MSU Swimmer Nearly Drowns
by Kevin Hancock
A member of the MSU men's swimming team was involved in a near-fatal accident while practicing in the Panzer Gymnasium pool on Tuesday, October 29, according to Patrolman Rivera of campus police.

The student, sophomore Sven Peltonen, was finishing up at the end of a team practice when the incident occurred. In an attempt to see how many laps he could do in the Olympic-sized pool without coming up for air, the student passed out underneath the water and dropped to the bottom of the deep end of the pool. Teammates watching dove in to rescue the student when it became obvious that he was in trouble.

When brought to the surface, Peltonen was unconscious and not breathing after being submerged for approximately 20 seconds. Mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and first-aid treatment was immediately administered by teammates and the team's coach, Brian McLaughlin. Peltonen then regained consciousness and began breathing normally.

Campus police were called to the scene at 8:14 a.m., the time of the incident. The first officer to arrive was Patrolman Rivera. "When I arrived, he was turning blue and was in the fetal position," said Rivera, who administered oxygen to Peltonen. "He was also showing some signs of shock." Peltonen was then brought to Mountainside Hospital for treatment by a Montclair ambulance company, and was released later that day.

Patrolman Rivera credited Coach McLaughlin for his administration of CPR. "The hero of this incident was definitely the coach," said Rivera. "We were extraordinarily lucky that there was a good outcome to this," said McLaughlin. "The three team members involved in getting help and removing him from the pool, Brian Hoffman, Brian Frazer and Kevin Quinones, did a tremendous job."

Peltonen, who is now said to be doing fine and showing no ill effects from the incident, could not be reached for comment.

Suspects Sought in Quad Stabbings
by Gene Feran
Two men are being sought in the stabbing of two MSU students on October 18, said Lt. Paul Cell of the University's campus police yesterday.

The composite sketches of the suspects were posted throughout the campus in the hope that someone will identify them.

"We have a couple of strong leads, but we still need help from the community," Cell said yesterday.

Cill urges anyone who witnessed the stabbings to contact the investigations unit at 655-5123. "All calls will be kept strictly confidential," he said.

Andre Fryson and Brad Griffith were stabbed in the Quad area between Blanton and Bohn Halls in the aftermath of a party sponsored by Lambda Tau Omega and co-sponsored by Phi Beta Sigma. No weapons were recovered.

SGA bookkeeper dismissed
by Tom Tracy
SGA bookkeeper Nicole Colucci was dismissed on November 11 by SGA President Amy Fisher for unprofessional behavior and physical confrontation with a member of the student body, according to Fisher.

There were two alleged confrontations with students by Colucci, the second with student Khadejah McFadden. It was after this physical confrontation in the Student Center hallway that led Fisher to relieve Colucci of her duties. "There were two confrontations, I was there for the second and I based my decision on that," said Fisher. "We're trying to build a stronger organization, and her actions were uncalled for," she said.

Colucci's dismissal leaves the SGA without a treasurer or a bookkeeper. Former Treasurer Barry Bernstein resigned on November 1 leaving the position vacant until elections are held at the end of the month. As for a replacement for Colucci, "Negotiations are ongoing as we look for another bookkeeper," Fisher said.

She would not comment on how much time would be allotted for the search process, or how many people will be interviewed. McFadden declined to comment on the situation, and Colucci did not return phone calls placed by the Montclarion.
International

Mid-Air Disaster Over India Kills 351

A Saudi jumbo jet climbing from New Delhi's airport collided with a Kazak plane coming in for landing Tuesday, creating twin fireballs that turned the sky bright red and scattered the bodies of up to 351 people over farmland below. The mid-air collision is considered the worst in history, and the third-deadliest in aviation history. The flight data recorder was recovered yesterday by search teams.

South Africa Relaxes Abortion Law

South Africa's rigid abortion law has been replaced by a liberal policy. The Choice on Termination of Pregnancy Bill, which was passed 49 to 21 in the Senate, entitles women to a state-funded abortion during the first 12 weeks of pregnancy. Health Minister Nkosazana Zuma noted that the bill may take several months to go into effect. The existing law, supported by white separatists, allows for abortion only in the cases of rape, incest or danger to the mother's health.

Muslim Homes Destroyed in Defiance

Some 96 Muslim families had their homes blown up by Bosnian Serbs during an attempt to return home. The Bosnian Serbs went against a direct order to allow refugees to enter the Serb-controlled area. The refugees had applied for permission to return home over two months ago starting the path of destruction by the Serbs. The homes of 191 refugees have been destroyed in the last two months in acts of total defiance against court orders. Refugees have been consistently deterred by Serbian officials or civilian groups organized by the officials.

Guatemalan Government Ready to Sign Peace Agreement

The war-torn country of Guatemala is poised to sign a peace accord with their opposing rebels. President Alvaro Arzu announced the plans that will end 36 years of guerrilla warfare in the country. Talks resumed only last weekend after leaders came to a halt following the arrest of rebel commander Rafael Valdman for kidnapping. The commander was quickly released in exchange for the release of his hostage. The peace accord is scheduled to be signed on December 29.

Quebec Official Resigns Over Swastika Symbol

Lieutenant-Governor Jean-Louis Roux of Quebec has resigned after admitting to war protests during his college years. The 74-year-old Roux admitted to wearing a swastika on his lab coat while attending the University of Montreal. At the time, the pre-med student took part in demonstrating against the war in 1942 but denied taking part in any violent protests. Roux submitted his resignation to Prime Minister Jean Chrétien, who did not pressure the representative to step down. Members of the Canadian public criticized and demanded the resignation of the official representative of Canada's head of state Queen Elizabeth.

National

Black Leader Urges Texaco Boycott

The Rev. Jesse Jackson called for an immediate boycott of Texaco gasoline and its other products to persuade the giant corporation to settle a race-discrimination lawsuit and implement an equal-opportunity plan. The lawsuit, filed on behalf of about 1,400 employees, won national attention last week when transcripts of a recorded conversation among Texaco executives revealed their use of racial slurs against minority employees.

Army Sex Scandal

An officer and a drill sergeant have been charged with raping a female private in a Maryland Army base. The Pentagon reported over two dozen female cadets coming forward to accuse higher-ups of rape. Captain Derrick Robertson is charged with rape, obstruction of justice, adultery, and inappropriate conduct and has been removed from contact with trainees. Staff Sergeant Delmar Simpson, charged with rape, sodomy, adultery and obstruction of justice has also been removed. The Pentagon has begun an investigation consisting of interviews with other females in the Aberdeen Center. About 20 percent of the 2,000 trainees in the center are female.

Whitewater Convict Won't Be on TV

A federal court judge has ordered the recovery of a taped interview with a major figure in the Whitewater scandal case. Judge Sanson' Webber Wright ruled that ABC News must surrender a taped, un-aired interview with Susan H. McDougal. The interview appeared on the September 4 edition of "Prime Time Live" well after McDougal's fraud conviction in May. The court rejected all arguments from ABC against the subpoena. ABC has ten days to surrender the tape and a full written transcript of the interview. McDougal faces up to two years in prison.

Liquor Industry Lifts Its TV and Radio Ban

The American liquor industry has ended its voluntary ban on television and radio advertising. The decision was made by the Distilled Spirits Council of the U.S., after Seagram's crossed the line with scattered ads. Opponents plead that the ban be enforced by law, led by President Clinton who has urged Seagram's to reconsider their plans. Major television networks show no intentions of changing the policy which may drive companies to use cable channels and other small advertising media.

"Jenny Jones" guest guilty of second-degree murder

A one-time "Jenny Jones" guest was convicted last Tuesday of second-degree murder. The show was taped. Second-degree murder carries a sentence of eight years to life. Sentencing is Dec. 4.
EMERGENCY ELECTION!

Last night, the legislature of the Student Government Association confirmed a new vice president, attorney general, cabinet member, election dates and supervisions. In addition, there were two charters granted to organizations and the passage of a rule requiring the presence of the American flag at all SGA meetings and elections. Lastly, the resignation of a legislator was announced.

SGA President Amy Fisher, who was the vice president until former president Julio Marenco was removed from office, appointed her successor. Attorney General Lauren Pytleski, who was the SGA secretary last year, was approved by the legislature to become the new vice president. Pytleski was replaced as attorney general by Greg MacSweeney, a former legislator and former editor-in-chief of the Montclarion. Finally, Jill Levine was named Director of Public Relations.

Sigma Gamma Rho, an active sorority on campus, was granted a Class IV charter of the SGA. In addition, the Hellenic Student Organization was granted a Class III Charter. This organization promotes the Greek culture. An additional statute was passed by the legislature. According to the bill, the amendments will mandate that the flag of the United States must be present at all elections and all meetings of the SGA. This rule, as with all statute changes, will officially take place in the next semester.

Also, the dates for the elections for Treasurer and Judicial Branch Justices were approved by the legislature. The election will begin on Saturday, November 23, in Dickson Hall, from 8-2 p.m. On Monday, November 25, the voting will take place from 8-4 p.m. in the Student Center, from 5-7 p.m. in Blanton, and from 8-10 p.m., in Dickson. Finally, on Wednesday, November 27, elections will be held from 8-12 noon in Dickson, and from 12:30-3 p.m. in the Student Center.

In addition, independent supervisors were named to oversee the election in the absence of the attorney general. Among those named were President Pro-Temore Fran Garcia, SGA Secretary Jennifer Lynch, Vice-President Lauren Pytleski, and Chuck Feiner and Winifred Quinn from the Office of Student Activities.

Finally, the resignation of SGA legislator Tom Tracy was announced. Tracy, a second-year legislator and chair of the Appropriations Committee, said, "There are certain issues that require me to devote more time to the Montclarion, and it is not fair for me to only give 75 percent to each organization. I will, however, continue to be involved with the SGA through other means."

Questions? Comments? Concerns? Call the Montclarion Tip Line at 655-5169!

Over $20,000 Raised Through Annual MSU Alumni Phonathon

MSU's Annual Fund Foundation's phonathon raised $20,656 in donations, increasing last semester's contributions by 40 percent, as well as increasing its parent donors by more than 50 percent from last semester, according to Deborah Winger, annual giving coordinator.

The phonathon exceeded its goal of $20,000 by the fourth night, and was held over a two-week period, from October 28-30 and November 4-7.

"It was nice to be a part of this worthy cause. Talking with parents who are appreciative of the job we were doing and meeting scholarship recipients who have directly benefited from our efforts makes me feel a sense of accomplishment and pride for the University," said Shannon Billera, an MSU freshman who was a student worker during several nights of phonathon.

Each night, approximately twenty student workers gathered at the Continuing Education House to call parents in order to raise these essential funds for MSU. Along with scholarships, these funds are devoted to the University's greatest needs, such as funding for faculty/student research, equipment, and programming that wouldn't otherwise be possible.

"With the limitations in state support, fund raising has become vitally important to the University."

- Dr. Gregory Waters

The Annual Fund augments what we receive from tuition and state sources and helps us maintain the margin of excellence that distinguishes MSUs programs now, and ensures they will remain distinguished in the future," said Vice President for Institutional Advancement and Deputy Provost Dr. Gregory Waters.

SGA Fails to Mail Absentee Ballots for Students

The SGA, however, does not deny that they made a mistake in the mailing of the ballots. "It was no one's fault, it was just a common error," said the anonymous source, "I saw a significant number of other ballots that didn't get sent in either."

The SGA provided students, who were not able to get home to vote, the opportunity to vote by an absentee ballot. However, the SGA mailed them out on the deadline date instead of mailing them ahead of time, causing an undisclosed amount of ballots to be left out of the election results. "When I handed in my ballot," said the anonymous source, "I saw a significant number of other ballots that didn't get sent in either."

The SGA, however, does not deny that they made a mistake in the mailing of the ballots. "It was no one's fault, it was just a common error," said SGA Administrative Secretary Evelyn Waters. "Many of the students who took advantage of this option are upset, but there really is no one to blame."

Phone calls to SGA President Julio Marenco and Vice-President Amy Fisher were not returned.

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SGA News & Notes
by John Brest

by Liz Voltman

by Amanda Konechty

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Opening of Russ Hall Delayed

by Jean-Marie Navetta

Despite plans to open Russ Hall, MSU's newest residence hall at the start of the Spring semester, "unforeseen delays" in construction will postpone the opening, according to Margaree Coleman-Carter, the director of MSU's Residence Life.

"We learned recently that there were unforeseen construction delays that occurred, which means that the completion date [for Russ Hall] will probably run into mid-February," said Coleman-Carter in an interview yesterday.

When questioned as to the specific reason for the postponement, Coleman-Carter defended the contractor who is working on the project, Controlled Construction Company. "Not all of the reasons for the delay are the construction company's fault," she said. "There were code reviews done, and things that were not caught in the initial drawings were caught later...correcting these problems pushed the opening date to a later time."

When asked what the specific delays were, Coleman-Carter said that while these students were given information on the building, "we had made no commitment to them. There was a good response when we had the initial sign-up for the building --- probably about 50 people --- but we had not proceeded with the selection process. The residents who had signed-up for Russ will still have the spaces that they are currently in for next semester."

"We encourage all students not to get discouraged by this announcement," Coleman-Carter said. "We're excited about this building and we hope that all residents who had expressed intentions of possibly moving to the new building before the announcement of the delay. Coleman-Carter said that while these students were given information on the building, "we had made no commitment to them. There was a good response when we had the initial sign-up for the building --- probably about 50 people --- but we had not proceeded with the selection process. The residents who had signed-up for Russ will still have the spaces that they are currently in for next semester."

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Arrests/Assaults

11/4 - MSU student Brian McNair, 24, from Camden, was arrested by campus police on a warrants issued out of the Camden sheriff's office for non-payment of child support. McNair was extradited to Camden.

11/7 - MSU student Brian McNair, 24, was arrested for simple assault in the student center cafeteria after he punched Robert MacGregor, the cafeteria manager, over an alleged theft of a couple of tacos from the cafeteria. McNair filed a counter-charge of assault against MacGregor.

11/7 - MSU student Rodney Spencer, 22, from East Orange, was arrested in Blanton Hall on a warrant issued from Little Falls for failure to appear in court for a previous assault charge. The charge against Spencer was dropped on 11/12 due to lack of prosecution.

Theft

11/4 - A Roland electric piano was stolen from Life Hall, worth approximately $1,500. The theft is under investigation, but no suspects have been identified.

11/4 - A sidemirror was stolen from a 1995 Pontiac in West Quarry Way.

11/4 - A female student discovered her wallet was missing when she reached into her bag to retrieve it in the library. The cash value of the wallet was $200, in addition to credit cards and $35 cash.

11/5 - Windshield wipers and wiper arms worth approximately $60 were stolen from a 1986 Mercury in Lot 30.

11/6 - A cassette recorder worth approximately $25 was removed from Finley Hall, room 111, by unknown persons.

Threats

11/4 - A male threatened to slash a female's tires over a parking lot space in Lot 22.

11/4 - A female Blanton Hall resident received a call from an unknown male who threatened to rape her. The incident is under investigation.

1996 Emergency SGA Elections

Saturday, Nov. 23: 8:00 am - 2:00 pm Bldg. B
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Wednesday, Nov. 27: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm Bldg. B
12:30 pm - 3:00 pm SC

All petitions for the Office of Treasurer and Justice must be in the SGA Office Fri., Nov. 15 by 12 noon.

California Voters Approve Proposition 209

By College Press Service

A bitter campaign over affirmative action ended November 5 with the passage of Proposition 209, a California measure that bans preferences for women and minorities in all state hiring and university admissions.

The controversial ballot measure won 55 percent to 44 percent, making California the first state in the nation to ban affirmative action programs.

Nevertheless, a day after Proposition 209’s passage, there were signs that heated exchanges over the divisive issue were far from over.

At the University of California-Berkeley, about 300 students marched in protest, carrying a sign that said “Fuck the System. Revolt Against 209.”

“Some people actually think that its passage will provoke even more discussion,” said Ryan Tate, news editor for Berkeley’s The Daily Californian, which endorsed Proposition 209.

Hundreds of angry students led protests, many ending with arrests, when the UC Board of Regents voted in 1995 to drop affirmative-action policies throughout UC’s nine-campus system.

Supporters of the ban gathered enough signatures to place the measure on the November ballot, allowing voters to decide the issue.

UC President Richard C. Atkinson said the campaign had prompted “extraordinarily divisive and passionate” debate but that now it is time to move.

“No we must also look to the broader issue of how, in light of Proposition 209, we can best fulfill our responsibilities as a public university in the nation’s most ethnically and culturally diverse state,” he wrote in a letter to UC regents November 6.

“The question facing education is clear: How do we establish new paths to diversity consistent with the law?” he said.

Atkinson said the university system would continue to support outreach programs for disadvantaged and low-income students.

Ensuring that they have access to education is one idea that has “tended to unite people on all sides” of the affirmative action issue, he said.

The university system would also continue to seek a diverse pool of applicants for jobs and contracts, he said.
BC Football Team investigated for betting on games, possible point-shaving

by Marco Buscaglia, College Press Service

BOSTON—While plenty of students bet on college football games, it's a different story when the players are gambling on the gridiron.

Earlier this month, the Boston College football team came under fire from the NCAA after several players on the team allegedly bet on college football games.

Boston College announced Nov. 6 that 13 members of the football team have been suspended due to gambling. More troubling for the college, however, was the disclosure that two students had bet against BC during a 45-17 loss to Syracuse on Oct. 26.

However, Middlesex County District Attorney Thomas Reilly said the students in question were not involved in the outcome of the game—only one player, entering the game for just one play.

BC athletic director Chet Gladchuk says both the school and NCAA are taking the matter very seriously. "This is something we can't take lightly," Gladchuk said.

"There is a level of conduct we expect from all of our students, and this would be unacceptable." College officials did release a list of the 13 athletes who they said had gambled, but refused to specify which two players faced the more serious charge of betting on games in which they played. The players on the list included at least two players from the starting line-up.

All 13 suspended players were ordered to sit out the Nov. 9 game against Notre Dame.

Although Henning said he will evaluate each player on an individual basis, he said he has no intentions of welcoming back those players who bet on the BC game.

"I will not, and the team will not, accept back to the program anybody that has bet against Boston College," Henning said at a press conference on Nov. 5. "We want every player on our team this week-end to be those that are interested in winning the football game."

NCAA rules strictly forbid players to "participate in any gambling activity that involves intercollegiate athletics."

Besides the two players who bet on the Syracuse game, the other suspended players had bet on college and professional football games and on professional baseball games, according to Reilly. Bets ranged between $25 to $50, but some athletes wagered hundreds of dollars, he said.

Betting on one's own games is taken very seriously, said Kendall Livingston, a member of the NCAA's rules committee.

"That is something that is key to the integrity of the game," he said. "The damage is unthinkable."

And the consequences can be serious. Last season, Maryland quarterback Scott Milanovich was suspended by the NCAA for four games for gambling on college basketball.

Bill Keefe, a lawyer for four of the BC players, said his clients are being unfairly blamed for something they didn't do.

"There is absolutely no evidence there players bet on BC games," Keefe said. Although Keefe would not say whether or not his clients bet on other college games, attorney John McBride, who is also representing the players, said if they did, it was on a small scale.

"We're talking about things like office basketball pools here," McBride said. "That's hardly the stuff of scandal."

Gladchuk said the university is cooperating with the Middlesex County District Attorney's office, who is looking into the point-shaving allegations.

Ross Elersworth, a former assistant coach at several Division I schools, says point shaving in football would be difficult but not impossible.

"It depends how far-reaching the involvement is," he said. "If a receiver wants to, he can drop every ball that comes his way. But what can a lineman do? How much can a linebacker do? You almost need to have a cross-section of positions involved to do something like this."

While the players are being investigated, Henning must still get the remaining team members ready to play football. The nationally televised game against Notre Dame was taken off the betting boards in Las Vegas because of the rumors of players rigging games. Before the investigation began, Notre Dame was favored by 22 points.

For some BC students, the allegations come as a shock.

"This isn't the kind of thing you expect at a school like this," said Justin Shaghalian, a freshman. "It just doesn't seem possible."

This isn't the first time Boston College has been part of a point-fixing scandal.

In 1978, Rick Kuhn, a forward on the school's basketball team, admitted to fixing six games. He was later sentenced to 10 years in prison for his role in the gambling fix.

ATTENTION CAMPUS COMMUNITY...

The Staff of the Montclarion will be attending the National College Newspaper Convention next week in Florida. Therefore, there will be no issue on November 21. But wait, fear not Montclarionites..... as a special treat, there will be a Thanksgiving Issue of the Montclarion which will be published on Wednesday, November 27. Again, we apologize for any inconvenience this change in scheduling may cause. See Ya!

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NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt to come to MSU

by Suzanne Feigle

On November 23-26, MSU will be hosting 37 panels of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt. The display, which is entitled "Handmade and Heartfelt," will be presented by the Office of Student Activities and is sponsored by many local groups.

Planning for this event has been ongoing for a year, building a bridge between MSU and the Montclair community. Aside from the standard donations, many local groups have given their time and effort to make the Quilt's arrival a reality.

The "L" Club, a group of senior citizens sponsored by the township Parks and Recreation Department, and which meets at the Montclair Red Cross Chapter House, donated a handmade quilt to be raffled.

Students at Mt. Hebron and Glenfield Middle Schools are volunteering their time after school and are working to make a Quilt panel that will be presented along with the Quilt display.

Students from the AIDS Awareness Club which is co-sponsored by the Montclair Red Cross and Montclair High School have been selling raffle tickets at community events and making red ribbons. They will also help provide educational programs to students who will be visiting the Quilt on field trips November 25 and 26.

Many have given sizable donations to the project also. The Student Government Association donated $1,000, President Reid's Office-$500, The Vice President of Student Development and Campus Life-$500, The Dean of Students Office-$500, Residence Life-$500, The Division of Business and Finance-$500, and Hoffmann-La Roche Incorporated-$2,000. The Office of Student Activities was not allowed to contact corporations asking for donations and was pleasantly surprised when Hoffmann-La Roche contacted them offering support.

"Heartfelt and Homemade" is intended to unite students and the community in an effort to prevent and relieve the pain of the AIDS epidemic. Actress Olympia Dukakis, a Montclair resident, will be the Honorary Chairperson, along with MSU President Dr. Irving D. Reid. MSU is proud and honored to be the only university in New Jersey that will present the NAMES Quilt this year.

According to event organizers, the display will promote AIDS awareness and HIV education and prevention. It will also encourage visitors to understand the urgency of the pandemic and motivate them to seek ways to volunteer. It also works to open a dialogue among students, help reduce risky behavior and provides a positive means of expression for those grieving the death of a loved one to AIDS.

The AIDS Memorial Quilt is seen by more than two million people in almost 2,000 different locations each year, and shows how AIDS has touched every community in America.

AIDS is now the leading cause of death among American men aged 25 to 44, and the third leading cause of death among women in that age group. College campuses are now promoting AIDS education and prevention because unsafe sex is very common among students.

The Quilt display at MSU is being dedicated to Dr. Thomas Veenendal, a faculty member at MSU and a member of the Quilt committee who died of AIDS in October.

If anyone would like to get involved or receive more information, contact the Office of Student Activities.

HEALTHY LIVING

by Rob Koenig

From the beginning of recorded history, and most likely before, the word herb has been synonymous with medicine. Say the word history. It may have occurred to you that you are saying two words, His-Story. Learning stories of ancient civilizations can help us, not only in the classroom, but, with our immune system. Of all the prescription drugs made today, 25 percent are of various chemicals within the herb. Be- cause herbs take an indirect route to the bloodstream, their effects are usually slower and more subtle than purified drugs administered by more direct routes.

Winter is definitely near. In this respect college students seem to get sick more often than not. Perhaps the millions of papers due the next day or the malnutrition experienced by cafeteria goers has something to do with it. However, Echinacea is the answer to your problems. It happens to be the most researched, most widely accepted and best selling medicine tincture in America. The most common anecdotal reports about the use of echinaceas are from people who begin taking the extract at the first sign of a cold. Often to their surprise, they find the cold has disappeared, usually within 24 hours, and sometimes after taking the extract only once.

A test to examine the effects of echinaceas on the immune system is called "the carbon clearance" test. This test measures the speed with which injected carbon particles are removed from the bloodstream of a mouse. The quicker the mouse can remove the injected foreign particles, the more its immune system has been stimulated. In this test also, echinacea extracts excel, confirming the fact that this remarkable plant increases the activity of immune system cells so they can more quickly eliminate invading organisms and foreign particles.

Echinacea has one added benefit that no antibiotic or vaccine can mention. After hundreds of years of use, no toxicity or side-effects have been reported except rare allergic reactions in sensitive individuals.

Today it seems as though many doctors are prescribing and antibiotics for everything, sometimes without even knowing for sure what type of virus or bacterial infection they are dealing with. This overuse of antibiotics has come into the news media of late because of the possible link with antibiotic overuse and the new so called "supergerms" that have been sprouting up around the globe. Soon a form of bacteria will become immune to all known antibiotics, which has already been seen. But if this bacterial infection turns out to be highly contagious and airborne, we, as a planet could be in a great deal of danger.

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The physicians who staff the Health Center are from Mountainside Family Practice. MFF is a teaching environment where recently licensed physicians/residents are trained and supervised in the art and science of Family Practice medicine. The residents who come to MSU have completed four years of college, four years of medical school and are in their third year of Family Practice residency. They are licensed Doctors who have chosen to specialize in the area of "Family Practice". Each day for two hours a resident and a supervising teaching physician from MFF are available to provide free health care to MSU students.

What is the quality of the residents who come to MSU? Many of them are the same doctors you would encounter "moonlighting" in Urgent Care, Immediate Center type facility. They are eligible to start working in private offices after their first year of residency program. Many of the residents who come to MSU also moonlight in Emergency Centers for additional income. Sounds just like college students? (The average Family Practice Physician will have $50,000 in loans to pay back after completing school) If one thinks of about it, who is better to "doctor" you? An older physician in private practice which will cost you money, or a young professional who is actively trying to improve his/ her "clinical skills" and costs you nothing. I would choose the young doctor.

If you are sick or injured consider giving the staff at the Center For Health Services a try. You might be pleasantly surprised!

New EMS group works to help campus

by I.J. Hynes

A group of concerned students have joined in an effort to begin providing Emergency Medical Services to the campus community. Approximately 20 students gathered on Monday night to begin work on the project to form the Montclair State University Emergency Medical Service. The group's membership of 40 MSU students consists of people with experience ranging from a medic in US Military missions, to local EMS volunteers. There are also many students involved who are looking to break into the field with no training or experience.

Currently, all emergencies on the campus are handled by the Campus Safety and Security Department. If there is a need for an ambulance, local volunteers from the surrounding towns respond if they are available. With diminishing resources, and the difficulty of finding daytime volunteers, the local towns perform admirably.

However, their volunteers can only be in one place at a time, and must complete the care of their current patient before they can respond to the next. When this occurs it causes a delay in response time. The only way to prevent this is to make more resources available. The students feel it is time we gave something back to the community that has been helping us for so long.

The group has been working with a national organization that is dedicated to supporting student organizations that provide EMS to their campus, the National Collegiate Emergency Medical Services Foundation. The foundation provides a resource network that students can draw upon to better their existing service, or help bring their campus up to par. They also have a web site at http://www.NCEMSF.ORG that offers a wealth of information for the collegiate emergency care provider.

Many of the students involved are interested in pursuing health related careers from medical school to physical therapy. Becoming an Emergency Medical Technician is an excellent opportunity for students to get hands on experience in patient care, and get exposed to many aspects of the medical field.

This not only provides them with excellent references to build a resume, but it also can help the individual better decide upon a career. In addition, as a student run organization, members will be exposed to management skills and training that will be of great benefit upon entering the job market.

For those without training, the group will be holding CPR certification classes for its members, and hopes to branch out and offer training to students, faculty, and staff here at the University.

The group hopes to increase public awareness of the importance of CPR, provide training to interested students, and most importantly, to serve the campus with rapid quality medical care.
Log On

by Rita Bronnenkant

Are you considering buying or selling a used car? Loyal readers won't be surprised to find out that the infamous Kelley's Blue Book is now on the web, http://www.kbb.com/cgi-bin/cgi.exe?kbb+uct+4yr.

Currently you can enter info on a car and find out the going price for free. And should you happen to hit the Pick 6, Kelley's has a site on new car prices, too. If you are like me buying lottery tickets, but never checking to see if you won, try http://www.state.nj.us/lottery/p挑numps.htm.

Two weeks from today is Thanksgiving! Are you cooking? There is help. An American Thanksgiving on the Internet, http://www.night.net/thanksgiving/, features yummy recipes—even vegetarian ones, historical info from the first Thanksgiving, fun pages, and links to more Thanksgiving sites. You can do everything except smell the turkey aroma! That may be coming soon.


MSU Media Center offers a perfect place for work study. The experience which the Media Center provides can turn your MSU experience into something broader. The Media Center offers different types of jobs that vary due to the needs of the MSU community. Many also would point out that because of that fact, there is a lack of spirit between the community and the students. It seems that this problem always existed at Montclair. It got to a point in 1931, that a new organization appeared on campus to address the problem.

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By 1935, the Commuters Club became the largest organization on campus. It continued to organze and plan socials, dances, etc. It enjoyed success until its disbandment in the 1940's. Now, more than ever, there is a need for such an organization. I know that times have changed since then, but there must be some activities that would properly suit the "Generation X" tastes. These activities could be provided for commuters and the campus at large.

Indeed, the gap between commuters and on-campus housing students should be filled. I have discussed this problem with existing organizations, which were created to include both commuters and on-campus students. The problem to this is that commuters are not on campus long enough to receive the publicity about existing organizations.

The solution rests upon reviving the Commuters Club. Its existence would raise the communal spirit of MSU and would help commuters become more aware of activities of other organizations. To any commuters out there who would be interested in my revival journey, I pledge my support.

Did you know?

by Garry Doss

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The Grapes of Wrath, what America is really about

by Gary Day

If ever the drama of life can be captured, it is contained in the epic tale of John Steinbeck's *The Grapes of Wrath*.

Starting today, at 8 p.m. and for two subsequent weeks, this poignant drama of hope and desperation, of tenacity, of America's Dust Bowl migration comes to life on the Montclair State Memorial Auditorium stage.

Using Frank Galati's 1988 adaptation and directed by Susan Trauth and Joseph P. Patsenka, a cast of 32 actors depict the perilous journey of the dispossessed Joad family from Oklahoma, seeking greener pastures in the promised land of California.

The washed-away land of the Joads' farm has left them without the means to pay their creditors. The sharecroppers' only recourse was to leave Oklahoma to auction their strength to California's fruit growers or starve.

Thus began the Joads' journey, along with countless others who were dispossessed. Set designer, W. Scott Lombardi brought us to the space and times of the Joads' journey. Musical director, Eric Diamond, with the melodious voices of his crew kept, between set changes, the feeling of a poignant story of the vast Midwest plains.

The Joads, leaving the familiar life behind, held on during their journey, through losses (Grandpa and Grandma died on the way, and Noah left) and mistrust with the tenacity that is familiar to anyone who has worked a piece of land with their bare hands. They suffered their sufferings with the wisdom of good old folks' religion. Jim Casy (Tim Capalbo) indeed, a previously fallen preacher, communicated to the Joads the fever of those who have been forgiven and saved by the strength of the Lord.

Steinbeck's story is a true parody of all human society and aspirations. The story's characters have distinct purposes. They show how the individuals of a group contribute to the soul of the whole. Their importance is real. It is obvious when one leaves the tight-knit whole, the group suffers. The characteristics of society are reflected in every individual member. Grandpa (Todd Thoenig) represents the heritage of times past and the tenacity of the American spirit. Pa Joad (Danny Hanley) inherited some of that stubbornness. "Got to figure what to do," he says. Ma Joad (Judith Leoparde) is the perfect picture of strength and hope. The character of Uncle John (Greg Amend) is the representation of guilt, the Liberalism of America. The panorama of these characters goes straight to the heart of America. *The Grapes of Wrath* is a must see for anyone who wants to know what America is really about.

Words to live by: Be funky, Be jazz, B Sharps

by Christopher Lepre

Amidst the stormy weather last Friday night, my friend and I went to Trumpets in Upper Montclair to see the B Sharp Jazz Quartet. Inspired by the wonderfully entertaining review of the band’s latest CD (Searching for the One) in the last issue Montclarion, I wanted to see if this band was all about.

The band opened up with "The Spirit," a song off their second CD. This was a nice, laid back tune which eased everyone into mood of the evening. Randall Willis poured out soft notes on the tenor sax that filled the room and everyone into mood of the evening.

Next was a Charlie Parker song, "Confirmation," which the Sharps arranged to a hip-hop sounding beat. They pulled off merging the styles quite well, emphasizing the strong bass beat, played by Osama Afifi to the point where he was almost playing lead. The song segued into pianist Rodney Lee's solo, which he played hunched over his instrument like a master craftsman would be over his workbench. The keys echoed out a haunting melody constructed by irregular chord changes.

The Sharps then rocked out the end of the first set by playing a tune called "Farther Knows Best." This was a funky toe-tapping song that was held together by a rockin' blues rhythm. For this song Graham really got into the groove, making his facial expressions, which sparked some laughter from us, but also made us get down even harder.

During the brief intermission between sets I talked with Graham, asking him about the new CD. "I did almost all the writing on this CD, but of course the band helped with arranging the music, but

Randall is the front man because he's right up front, and it wouldn't jive if I tried to lead the show from behind the drums.

The second set opened with a song from their first CD entitled "Like This." The band picked up where they left off in the first set with this heavy irregular pounding jam, in which the chords rose and rose, from octave to octave, and then ended with a soft steady fade. The set ended with a Robert Harris song called "Free for All." This was the opportunity for the individual members of the band to step into the spotlight and display their own styles. The bong rattling bass of Afifi, the lead melody of Randall, the dainty fingerwork of Lee, and the meticulous stick work of Graham were all thrown together in a whirlwind of frenzy that creates the B Sharps' style of jazz.

After the performance the group sat down to give insight into their history and music. This particular lineup has been playing together for almost two years,
Romeo and Juliet, two lovers, two reviews, too much

by Jodi Kastel

Director Baz Luhrmann's Romeo and Juliet is definitely not for everyone. Opening with an MTV-like sequence of images spliced together with rapid-fire speed, set to a blasting soundtrack. Though many critics have scoffed at the idea of a '90s style of Romeo and Juliet, I think Shakespeare would be proud; the criterion that allows a work of literature to be deemed a classic is the fact that its plot and themes can withstand the test of time. And now, 400 hundred years after the author's death, Sir William is still on the cutting edge.

Claire Danes is enchanting as Juliet. She is soft spoken and virginal, yet passionate and flirtatious. Leonardo DiCaprio's Romeo complements Danes' Juliet perfectly. He switches from sexy and virile one minute to shy and boyishly charming the next. Danes and DiCaprio handle the iambic pentameter verse like seasoned pros. The emotions of their characters come shining through with ease and grace. Juliet's family, the Capulets, as the story goes, is the arch enemy of Romeo's family, the Montagues. They fall in love and havoc ensues. Paul Sorvino is the Lord to Diane Venora's Lady Capulet. Paul Rudd (Clueless) plays Paris, the man Lady Capulet endorses as Juliet's potential suitor. British actress Miriam Margolyes is hysterical as Juliet's Hispanic nursemaid. John Leguizamo, in a far less comedic role than we're used to, plays Tybalt, Juliet's cousin.

Brian Dennehy and Christina Pickles play Lord and Lady Montague, and Christina Pickles is Lady M. The Montague clan sports shorts and Hawaiian shirts, while the Capulets prefer a black and silver motif. Romeo's best friend Mercutio (Smokie's Harold Perrineau) stands out from the rest of the gang as a black cross-dresser. Pete Postlethwaite is at home in the role of the new age Father Laurence. Though staunch believers in upholding traditional Shakespeare are having a field day bashing this rendition of the classic, Australia's Luhrmann preserves the Bard's somewhat tricky language with co-writer Craig Pearce. The film provides visual context clues where the language may leave some viewers searching for a dictionary.

The most electrifying scene occurs when the two meet at a costume ball. Juliet is dressed as an angel, with delicate white wings, and Romeo is a knight in skin-tight chainmail. They catch a glimpse of each other through opposite sides of a brilliantly-colored fish tank. Barbing wits and eyelashes, the two fall in love at first sight: "Did my heart love till now?"

The climatic end of the film has a twist which is 10 times more heart wrenching and ironic than the original. Call me a hopeless romantic, but I give Romeo and Juliet a B+.

by Dennis DelMercuro

If you've seen the commercials for this film, I bet you thought just some of the script would be in Old English. Token lines and such, the ones that everyone knows. "A rose by any other name smells as sweet," "Romeo, Romeo, wherefore art thou?" Well, guess what? The entire movie is in Old English. The flock of people outside the theatre the night I saw it was a testament that some people expected more than what the commercials showed.

Arriving at the Bellevue Theatre, I noticed many young women, high school students the most, crowded around the ticket booth. Inside, as the movie started, when it was clear the whole movie was going to be performed as Shakespeare wrote it, (although in a 90's setting) whispers could be heard such as "I don't understand what they're saying!" and "What's going on?" Then, as Leonardo DiCaprio appeared for the first time, it was abundantly clear why there were so many young women in attendance. "He's so beautiful" and "Oooh!" could be heard from all directions.

The cast of this film portrayed each character convincingly, and it was excellent to watch this classic in a new form. (I have read the play many times, and knew what was being said, thus I became a translator for others around me)

As for the ending, (and I don't feel guilty about spoiling it, because if you don't know what happens, it was a very moving moment. However, as I'm listening to the crying and sniffling going on about me, it dawned on me why these young women were so upset. They were not crying over the fact that Romeo poisons himself to be with Juliet whom he thinks is dead. No, these pubescent viewers were upset at the fact that LEONARDO was dying! Of course, when Juliet awakens just before Romeo dies, then kills herself, not a peep was heard. It was sad. Sad to think that those around me were distraught for the wrong reason. If there was anything to cry about, it was for a love that had died, not a particular person. Self-sacrifice is the ultimate show of devotion. If the story were to be truly set in today's background, Romeo or Juliet would have just moved on to another person, forgetting about each other in a few months.

It was a great rendition of a great love story, and highly recommended. However, if you are not up to date on your Old English, thee's, thou's, and thy's, bring along your Cliff's Notes.

Following Phish: from Penn State to Buffalo to MSG

by Stephen Tinklestein

Phish returned to the Garden on October 21 & 22, for the first time since their epic New Year's Eve show. The band kicked off their fall tour in Lake Placid and then headed to Pennsylvania for two shows before heading to Buffalo for the Saturday show.

The first show I caught was at Penn State on the 17th. I was thrilled to hear them play "Punch You In The Eye," and a second set ending with "David Bowie," which was excellent. The band also performed an acapella version of "The Star Spangled Banner" for the first time in preparation for performing the song at a Los Angeles Lakers game in December.

The second show was probably one of the two best shows I had ever seen. Songs included "Courtain," "Y.E.M.," "Taste," and a monumental Mike's song, "Sweet Away." Not only was it a treat to hear, they brought dancers out, including Fishman's mother, and jammed the entire medley of songs for 45 minutes. When it came time for the encore, the band announced two special guests, Buddy Miles and Merrill Saunders. Both are famous for their collaborations with other artists like Jimi Hendrix and Jerry Garcia. The show couldn't have ended any better as they played the Bob Dylan song, "All Along the Watchtower."
“Uncommon Threads,”
one critic’s point of view

by Amanda Mc Hale

"Humanity is surrounded by textiles. We wear it, sleep in it, wrap newborns in it and bury our dead in it." Such are the words of artist and tapestry weaver, Eileen O’Brien, whose selected works are currently on view at Gallery 3 1/2 in the Calcia Fine Arts Building. Employing the popular Swedish weaving technique, "finnvav," as a creative medium, O’Brien explores and interprets patterns, color, and symbolic motifs to produce her works. His works are recognizably modern, as well as reminiscent of ancient woven tapestries.

O’Brien’s Tunnel Vision, is one of a variety of graphic, black and white works executed by the artist. The large, square work is divided into halves by a strip of maroon, evocative of flames. The lower half is dominated by black and white rectangular blocks, whilst the upper half of the composition is simply white space, sprinkled with silver metallic threads. It is perhaps the incorporation of the flame-like shapes that makes this work so balanced, so interesting to look at. It is a blending of modern optical patterns with the worldly element of fire, giving the geometric coldness a spark of life through the careful placement of shape and color.

One of my favorite pieces in O’Brien’s show is Hieroglyphica, (1991) a modern interpretation of ancient Egyptian woven textiles. Inspired in part by the work of an artist who utilized similar colors and motifs, O’Brien has created a textile which very easily could have been uncovered buried deep in the banks of the Nile. The long, rectangular tapestry is woven in a clay-like ochre color, and is divided into sections by linear themes: vertical in the center and horizontal flanking. This balanced approach incorporates various symbols within these lines. Organic symbols such as fish and geometric motifs such as triangles and squares are woven in blue, unifying the past and the present in both theme and color. This tapestry is perhaps the personification of O’Brien’s theme of a “common thread,” for it unites the medium, the artist and the viewer into a cyclical pattern: we are connected to the beginning of civilization and to each other by this “fabric of life.”

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-founded in LA, but loves traveling across the country. "The mid-west has been my favorite stop on this tour, but I also enjoyed playing all the colleges we played at in Connecticut," said Lee. To which Randall chimed in, "The bars we play are usually the college campuses, the kids really get into the groove, and we feed off their excitement and put it back into our playing."

Lee also added, "That is our intent to bring jazz to the kids, and back to the people, make it more mainstream. The only place you can hear the music now is in bars. Too many people make it more mainstream. The problem with today's music is that the genres are too delineated. Instead of just playing good music, radio stations stick to their format and offer no variety. "In the sixties and early seventies, Bill Graham used to put bands of totally different styles on the same stage, you could go to a concert and see Miles Davis playing along side the Grateful Dead or Santana. That is what music is all about showing how all these styles connect draw from one another," Lee stated. One day the Sharps hope to play Lollapalooza.

After this tour is over the Sharps will begin work on their next CD which is due out next spring.
Former SGA president states his case

I hope that when you read this letter, you find yourselves in good health and good spirits. I am writing this not to the Montclarion or the SGA, but to the student body of MSU. I hope to address all the issues you have probably seen in the past two month's newspapers. I am not writing this letter to begin a session of written debate with those who choose to disagree.

The first topic I will address is what most students were greeted with in the first issue of the newspaper. That is the subject of the assault charges against me. The first forum in which I had to answer these charges was a Student Disciplinary Hearing. At this hearing I was found not guilty of assault, but guilty of some lesser charges. I quickly appealed the verdict, for which the proposed punishment was removal from office. I then had to go through two appeal hearings, because it was found that the committee had included some biased members. With a totally new committee in place, my case was looked at and quickly appealed. Out in the court system, after the county court looked at the evidence, it decided to reduce the charges and sent the case down to the municipal court. On November 19th, the judge will make a decision on a motion to dismiss the charges.

The next time that the student body read about me, it regarded my opposition to the "A Tribe Called Quest" concert. I opposed this concert because I believed too much money was being spent for just one event. I felt and still do feel that many more events could have put on with $27,000 than just that one. I totally agree with then Treasurer Barry Bernstein who said, "No one on a college campus is worth that much money."

The next time I made the headlines was when the Judicial Branch temporarily suspended both me and Mr. Bernstein for not complying with their request. There are several reasons why the treasurer and I did not turn over the financial records to George Calle. First, the supposed subpoena that Mr. Calle talked about had yet to be seen by either of us. Second, we had been advised by the corporation's lawyer and accountants not to release the records. Like most people that deal with running corporations, the advice of lawyers and accountants always carries a lot of weight, especially if both agree.

In an effort to compromise, the treasurer and I also informed them that if they waited a week, the SGA's auditors would give them a much more thorough and professional explanation than any student could. Shortly after that same Friday, after having gone through the proper procedures and safeguards and with the corporate lawyer present, the Justices were handed any documentation they desired.

The next front page the students read was the story about the whole Executive Board being impeached. We were charged with having gone over our budget on our conference, renting an automobile, and I was accused of the separate charge of not turning the financial records over.

I totally accept the responsibility for going over our budget. We went over $285, not $2300 as written in the Montclarion. Last year's Executive Board had purchased this year's Executive Board's flight tickets because they had made a mistake budgeting for this year's conference. While on our conference, we did rent a car to get from place to place. We figured that it would be cheaper to rent a car than to get reimbursed for the cost of using cabs. I admit that I knew that somewhere in the statutes it says that one cannot rent a car. The SGA statutes and constitution also have many other rules that are outdated or contradict themselves. For example, in the constitution it states that no students shall be paid by the SGA, yet the SGA Executive Board is paid every summer and there are currently students who the SGA hires to perform vital duties. The final charge was not turning over the financial records, a point which I explained earlier.

When campaigning last spring, one thing that I campaigned on was the "Results, not Promises" motto. Upon winning and taking office, I did exactly that. One of the first actions we took was the downsizing of the SGA's staff to save student money. Second, we took the corporation's investments and put them in funds where the student's money could get a higher return. We also put emphasis on bringing the Student Center Annex back to its old glory. These things, combined with a couple of other initiatives managed to help save students over $35,000. Although I am happy for some of the things we accomplished for the students, I am also saddened by some of the ideas which I did not get a chance to accomplish.

I would like to thank the students a million times over for giving me the chance to serve them for the past two years. I also want to thank them for the education that this experience - in good and bad times - has provided me with. Because I know that one does not need a title or an office to be of service to the students, I will continue to make myself available.

Thank you and Carpe Diem!
Respectfully,
Julio A. Marenco

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A NEW BEGINNING

On November 23rd, 25th, and 27th, students of MSU will have yet another chance to make their voices heard in this election year. The SGA positions of the Judicial Branch and Treasurer will be contested. Hopefully, as they did last year, many students will exercise their right to vote.

This election will have a direct impact on every student's life. Your fees fund the SGA and, as such, you should be concerned about how and where on this campus your money is being spent. The money raised to fund everything from this newspaper to concerts, and you should have an input as to how you want the money to be spent.

You can, but only by voting on one of the states listed above.

The problems that led to the impeachment of the president and the resignation of the treasurer show how much power the positions hold. Whether the former Executive Board members overspent their conference by $1 or $2,300, they abused their power and misused your money. This shows the importance your vote can have to lead the SGA in its new direction, and direct effect these elections can have on your life. That money - your money is yours. But if you want to have input as to whether or not it will happen again, vote.

This election is also an opportunity to the allegations, misdeeds, and problems behind us. The pieces are in place for the semester to be one of the best for the SGA. The two Executive Board members are currently in office, President Amy Fisher and Secretary Jennifer Lynch, their experience and a renewed vigor to the SGA. And the candidates for the open positions are qualified, ready, willing, and able to serve and can drive away the dark days of the past and set the scene for a new day on the horizon.

Be a part of it by voting on November 23rd and 25th. After all, it is your SGA.
SGA legislator’s personal agendas were reason for Marencos downfall

I first met Julio Marencos during the fall semester of 1994. He was just a freshman legislator and chairman of the food services committee. I was sitting in the Blanton Hall Cafeteria when he approached me and asked what I felt could be done to improve food services. After a couple of weeks he once again came up to me and told me that he had accomplished my request. Later that year I saw Julio and he told me that he was running for vice president, I didn’t vote for him, his opponent had too long a list of SGA experience. Fortunately, Julio managed a narrow victory.

I once again got a chance to work with Julio when my organization was up for recharterment. He not only got us all of the information we needed, but constantly made sure everything went as smoothly as possible.

Julio broke the stereotype of most elected SGA officials who never care what goes on outside their offices. One administrator said, “Julio was the most pro-student, knowledgeable, available, and powerful vice president in recent years.” Most students that visited the office could attest to this. Unless one knew or asked him, one would not know that the student who would go out of his way to answer anyone’s question or fix the copy machine was the president of the SGA. From an organizational point of view, anyone who needed some assistance, recognizes the fact that Julio was someone you could count on. On any given day, one could have watched Julio go from an OSAU event, to some small Class Two organization’s meeting, then perhaps to a Board of Trustees meeting, and finally some fraternity or sorority’s party. All the while, one could see that he was genuinely at ease in all of these different settings, and was not fake about it while there.

Within the SGA there was a different story. One administrator said, “Julio has all the right ideas for the students of MSU, but does not care for the politics of the SGA...” Like most of the students at MSU, and even though he was SGA President, he didn’t put much importance in the petty political games the snobs in the SGA tend to play. This must have been his downfall. After years of dealing with presidents who would cater to every little whim the legislature or administrators had, they were confronted with a president who was more concerned with the student body’s woes and concerns.

Last week, in one of the SGA’s biggest blunders and hastiest moves, they undid what the students had clearly chosen – a Marencos presidency. The legislature removed Julio because he made a mistake. What the SGA did takes place in Third World countries and usually leads to anarchy. It is not correct to remove the president that the student body voted for just because a group of about 30 students (supposedly our elite students) don’t like him or have a vested personal gain in the matter.

In conclusion, last week Tom Tracys article was entitled “SGA circus finally leaves town.” Well, did the legislature ever care to non-biasedly ask the students whether they enjoyed the (as it was called) circus being in town? At least someone in the SGA was concerned with the students.

I hope the SGA can climb back up and remember that your motto is “Students serving students”, not “Students with personal agendas”.

Ana Yaqquiero
Spanish

Christianity is about love for all

A letter in the Montclairion on October 31st, made me become irritated. The article tapped in on the issue that homosexuals get to raise a flag of celebration. The letter did not mention the struggle and prejudices endured by gay men and women that this flag represents. The goal it symbolizes is for people to be able go on about everyday life as human beings, as men, as women, as homosexuals – unselfconsciously, and to be able to spend all of our energy and time on work and fun, and none on the arts of concealment or self-hatred. But we know that such a simple goal will be achieved only by sweeping adjustments in the way many people think.

As a Christian, I believe that homosexuality exists and whether God will save anyone by His grace and perfect will is for Him to judge, not any other human. There is no room for hate in a Christian’s heart. Pure acceptance and respect for all ways of life is the only way. Christians are not here to make judgments; no one is. Salvation is for everyone who calls themselves a brother or sister in Christ, then stand proud and know that true darkness lies in the hatred of fellow human beings. Christianity is not about separation, it is about love for the whole world, which is what God symbolizes. When we gather at the flag poles to pray on Wednesday afternoons for the salvation of the school, we, as Christians, should welcome, and base our values on an appreciation of both the differences and the common humanity existing between individuals and groups.

For the decision makers at MSU the questions asked in the article were, “Where is the fairness?” and “Where is the Christian flag?” These questions need to be answered and considered carefully. In wanting a flag, with a plea of fairness, you need to consider its purpose. It is good to want a flag, for God, our Creator, and to raise it high. But an attack on homosexuality should not be the reason for this to take place. Please, observe Christians’ rights, but also acknowledge the extent of the request.

Finally, as a Christian lesbian, I believe that a little thought will verify that heterosexual people will not be free of their fears, so long as homosexual people are used as pariahs to create and perpetuate phobias. Therefore, granting homosexuals full humanity means granting it to heterosexuals as well.

Name Withheld
Undecided
In American political discourse, delicate people need not apply

I am responding to the blatant hypocrisy in the letter by William J. Gibbs last week. He begins by stating that, in his experience, the function of education is not to make people think, but to tell them how to. Ironically, Mr. Gibbs' own personal agenda is even more obvious in his letter than in the examples he gives. Despite his cries of outrage at his citing of the First Amendment rights of Americans to free speech, he soon tramplers those rights with his own bias and political affiliation.

Mr. Gibbs wrote about Dole/Kemp signs that were posted on campus by the Republican Club, and how groundkeepers soon removed those signs. Although he "qualifies his indignation with, "Regardless of what the "signs" said, even if they were Clinton/Gore signs, they should not have been removed," he also stated, "I would think that if we (the Republican Club) want to illustrate our opinions in an open, mature manner, that we should be able to do so without hindrance from anyone." (italics added by author)

Although I regret the violation of the Republican Club's First Amendment rights, they probably just failed to have the posters approved by the proper campus office; their fault, not the school's. His letter would have been fine if it had ended there, but it did not. Gibbs went on to lament the fact that one of his biology professors voiced a personal opinion about Dole's slim chance of victory in last week's election. In his own words, "Regardless of my political affiliation, I was offended by this comment. A man in his position should not be forcing his opinion upon us."

First, it is exactly because of his political affiliation that he was offended. Second, if his delicate sensibilities were bruised by one professor's off-hand comment, then what is he doing in politics? Everyone, political or not, has a personal agenda. Deal with it. By crying ineffectual victimization, Mr. Gibbs lowers himself to the pathetic level of elite PC liberals, who constantly see themselves as discriminated against, but have no tolerance for others. Last I heard, the Republicans ridiculed us for that. Freedom of speech works all way, not just one way. Mr. Gibbs asked, "Why should an instructor be allowed to force his opinion on us?" For the same reason that the Republican Club should have been allowed to keep their signs posted: to defend the freedom of speech.

Richard S. McDonalds
English

How do we discover the truth anyway?

I am beginning to sense that Dr. Furr is not a conservative. I am responding to his last, rather heated, letter and elaborate on some points he raised which appear to be under a bit of misdirection.

Furr's letter seemed to suggest that "conservatism" is a plot; that it is a part of a vast conspiracy to maintain oppression and corporate dominance. In general, this is true. It is an unstated but assumed tenet of capitalism that a vast, underpaid workforce (often in the form of women and immigrants) is required for its continuance, and that corporate dominance. In general, this is true. I think it was a good effort to get the class interested from his biology lecture...but did it? Mr. Gibbs sure did remember that he was talking about gene pools. I think it was a good effort to get the class interested, but I am also among that pitiable and outdated segment of humanity who come to the conclusion that the crucifixion of the son of God is rather a grave matter, and that dismissing it as "mumbo-jumbo" is not entirely a just treatment.

The last point I would like to rejoice over is one of Dr. Furr's first. He wrote, regarding "conservative" propagandists, "that they can in principle never discover the truth". I am wondering how one discovers the truth at all, in principle or out of it. For I am as yet among the unfortunate, unenlightened souls who have not only not discovered the truth, but am quite at a loss about how to discover it. I hope Dr. Furr is not among those disputable figures of the past who professed their own ignorance or, worse yet, those hopeless persons who professed that there is no absolute truth to be discovered at all. Dr. Furr must be a brilliant man indeed, for he has quite a lot to say about who can and cannot "discover the truth" - when he discovers it, or decides that he is ready to disclose it, I sincerely hope that he will continue to put his stamp on it and send it to the Montclarion.

Ed O'Connor, English

Christmas: the real answer to unemployment and the national debt

This is a reply to Angela Daidone's "Elections to Christmas" article.

Has she been put on this earth to drive me insane!! Does she have a secret agenda regarding my mental health? My bedroom wall has a concave depression that is getting larger every time I bang my head into it after reading one of her columns! I can't believe what she writes!

I could have cared less what she said about the elections, it was her attack on Christmas that nearly drove me crazy. How dare she! Christmas should be celebrated every day of the year. The economists of this country, excuse me, the idiot economists don't realize what they have in Christmas - the most important commercial event of our nation! If gift-giving was practiced every day, there would be no more unemployment! Can you imagine how many jobs would be created for all those gifts that had to be made? There would be no more homelessness! No need to worry about lack of medical benefits. Christmas should be made into law! Gift-giving should be required on a daily basis. Breaking the law would be punishable with a $100 ticket. And that money would go directly towards paying the deficit.

RJ Green

Educated, not simple guesses needed

I am a sophomore at MSU and I have received both public and private education. Throughout my school career I have heard a lot of people complain about schools and what should be done to make everything better. The most thing I ever heard was that the function of education was not to make you think, or to tell you how, but to teach something called the learning process.

I was first introduced to the learning process in grammar school. It is the analysis and synthesis of all information given to you. It is similar to the scientific method. First, state the problem, then ask the questions, do experiments, take an educated guess, and then state your theory. However, in the learning process the final step is the educated guess. It is ended there because there are so many truths we believe now that, as we grow older, we find out aren't true. I didn't find many truths in the article that I am responding to, nor were there many educated guesses; just a bunch of simple guesses without much thought behind them.

Mr. Gibbs commented that many of the political signs that had been posted around campus had been missing soon after they were put up. There are two things that I can say about this. First, the signs that I saw around campus were adhesive. I agree wholeheartedly in our right to free speech, but when it comes at the cost of taking away from what I consider a beautiful campus I say, "Let it go." There were many signs up that were not adhesive, and they made your point of who we should vote for. Second, voting was the next day. Taking away a few signs that were doing no more than hindering the campus' beauty is not a problem. Maybe they started cleaning up a little early, but that is at the bottom of our worries. Use your freedom of speech in the voting booth. You'll say more with that than through any sign that you can put up or take down.

The opinions of our instructors should never tell us how to think. Professors are people too and though that might sound like a cliché, I believe it to be so. I find nothing wrong with the statement that the professor made, at that time in the electoral race, Dole was still behind, and the main point I hope Mr. Gibbs was trying to make was that this comment took away from his biology lecture...but did it? Mr. Gibbs sure did remember that he was talking about gene pools. I think it was a good effort to get the class interested in the subject of life by relating it to life outside the classroom. What else is the teacher there for? They aren't there just to tell us the truth and go home. If that were the case, I have a book, I can do it myself. Actually, the teacher's role is just that...to relate the knowledge to actual life and to work it in so much that it becomes a part of daily thought. I find nothing wrong with that.

If at this point in his academic career Mr. Gibbs doesn't realize that no teacher can tell him how to think, and that it is his job to take information given to him in every aspect and come to a conclusion on that, I feel he will never be able to come up with a theory, let alone an educated guess.

Therese Wiggins, Undeclared
Oh, how the mighty have fallen

The darkness of “groupthink” is called one of Christianity’s greatest downsfalls

Once you held your finger on the trigger
Now the gun is pointing at our head.
Once youSigned supreme over all that you could see
Now you walk on the other side of the street.

Once you held the light that could be seen from near and far
Now you fall and stumble in the dark.

Tyson, in all his arrogant glory at a press conference after KO-ing Carl “the Truth” Williams eight years ago, baited Holyfield in his girlie, little voice saying, “Come on and take it from me, you think you can beat me? Come on and try,” whilst brandishing two fistfuls of thousand dollar bills. What a silly, embarrassing way for a champion to act. To then see Tyson eating crow in front of the same press and Holyfield was hugely entertaining. Jack Newfield of the New York Post called Tyson’s remarks “gracious,” but I saw him on TV, and he looked and sounded more like a contrite child who just got caught playing doctor with the preacher’s daughter than a “gracious” loser.

There have been endless and inevitable comparisons, but Iron Mike could never hope to fill Muhammad Ali’s shoes. Out of the ring, Ali was always county, a gentle man, an a gentle man. I’m old enough to remember Ali as Cassius Clay, and there was never a hint of scandal (save for the Vietnam controversy – hardly of the same stripe), never an allegation or an accusation of sexual misconduct, never an instance of Ali acting like a big, dumb, thug. About twenty years ago, my cousin, Jimmy, pulled Ali over for speeding. He said that Ali was one of the most courteous people he ever pulled over as Ali politely acknowledged that he was speeding and asked for no special treatment. Sure, Ali spouted off about his opponents in a most colorful manner, but anyone who doesn’t recognize his rantings as pure theater will be disappointed to learn that professional wrestling is fake. Those of you who remember Ali in his prime as I do, would think Holyfield a more suitable, flattering, and accurate comparison.

Once you held the secrets of the world within your hands
Now you’re just another grain of sand.

The zombies created by this catatonic type of religion Fromm is referring to is unthinkably alive with debate. He and his fellow Pharisees believed the art of debate to be a holy endeavor that brought one closer to God. Discussion between varied viewpoints was the means to gaining a greater insight into the portrait of Scripture. For many people within today’s Born Again movement, discussion is a two-way road. One direction, what they believe to be true, leads to salvation, whereas the other, anything that does not agree with them, leads to damnation. Empathy listening, with an ear for self-criticism, is not possible within this worldview. The intent of discussion for this type of person is to convert or assimilate, “the opposition,” to concur with that of the herd.

Reverend Moselle Saunders of Mount Vernon Baptist Church, said in the 1960’s, “One problem of some (of the modern churches) is that they are like a cemetery. (They) take in everything and give back nothing.” One example of such a cemetery can be found in the words of Daniel Girlando, a self-proclaimed Christian, who wrote in the Montclarion on October 31, “If you call yourself a brother or sister in Christ, then take a stand with me. Let us extoll our Lord, the only and true God, not darkness.” He obfuscates the image of the divine by attempting to coerce the reader into believing that one’s sexual orientation determines, in part, whether one is for or against God. “The practice is totally not of God and therefore is just an attack straight from Satan himself.” This “practice” that Girlando writes of is the enriching love one individual feels for another. He wishes the reader to believe that love is the working of the devil. Obviously, he makes a distinction between one form of love and another. Girlando, however, disregards the human aspects of himself that internally know the truth of the universal nature of love.

Girlando, who here stands for the type of cemetery Rev. Saunders spoke of, asks for the reader to succumb to the paradigm he functions under. In return, this church offers discrimination, fear and what Fromm called, “the impoverishment of intelligence”.

Have an opinion about what you just read? Then let us know! Our e-mail address is navettaj@alpha.montclair.edu.
**Silence may be golden, but the First Amendment is priceless**

by Jean-Marie Navetta

I love debate. Ever since I learned how to speak, my parents have said that I've been arguing with people and that I've always been more than happy to let people know what I think on [fill in the topic here]. And I've gotten fairly good at it, thanks to a debate coach in high school who recognized this ability, and the people who got me to start working down there at the Montclarion. Working as the Editorial editor here has also taught me an invaluable lesson: debate is a two-way street. Perhaps more specifically, if I want to voice my opinions, I have to be willing to hear (and in my case, print) opinions which are not only different than mine, but may in fact attack my beliefs.

Admittedly, it can be a humbling experience. But I've come to realize that this experience serves a greater purpose than keeping my ego in check and filling the Montclarion Mailbag. It has created a forum in which ideas can be expressed and where anyone at MSU can participate or just read along. And I've always done this faithfully and to the best of my abilities, and regardless of what I think of the content of the opinions that I print. I like what I do, and feel confident that even if the subject matter gets heated, it still deserves to go, unencensored, into the Montclarion. I think that the assessment that the answer to problems with free speech is more free speech. (I of course say this within reason, putting faith in the ability of the marketplace of ideas to sort out what is responsible, and what is not.)

Growing up a tomboy and confronting the green-eyed monster lurking at the 19th hole

by Angela Daidone

For the better part of my forty years, I've had to come up with reasons for why I love sports so much and why I play them well. It was never enough that I just do - and it still isn't.

As a young girl I was a tomboy and folks reassured my mom that I'd grow out of it someday. My girlfriends teased me because I always had a black eye and I was plagued with the inevitable retort upon telling my score, "Yes, but you play from the ladies' tee." Well, yes, I in fact do, but isn't that where the rule book says I can play from?

I happen to shoot in the 90s - certainly not pro stuff, but not slacker material either - and have yet to play a round with a man who hasn't made some crack about women four-somes, given me permission to kick the ball from a rough lie ("Go ahead, honey, you could use an edge..."), or offered instructions on how to get out of the sand. Meanwhile, I'm very nicely popping the ball onto the green and waiting for him to find his which is deep in the woods.

Don't get me wrong. This is not a power struggle of the sexes, it is only about golf. The LPGA isn't expected to knock on my door soon. All I want to do is play a good round of golf with someone - anyone - who enjoys the game and lets me play by the rules. Rules that were in the woods.

The mild-mannered game is played in the most pleasant of natural surroundings and is designed to be relaxing and benignly competitive. Why is it, then that in the amateur realm of golf there lurks a green-eyed monster at every 19th hole? One would think that decades of women's rights movements would have cured this disease, but it has not.

After years of broken bones and capped teeth, I decided to take up golf. I enjoy it a great deal but I am plagued with the inevitable retort upon telling my score, "Yeah, but you play from the ladies' tee." Well, yes, I in fact do, but isn't that where the rule book says I can play from?

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Don't get me wrong. This is not a power struggle of the sexes, it is only about golf. The LPGA isn't expected to knock on my door soon. All I want to do is play a good round of golf with someone - anyone - who enjoys the game and lets me play by the rules. Rules that were developed by the PGA and its male members. And one of the rules is that I, as a lady, am allowed to hit from the red tees.

All right, I'll agree that sometimes I don't act like a lady. Just ask my kids how unladylike I was the last time an eighteen-wheeler cut me off on the turnpike. Nevertheless, I'm sure that I speak for many who aren't interested in burning our bras for a cause. We only want to play sports and we want to be afforded the privileges that are part of the game. Maybe when some guy puts a match to his athletic supporter we can change the rules. In the meantime, gentlemen, be happy to enjoy such a wonderful sport and quit making excuses for why I shot a good round.
Hello, Bob Dole here.

Bob Dole gets hungry at times, so he must make something so that Bob doesn't get starve. I don't want Bob Dole to die, even though Bob Dole has been around for awhile. Bob Dole doesn't know how to cook. Liddy can barely make macaroni, although Bob Dole doesn't mind. Bob Dole loves Liddy Dole.

So, Bob Dole makes a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. Bob Dole gets two pieces of bread, some peanut butter and some jelly from Bob Dole's refrigerator. Bob Dole takes a butter knife and puts it in Bob Dole's jelly jar. Bob Dole spreads it lovingly on the bread, thinking about how Bob Dole could have had somebody do this for him if he beat Bill Clinton. Bob Dole doesn't like Bill Clinton. Bob Dole hates Bill Clinton. Bob Dole, Bob Dole, Bob Dole Bob Dole...

“JJO'S: STOP IT ALREADY!”

BD: Who wants Bob Dole to stop?

JJO'S: I CAN'T TAKE THE THIRD PERSON REFERENCES ANYMORE! PLEASE, FOR THE LOVE OF GOD, STOP IT! YOU'RE DRIVING ME NUTS!

BD: Bob Dole doesn't know what you're talking about.

JJO'S: (picks up butter knife) Stop it man! Stop it! I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE ABOUT MAN! STOP IT!

Psycho-ward people: Okay guys show's over, you're coming with us!

JJO'S: NOT IF I CAN HELP IT, COPPER!

Psycho-ward people: Yeah yeah yeah, put the butter-knife down before you hurt someone. Come here I have nice little straight jackets for both of you...

reminder: The personals for next week are due MONDAY at 6:30 P.M. NO EXCEPTIONS!
Finally, you won't mind being carded.

Now when you use your Visa card, you'll save big at these places.

It's everywhere you want to be.
Ok, boss. I'm in trouble. I've got nothing to do for a few hours (or days). Here we go.

-JJDS

Mo, AIX #40,
I'm SO very glad that you are talking again. The Internet Phone Utility is nowhere as nice as chatting with you in person. I'm happy that I was able to be there when you got back—-I hope you enjoyed this weekend as much as I did. Thanks for calling me down before I was going to kill everyone in my department.

-xoxo

John

Joan (AIX #40),
Congrats! I'm so happy for you. I hope you get everything you expect from AIX, they're a great bunch of girls. When you finally catch up on your sleep, we can have a lot of fun. Like I said, the beginning of pledging is the best time of your life you never want to repeat!

-Love, Tim

WHO WAS THAT KID STREAKING ON THE FOURTH FLOOR OF BLANTON HALL AT 3:00 SUNDAY NIGHT?

Eric, Ed, Flannery, and Kevin

Eric, Tom, and Krissten

Thanks for everything you did for us!

-xoxo

Trippy

The Wrecking Crew

Top 10 Reasons for pledging Alpha Iota Chi

-xoxo

Cheetarah

Louren

Craw Bar/ Soon!

-xoxo, Mo, Ps M

Congrats to the new Brothers of Theta Xi! I'm so glad you guys are in! You there's just that many more Theta Xis to party with!

-xoxo, Cheetarah (AIX)

Suazome, You can finally say that you live with a sister. I love you!

-xoxo, Mo, Ps M

To my tree,

Go tree! I love my tree!

-xoxo, Mo, Ps M

The Wrecking Crew

We did it! Illuvu guys! I couldn't have asked for a better pledge class to become a sister with!

-xoxo, Cheetarah (AIX)

To my tree,

Go tree! I love my tree!

-xoxo, Mo, Ps M

Tano,

Another "Perfect 10"/ YAY!

-xoxo, Mo, Ps M

By/ Illuvu So when can I borrow those shoes?

-xoxo, Cheetarah

Players,

I'm baaaooood! Did she miss me?

-xoxo, Mo

To all the sisters of AIX,

I couldn't be prouder to be a part of you! I love you all!

-xoxo, Mo, Ps M AKA Cheetarah, AKA Trippy

Decker!

I'm so happy you were there on Saturday! Heard you had fun!

-xoxo, Cheetarah

Hi John,

Thank you so much for everything! You've been so sweet to me! I love your letters! Thanks for helping me survive through pledging

-xoxo, Mo

Tim and John (TX),

You can talk now! Illuvu guys for doing that!

-xoxo, Cheetarah

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"It's all downhill from here!"

-John D. O'Sullivan (TX) and Timothy M. Casey (TX) 11/7 - 11/9

Little Little Morose (AIX)

Illuvu! Congrats! I am very proud of all of your hard work!

-Love, Big Louren (AIX)

Little Long (AIX)

Illuvu! Congrats! You did an awesome job!

-Love, Big Louren (AIX)

KC (AIX),

Craw Bar with the Craws and Friends is a fun Wed. night hobby.

-Love, Louren (AIX)

Happy Racks are cool!

Alpha Iota Chi

Simply the Best!

-xoxo, Cheetarah

Cobb (AIX),

TALKING PENGUINS are CDD!

-Love, the other Louren

(AIX)

Ps Class (AIX)

I love you girls! I am very proud of all my new sisters!

-Love, Louren S (AIX)

Kerri, Skerry, Moro,
Her Apt. is SWELL!

-Love, Louren (AIX)

JJDS (TX),

That's all folks!

-Louren S (AIX)

I don't know if Walt would approve of that)

-Well, is Dick and rich. Don't think he'd much too much.

-JJDS

Mo (AIX + 40),

We finally did it. You're the best renting buddy a pledge sister could have.

-Illuvu!

-John (AIX #40)

Michelle,

Sorry I wasn't a good roommate for the past five weeks. I really tried to keep everything looking decent. Thanks for putting up with me!

-Joan (AIX #40)

Goo.

You're the best friend I get. You're awesome. Thanks for all of your love and support. It really helped a lot. Illuvu!

-Joan (AIX #40)

Melissa (AIX),

Hey Big, you're awesome. You've done so much. I can't thank you enough.

-I love you!

-Love, Little Joan (AIX #40)

Kerrie (AIX),

I'm so happy for you, I know you could do it!

-Love, Irene (DIX)

Happy Birthday Queen! I love you to the moon!

-Ariene

You better keep going to Psycholatrty class O0-01.

-Lolo

Joanne,

I'm going to steal your snowboard. I love you!

-Moro

Jon,

We must go to our workman's bar soon. Tequila double, no lemon, no salt!

-Moro

My Anna Bonano,

$5 #0! Long time short time, you better work!

-Lolo

So much for Rubby Tuesdays. Oh well, it was nice to layer a bit longer in bed. Besides, your meaning and purring kept me rather content to stick around. Can't wait to lay up your bed again. Mean (BDDDM)

Scruffy the cataple & his stomach

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Men’s Basketball warms up for the season

by Jeff Ehrlch

The 1996-97 MSU men’s basketball team begins their campaign on November 22nd at the Western Maryland Tournament. The Redhawks hope to improve on their 9-15 record from last year, a season in which they finished ninth in the New Jersey Athletic Conference.

According to six year head coach Nick Deltufo, the goals for the upcoming season are to, “Finish in the top four in the NJAC, to win the conference tournament, and to make the NCAA tournament and do well.” With four starters returning from last year, Deltufo feels that they are realistic expectations.

Rohan Sutherland (Miami, FL) is listed as one of Coach Del Tufo’s top three athletes. “Rohan is an outstanding rebounder who can handle the ball well. He has the ability to carry an entire team, as he did last year when he carried us on his back throughout most of the season. He earned All-Metropolitan second team honors last season, and should continue to produce big numbers in his senior year,” the coach confidently stated. Sutherland averaged a team high 16.5 points per game last year and shot 43.5% from the field. He also averaged 29.7 minutes, 3.7 rebounds, 1.4 assists, 1 steal, and 2.2 turnovers per game.

“Greg Fowler (Plainfield), a red shirt last year due to a wrist injury, was a first-team All-Conference selection as a junior in 1994-95. He will be playing his fourth and final season this year and should become the next 1000-point scorer in school history. He brings us experience, leadership, and the ability to score with anyone,” said the coach about his 6’2 guard.

About sophomore guard B.J. Reilly (Middlesex), Deltufo said, “He is the prototype point guard who makes everyone on his team better. He can also score and is a very solid defender. He took last season off and his return this year will make us a much better team.”

The team consists of three seniors; Sutherland, Fowler, and Aljumar Earl (Hackensack). Three juniors; 6’6 forward Felix Alica (Perth Amboy), 6’3 forward Patrick Precioso (Carteret), and 6’7 forward Raheem Rex (Atlantic City). The other ten players are made up of nine sophomores and just one freshman.

“We have a very experienced team with many different scoring threats. We will be hard to defend because of all our options and our depth at many positions. I am very excited about the team we have. This 1996-97 team looks to have the character, motivation, and the drive to be successful. I feel good, not only about myself, but a lot of things, and I think we can have a successful year. I am going to push this experienced team to the limit,” proclaimed the coach.

Women’s Basketball, reaching for their goals

by Christopher Lepre

As Gloria Bradley heads into her fourth year as head coach of the women’s basketball team she is excited, experienced, and looking forward to a very successful season. Her goals for this season, which begins on November 23 at the Eastern Connecticut Tip-Off Tournament, are “To remain one of the top teams in the conference, which is where we’ve been for the last four seasons. As always, we’d like to make it to the NCAA Tournament.”

Coach Bradley does not yet have a starting lineup, but instead has many combinations of lineups that she could choose from. “The team is very deep, therefore it depends on who is the hot player. Most will agree that there is a big advantage having a squad like that.”

Captain Lisa Villalta (Harrison) is one of the top players on the team. “She brings experience, leadership, and plays great defense which translates into easy baskets on offense,” said Bradley. Villalta is psyched for this season to begin, because she did not play last year due to a torn anterior cruciate ligament.

Wykemia Kelley (Paterson) stepped into a starting role at point guard last year following Villalta’s injury. In doing so, she won the NJAC Rookie-of-the-Year, led the team in assists with 124, steals with 85, rebounding with 148, and was second in scoring with an 11.3 average. Coach Bradley is excited about coaching two outstanding point guards that work extremely well together.

Senior Heidi Klingert (Linwood) is expected to have a top notch season, and hopes to reach 1,000 career points in doing so. At the two guard position last season, Klingert averaged 12.6 points to lead the team. She was second on the team in rebounds with 141.

The biggest challenge for the team will be to get the seven new players settled and have them learn the system. The wealth of freshmam guards will learn Coach Bradley’s system and get valuable experience that will make the transition from high school to college easier.

Look to freshman Jennifer McCullagh (Kendal Park), Lori Kadeshek (Lambertville), and Sheliah Jennings (Newark) to all battle for the opportunity to play at the guard position. Also, freshmam Felicia Ingram (South Brunswick) and Collete Canfield (West Orange) figure to step up at the forward and center positions, respectively.

Past experience and new talent will make for a formidable team.
at the mid-fielder position. He also was the top vote getter at his position. Goalkeeper Chris Mazurkeiwicz (North Arlington) was a second team all-conference selection, as was forward Marlon Pollard (East Orange) and back Chris Cifrodella (Belleville). Jim Gelpe (Haslet) won an honorable mention award.

During the course of this season, the team has played like true champions dedicated to their coach, their sport, and their school. They have represented the University with the highest level of class, pride, and respect. In their quest for a national championship they will continue to do so and prove that they are winners whether they win zero games, one game, or all of them.

**X-C runner, “She’s Got a Ticket to Ride”**

by Christopher Lepre

Junior cross country runner Cathy Grovenor (Keamy) finished seventh in the Mid-East Regionals this weekend, with a time of 19:06.31. This performance in the 5000m race qualifies her for the NCAA tournament, the first time she has done this in her brief career at MSU.

Last year, Grovenor competed in the 3000m, where she finished fourth at the indoor championships and third in the nation in the outdoor championships in this event. These performances propelled her to all-American status in both seasons. The National Tournament will be held in Rock Island, IL this weekend.

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**Fearless Forecasts**

**Tom Trace: Ex-Legislator (19-16)**

GIANTS +1 1/2 over ARIZONA- Boom can't throw for 500 yards again.
GREEN BAY +4 over DALLAS- I'll be drunk watching this one!
HOUSTON -3 1/2 over MIAMI- Run Eddie, RUN!
INDIANAPOLIS -6 over JETS- Captain comeback is on the loose.
OHIO STATE -34 1/2 over INDIANA- Passdora, here we come!

**Jeff Ehrlich: Scab Treasurer (1-1)**

GIANTS +1 1/2 over ARIZONA- Brown must go, Brown must go!
PITTSBURGH -11 over JACKSONVILLE- This is for you, Klaven!
JETS +6 over INDIANAPOLIS- I don't know why!
KANSAS CITY -8 1/2 over CHICAGO- Mark Collins, ex-Giant.
ST. LOUIS +3 over CAROLINA- Because they suck.

**Jean-Marie's Conservative Picks (19-10)**

GREEN BAY +4 over DALLAS- We're going to the Superbowl.
PITTSBURGH -11 over JACKSONVILLE- Meow.
ARIZONA -1 1/2 over GIANTS- Local teams blow.
NEW ENGLAND -2 1/2 over DENVER- Doie starts at QB.

**Tim Casey: Joan's Whipping Boy (19-14)**

BUFFALO -7 over CINCY- It's no secret I'm a Bilk fan.
DENVER +2 1/2 over PATSIES- Broncos finally play a good team.
INDIANAPOLIS -6 over JETS- AFC East power over NFL joke.
KANSAS CITY -8 1/2 over CHICAGO- I was bom in Kansas City, MO.
NEBRASKA -40 1/2 over IOWA STATE- My Mom is from Nebraska.

**Chris Lepre: The Ectoplasmic Man (0-0)**

MINNESOTA +6 1/2 over OAKLAND- "By Odin's beard!"
TAMPA BAY +7 over SAN DIEGO- I'll take the points, Baby!
SEATTLE +4 1/2 over DETROIT- I'm a grumpy guy from Seattle.
WASHINGTON +6 over PHILADELPHIA- I like eggs.
BALTIMORE +12 over SAN FRAN- Qoosh the reven "Nevermore"

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Football loses third consecutive game, 20-18 at Jersey City

November 14, 1996

by Jeff Ehrlch

It was a tough loss for the Red Hawks at Jersey City State last Saturday. "They've all been tough," were head coach Rick Giancola's words following the 20-18 defeat. The Red Hawks' five losses this season have been by a combined point differential of 14, for an average of 2.8 points per game. There have been five games this year that the MSU defense has held the opposition to under 200 yards of total offense, and only one running back has rushed for over 100 yards against the defense. What causes a team to lose five games when, on paper, they look good? Turnovers do. In Saturday's 20-18 upset at Jersey City, there were three turnovers that may have directly caused the loss.

The first one occurred on the third play of the game when Jersey City scored a touchdown on a 54 yard interception return, to make the score 7-0.

Then, in the second quarter with the Gothic Knights leading 7-3, the Red Hawks blocked a punt and recovered the ball at Jersey City's 10 yard line. On the next play, with ten seconds remaining in the half, quarterback Brian Cooney (Guttenberg) threw into the end zone, only to have his pass picked off. The quarter ended with MSU scoring only three points with the strong wind at their backs. They had an opportunity to score at least 10 points.

The third turnover couldn't have happened at a worse time. In the fourth quarter, the fans on the MSU side of the Thorne-DeVries Stadium were alive, cheering loudly and stomping their feet. Maybe it was because it was so cold and windy on the shores of Newark Bay, but probably because MSU was about to take the lead for the first time. The Gothic Knights were leading by a score of 17-15 at the time. The Red Hawks had a first and goal from the one yard line. The anticipation was clearly visible on the Jersey City bench. The anticipation turned sour when the snap was fumbled, and the Red Hawks lost the ball.

There still was plenty of excitement left in the game. Following the fumble at the one yard line, Jersey City was still leading by a score of 17-15. After the Gothic Knights punted against the wind leading by a score of 17-15. After the Gothic Knights punted against the wind, the Red Hawks were able to move 15 yards in six plays, down to the two yard line. On fourth and goal, the Red Hawks elected to kick a field goal, which was good to give the Red Hawks a one point lead.

The coaching staff figured that the defense, as they have all season, would hold the slim lead. There was only 1:32 remaining in the game and following the kickoff, the Gothic Knights would have to go 70-80 yards (depending on the leg of the kicker) against the strong wind to win the game. Jersey City proceeded to march down-field 71 yards on 13 plays. The key play came on a fourth-and-nine at the MSU 33, when Jersey City's quarterback found an open receiver for a 22 yard gain with 39 seconds left. With just three seconds left, the Gothic Knights kicked a 19 yard field goal to win the game, their first ever triumph against MSU.

"The turnovers were the key for us. This is three games in a row where we're a matter of a couple plays that make the difference whether we win or lose, we've just not been able to do it," a very solemn Giancola said after the game. When asked to comment on the positives he said, "We were down and we came back. The kids never stopped playing hard. For that I'm always thankful. We were very disappointed coming off the loss versus Trenton [College of New Jersey], I don't know yet what we're going to do for next week."

Expect the team to come out fighting this Saturday night at Sprague Field. The 4-5 Red Hawks want desperately to finish the season with a win, and a .500 win percentage. At 7 p.m. Saturday night, the Red Hawks take on the Rowan College Profs in their final game of the season.

Men's soccer makes NCAA Tournament

by Jeff Ehrlch and C. Lepre

The men's soccer team finished the regular season with a 13-4-2 overall record and 5-2-2 in the NJAC. This is their best record in four years, and they have secured them their first NCAA tournament bid since 1992.

After making four consecutive NCAA tournament appearances from 1989-92, the Red Hawks made three ECAC appearances over the past three years. In each of the last two seasons, they have lost the championship game. This year, the Red Hawks put together an 11 game unbeaten streak, tallied nine shutouts in the final 15 games, and recorded a 11-2-2 record during that span. This mark stands as the second best record in four years, and they have only lost three games this year that the MSU defense has held the opposition to under 200 yards of total offense, and only one running back has rushed for over 100 yards against the defense.

There are many reasons why the Red Hawks are in the NCAA tournament. One reason is the play of senior Rich Stockton. Stockton has been the mainstay of the MSU defense this season. He has led the team in terms of statistics, and has been a key player in their success.

Another reason for their success is the play of the midfield. The midfield has been solid all season, and has been a consistent force in the team's success. The midfield has been able to control the ball and create scoring opportunities for the forwards.

Finally, the play of the forwards has been key to the team's success. The forwards have been able to create scoring opportunities and put the ball in the net. The forwards have been able to take advantage of the opportunities created by the midfield, and the team has scored many goals this season.

In all, the Red Hawks have played some of their best soccer this season. They have been able to consistently put together winning performances, and they have been able to beat some tough teams. The team has been able to make the NCAA tournament, and they have a good chance of making a deep run in the tournament. With the play of the midfield and forwards, the Red Hawks have a good chance of going far in the tournament. They have the ability to compete with the best teams in the country, and they have the talent to make a deep run in the tournament. The Red Hawks are a team to watch, and they have a good chance of making a deep run in the NCAA tournament.

Football continues with a Saturday night game against the Rowan College Profs. The Red Hawks are looking to build on their success from last season and make a deep run in the NCAA tournament. They have the talent and ability to make a deep run, and they have the potential to surprise everyone in the tournament.

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Stat of the Week

Evander Holyfield recaptured the heavyweight championship by scoring a TKO in the 11th round against Mike Tyson last Saturday night in Las Vegas, NV.

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