong. The stupidity and the weirdness was getting out of hand. Something had to be done about this insanity. Ed, wonder assistant extraordinaire™, took John outside and slapped him silly. John felt better, and realized the grand amount of idiocy he created. Which made him (and us) come to one grand conclusion:

YOU MUST VOTE FOR JOHN J. O'SULLIVAN! It isn't a simple request, nor is it a suggestion. YOU MUST VOTE FOR HIM! If you want the Student Center to be free of confetti next year, you have to vote for him. If you don't want him lurking around your domicile, VOTE LIKE YOU'VE NEVER VOTED BEFORE! If you don't, who knows what horror lays around the corner next year. Can you say...NAKED HULA HOOP YODELING?

Thank you,
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VOTE JOHN J. O'SULLIVAN FOR KING!
(Yes, he's threatening you. Yes, he's read Metiniche. Vote for him. He's not a pretty sight when he's going buildings on fire.)

LAUREN COBB, You could spell her name completely wrong in the PERSONALS and yet her hair will still be shiny. VOTE FOR HER FOR QUEEN!

SPOOKLES SPOOKLES, oh, uh, uh-

Came to the homecoming Parade Sat. Oct. 19

to see JOHN J. O'SULLIVAN FOR HOMECOMING KING

Can't we all just get along?

- JJO'S (Acting rather Knotty)

Even I can't believe it's here! Happy one year anniversary! One down and a lifetime more to go.

All my love, Jane Leigh

Dee

A babydoll! Sorry I haven't hung out with you a while, but I promise I will—soon! I LOVE YOU MAN!

Love, Legs

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To my darling cousin Kerr, it's so nice to see my relatives on campus.

Love, Your adoring cousin

Dennis

Musky

Wanna see my yearbook?

Musky

Koret

You're the best roommate ever! Happy B-Day!

- Lijenn

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Sports
Thursday, Oct. 17, 1996

America’s National Pastime: Baseball or Football?

by Dennis I. DeMarco

While sitting in a local public brewery last Monday night, watching my San Francisco 49ers beating the Green Bay Packers, one of our usual gang entered with the news that, yes, he actually got through on the telephone and purchased four tickets to the World Series game on Saturday. All of a sudden he had three new best friends. Except for myself. When they looked at me like I had sprouted another head a la Rosie Grier in The Man With Two Heads, I proceeded to explain my position.

"Don't get me wrong," I said. "I'd love to see the Yankees in a world series game. I can still recall (somewhat vaguely) the last time they won in 1978. I was seven and life revolved around our national pastime. But something happened. Maybe it was the passing of Thurman Munson. (He was a catcher who died in a plane crash after the '78 series) Maybe it was because I failed to make the starting line-up the next year at school. But I lost my passion for the game."

I had discovered another interest that consumed me. Football. It was faster and life revolved around our national pastime. But something happened. It just didn't do it for me.

"How can you not like our national pastime," one of my friends retorted.

I asked him when almost one billion people watched a World Series. He couldn’t say because it hasn’t happened. Yet every year, the viewing of a SuperBowl game, SuperBowl being just one game while the World Series is the best of seven games.

I can’t stand to watch baseball, even if there’s nothing else to watch. It just doesn’t do it for me.

"But, before Alomar spit at an umpire, football had its own saliva-spewing scene, featuring fiery MLB Bryan Cox. Cox, then with the Dolphins, did not appreciate some of the language being used by some rowdy Buffalo fans. As he left the playing field, Cox spit in their direction. In both sports, it seems, spit happens.

Fans complain that baseball players make too much money. The common man no longer can relate to the athlete. In the old days, baseball players often had to work in the winter to get by. Nowadays, they spend the offseason on golf courses and cruises or at trading-card shows where they make more money.

Football has a salary cap, but it hardly minimizes the number of millionaires. Former baseball player Deion Sanders has a football-only contract with the Cowboys that will pay him $35 million, including a $13 million signing bonus. Sanders rides around Cowboy camp in a customized golf cart that probably cost more than my car. The NFL is not lacking for arrogance.

Clearly, the quality of play in baseball is not what it used to be. Expansion has diluted the product. Accomplished quarterbacks are few and far between.

Cuogars to only 185 yards of total offense. Leading the defense in tackles with 11 was defensive back Ron Lewis (Ashbury Park), who also added an interception. Inside linebacker Ed Grayer (Scotch Plains) enjoyed a great game with 10 tackles and an interception. Senior defensive end Jeff Bargiel (West Paterson) added his usual solid game with eight tackles and one-half sack. Moses McKenzie (Paterson) had a sack-and-a-half and forced a fumble while co-captain Dan Garrett (Clifton) contributed with eight tackles. The defense completely stifled the Kean offense in the second half by simply controlling first down and forcing third and long situations, thus stopping the Cougars ground attack.

Cooney (Guttenberg), in his first game back after missing two weeks due to an injury, was named the NJAC Offensive Player of the Week. He finished 14 of 24 for 182 yards with two touchdown passes. Kicker Mike Stoehr (Iselin) finished with nine points on two field goals (a 37 yarder and a 44 yarder) and three PAT’s. Says Giancola, “Brian Cooney played like I expected him to, with good clear reads. We played well, for the first time this season, in all three phases of the game (offense, defense, and special teams.) They wanted this game.”

The Red Hawks are 1-0 in the NJAC and 3-2 overall. Up next for the Red Hawks are the William Paterson Pioneers on Saturday night at 7:00 under the Sprague Field lights. Be sure to check out the 68th annual Homecoming Day game preview article.
MSU Homecoming Game: Battle or Blowout?

- Red Hawk defense may be key to victory -

By Dennis L. DeMercurio

The MSU men's soccer team is keeping pace with the other Red Hawk teams by winning both of its games last week and posting an eight game winning streak. Last Wednesday, MSU blanked Rutgers/Camden, 4-0. Seniors Rob McOmish (Montclair), Erik Meixner (Vernon), junior Ian Myles (Clifton), and sophomore Marlon Pollard (East Orange) each had a goal in this game in which they dominated offensively outshooting Rutgers/Camden, 16-3.

Against Wesleyan College this past weekend, sophomore Sebastian Dibello (Dover) scored his 12th goal of the season and now leads the team in scoring. Sophomore Jason Haw (Vernon) claimed his first goal of the season in the 2-0 victory over Wesleyan. The Red Hawks travel to Rutgers/Newark on Saturday, October 19th.

Congratulations to head coach Brian McLaughlin and the MSU women's tennis team for another superb season!

Disenchantment may not be as far off as they think.

After reading this article, and after watching the rest of the Monday Night Football game, I can make another comparison between the two sports. Officials can be as blind as Umpires. Disenchantment may not be as far off as they think.

Baseball loses steam in a hurry once the football season starts in September. The pennant races lack the drama and suspense that once made baseball autumn's sport of choice. The primary cause: a wild-card system that renders late-season battles (such as the N.L. West-deciding game between the Dodgers and the Padres) all but meaningless.

Who invented that darn wild card, anyway? (Hint: We write about it in this publication all the time.)

Commissioners invariably paint a rosy picture of their sport, and that includes the NFL's Paul Tagliabue. But, before the powers-that-be in football put it in cruise control and coast into the 21st century, they should look at what has happened to baseball.

MSU's aggressive offense helps keep unbeaten streak alive at eight.

Questions? Comments?

COMPLIMENTS?

Call 655-5169 or e-mail at DemercurioD@alpha.montclair.edu
Women's tennis ties last year's record, 10-1

by Dennis L. DeMercurio

The MSU women's tennis team matched its record from last year finishing 10-1 with their victory over NYU, 7-2. Last weekend the Red Hawks defeated Division II Kutztown, beating them 5-2.

Jenna Switzer (Chatham) won both her singles and doubles matches in the number one slot. Sophomore Christel Jakober (Sparta) went undefeated last week in both singles and doubles matches. She lost only two singles games in three matches versus Kutztown and Hunter playing in the number two position. Jakober also posted 6-2, 6-0 victories over Rutgers/Newark and helped MSU to have a 3-0 week. She also won all three doubles matches, ending with a 24-5 record. For her efforts, she is this week's NJAC Tennis Player of the Week.

Wendy Saladino played her final game for the Red Hawks and finished 11-2. She leaves having set the MSU school record for wins at 36. The team also finished on a seven game winning streak. They finished 3-0 in the conference.

Other notables on the team were Milagros Urbina (Argentina) who finished 9-0 and Nicole Fredericks who ended 10-0. The JV team had a great season as well going unbeaten this season.

Congratulations to head coach Brian McLaughlin and the MSU women's tennis team for another superb season!
MSU Women’s Volleyball defeat Rowan, 11th straight victory

Dennis L. DeMericura

The MSU women's volleyball team just keeps surging forward with their eleventh straight victory Tuesday night over a much improved and tough Rowan College. At 15-5, the Red Hawks appear unstoppable.

The first time these two teams met, the match went to five games and ended with a MSU victory. After winning the first match 15-6, it appeared that the Red Hawks might improve upon their 13-3 game winning record over the past ten matches. Sensational kills by Dolly Koshy (Teaneck) and Jill Gastelu (Rutherford) with perfect sets by Edith Lubion (Irvington) gave the appearance that the contest was going to be a repeat of their past ten performances. Rowan, however, was not going to give up easily.

With Sara Cerrato (N. Valley) and Jane Gheilerman (Brazil) having much improved since their last meeting, Rowan took the second game 15-7. MSU fell behind early, and it looked like the Red Hawks were going to have another rally game finish.

"We tend to get down on ourselves when we fall behind, and that's why we lose the game. But we picked ourselves up during the next game and won the match."

Koshy said. Behind 9-2 in the third game, the Red Hawks stepped up their play and came back to bring the game to 13-12, in favor of Rowan. A long series of exciting volleys followed, as well as many sideouts, and the game was now 14-13, Rowan leading. With just one point away from victory, the crowd was on it's feet with every bump, set, and spike. Gheilerman was exploding shots at the net, but Nadion Burton (Paterson) got beneath each attempted kill, thwarting her.

With Gastelu serving, the score was soon tied, 14 all. Lauren Mazarikiewicz (North Arlington), playing center court, refused to let the ball slip past her. Freshman Dania Ramirez (Memorial) added the go-ahead point on a great spike that just caught the corner of Rowan's side of the court. On the next serve, what looked to be a sure winning shot by Burton at the net was saved by Rowan's Kimberly Pierce (Cumberland). The set was perfect for Gheilerman as she leapt in the air to deliver a crushing blow to the ball. What she didn't see, however, was Burton getting airborne and deflecting Gheilerman's crack shot with such precision that the ball looked to have made a ninety degree angle straight down, leaving the Rowan net players stupefied and winning the game for MSU. To say Panzer Gym was rocked with thunderous cheer would be an understatement.

MSU Red Hawks dominate Kean College, 27-7

by Jeff Ehrlin

The MSU football team made key changes in their game plan. These changes enabled them to cruise to a 27-7 triumph over conference rival Kean College last Saturday afternoon to spoil their Homecoming Day game. The second half kickoff return by Reggie Johnson (Bloomfield) set the tone for the rest of the game.

Johnson appeared to be wrapped up by 5 or 6 Cougars at the Red Hawks' 30 yard, but broke free for a 70 yard return that put the Red Hawks at the Cougars' 12 yard line. This set up Brian Cooney's (Guttenberg) 10 yard touchdown pass to fullback Ralph Cinque (Clifton). Head coach Rick Giancola says of Johnson, "He's a good solid football player with very good balance and he's the kind of guy you have hit and wrap. They had a couple of shots at him but couldn't put him down. That was the turnaround of the game."

The Red Hawks never trailed again.

The idea for the second half was to score quickly. With the run-oriented Cougars already trailing before they even touched the football in the second half, they were forced to pass for the duration of the game. This, and, of course, great defense resulted in six total yards and three interceptions for the Cougars in the second half.

The Red Hawk defense allowed the...