Cvelic elected as SGA Treasurer; new cabinet members appointed

BY JOHN BROST
NEWS WRITER

At the past two Student Government Association meetings, a new Treasurer was sworn in, two new Cabinet members were appointed, and a number of organizations were appropriated money. In addition, approval was granted to bring a Reserve Officer's Training Corps (ROTC) program to campus. Finally, a statute was passed to mandate the use of time sheets by the Executive Board during the summer.

On Wednesday, November 27, the election for SGA Treasurer ended. By a vote of 149-24-8, John Cvelic was elected to the office. Later that day, at the SGA meeting, he was sworn in by Attorney General Greg MacSweeney. When asked what his underlying goal as Treasurer would be, Cvelic said, "I want everyone to appreciate this campus as much as I do."

At that same meeting, Victor Cirilo was appointed as Director of Services. Director of Services is to make it known throughout the campus community that there are many services made available through the SGA. "My objective as the person responsible for overseeing the many services provided for the students by the SGA. Among the services offered are the yearbook, the ticket appeals committee, the Drop-In Center, and the sale of stamps and parking tokens at a reduced rate," Cirilo said, "My objective as the person responsible for overseeing the many services provided for the students by the SGA. Among the services offered are the yearbook, the ticket appeals committee, the Drop-In Center, and the sale of stamps and parking tokens at a reduced rate."

Cirilo later promised to initiate an in-depth study of the services over the winter break, so that he could know what specifically needs to be improved. "I plan to make improvements in all the services, all the way down to the parking tokens and every stamp that passes through the SGA. My first goal, though, is to revamp the yearbook and eventually produce a more efficient product. We are in the process of looking for energetic people to take over this service," he announced.

Also during this meeting, an appropriation was given to the Caribbean Student Organization in order to hold their annual holiday dinner. This event will take place on December 7, and will include a speaker, a disc-jockey, and decorations. In addition, Gallery 3 1/2 was appropriated $260 to cover the costs of a reception following a "gallery opening" in Calcia Hall on December 4. Finally, the Haitian Student Organization was given an appropriation to charter a bus for a trip to Atlantic City. This event, which is social in nature, will take place on December 5 and is open to all students.

At the meeting last night, Joy Robbins was appointed the new Director of Programming. This cabinet member is in charge of overseeing the numerous Class I organizations of the SGA, including the Montclarion, College Life, The Students' Voice, and other Class I organizations of the SGA. Among Robbins' credentials are her experience as a legislator and as a member of CLUB.

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Union Board (CLUB), Class One Concerts, the Organization of Students for African Unity (OSAU), and the Latin American Student Organization. Among Robbins' credentials are her experience as a legislator and as a member of CLUB.

Also, the Legislature passed an amendment to the statutes requiring all executive board members to submit time sheets for each week that they work over the summer. The purpose of the time sheets is to keep a record of the hours worked by each executive board member, and each time sheet is to be signed by the financial advisor or bookkeeper.

The Legislature also granted $199.99 to OSAU in order to buy a new bookshelf for their Kitabu library. This money comes out of a special reserve account, known as the capital equipment line, that is set aside in order to purchase equipment and supplies that cost more than $100 and which will be used for more than one year.

In addition, approval was granted for a ROTC unit to be established on campus. In order to be established on campus, the ROTC needs prior approval, the Legislature was told. The bill passed at the meeting would grant the SGA's approval, although the matter needs to be addressed by the administration before the program is established at Montclair State University.

Finally, a bill to purchase pizza for the Legislature during their meetings was brought to the floor. Authorized by Legislators and the Executive Board at the meeting, upon a request by another Legislator, the bill was ruled unconstitutional by MacSweeney, due to the fact that the SGA Constitution states that no official of the SGA can be given payment for the performance of his/her duties.

The next SGA meeting, on Wednesday, December 11, will be the last meeting of the semester.
Canada and U.S. Plan Aid to Zaire

The United States has agreed to endorse a Canadian proposal to deliver food to Rwandan refugees in Zaire by way of airdrop. Plans are not final, but they hope to use an airport in nearby Uganda. The proposal must first secure the approval of the Rwandan government and rebel leaders in Zaire who both strongly criticized the proposal. A large number of refugees have already returned to their homes and both groups concede that the number of remaining refugees is greatly exaggerated. President Clinton worries that the world will be dropping the wrong people or that there is a risk that the plane will be shot down. Many officials feel that the situation in Zaire is improving too quickly for anyone to act on it.

Crucial Officer Found Guilty of War Crimes

An international tribunal on war crimes in what was formerly Yugoslavia gave its first verdict last week in the Hague. The tribunal found Croat Drazen Erdemovic, 25, guilty of crimes against humanity. The officer in the Croatian Army was sentenced to ten years in prison for his part in a massacre of Muslim civilians a year ago. Erdemovic confessed to 70 murders, execution style, claiming he was forced to choose between his own life and the lives of the people. Erdemovic pleaded guilty as to not involve a jury. The tribunal is the first of its kind since the Nuremberg trials following WWII, but has failed to make arrests of any senior military commanders.

Mother Teresa in Delicate Condition

Hospitalized in critical condition with lung and kidney problems, Mother Teresa underwent surgery to widen blocked coronary arteries. The nun was treated in B.M. Birla Heart Research Center in Calcutta as doctors performed an angioplasty to remove blockage in two arteries. Placed in stable condition following the surgery, doctors hoped all treatment was done, but Mother Teresa’s condition weakened soon thereafter. It marked the fourth time the 86-year-old has been hospitalized this year. Weakened soon thereafter. It marked the fourth time the 86-year-old has been hospitalized this year. Weakened soon thereafter. It marked the fourth time the 86-year-old has been hospitalized this year. Weakened soon thereafter. It marked the fourth time the 86-year-old has been hospitalized this year.

Illegal Drugs Are Prescribed for Medical Purposes

The Arizona electorate body has voted to allow doctors to prescribe marijuana, heroin, LSD, and metamphetamines for critically ill patients. Republican Senator Jon Kyl was outraged and claimed that supporters of the proposal were deceived by sponsors of it. The decision will increase police as to whether or not they can confiscate illegal drugs found. If drugs are confiscated and can be proven to be used for medical reasons, officers will be guilty of illegal seizure of property.

Colin Powell Negates Nerve Gas Damage

Retired General Colin L. Powell claims to know of no evidence proving U.S. troops exposure to harmful chemical weapons during the Persian Gulf War. Powell, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in 1991, knew of the sounding of chemical detection alarms during the war, but the alarms were not confirmed and were assumed to be false. The ex-general supports a wide range government investigation to resolve the claims. All main military officials have declined to be interviewed, though the Pentagon has revealed that thousands of troops were exposed to nerve gas when U.S. combat engineers blew up an ammunition depot following the war.

$2 Billion Breast-Implant Fund Stirs Debate

A plan by Dow Corning to lift itself out of bankruptcy and resolve thousands of lawsuits filed by women with silicone gel breast implants was denounced yesterday as unfair by layers for some of those women, who said the company was offering too little money; and objected to a trial controlled by scientific experts. The deadline for filing a claim is January 15.
Students Campaign To Stop Annual College Rankings

by Colleen De Base
College Press Service

A crusade launched by Stanford University students to stop the U.S. News and World Report's annual college rankings has mushroomed into a national movement.

In November, the University of California Student Association voted to join Stanford's "Forget U.S. News Coalition," a student group that is working to persuade the magazine's editors to drop its yearly listing of the best colleges. Coalition members complain the rankings are too misleading.

According to Stanford senior Nick Thompson, who started the coalition, the student governments at Wesleyan University, Rice University, Albion College, California Institute of Technology and the universities of Pennsylvania, Michigan and Pittsburgh already have joined.

"College education cannot and should not be quantified like a household appliance," he said.

The coalition is pressuring administrators not to give the magazine any information, and to write letters to U.S. News stating that the rankings are a disservice to education. The group claims that high school students rely too heavily on the rankings when choosing a college, and some universities may be mindlessly following their data to improve their score.

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The letter was sent two weeks after Stanford slipped from No. 4 to No. 6 in the rankings.

Meanwhile, U.S. News editors point out that readers are advised in an introductory paragraph that the rankings "are only one of the many criteria students should consider in choosing a college. Simply because a school is tops in its category does not mean that it is the top choice for everyone."

In a letter to the coalition, Fallows said there is no evidence that students use only the U.S. News rankings in deciding on a school. A study done by a higher-education consulting group plays a relatively small role in college choice, he said.

"You are selling the rest of your peers short in...assuming that many students almost mindlessly follow our rankings in lockstep when choosing a school," he said.

Colleen Connors, media relations manager at U.S. News, said the magazine has consistently tried to improve the rankings since it began publishing them 10 years ago.

"They've evolved over the years," she said. "We're very open to constructive criticism."

The magazine might make some changes "based on a lot of the feedback we've gotten back from students," she said. "We have no problem with what the students are saying. They've made some very good points. However, we'd appreciate it if they examined our methodology in depth."

"Realize how seriously we take this," she said. "There are serious journalists here, and research experts."

As far as talks with the coalition are concerned, "there hasn't been any kind of appointment set up, but of course we'd be happy to meet with them," she said.

Correction

In the November 7 edition of the Montclarion, we incorrectly stated that George Bush won the state of New Jersey in the 1992 Presidential Election. Bill Clinton actually won the state's vote that year.
DRUG POSSESSION/USE/POSSESSION OF PARAPHERNALIA

11/26 - Officers responded to a Resident Assistant’s complaint of an odor of marijuana coming from a third floor room. Responding officers observed a Controlled Dangerous Substance and paraphernalia in the room. Robert L. Pace of Roselle Park was arrested and charged with possession of CDS, possession of drug paraphernalia, and being under the influence of a Controlled Dangerous Substance. A court date was set for December 12 in Little Falls Municipal Court.

SUSPECTED CDS

11/27 - A Resident Assistant in Blanton Hall suspected marijuana in a dorm room. An officer confiscated the suspected material for field testing, which was found negative.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT

11/26 - A male Stone Hall resident was engaged in a fight with a visiting male dorm resident. Victim followed the male outside, pushed for the door release and missed. His arm went through the door’s plate glass window, causing injury to his hand and arm.

THEFTS

11/28 - A Residence Life staff member observed a male leaving the Clove Road apartment office. The male dropped a book bag when confronted. A check of the office found no signs of theft, but a check of the book bag revealed four cassette tapes missing. The suspect left the area before officers arrived. A description of the suspect and his vehicle were obtained.

11/26 - A professor in the Speech Building reported a set of keys stolen. The keys had been left in the door.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

11/25 - An officer on patrol discovered the hand set and cord had been ripped from a public pay phone in the lobby of Blanton Hall.

11/30 - A male Clove Road resident reported someone broke his apartment window from the outside. An unconfirmed report by Resident Life staff reported the window was broken when two males were fighting.

HARASSMENT/THREATS

11/26 - A Stone Hall desk staff member reported receiving multiple hang up calls from an off-campus location.

11/27 - A female student reported her ex-boyfriend was harassing her and her family. No complaints were filed.

12/3 - The Montclarion staff reported receiving a message of a threatening nature via the campus electronic mail system. The message was directed at the Editorial section of the paper.

MEDICAL

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NLRB to charge Yale with violating labor law

BY COLLEEN DE Baise
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The National Labor Relations Board plans to file a complaint against Yale University for actions it took during a grade strike by teaching assistants earlier this year.

In January, the university threatened to take away the jobs of striking teaching students, maintaining that the TAs were students, not university employees.

The TAs, members of Yale's Graduate Employees and Students Organization (GESO), argued that they had a right to unionize and bargain collectively for better working conditions, such as higher pay and lower health-insurance costs.

The labor board, which regulates collective bargaining in the private sector, recently announced that it would charge the university with violating federal labor law unless it settles with the GESO.

Yale spokesperson Tom Conroy said the university would not change its position. "We don't agree with the charge," he said. "We want the process to go to hearing." The case then would be heard by a federal administrative law judge. If the judge were to side with the NLRB, the case could set a national precedent and make it easier for teaching assistants at other private universities to unionize.

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"We are witnessing labor history in the making," said David Montgomery, a Yale history professor. "Universities across the country have come to rely more and more on both teaching assistants and adjunct professors as part-time workers carrying out more and more of the teaching responsibilities."

GESO Chair Robin Brown said last winter Yale University threatened TAs with negative letters of recommendation and expulsion in order to force the strike to end.

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UCLA's Student Association of Graduate Employees (SAGE) threatened to keep out of classrooms and laboratories for an entire week. Student employees at Berkeley and UC-San Diego walked off their job in support of SAGE.

The UCLA administration has said it would agree to recognize the union if its appeal fails.

At Yale, Conroy said the university would challenge an order to recognize an order to recognize the GESO.

"Presumably we would appeal that decision," he said. "They would be students until some authority says 'Yale, you must recognize them as employees.'"
Zinsser lecture inspires young writers

By Michele Romaine
Ass. Campbell Life Editor

This past Monday, December 2, we had the privilege of having a renowned writer visit our campus. William Zinsser is not only a writer, but he is also an historian. He has worked at such prominent places as The New York Times and has taught at Yale University. His lectures range from traveling experiences to learning texts that are used right here in our classrooms.

“On Writing Well” teaches students useful ideas on how to expand their literary craft. One of his success strategies is to write a story, while creatively inserting the main message into it.

This, of course, is a great challenge for all those who are trying to master it. Zinsser’s advice: “Trust your own deep passions”. He was extremely reassuring in saying that if we attempt to do things that are interesting to us, it will be inevitable for the finished product to be great.

Zinsser discussed one of his most enjoyable works, “American Places”. He was fascinated by the mystery of what drove millions of people each year, to some of the U.S.’s top tourist attractions. So, he headed out on a journey to explore this paradox.

At these heavily tourist spots, he interviewed the ground workers and tour guides, along with other permanent observers. These people witnessed other people’s reactions to these famous monuments. He was curious as to what the places represented to all of America. His mission was to figure out what emotions got tapped, upon exposure to such sights as the Grand Canyon, Pearl Harbor, and Disneyland. The main goal of the book was to reconnect to ideas that have shaped American for decades.

William Zinsser claims that he makes discoveries which lead him to topics for his projects. He says he writes to keep himself educated and learning takes place in the process. His concept is pure and direct; “Everyone wants to be told a story. Ask a lot of questions and try to eliminate the clutter.”

I had always been under the impression that someone should be an authority on a subject before they could be the author on it. I asked Mr. Zinsser if he felt this way. “Not at all. No one is an expert. We all have the ability to learn more. I think the best way to begin is to think that something is interesting!”

I found this man to be one of the most informative and insightful people that I have come in contact with on this campus. He explains that writers need to write out of themselves, This idea can be applied to all aspects of our lives. I think, perhaps, if we remain true to our instincts, real inspiration will guide us through.
The Real World
Produced by students of the Co-operative Education Program

BY KELVIN R. GIL
STAFF WRITER
I am currently working as a Paralegal Assistant at the Community Health Law Project in Bloomfield, New Jersey. The length of this co-op is one semester, yet, my supervising attorney has already suggested that I continue working for the next semester. My minor is in Paralegal Studies, and so I am required to complete one semester of co-op.

Had this not been a requirement, I probably would not have enrolled in a co-op this semester. However, the valuable knowledge and collective experience I have gained since September, will probably serve as one of the most crucial steps I've taken in manifesting a career in the field of Law.

The most remarkable aspect about the co-op program is it not only fulfills its promise to “bridge the gap between education and work,” but it will expose a student to professionals who are currently involved in what he/she is studying for. We don’t realize as undergraduates how close the “future” really is. We never really know the career that we have chosen to spend our academic lives studying for really the one we belong in.

I have always wanted to be a lawyer, nevertheless, my enthusiasm for going to Law School has grown so much stronger after many insightful conversations with a Rutgers Law School Graduate who recently joined the Community Health Law Project. The job market is very competitive and it is sad to realize after you’ve been hired for a position, how much more education is necessary to succeed.

I would recommend anyone to learn about the co-op program. If their experience is half as beneficial as mine, I guarantee they will be more certain about their dreams, goals, and most of all, themselves.

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING INTERESTING TO DO NEXT SEMESTER? WRITE FOR CAMPUS LIFE. IT’S FUN, EXCITING, AND YOU GET TO WORK WITH COOL PEOPLE. CONTACT SUE OR MICHELE AT X5216.

NJ Community Water Watch sponsors water testing
BY BILL GUARDINO
STAFF WRITER

On Thursday, November 21, Americorp members and student volunteers gathered together at Great Falls Park, along the Passaic River to begin testing the water for pollution. As part of the New Jersey Community Water Watch, both students and Americorp volunteers will be testing sites along New Jersey’s waterways.

Water Watch will conduct a variety of different tests on the water in order to learn more about our waterways. Tests will range from a simple temperature reading to Macroinvertebrate testing. By taking a look at what animals live along and in the Passaic River, it is able to determine the general water quality.

Perhaps the most important of these tests is the heavy metals test, done in conjunction with the Institute of Marine and Coastal Sciences. These tests will determine the levels of Lead, Mercury, Cadmium, Chromium, Copper, and Zinc present in the Passaic River.

These metals are all major ingredients of most toxic pollution. Not only are these metals dangerous to fish and wildlife, but currently levels of the following toxins are in violation of the Passaic River: Arsenic, Cadmium, Chromium, Copper, Lead, Mercury, and Zinc.

According to Ellen Stiefvater an Americorp member with NJCWW, “The Passaic River is one of the most degraded rivers in New Jersey and doing this type of metals testing will allow us to determine the extent of the pollution problem.”

Run by New Jersey PIRG, (Public Interest Research Group) NJCWW has nine sites throughout the state, including a group based out of MSU. Among other things, the group plans to stream walk up and down the river to find the sources of the pollution. Sgt. Docker of the New Jersey State Marine Law Enforcement Bureau who was in attendance, noted “Citizen efforts like this one are valuable to the community because of the extent of water pollution in New Jersey. NJCWW exemplifies efforts nationwide to watchdog our waterways.”
Bet you didn’t know that I was psychic. Surprised me, too! A couple of columns ago I mentioned Kelley’s Blue Book was on the web. You can check out what your car is worth. Well, I had to make use of it last week! My current vehicle needed expensive repairs, I thought it a better idea to just buy a new car than to keep sinking money into this one. Did a lot of my car research online, of course. Found local dealers, option lists, models, colors, etc. Very helpful. Did the test drive in person, however.

How about a complex solution to a simple problem? No, we’re not talking Congress here. It’s Dimbulb, http://www.dimbubulb.com, doing a spoof of the world of high-tech. Includes Endless Loop Hardware, UNIX for Eunuchs, plus quizzes to determine what kind of computer support you need - technical, emotional, moral or athletic.

Thinking about buying a computer for Christmas? Do you want a PC or a Mac? What will you be using in your chosen field? If you haven’t used both types of computers, take a test drive in the lab. There are only PCs in Dickson and Partridge, both PCs and Macs in Richardson and Sprague, and Macs only in Chapin. Try to go at a slow time.

Check out CNET Central’s buying tips, http://www.cnet.com/Content/Reviews/Compare/Pc/00/s03.html. You can also go to the Yahoo search engine, http://www.yahoo.com; choose Computers and the Internet, then personal computers, then a type of computer or pick magazines for more reviews and info. Ask friends what they like and don’t like about their computers. My advice? Go for the best/fastest system you can afford.

My basic composition professor was the first person to mention the Writing Workshop to me. She found my first essay very interesting, except for my use of grammar that got in the way of my writing. Many of my ideas were hiding within a shadow, which made them seem unclear. She suggested that I go to the Writing Workshop to learn how to identify problem areas and to find some solutions to them.

I was hesitant at first, but after another writing assignment didn’t improve, I went to check it out. My essays were lacking a clear focus, and my grammatical errors weren’t helping. So again, my teacher suggested for me to attend a workshop. I’m glad that I did. My tutor and I began to go over the essay.

Many things, he taught me how to stay focused. This helped me out a lot. I ended up writing an awesome piece. My teacher told me that it was one of the best that a student had ever written; ever since I have been going to the Workshop for help.

Because I keep a regular appointment, the Workshop is a great benefit. Writing is a skill that we all need to learn. The only way we can improve is to practice. Although I didn’t get immediate results, I feel as though I have improved considerably.

The Writing Workshop is open to all students. Anyone may drop in to work on an assignment. If a tutor is not available right away, students can refer to the schedule that is located on the board, for the next available drop-in hour. Drop-in hours are on a first come, first serve basis.

However, you can also make a regular appointment. This prevents any frustration when an assignment is due the next morning and there is no one available to help you.

The Writing Workshop is located in Dickson Hall, room 285. It is a free service provided to all students of MSU.

Many will forever remember the May 1996 graduation ceremonies. The commencement had the hype of a media event, with all of the newspaper and television coverage. The cause? MSU was officially adopting famous actor Bruce Willis as a son.

Willis spent about three semesters at MSU in the mid-1970s and left to pursue his acting career in New York City. His first break came in 1984 when he replaced the lead in the Broadway production of Sam Shepard’s play “Fool for Love.”

The same year, he got the lead in the acclaimed series “Moonlighting” in which he starred for more than five seasons with the talented, beautiful actress Cybil Shepard.

By Rita Bronnenkant

The Board of Trustees chose Willis because “Bruce Willis has brought national acclaim to the University through his extraordinary accomplishments in television and film, which have brought great pride to the faculty, students, and staff,” they said. They

continued by saying that “Willis has returned much to his alma mater through student scholarships and to the state of New Jersey through investments in his hometown of Penns Grove.” However, besides Bruce Willis, very few know that other well known individuals have inhabited the walls of MSU.

Did you know that Mike Fratello of the Cleveland Cavaliers is a graduate of MSU? Indeed, he graduated in 1969 with a Physical Education Degree. He belonged to a now disintegrated organization called Agora, which was founded in 1929. Its goal was to make freshman feel welcomed on campus.

Did you know that the Broadway singer Melba Moore and Sam Mills, linebacker for the Carolina Panthers, are also graduates of MSU? They graduated in 1970 and 1987 respectively.

It remains that we, in 1996, have a responsibility in making MSU also proud of our post graduate accomplishments.
Gallery 3 1/2 printmaking show, MSU's talents shine

BY ERIN PERRY
ARTS EDITOR

Gallery 3 1/2 held an open reception yesterday, Dec. 4, for “Recent Works by the Calcia Fine Arts Print Department.”

This is the first group show in Gallery 3 1/2, and features printmaking art pieces from 18 MSU students. Under classroom direction, students were instructed to re-create such images as landscapes and personal experiences. Then, featured students’ works were juried and selected for display by Prof. Catherine Bebout, Coordinator for Printmaking of the Fine Arts Dept., and the Gallery 3 1/2 staff members on the basis of aesthetics, impact, content, technique, and unfortunately, the limited amount of space in the gallery.

This impressive collection is composed mostly of monoprints, but each piece reflects original individuality. Prof. Bebout explained the artistic process: “Printmaking is very exciting. It incorporates multi-media, texture transfer, painting techniques, xerography, relief, and collage. Mixing these processes, the students arrive at the final result.”

Graduate student Michele Palmisano’s Untitled is intensely bold and realistic. The artist described her creative process:

We had to work with the theme of reclamation, something from our past, something relevant to our life. The work that I do for my masters is all based on the Holocaust and how it affected my mother’s family. I tried to reclaim my family’s history. I got a scholarship from LeBoff, it was because of their generosity that I had the opportunity to travel to Poland and Germany, twice a year, for research. The printmaking process is very satisfying.

One of my favorites, Crooked Fall by junior Pasqualino Palmieri, is brilliantly colorful and playful. “I just started printmaking. It opened new doors for me. It’s a totally different medium. Crooked Fall was inspired by the colors of fall and is my first oil,” Palmieri said. What I found amazing was that Crooked Fall only took the artist two to three hours to create.

Untitled Nature 2 by junior Jeannine Schroeder is another eye-catcher and cleverly mastered, it is filled with natural shades of green and brown. Schroeder explained, “I dealt with the theme of nature, things you would try to catch when you’re little...frogs and stuff.”

In addition to this inspiring exhibit are several artists’ books of linocuts by the Beginning Print class, entitled, “Endangered.” Fine Arts adjunct Catherine LeCleire stated, “The beauty of the book is that it is a hands on experience. It becomes a one on one intimacy.”

The goal of these projects is further described in one of the books on display:

Players presents an evening of triple action entertainment

BY MICHELLE FOLGER
STAFF WRITER

Players will open their one acts, So This Is Hell, Red Carnations, and When Shakespeare’s Ladies Meet, tonight, Dec. 5.

So This is Hell, written by MSU alumni student, Michele Ferraiolo and directed by Robert Duane, starts off the three one-act plays presented. In this first one-act play set in the Purgatory Pub, the patrons “do a lot of waiting around” for their destinations to be decided. You’ll have to see this one-act for yourself to find out where Duane (Jason Wills) and the comedic rubber mouthed Lane (Craig Klein) end up.

In the second one-act, two Smiths wait in the corner park to meet the Queen of Sheba in Glen Hughes’ Red Carnations. Co-directed by Ian J. Antonoff and Will Coles, the older Mr. Smith, (Glen J. Karpowich) waits as does the young Mr. Smith (played by 90210 looking Ian Penny) to meet with the girl behind the mask. Enter the girl, (played by the pretty and charismatic Valerie Eurell). What ensues is a conversational puzzle that only the Queen of Sheba can solve. Will the real Mr. Smith please stand up?

Finally, “Here’s to the ladies who lunch!” In Charles George’s, When Shakespeare’s Ladies Meet, six wonderfully cast women salute Shakespeare in their polished portrayals of Shakespeare’s leading ladies. This swift moving one-act, directed by Celestina Prochilo, flows with the cleverly written dialogue of Shakespeare’s quotations and titles of almost every play he has written.

Portia, played by Stefanie Cummings, delivers with intelligence and pairs up well with the comedic talent of Michelle Haselmann’s portrayal of Katherine, or dare I say, “Kate?” Hamlet’s Ophelia, played by Sarah Gilbert, steals moments with her subtle madness. Othello’s Desdemona, played by the beautiful and poised Jennifer Weaver, delivers a professional performance, as does Catherine Farrell’s dramatic portrayal of Juliet.

The costumes managed by Tracy Costa add tremendous production value, as does the musical interludes performed by the talented guitarist/vocalist Robert Oakes.

Sarah Gilbert stars as Ophelia.

As Juliet says, “All’s well that ends well.” And so it does in the Players presentation of these three entertaining one-act plays. Performances run Thursday, Dec. 5 through Saturday, Dec. 7.
Paramount’s Star Trek: First Contact, more Borg for the buck

BY JEAN-MARIE AND CHRISTOPHER NAVETTA
EDITORIAL EDITOR & BORG #3

“Watch your futures end.” These are hauntingly serious words, especially when coming from the lips of the Queen the Borg, a race of automation cybernetic beings with the power to make good on their promises. These half-humanoid, half-mechanical entities are the villains in the eighth installment in the Star Trek screen voyages, Star Trek: First Contact, produced by Rick Berman.

Starring the entire Next Generation cast, as well as some dazzling performances by the likes of James Cromwell (Cochrane), Alfre Woodard (Lily), and Alice Krige (the Borg Queen), it appears that the Picard’s obession with upgrading his weapons to hunt his own “whale.”

As with any good Trek film, First Contact has its share of eye-popping special effects from the wizards of Industrial Light and Magic. From the attack on the Borg cube to the Borg Queen’s frightening enclosure, they’ve got all the bases covered. The film also includes the first look at the incredible new Enterprise-E.

Overall, the film turns out to be quite a success. Despite the fact that the Borg Queen’s role, while well-acted, seems too short, and sometimes undeveloped, and there is a lack of sufficient beauty passes of the new ship, First Contact holds together well. It should be a delight to all Trekkers and non-Trekkers alike. It proves that the universal appeal of the themes in the film will once again remain unquestioned.

First Contact has been called the best of all the Star Trek movies, and certainly lives up to the billing. Hopefully the next adventure will be even better.

Making sense of Shakespeare

BY KERRY ROG
STAFF WRITER

Montclair State University was privileged to host literary critic Helen Vendler on Thursday, November 21, in Brandt Lecture Hall. Vendler is the author of over 300 articles and a dozen books and holds the A. Kingsley Porter Professorship at Harvard University, defined by James B. Conant as, “A title bestowed on only the most distinguished scholar available.”

The title of Vendler’s talk was “Ideas Into Forms: Shakespeare’s Sonnets.” Through a close reading, a technique infrequently employed in the study of literature in the face of more popular critical theories, Vendler unpacked Sonnets 30, 55, 60, 66, and 73. She revealed how the form of each sonnet points directly to the content, therefore making each poem more approachable and understandable. Shakespeare’s sonnets, as observed by Stephen Booth, are not easy ones to comprehend. Many are intimidated by the language of Shakespeare, the meaning being overshadowed by the Old English dialect. In a combination of exquisite, musical readings of the poems, and unpretentious discussions of each, Vendler led the audience to understand them like each of us were Harvard professors ourselves.

All World, “don’t call it a comeback”

BY JODI KASTEL
ASSISTANT ARTS EDITOR

LL Cool J’s outspoken style helped develop rap music from a street art into its own musical genre. According to a Mercury Records press release, he was the first Def Jam artist to release a single (“I Need a Beat”), the first to release an album (Radio), and the first rap artist to hit #1 on Billboard’s Black Singles Chart (“I Need Love.” LL Cool J was also the first rap artist to amass six consecutive platinum-plus selling albums, seven gold singles, over 13 million worldwide album sales, and the first rap artist to go acoustic on “MTV Unplugged.”


Other gems on All World include the brass-laden “Going Back to Cali,” from the Less Than Zero Soundtrack, and my favorite LL song from the ‘80s, “I’m Bad,” off the Bigger and Deffer album, that features a Batman-themed bass line and classic lyrics like “Forget Oreos, eat Cool J Cookies!”

This album documents LL Cool J’s maturity. The early hits are either sexist or just pure self-promotion, but the latter hits focus more on sensitivity and romance. The misogynist lyrics of tracks like “Back Seat,” and “Big Ole’ Butt” (“Tina got a big ole’ butt, I know I said that I’d be true, Tina got a big ole’ butt, so I’m leaving you.”) are a taste that should not be acquired, and I’m glad to see that LL’s style is evolving. “All World” chronicles not only just LL Cool J’s discography, but the ever-changing genre of rap. B-.
Social Distortion returns to the Roseland

BY TAMI MORGAN
STAFF WRITER

Social Distortion performed in concert on Wednesday, November 27, at a packed house at the Roseland Ballroom. It must have been a nice NYC homecoming for the band after they dropped out of sight to spend a year in the studio to work on their current album, White Light, White Heat, White Trash.

Social Distortion is Mike Ness, the heavily tattooed lead vocalist who helped form the band in 1978, Dennis Danell on guitar, John Maurer on bass, and Chuck Biscuits (ex-DOA/Circle Jerks/Black Flag) on drums. The band helped form the punk rock music scene in 1984 because of Mike Ness’ serious drug problems, but Ness looked great on Wednesday as he ran onstage and blew away the audience with a cover of the Rolling Stones’ “Under My Thumb.”

The alienation and frustrations I felt as a teenager, I still have a lot of times, that is me. And I’ve felt the loss of loved ones: my grandmother, my mother’s mother, passed away in December ‘93. She was the pillar of the family, the strong one, and her death came out of nowhere. “When the Angels Sing” is about that loss. My feelings came out more in that song than what I felt at the actual funeral.

Ness had this to say about the song:

...when the angel of death comes lookin’ for me, hear the angels sing I hope I was everything I was supposed to be, when the angels sing there’s gotta be a Heaven, ‘cause I’ve already done my time in Hell and a little baby’s born when it all comes down hear the angels sing...

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A message to smokers:
The earth isn’t your ashtray

The bans on smoking in public places are increasing, as a result smokers feel that their life, liberty and pursuit of happiness are being infringed upon. However, when does one’s life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness impinge on that of another? Anywhere there is a lit cigarette and a non-smoker occupying the same space. For example, since smoking is prohibited inside campus facilities, smokers congregate in front of building entrances in order to get a fix. If having to pass through the second hand smoke of this socially accepted ritual were not enough, what is most appalling is witnessing cigarette butt after cigarette butt being put out on the ground inches away from ashtrays and garbage dispensers. It is disheartening to view individuals in a “university” setting, where a higher level of consciousness is sought, act so thoughtlessly and irresponsibly.

I have heard some smokers proclaim that it is somehow their right to litter, since they pay exorbitant tuition fees. Well, so does everyone else. It does not mean that the earth is anyone’s personal ashtray. So before smokers get frustrated at what they are not permitted to do, they should take some responsibility for their actions.

Shandeh Varsten, Anthropology

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Main Editorial
Sour Grapes Probably

For the past ten years, US News and World Report has published its annual ranking of the nation’s colleges and universities. However, there is a group started by Stanford University senior Nick Thompson, called the “Prague List Coalition,” is calling on the magazine to discontinue its listing of the colleges. The group asserts that the rankings are too influential and too misleading. According to Thompson, national governments have joined Stanford in its cause. Hopefully, if asked, the MSU SGA will line up to support this cause, for a number of reasons.

First, Thompson states that, “College education cannot and should not be quantified like household appliance.” Why not? Of course, there is a plethora of options on a blender should be replaced by the number of items offered, and so on—but the concept is the same. This way students can compare colleges by size, price, and hundreds of other categories, without ordering 12 different catalogs or visiting 75 different web sites. The information is all in one place.

Second, the coalition is pressuring administrators not to give the magazine any information because it claims that high school students rely heavily on the rankings, and that some universities may be doctoring their data to improve their scores. These requests and claims, however, are laughable, unfounded, and unreal. Many administrators have already stated that they will continue to give out the information because, among other reasons, it can be obtained easier from other sources (such as the web). And US News Editor James Fallows has stated that there is no evidence to support claims that high schoolers use only the US News rankings. In fact, a study done by a consultant found that the rankings play a small role in college choice. As for the claim that some universities do doctor their scores, wouldn’t they do that on all of their literature? Certainly News would check to see if the data that they were receiving was consistent and accurate.

Last is the claim that substantive changes are needed to give equity to private and public institutions.” One can assume that this stems from the fact that in the 1997 rankings there were only two universities to make it into the top 25. While it is true that in the most comprehensive ranking system, public and private institutions compete against each other, the magazine does break down the rankings into only “all private” or “all public” schools. Consequently, this criticism seems hollow.

Also, there may be some sour grapes behind Mardell’s drive to eliminate the rankings after ten years. This year Stanford dropped from No. 6 in the rankings. Maybe that has bearing on the situation, but it seems odd that all these years the school would voice its opposition to the rankings in the same year that its standing drops.

The rankings, which have improved over the past two years due to constructive student criticisms, are needed. They help to inform students of the strengths and weaknesses of the nation’s institutions of higher learning. The ranking are broken in categories ranging from “Best education for your buck” to “Philosophy majors,” and everything in between. The ranking system is explained and well thought out. And if the universe, both public and private, can borrow the best ideas from one another, doesn’t that benefit students? Shouldn’t that be the aim of a student “coalition”? Hopefully, if our SGA is asked to join this crusade they will decline and instead, start a drive to encourage institutions to take each other seriously, and that their school is lacking. This way the motto of “Students serving students” would mean improving education—for all.
Sour Grapes: Probably.

For the past ten years, *US News and World Report* has published its annual ranking of the nation's colleges and universities. However, that group, started by Stanford University senior Nick Thompson, called the "Forget US & World Coalition" is calling on the magazine to discontinue its listing of the colleges. The group argues that the rankings are too influential and misleading. According to Thompson, institutions compete against each other, the magazine does break down the rankings to individual study, but students may not be aware of these details. The group believes that the rankings play a small role in college choice. As for the claim that some universities may doctor their scores, wouldn't that be the aim of a campaign to improve student criticism? Are the students not being influenced by the rankings? The group argues that the rankings may be misleading because they do not accurately reflect the quality of education.

The rankings, which have improved over the years due to constructive student criticisms, are needed. They help students to choose schools that match their needs. The rankings are broken down in categories ranging from "Best education for your buck" to "Philosophy majors" and everything in between. The ranking system is explained and well thought out. If the universities are both public and private, can borrow the best ideas from one another. Doesn't that benefit students? Shouldn't that be the aim of a student "coalition"? Hopefully, if our SGA is able to join this crusade they will decline and instead, start a drive to encourage institutions to do something that their school is lacking. This way the motto of "Students serving students" would mean improving education - for all.

Antics in the Forbidden Zone
by Madam Ant

I had never seen the AIDS Quilt before. Sure, I had seen it on television and in magazines, and always thought it was a lovely and poignant way to remember the victims of this devastating disease, but I was truly taken aback at the sight of the panels on display here on campus last week, and truly surprised by my reaction to it.

I've lost a few acquaintances to AIDS over the years, two men in particular, and while they weren't great friends of mine, they left an indelible impression on my heart.

One was an eccentric performer and model who went by the name of John Sex who was a fixture of the downtown club scene in Manhattan during the 1980's. His stage show consisted of John, in all his outrageous glory, as a "sleazy" lounge singer who wore a silver lamé suit with flashing lights on the jacket and his platinum blonde hair sprayed into an impossible quaff that towered a foot high. His backup singers were two equally outrageous women stuffed into strapless gowns three sizes too small with huge, Portosque platinum blonde wigs, who were dubbed, "The Bodacious Ta-Tas." They truly were a sight to behold. What a scream.

Offstage, John was one of the sweetest, shiest, most down-to-earth people I ever met. I found out he was stricken with AIDS about six years ago, and by then it was no longer in touch with the person who was our mutual friend. I hadn't seen John since 1985 and I felt it would be an intrusion into his privacy to visit him, as he didn't want anyone to see him deteriorating. I found out last year on my birthday that he had died two years earlier. Even though he wasn't a close friend, I felt a great sadness upon hearing the news of his passing.

Oddly enough, the friend who told me of John's passing told me that same night of the passing, a few months before, of her great friend and my casual acquaintance, Toddy Idol, to the same horrible blight on humanity.

Toddy was one of those guys you might call an accident waiting to happen. He had been dealt some lousy cards some years before I knew him when he was in a terrible car crash and lay in a coma with a severe head injury for six months before awakening. He was a little disabled in his body but he was still a spirit that could never be killed, no matter what happened to his body.

Both John and Toddy were gay and John apparently contracted AIDS through unsafe sex. Toddy was also an intravenous drug user, so I'm not really sure how he got sick. It seems he stacked the cards against himself, but not by being wise in matters of the flesh and the needle. If he were here, I'd gently hit him in the head — as I often did when I chided him — for being so stupid not to take precautions that could have saved his life, and then give him a big hug. The same goes for John, too. If only I could, if only.

No, these men weren't close friends. To be part of the controversy and write to the Montclarion Editorial section! The Mailbag policy is on page 12. Don't let this chance pass you by!

Write now!
It’s Greek to Me
by Wendy Hollenbeck

The advantages that Greek life has to offer extends beyond the years spent in college. Many organizations have established career networks that are helpful in finding jobs for members after their time on campus is over. My sorority has a program called Tradewinds. It is set up with a series of codes that are designated to different areas of business. These codes are linked through the National Headquarters that connects the member with an alumnae who has already established herself in that field. Tradewinds was established so that members could have connections in corporations all over the world.

Tradewinds is the system that my sorority uses. Some groups may use alumni references through the affiliated associations established for that purpose. Other fraternal organizations use the benefits of technology through the World Wide Web.

As an active collegiate member in Greek life, I encourage members to participate fully in their organizations. I hold a seat on the Executive Board; the knowledge acquired through experience is invaluable. The use of Parliamentary procedure and the mediation skills I have procured as an active Greek will serve me for the rest of my life.

The professional side is not the only facet where alumnae relations can be useful. A remark to illustrate this was made in the Formal Rush pamphlets of the past few years. It said: Who knows? Someday you may get pulled over and the cop may be your sister. Polyesters have never gone far from the photo-perfect memories of those of us who are in the basement right now dusting off and polishing our platform shoes, and copying “Saturday Night Fever” from beta to VHS.

The post-college benefits of Greek life

“The use of Parliamentary procedure and the mediations skills I have procured as an active Greek will serve me for the rest of my life.”

On the lighter side of... civility

Vocabulary

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“Eloquence cannot issue except from telling the truth.”

- William F. Buckley, Jr.
National Review, June 1, 1978

Polyester: The threads of nostalgia

The story in a recent fashion magazine read “Polyester is back!” Gee, I didn’t know it was gone.

Actually, we looked fabulous at the local Disco City with our poly-knit clingy dresses that swung around just enough during the hustle. We were well prepared, can of hair spray in hand, to get rid of that winter static cling (dryers sheets hadn’t been invented yet). And the scads of young men at the dance floor’s edge, in their unbuttoned tuxedos, panted in anticipation of a chance to display their prowess under the revolving strobe. Ah, yes, we looked good and we knew it.

Polyester may be back in the mind of Madison Avenue; it may be new to the eyes of our youth; but polyester has never gone far from the photo-perfect memories of those of us who are in the basement right now dusting off and polishing our platform shoes, and copying “Saturday Night Fever” from beta to VHS.

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LET ME DO THE TALKING WHEN WE MEET WITH YOUR BOSS.

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WE MUST CHANGE OUR CULTURE OF CYNICISM AND NEGATIVISM.
YOU TWO WILL BE THE "HAPPINESS COMMITTEE." COME UP WITH SOME IDEAS TO IMPROVE MORALE.

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I'M FLEXIBLE. I'D CHANGE MY RELIGION TO GET A DATE.

I'M NOT SURE. I HAVEN'T DONE THE PRE-COURSE READING YET.

NEXT WEEK IS THE LAST ISSUE OF THE SEMESTER! GET YOUR DILBERT™ FIXES IN WHILE YOU STILL CAN!

"Except where illegal."
Your "Sort-of" Real Horoscope

Written by John J. O'Sullivan: Psycho Killer: 'Q'est-ce-que ce?
(fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa fa)

Aries (March 21 to April 19)
Whatever you do, stay away from ducks.

Taurus (April 20 to May 20)
A large Mack truck will crash into your house at 3:30 a.m. The driver, a kindly old man named "Mack" will give you a nice demissae of espresso before he bashes you brains in with a mango.

Gemini (May 21 to June 20)
You will find five million dollars in your underwear drawer today, but you will accidentally flush it down the toilet. Moron!

Cancer (June 21 to July 22)
You will meet the ghost of Christmas future, who will tell you everything that you are getting this holiday season. He will effectively ruin any chance of getting surprised this Christmas. Punch him out—nobody likes a tattle-tale!

Leo (July 23 to August 22)
Your computer will eat your slippers.

Virgo (August 23 to September 22)
A tree will fall on your hamster—wait...no. A boulder will fall from the sky and...wait, that doesn't work either. Okay, I got it! A large bird named "Fred" will pluck out your eyes while singing...drat, this damn crystal ball is broken again. Sorry.

Libra (September 23 to October 22)
Elton John will come and steal all of your lemons.

Scorpio (October 23 to November 21)
Your aunt Bernice will pinch your cheek this week. Punch her.

Sagittarius (November 22 to December 21)
The stars tell you to have sex with your S.O. in front of the Student Center...while wearing a chicken suit, of course.

Capricorn (December 22 to January 19)
Spontaneous combustion is your future, To give your final "bang" an added effect, carry around a can of gasoline this week!

Aquarius (January 20 to February 18)
A man wearing a leotard will tell you the Secret of the Universe. It will be this: "Buttafuoco."

Scorpio (September 23 to October 22)
Pink Floyd will come to your house and play an evening of their greatest hits. Your annoying elderly neighbor, Mrs. Whittes, will shoot David Gilmour with an Uzi submachine gun. You will be hated by all Pink Floyd fans across the world. Have a nice day!
I love the bloody plague, and yet I still type. You all owe me big time!

-JJD's

Chuck

Your dedication to CLUB is greatly appreciated. Thank you for all of your hard work. Good Luck!

Everyone from CLUB

To my big Kristen (AIX)

Thanks for being there for me. We definitely have to do some more shopping together! I can’t wait till Webster Big Little Night!

Love, Kerrie

To my twin Jen (AIX)

You’re the best—I don’t care if everyone says you’re out of control—I love you anyway! Go Psis!

Love, Kerrie

Mox (AIX)

My shoulder will always be there for you to cry on.

Stray Strong Lots of Love

Ps Ps My Sister2 (AIX)

Thanks for putting up with me. I think you need to get drunk more often girlfriend, it cleanses your emotions.

Love, Ps Ps my Sister2

JJD Jen (Ps Sg)

Even though we didn’t get to skate, I had fun but next time I’m not driving!

IPSL, Beth

Donna and Marie (Ps Sg)

Congrats Ladies!

IPSL, Beth (Ps Sg)

JJD Jen (Ps Sg)

We have to keep the Red Devils away from the Big Ape!

IPSL, Beth

By (Sgmo)

Did we both have fun sitting at home bored over Thanksgiving? He he. You are the best! I love you, Koryn (Sgmo)

Katie

I finished my papers—are you excited? I won’t complain now. Yeah!

Love you, Phils

CLUB

I love the bloody plague, and yet I still type. You all owe me big time!

-JJD's

College Life Union Board get involved!

Weaver

How’s Betty

Love, Koryn

Krazy

Choosing an ice—what a hassle we love!

Koryn

Sgmo

Saw was a blast!

Love you all Koryn

Allen (TX)

Thank you for coming with me to my semi. Hope you had a good time!

Love you, Koryn

Joy, Sarah, and Kate, who is your secret Santa? He he he.

Love, Koryn

Jen

(Sgmo)

You did on awesome job on the semi formal.

Peace, Love, and Sgmo, Koryn

Poboo (Sgmo)

Good luck with all of your work!

Love you, Koryn (Sgmo)

Sisters of Phi Sg

With yellow feathers in her hair and a dress cut down to there.

L.J. Imm

Beth (Ps Sg)

Thanks for getting me home. Red Devils Rule!

L.J. Imm

Fred *Welson, sorry about Ice-skating! Next time I’ll call!

Jen AKA Red

Ed (TX)

Hi Ha I know your tickle spot!

Honcack (TX) - Thanks for splins your gets the other night—you will NOT live it down!

Eric (TX) AKA Miracle Mom —

Wough said

Stupid Personal of the Week Invoking Flowers

Roses and 3D's, I think I'll take 90!

-Wheezer

Juda (TX) I was you! Don't forget! We must hang out! I love you! Lombardi boys!

Love, Joyful (aka. Valerie)

Alba B.E.C. IS MINE!

Love, Joyful

The Little Vol/Dove Alvarado

Laughoff PM

10 minutes of pure hysteria— you two are the best!

Love, Joyful (Sgmo)

Alba (TX) and Dove (TX)

Windows are to look out—not fall out!

Sgmo Detto Phi Semi-Formal

1996—Who needs dinner?! What a blast! Sisters, I never have as much fun as when I'm with you. Crazy chicks—I love you all more and more every day and thank God for his song and for pledging Sgmo. Best decision I EVER made!

Love, Joyful

Seth (TX)

I can't wait to have expchange of ideas with you again! YOU ARE THE BEST!

Love, your favorite Sgmo

John I. (TX)

You are freakin' awesome—tryin' all these personals! It IS appreciated!

Love, Joyful

PS Where's dinner?

Wherever bobs, wherever!

Carrots

You are the bestest! Will I see your two since it's Dance week?

Love, Peos

Maduke (Ps X)

How could I write personals without going one to the best dance partner in the world? WE ROCK!

Love, Joyful (Sgmo) ;-)
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Red Hawks lose in final seconds to Ramapo, 60-59

by Dennis DeMercurio
Sports Editor

The MSU Men’s Basketball team dropped to 2-3 as they lost to the Ramapo Road Runners in the final seconds of the game last night, 60-59.

On Saturday, the Red Hawks lost to Richard Stockton 64-59, with the highlight of the game being Greg Fowler (Plainfield) surpassing 1,000 career points. His 1,000th point came on a three-point basket late in the first half and he finished with a team high of 18-points. Fowler is the 18th player in MSU history to score over 1,000 points.

B.J. Reilly (Middlesex) had 14 points and eight assists against Stockton, while John Weipz (Waretown) added seven points. Raheem Rex (Atlantic City) and Rohan Sutherland (Miami) each scored six points. Rex also had 10 rebounds with the team high with 14 points. Weipz kept the pace going and ended with 13 points.

Maurice Mathis (Paterson) adding eight of his own.

Against Ramapo, the Red Hawks came out early with consistent scoring and solid defensive play. MSU led 30-21 at the half. Rex came out blazing early in the second half, finishing the game with 10 points, while Reilly had the team high with 14 points.

The Red Hawks maintained a 10 point lead through most of the second half. The Road Runners would not relent, and became a defensive giant with seven minutes remaining. Ramapo’s offense began scoring steadily, and with the help of some questionable referee calls, closed the gap within four with three minutes left.

The score was 59-57 soon after, and then 59-58 when Ramapo scored on a free throw. With just 2.8 seconds on the clock, the Road Runners took off by scoring the winning basket, leaving just 2.1 seconds in the game.

The Red Hawks gave it their all with Fowler shooting at the buzzer. His shot came up short, leaving him with 11 points for the game, Ramapo with the win, and the rest of the team in shock and disappointment.

Following the game, head coach Nick DelTufo had this to say:
“We gave the game away.”

The Red Hawks visit Rutgers Camden next Wednesday, December 11th at 8:00 p.m.

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Red Hawk Notes

MSU’s Track and Field set sights on NJAC Outdoor Championship

by Chris Lepre
Assistant Editor

The MSU men and women’s Indoor Track and Field Team will begin their second season under the guidance of head coach Gerald Benson. The team will compete as an NCAA Division III, ECAC member, in the New Jersey Athletic Conference.

Coach Benson is looking forward to a competitive season, with hope that the men’s team will win the NJAC title this year. The women’s team will try to match the men’s challenging goal, by finishing at least, in the top three of the conference.

The three key members who will add to the completion of these future goals are Katie Holmgren (Wayne), Donald Jones (Somerdale), and Ron Lewis (Asbury Park).

Holmgren, a sophomore, will bring leadership and a quality work ethic to a young team. She will try to repeat her top performance from last season as a multi-event competitor at the NJAC Outdoor Championship.

Jones, a junior transfer from FDU-Madison, will add experience and strength in the hurdle events. Lewis will solidify the long jump event by drawing from his experience in high school as one of New Jersey’s top long jumpers.

Coach Benson’s confidence in his teams is shown through his goal to finish first in the conference. “We are very deep on the men’s team, which will give us a good shot at winning the NJAC, the women will be very young, but very talented.”

The team next competes on Dec. 13, at the CTC-relays which will begin at 6:00pm.
Red Hawks defeat Ramapo 73-51, now 4-1

BY DENNIS DEMERCURIO
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The MSU Women’s Basketball team improved to 4-1 last night as they defeated the Ramapo Road Runners, 73-51.

Prior to their victory, the Red Hawks faced Richard Stockton’s late game surge to win 74-67 this past Saturday.

Freshman center Erin O’Reilly (Ramsey) scored 10 points, while senior guard Lisa Villalta (Harrison) scored 13 points, with seven assists and six steals. Tracy Singletary (Keasby) had 14 points with a game high 12 rebounds. Joyce Streller (Paterson) played a great game. They had a couple of freshman that came in, stepped up, crashed the boards, and hit the shots. We didn’t do that. We had about 20 turnovers and hit the shots. We didn’t do that. We had about 20 turnovers and hit the shots.

In the team’s earlier loss to NJAC rival William Paterson, head coach Gloria Bradley had this to say: “They (William Paterson) played a great game. They had a couple of freshman that came in, stepped up, crashed the boards, and hit the shots. We didn’t do that. We had about 20 turnovers and didn’t play well and they did.

Poor health by way of the flu (‘tis the season, remember) has affected the team as some key players are still recovering. Against Ramapo, the Red Hawks led 25-21 at half-time. Playing an unrelenting zone defense, MSU held the Road Runners in check and coasted to victory.

About their weaknesses this early in the season, Coach Bradley said, “Hitting the boards is our weakness right now. They need to hit the boards consistently. Our guards are probably our best rebounders. Wykemia Kelly (Paterson), at 5’1” is our second leading rebounder, with 5.3 rebounds per game. That shouldn’t be.”

Coach Bradley went on to say that the team needs to get “a little bit tougher inside” by blocking out opponents and getting to the ball.

“I think we have the best back court in the conference,” Coach Bradley finished.

The Red Hawks will host the 18th Annual Dial Classic this Friday at 6 & 8 p.m. and Saturday at 2 & 4 p.m. vs. John Jay College, FDU Madison, and NJIT.

MSU Men’s Wrestling pin their way to 2-0-1

BY CHRIS LEPRE
ASSISTANT EDITOR

There are few things that have stayed the same at MSU since 1975, and even fewer athletic coaches have remained. But Coach Steve Streller has remained a wrestling constant at MSU for the simple reason that he keeps winning. The most impressive statistic of his illustrious career is that the team leads the nation in NCAA National Champions since 1975, and even fewer athletic coaches have remained. But Coach Steve Streller has remained a wrestling constant at MSU for the simple reason that he keeps winning. The most impressive statistic of his illustrious career is that the team leads the nation in NCAA National Champions after finishing second in the season at the Metropolitan Conference Tournament, where he hopes a strong performance will propel him to repeating as a Nationals qualifier.

Injury also kept junior Heavyweight Barret Cerrevesto from going to the Nationals after finishing second in the conference. Look to Cerrevesto to again be one of the premier Heavyweights in this year’s conference.

All this talent has been reflected in the team’s performance to date, posting a 2-0-1 record. The team has won matches against NYU and Swarthmore, and tied Princeton.

The upperclassmen are not the sole reason for this early success, being a young team consisting of two seniors, two juniors, and the rest sophomores and freshmen. The hard work of the new recruits has contributed to the team’s success. P.J. Rapp (Manalapan) and 134 lb. Justin Nadeo (Bergen Catholic) are just two of these young talents.

The future holds tough competition for the team, competing against numerous Division I schools in the Coast Guard Invitational Tournament on December 6-7. “Harder competition makes for better wrestling, I want to challenge my team,” says Coach Streller. “I want to gear them up for the last year’s loss. I want to blow them [Hunter College] off the mats!”