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Montclair shooting may have been murder-suicide

BY KEVIN P. HANCOCK
News Editor

The deaths of Delfrances Bennett, and her three young daughters appear to be the result of a murder-suicide committed by the troubled mother and MSU student.

At about 7a.m. last Wednesday, firefighters responded to a call reporting a fire at the Bennett’s Montclair home. Inside, they found the 31 year old Bennett and her three children, Adrienne Cheeks, 9, Kristen Cheeks, 7, and Brittney Bennett, 5, shot dead in one of the apartment’s bedrooms.

The two eldest children were bound hand and foot on a bed with their younger sister while Bennett was found at the foot of the bed with a .22 caliber handgun lying on her chest.

Firefighters had to force their way into the bedroom, which was barricaded shut by an ironing board. In addition to finding the gruesome murder scene, at least two suicide notes were found, in which Bennett described a number of distressing personal issues.

The reaction from Delfrances’ friends and loved ones was one of shock. The mother of three had overcome a number of obstacles and personal problems to get her life on the right track.

Bennett was on welfare for years and involved in two troubled relationships. The first was an annulled marriage with the father of her two eldest daughters, James Cheeks. The second was with Wylie Willis, the father of her youngest daughter Brittney.

She successfully fought both Cheeks and Willis for child support, and in 1995 escaped the dependency of welfare.

Things continued to improve for Bennett as she was hired to a full-time job as a laboratory technician at Movatis Pharmaceutical Corporation, in East Hanover, where she was in line to receive

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A ribbon, wrapped around a tree by a mourner, by the Bennett home.

Charges against Marenco dropped

BY KEVIN P. HANCOCK,
JOHN BROST AND RADELL ALLEN

On January 22, the two charges filed in Little Falls Municipal Court against former SGA President Julio Marenco, were dropped by the plaintiff, current SGA Executive Secretary Jennifer Lynch.

Lynch chose to drop the charges of simple assault and false imprisonment, which were originally filed against Marenco on July 22, after a series of court dates spanning over a period of six months.

The charge of false imprisonment against Marenco was dismissed by the Little Falls judge. Lynch then chose not to pursue the second charge of simple assault without the support of the first charge. "The judge made a ruling on one of the charges on a technicality. Because of that ruling I was unable to pursue the second charge," said Lynch.

The courts ruling and Lynch’s decision finally closes the book on this case which has continued since the incident

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Jennifer Lynch, SGA Secretary

The incident stemmed from an altercation over the discovery of a tape recorder that was concealed during a meet-

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The health of Russian President Boris Yeltsin continues to be a major worry of the Russian parliament, as talk of his possible impeachment due to his ill health is on the rise. Yeltsin has remained out of the public eye for about three weeks while recovering from a case of double pneumonia. "It seems to me (he) has not so far fully recovered from a very serious ailment," said Kremlin spokesman Sergei Yastrzhembsky. The Duma (lower house of the Russian parliament) put off a motion to impeach the ill Yeltsin last week.

Rebels Release Hostage

Marxist rebels who continue to hold over 70 hostages in the Japanese ambassador’s compound in Lima, Peru, released an ailing hostage on Sunday. The release was their first in nine days, however, they vowed to continue the 40-day standoff until their demands are met. The rebels are demanding that a large number of their jailed comrades be released from prison. The standoff began on December 17, when the rebels stormed a cocktail party at the ambassador’s mansion.

Floods Continue to Plague Southern California

Another storm hit southern California on Sunday, soaking the already drenched state, causing floods and mudslides that have damaged homes, closed businesses, and shut down highways. All four lanes of the Pacific Coast Highway were closed by mudslides in Malibu, while portions of the San Diego Freeway were also shut down due to mudslides. Low lying areas experienced flooding in many areas causing the evacuation of some homes and the closing of additional highways. Some relief is expected to come to the area later in the week, with clearer skies in the forecast.

Apollo 1 Victims Remembered

A service was held on Sunday, January 27 at Cape Canaveral to remember the three astronauts killed 30 years ago in the Apollo 1 launch pad accident. Virgil “Gus” Grissom, Edward White, and Roger Chaffee died inside their capsule on January 27, 1967 when a fire broke out during a test. The service in their memory was concluded with Air Force pilots flying over Cape Canaveral in the missing man formation.
Fisher attended the Senate meeting in order to represent the concerns of the SGA in the meeting of the Senate. Fisher later reported that among the issues addressed at the meeting were violations of posting policies and involvement of students on Campus Wide Committees.

In addition, Vice President Lauren Pytleski reminded legislators that the Spring Legislative Conference will be held on Saturday, February 15 at the Ramada Inn on Fairfield from 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM. Treasurer John Cvelic stated that he would present a full financial review to the Legislature at the conference. Secretary Jennifer Lynch reminded the legislators that they were responsible to sit on one standing committee, do one legislative hour per month, and establish effective means of communication with their constituents.

The next SGA meeting will be held Wednesday, February 5, at 4:00 on the fourth floor of the Student Center.

Chef Roberto Martinez showcases some of the new equipment

Blanton cafe fires up new grills, fryers

BY JOHN J. O’SULLIVAN
MANAGING EDITOR

Blanton Hall diners have better quality food to look forward to with the addition of new equipment installed in the Blanton Hall kitchen. According to Douglas Cooper, of the Residence Life department of Facilities and Services, the equipment was needed, since repeated repairs proved to be more expensive than buying new equipment.

The Blanton Hall cafeteria picked up new ovens, charbroilers, banks of fryers, and grills. “The burgers taste better with the new charbroiler,” said Cooper. The equipment was purchased via bid from Economy Paper and Restaurant Supply in Clifton. According to Cooper, Economy Paper had the best prices for what they wanted, and MSU would rather purchase equipment from a local retailer.

In the future, Blanton Hall diners can look forward to a revamping of current equipment, from new soup cauldrons, to additional ovens to make food service more efficient and to give the students better quality food.
Volunteers Needed for Alumni Phonathon

BY LIZ VOLTMAN
STAFF WRITER

The Alumni Association is in need of volunteers to make calls at their Annual Fund Phonathon, which will run nightly from Feb. 17-20 through Feb. 24-27, in order to raise funds for MSU.

Less than 60 percent of the University’s operating funds are provided by the state, and 75 percent of undergraduates receive some sort of financial aid. Therefore, the support given by alumni, faculty, staff, and parents is critical. Participating in the Alumni Phonathon can be a beneficial experience for all sides involved.

“Every phonathon caller is extremely important. If in one night, twenty callers raise approximately $100 each, that money can provide five scholarships, or fifty Career Service job guides which are now being offered to seniors free of charge, or three faculty grants. These are just a few concrete examples of what one night of phonathon funds can support. And when you add it all together, the results are impressive,” said Hollie Stephens, Director of Alumni Relations.

On a larger scale, fund raisers such as this one allow MSU to provide student scholarships, faculty support, University support through materials and programming, as well as funding for faculty/student projects within the community. In order for the Alumni Phonathon to be a productive effort, volunteers are needed to call MSU Alumni.

This experience can be especially rewarding for students. As MSU senior Jeanette Staal recalled, “I feel a very personal connection with each call I make, which is very important since all students will one day fall into the alumni category. There was one woman I called who was a psychology major just like I am now, and we had such a great conversation. She made a generous contribution and commended me for doing something so worthwhile.”

Students, parents of students, organizations, faculty; alumni, and staff members are all eligible to volunteer to make calls at the Continuing Education House, located at 10 Normal Ave. No training is necessary since there will be a brief training session each night.

On Feb. 5, from 5-6:30 p.m., the Alumni Association is offering a “pre-phonathon training dinner” to anyone interested in getting involved with phonathon. This function will provide a pleasant atmosphere for students, alumni, faculty, and staff to meet one another. It will also give the Alumni Director an opportunity to explain the important role each group plays within the phonathon. This event will be held at the Alumni House, located at 34 Normal Ave.

During phonathon, each night will start with a complimentary dinner which will be served from 5-5:30 p.m. Then, after some basic guidelines are established, calling will begin and will continue up until 9 p.m.

“Participating in this phonathon is a great way to fulfill a fraternity or sorority’s ‘community service’ requirement because it’s fun, and it allows students to have a direct hand in the betterment of the institution,” said Michelle Libeau, one of Alumni Relations’ previous co-op students.

Monetary prizes will also be awarded. A nightly prize will be presented to the individual who raises the most money that night. And at the conclusion of phonathon, first, second, and third place prizes will be presented to the organizations and individuals who raise the most money overall.

To sign up for the Alumni Annual Fund Phonathon, either stop by or call the Alumni House at 655-4141 for further details.

Have any questions about the News Section? E-mail the editor at alpha:hancockk.

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A Speech Department employee reported that unknown person(s) moved items and tampered with property at 47 Clove Road

1/24/97
A maintenance employee, while working at Stone Hall, caused a steam pipe to burst, which activated the fire alarm.

1/26/97
Officers responded to Bohn Hall on a report of the smell of marijuana. When they arrived, they were unable to detect any odor.

A male WMSC employee reported that a woman called the station and his home at all hours of the night.

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Student loan default rate declines dramatically

WASHINGTON—The percentage of college students who defaulted on their student loans has declined to its lowest level ever, according to the U.S. Education Department.

About 10.7 percent of students were in default on their loans in 1994, the most recent year for which data is available. The rate is less than half the 22.4 percent rate recorded in 1990.

“We have used every tool available to slash the default rate and save taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars, and these efforts will continue,” said Education Secretary Richard Riley.

New enforcement power, improved loan collections and new technology all contributed to the turnaround in default rates, the department said. Congress in 1990 and 1992 gave the department more leverage to deny schools access to financial aid dollars if they maintain high default rates.

Under these policies, colleges with default rates above 25 percent for three consecutive years can lose the right to participate in student loan programs.

Also, those schools whose latest one-year default rate exceeds 40 percent can lose eligibility for all financial aid programs, including grants to students.

In 1996, 144 schools were deemed ineligible to participate in student loan programs because of high default rates. Private trade and technical schools make up the bulk of these institutions.

The progress in combating loan defaults earned praise from President Clinton, who hosted Riley and college students Jan. 10 in an Oval Office meeting.

“We have tracked down defaulters and made them pay,” said Clinton, who also acknowledged that an improving economy contributed to the higher repayment rates.

Overall, collections on defaulted loans increased from $1 billion in 1992 to $2.2 billion in 1996.

Despite the progress, the department on Jan. 10 also put more than 350 schools on notice that they risk losing eligibility for some or all student-aid programs in the next year. Most of these institutions are for-profit trade and technical schools.

About two dozen public or private two- and four-year colleges also are on the list of those at risk of losing eligibility. Most of these institutions are two-year community colleges or small, four-year church-affiliated colleges.

College students who attended the White House event also credited the Clinton administration’s new direct loan program with helping lower default rates and improve efficiency. Under this program, the government provides loan capital directly to institutions without requiring help from banks.

Students have various options to repay their direct loans such as income-contingent repayment, in which borrowers have small payments immediately after they finish college and repay more of their debt as they earn higher wages.

“This is government policy at its best,” said Fiona Rose, student government president at the University of Michigan.

By cutting out banks, the direct loan program also allows for more timely loans to students, she said.

Nonetheless, Rose acknowledged many college and university students still remain apprehensive about college costs and their mounting debt burdens.

“It’s making me rethink plans for graduate school,” she said, adding that most of her fellow classmates remain concerned about heavy debt after they leave college.

The three volumes of data released at the White House ceremony also contain school-by-school default rates on more than 8,000 colleges and universities.

Data lists student default rates from 1992 through 1994. To find out more information about an individual institution, contact ED’s Office of Public Affairs at (202)401-1576.

Historically black colleges and universities and tribally-controlled schools and colleges are exempt from the loan default sanctions through July 1998. These exemptions, along with other student loan policies, will get a detailed review later this year as Congress begins a required reauthorization of the federal Higher Education Act.

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While the groups praise the president’s efforts, they also stated:

* The program should be reworked to provide more money to low-income students. Right now, the $1,500 tax credit won’t benefit students who receive a need-based Pell Grant. That’s because the $1,500 would be subtracted from the amount of federal aid students already receive. As for the $10,000 tax deduction, many low-income families wouldn’t benefit since they pay little or no income tax, say educators.

* This is a middle-class tax cut,” says David Warren, executive director of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.

Warren said 70 percent of the students in the more than 880 private colleges and universities represented by his association receive some form of financial aid.

“We endorse the concept of expanding the resources base of financial aid, and a tax proposal is one way to do that,” he said. “We think there’s real promise in the tax deduction.”

However, he added, “We do have some concerns about the way the program is structured.”

* The administration of the programs should be “kept as simple as possible.” Currently, the president’s plan would require schools to renew the $1,500 tax credit for a second year if a student maintains a “B” average.

We believe that such a step could lead to unprecedented involvement of the federal government in the internal academic affairs of colleges and universities and could provide the Internal Revenue Service with access to student records,” Ikenberry wrote, on behalf of the associations.

“We are concerned about the proposal for the ‘B’ average,” Terry Hartle, vice-president of governmental relations of the American Council on Education, said. “It would present an enormous level of complexity and confusion. And it runs the risk of giving the IRS personal access to student records.”

Other educators have expressed concern that the educational tax breaks would encourage grade inflation or tuition inflation.

Clinton has staked much of his second-term agenda on his educational tax breaks, which would encourage grade inflation or tuition inflation.

Clinton has called the $1,500 “Hope Scholarships” since he says it will open the doors of college opportunity to every American, regardless of their ability to pay.

“Education at the typical community college will now be free,” Clinton said during his campaign. The plan is patterned after a scholarship program in Georgia, where about 80,000 students receive a tax credit. At the University of Georgia, 70 percent of the 1996 freshmen class received the “Hope Scholarship.”

Currently, 45 percent of students in public colleges and universities receive some form of financial aid, according to The American Council on Education, compared to 75 percent of students attending private colleges.

In fiscal 1997, the U.S. Department of Education expects to award 3.75 million Pell Grants, up slightly from 3.63 million for the same period a year ago. In addition, the government awarded about 7.5 million loans the last academic year.

“Federal financial aid programs are inevitably complex,” Hartle said.

“The president’s plan would help more students,” he said. “It would not totally eliminate obstacles for all students to go to any school, but this is an enormously positive step.”
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American Humanities attends National Conference

BY WANDA V. SANCHEZ
STAFF WRITER

This winter break many students took vacations and slept long hours. MSU’s American Humanities Association received a lesson in multiculturalism and non-profit management. The American Humanities Association is a national certification association which is chartered as a Class III Organization of the SGA. This program prepares students as professional in the non-profit sector. This year, a small group of students was led by Executive Campus Director, Tim Sullivan, and Professor, Ben Schaffer to be part of a national management conference called The American Humanities Management Institute (A.H.M.I.). The MSU delegation was joined by over 250 students from 23 campuses across the nation.

Getting to the conference was an easy task for the American Humanities students. It took a year’s worth of work in fundraising, grant writing and social media to get there. However, according to the students who participated the work paid off after their experience in Atlanta. “Not only was this an educational experience but also a cultural adventure” stated Mauricio Murga, President of the American Humanities Association.

During the conference the students had the opportunity not just to hear from successful CEO’s of various non-profits, but also interacted on a personal level. Various students and administrators in the American Humanities Program were able to take part of a week long series of workshops which varied from Volunteer Recruitment to Multiculturalism in organizations. Students were also interviewed by national non-profit organizations and even came home with job offers.

In between the business card exchanges, the students also had the chance to meet students from all parts of the United States with different cultural backdrops, but similar professional goals.

Along with the educational and networking opportunities, MSU students had the opportunity to go and visit famous places in Georgia, such as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s Memorial, the Olympic Village, the Underground, the Georgia Dome, Coca Cola Co., and CNN.

The American Humanities Association is now planning their semester in order to take more students to the 1998 national conference in Denver, Colorado.

For more information on the national conference or the American Humanities Association contact the office at ext. 7574.

Next week at MSU...

BY BOB QUARTERONI
OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFO.

Public Telescope Night, an astronomical tradition at MSU, began its 28th year on January 16. Sponsored by MSU and the North Jersey Astronomical Group, free public telescope nights will be held every clear Thursday from 8 to 9p.m., weather permitting, through May 8, with the exception of March 20.

Participants can view the night sky through several large telescopes set up in front of Richardson Hall, next to the Student Center on the MSU campus.

“Parallel Lives: Black and White Heroines in Children’s and Adolescent Fiction” is the topic of Kappa Delta Phi’s third annual Spring Lecture, February 6, at 5p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom C.

Tom Benediktsson and Deena Linett of MSU’s English Department will hold a reading of their new poems at Watchung Booksellers in Montclair, February 2, at 3p.m. Call 744-7177 for details.

Psychology Club makes plans for new semester

BY MICHELLE ROMANE
ASST. CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

For those of you who may not have been aware of it, the Psychology Club at Montclair State University is active, once again. This club is aiming at allowing students, Psychology majors and otherwise, to gain more insight about this expanded field. Dr. Rotter, the clubs advisor, along with its members, have taken the task of arranging the upcoming events including: a guest speaker who will be lecturing on varied topics such as mental health awareness, along with a career services representative to alert Psychology majors of possible career opportunities in this broad field.

The Psychology Club was established to unite, inform and advise the students of MSU. It helps to provide the necessary information about study groups, field trips and graduate school options.

Suzanne Harrington, President, adds, “The Psychology Club is extremely beneficial for those of us who have interests in Psychology. Our goal is to help expand our knowledge of the subject, while maintaining an open forum for any new ideas or questions about it”.

No definite meeting times have been arranged, but flyers with upcoming dates and times are posted throughout campus prior to them. A set schedule will be in order, once more members with mutual meeting dates become available. New members are invited to join at any time during the semester. As of now, call x5059 for more information.

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I'm starting my sophomore year of college and my parents are telling me that I'd better start planning my career. I haven't even picked a major! What do you think?

A  
It is true that the early birds who plan their entry careers during their first few years of school, do tend to graduate with the right combination of skills and experience that employers in a competitive market require. This does not mean that you have to decide at nineteen exactly what you will do to earn a living for the rest of your life. It does mean that you should begin to think about this issue and start exploring careers by learning about occupations through reading, listening to speakers, and talking to people who work in areas of interest. You might start by interviewing members of your own family to see what they have to say about their careers.

After reading and interviewing workers, select some possible careers to "try out" via a short term work experience. This can't wait until after graduation but should begin during your undergraduate years. The National Association of Colleges and Employers in a survey this year confirmed that employers like to hire students who have already worked at part-time jobs, internships or co-ops. "Almost 70%...hires started their entry level jobs with previous workplace experience."

Q  
I'm a Psychology major. I've heard that there is information of the World Wide Web which may help me define my career goals. What exactly is there and how do I find it?

A  
There are many wonderful sites of the Web for Psychologists and Psychology students alike. One of the most comprehensive is the "PsychWeb by Russ Dewey" page. Following links from this page opens up an enormous amount of resources for students, including an APA style manual "crib sheet", preparation for the Psychology GRE, hints on writing a Psychology research paper, information on Graduate School admission, and links to on-line Psychology journals.

For the career minded student, there are links to other megalists of Psychology related sites on the Web. There are sites of the Web including professional organizations such as the APA Home Page. Following the links to "Scholarly Psychology Resources on the Web" will bring you to a page with links organized by sub-topic within the psychological field, so a student can explore branches of the field, see what kind of research is being done, and where they might possibly see themselves working. There are links to electronic magazines such as "The Industrial Psychologist," with up to date job and internship vacancies.

Using the Web to access such information is a fascinating way to explore your chosen area of study, and best of all it's "live" and often more up to date than the printed word. It can give students planning a career a real sense of the current dynamics of their chosen field.

PsychWeb can be accessed by its URL on the Web which is: http://gasou.edu/psychweb/psychweb.htm or by following the link from the Career Services Home Page at http://www.montclair.edu/Pages/CareerServices/Career.html under Internet Resources: Specific Interest Sites.

The Career Services Home Page can also be accessed through the University's Home Page and it contains a wealth of resources for job searching in any field. The World Wide Web can be accessed by using Netscape in any computer lab on campus, or through the Lynx non-graphical browser on your Alpha account.

For anyone who hasn't browsed the Web before and would like to get a start, Career Services offers workshops throughout the semester on "Cruising the Internet." Call 655-5194 for hours and appointments.

To get your organization's event in the calendar, send E-Mail to the Life section to feigles::alpha to get your event printed here! We can't call you, you have to take the first step!

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Muslim Students' Association, general membership meetings. 3p.m. SC Annex 205.

Sun - Mass. 11am Dickson Hall Faculty Lounge

C.L.U.B. General membership meeting, 8p.m. SC room 417.

Conservation Club meeting. 2p.m. SC room 120
Women's Student Organization meetings 2p.m. SC 420.

Amnesty International Meeting. 11a.m. Student Center rm 408.
NJ WaterWatch 3p.m. Richardson 114
PRIDE meeting 5:30p.m. SC rm 418

Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship. 7:30p.m. SC room 412.
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The Greek Weekly

Log On - MSU
by Rita Bronnenkant

If you are a Snapple aficionado, you may recall Wendy, the former Snapple Lady, from their advertising campaign a while back. Wendy still answers questions, now via email! You can ask her about Snapple or anything else, askwendy@concentric.net. A website is in the works, naturally.

Having spent entirely too much time on the web I am not easily impressed by web sites these days. But, I was absolutely bowled over by the Thinkquest site, http://iq.advanced.org/tq66winners95awards.html. Sponsored by Advanced Network and Services, Inc.

Thinkquest is an Internet contest for 12-18 year olds, but the information and presentation are college-level. Contestants design and create educational web sites. Prizes are scholarship money. Categories include Science and Math, Social Sciences, Art and Lit, and Sports and Health.

Wait until you see what these kids did! EduStock, http://tqd.advanced.org/3088/, advises how to pick stocks and provides the only free realtime stock market simulation on the web! In Anatomy of a Murder, http://tqd.advanced.org/2760/, we follow a defendant charged with murder as he goes through our legal system.


Don’t miss Interactive Tour of the Cell, http://tqd.advanced.org/3564/. Over twenty-five different sites receiving awards are linked here. Enjoy!

Did you know that you can search the archives of the U.S. government? This site provides useful copyright info. To actually search their database you have to telnet to the Library of Congress. (Telnet software can be found in the Windows communications group or you can telnet right from Alpha. At the $ just type in telnet locs.loc.gov.)

I suggest checking out the LOCIS (Library of Congress Information Service) guides first at gopher://marvel.loc.gov:70/11/locis/guides. This is an actual web site, just plug it into the URL box and hit enter. You don’t need to add http://. You can also dig around in the National Archives and Records Administration, http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/.


What if you don’t have a computer with Internet access at home? Where else can you log on besides MSU? I recently surveyed the suburban Essex County public libraries to find out. Currently, Belleville, Millburn, Montclair, and West Orange have public access to the Internet. You handle the computer. East Orange, Livingston, Orange, and Roseland have Internet access through their librarian only. Other towns are working on getting up to speed, technology-wise. I understand that most of Morris County public libraries have Internet access. Call before you go.

Well, I think I will go email Wendy to see if she has any extra Snapple sitting around. TTYNW.

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by Monee Sanghvi
Staff Writer

As a computer science student at MSU, I was fortunate to get a co-op position at Panasonic, a world leader in electronics and home appliances. This position was made available to me by the co-op department. This job has allowed me to apply the education I received at the university, to real world applications while being paid financially. As well as enriching my educational opportunities, I earned college credit towards my degree.

Placed in their PC Services department, I worked on the design and implementation of its’ Web page. Utilizing my programming and hardware skills, I wrote many applications for this page. One of the most exciting and challenging was a virus update over the corporate Intranet for all of the PCs. To complete this project, much research had to be done.

During my program, I had several reviews with the co-op coordinator and my departmental manager.

These reviews help reinforce the educational value of the program. They also taught me how much responsibility was required to conduct yourself outside of the classroom. My degree program provided a tremendous resource and gave me a feeling of accomplishment. The courses conducted at MSU have put me a great position for the advancement of my career.

Another advantage to this position was the ability to work with leading edge technologies to perform my duties. I was required to use many computer programming languages as well as different operating systems. I was required to put on presentations and demos of the applications I wrote, to an audience made up of 15 to 20 department heads.

In closing, I would strongly recommend the co-op program, since everyone has an opportunity to utilize it. It tied together all of my classroom education in a days work. I feel this experience has enhanced my education tremendously.

Winter Environmental Education Workshop Planned

by John Kirk
Staff Writer

Teachers, interpreters, naturalists and concerned citizens are invited to attend a unique weekend workshop at MSU’s environmental education field campus, the New Jersey School of Conservation, located at beautiful Stokes State Forest in Branchville, NJ, one hour from Newark or New York City. This interdisciplinary workshop is designed to develop in participants a sensitivity and awareness concerning the earth and the problems that threaten life on the planet.

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Ebonics: The language of further isolation

America, under the cover of politically correct and physical presence of minorities in its government institutions, would like to think that it is a multicultural society. While this is what the media in its different forms are feeding us, racism cloaked in patriotism and religion is impeding the reality of multiculturalism. For example, listen to the messages of the religious right and some of its politicians. Listen to some of the radical radio talk show hosts across the country. Examine the actions of the known militias in Montana and other Midwestern states. After such reflections, one clearly sees the reality of America.

Black people in America historically have been the target of choice for separatist ideologies and practices. The Jim Crow concept that lasted from the late 19th century until the 1960s stressed this idea. This concept made it possible for White America not to take responsibility for the inhumane system it had created. Though the Jim Crow concept is legally long gone, the out-of-sight-out-of-mind approach to race relations is still practiced. In the South, for example, it is commonly encouraged, either by verbal persuasion or force, that blacks stay on their side of town or not to venture in some areas unless they have some servile business to attend to.

Poverty has a big role in keeping this divide between the races. Of the ten percent of the population that is black, three-fourths are in poverty. This fuels the misunderstanding and the arrogance of many whites in thinking of blacks as devoid of intelligence or any organizational tools or simply as lesser human beings. Thus, blacks are fought against in having power in this society in many instances.

The situation being what it is, and considering the entrapment nature of poverty, why would some black educators want a language that is rooted in the debilitating psychological effects of poverty and the residual effects of slavery? Ebonics is not a tool of integration, but a tool of division. The attainment of educated, trusted, fully human black persons depends, in large measure, in trying to contribute fully in the society they live in. What is meant by that is not only to give the world the most talented basketball player or the most virtuous entertainer, but to try to accomplish things that touch the lives and minds of all peoples. Black people must wake up to the idea that they must beat White America at its own game; that is, to speak the Queen’s English better than the queen.

Garry Doxy
Psychology major

The class struggle thrives at MSU

A friend of mine here at MSU is in a similar situation as I. Approximately the same age, we work full-time and have done for the past twenty or so years. In our mid-thirties when we both decided to get the college education we never had. But it has been an ongoing struggle to find suitable classes for our major ever since.

This semester she is in a real predicament. Due to unforeseeable circumstances, she was unable to register on time and had no idea what she was in for when she tried to register late. The three classes she was able to work into her schedule were full and she was not able to get departmental approval for any of them. Two are required for her major, the other for graduation, and she ran up against one brick wall after another.

After dealing with the advising coordinator for our department, she was told, “We certainly sympathize with your situation, however, there really isn’t anything we can do to help you.” Basically, if you can’t register on time for a legitimate reason, it’s too bad if you can’t find a class to get into. The advising coordinator actually told her to write to the administration and ask why, when we can build a semipro baseball stadium, we can’t find the money to hire enough faculty to cover the demands for courses, especially for night students.

I see we can build completely superfluous and non-functional Spanish-style “gates.” Why, President Reid, can’t we find the money for something as equally unnecessary as a semipro baseball stadium? Who’s the stadium for? Is it for students? Can I go there and play catch with my friends? Where are the spectators going to park? How does the school benefit from such a thing, except to boost the university’s public image? How favorable an impression will the university make on the public when it is revealed that adult students, who can only attend classes at night, can’t get an education?

I see, President Reid, we managed to scrimp up enough money to give you two raises and a neat little bonus last semester. What was that for? For having the bright idea to plant something in a very dark area of the campus (i.e., between the library and College Hall) instead of putting in more lighting in that area? Yeah, with the number of assaults - sexual or otherwise - on campus, that’s a decision worthy of a bonus and raise.

There is precious little available to the evening student. The most desirable classes are either held only in the daytime or too early in the evening for adult students to realistically attend. I have been waiting for a class called “Conflict in Modern Ireland” to be offered. In a university with a plethora of classes offered in every aspect of Afrocentricity, this is the only class which deals with any aspect of Celticcentricity. It is finally offered after three years of waiting, and there is only one section offered - at 11:00 in the morning!

The same goes for the G.E.R.’s we are forced to take in order to become well-rounded individuals. If one must take these courses, why aren’t they available from 7:00 p.m. on? For those of us with real lives and responsibilities away from campus, it is absolutely impossible to attend classes at 5:00 in the afternoon. Most of us “elder students” work until 5:00 or 6:00, so what is going to be done to accommodate us? And what of people like my friend? Is it really tough shit if you can’t register on time, even with a legitimate reason?

President Reid, we are the students who work hard in our everyday lives, we consistently earn high grades, and we pay full tuition. There’s no financial aid, no handouts, no special treatment for us. We are the ones who pay for those raises of yours, sir. Can’t we, as older, part-time students who make excellent grades, get some of the special consideration or priority registration, or even registration protection in circumstances such as my friend’s? Will we be forced to transfer to other universities? How will that look to the public who would be impressed with that shiny, new baseball stadium? What will you do to keep as MSU?

A new solution to an old problem

"Tuition is too high."

This statement has been made by almost every college student in America. To remedy this situation, President Clinton come up with a plan to try and make at least the first two years of college a real option for everyone. However, there are some problems with the President's proposal.

The $1500 and $10,000 tuition tax credits will cost $42 billion over the next six years, an amount that we simply cannot afford. While trying to balance the budget, each dollar counts and it would be wise to look for other cheaper options that may be available to solve the problem which would potentially add to the debt. Also, by pulling the money out of the pool of funds available for public colleges (after all, it is taxpayer funds) there will be even less money available to colleges, which may have the adverse effect of driving tuition prices.

Additionally, many educators are also worried that the tax credit could cause tuition to go up in other ways. Colleges, knowing that the tax credit is available, could raise tuition by the amount of the tax credit thereby rendering the credit useless. Further, the $1500 and $10,000 tax credits would not benefit low income families who need the help most. The plan is, well-intentioned, not yet feasible. But there may be other more close to home ways to lower college costs.

A plan could be enacted by MSU and possibly lead the way in lowering college expenses across the country. The first step to cut administrators. There are too many non-faculty positions on campus that drive tuition costs up. Do we really need six assistant registrars, each with her own secretary? Probably not. And any obsolete positions or positions which can be improved upon by a computer program should be replaced or enhanced.

The second step is to privatize services on campus such as Residence Life and Maintenance. A little competition might lead these departments to become more efficient and more cost-effective. Many colleges across the country are moving towards leasing out their Residence Life Departments to hotel chains at a cheaper price, which causes them to experience fewer problems with resident housing. Consolidating different services on campus is to another way of lowering costs. Whenever there are duplicated departments at MSU, one can be eliminated, therefore saving money.

If followed, the plan proposed here can help drive tuition costs down, while improving campus services, without using additional taxpayer dollars. And in this era of trying to balance the budget, that should be the goal. So, at least for now, MSU should say, "Thanks but no thanks" to the President's proposal.
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More criticism of Clove Road director

Last week, I detailed an incident at the Clove Road apartments that resulted in the expulsion of four students, all with clean records, from their apartment for violating the maximum occupancy level of their apartment while alcohol (which is permitted at the apartments) was present. This violation took place during a Nor'easter while celebrating Homecoming and school spirit. Many of those students in the apartment, friends of the residents, were stranded on campus due to the terrible storm wrecking the state.

The students were prosecuted by Ms. Gretchen Reyes Cseplo, the director of the Clove Road apartments. Since my original column was written, I have learned more about the way Clove Road is being run. According to residents, the running of these apartments, under the direction of the department of Residence Life, indicates unprofessionalism, selective enforcement of rules, and, according to an incident report filed in October, unsafe conditions and lack of action by those who have the ability to remedy the situations.

According to many residents, the problems seem to lie with Ms. Cseplo, whose alleged behavior reflects badly on Residence Life, the university, and the many students, alumni, and faculty and staff members who strive to make MSU a better college. Take, for instance, Ms. Cseplo's alleged actions following the rejection of the residents' final appeal: On the afternoon of Monday, January 13, the students received a letter stating that they must vacate the apartment by 6:00 that night, which was clearly impossible. According to the residents, at 6:30, Ms. Cseplo phoned the students, stated that they were trespassing and that at 9:00 the next morning, other students were scheduled to move into the apartment. Ms. Cseplo then abruptly ended the conversation, according to the students.

The residents futher stated that when they phoned Ms. Cseplo, she wouldn't take their phone calls. The mother of one of the students, distraught by this situation, phoned Ms. Cseplo and left a message. When Ms. Cseplo returned her call, she allegedly yelled at the mother for phoning her after 4:30 PM and was rude and insulting to her. In fact, the unprofessional behavior of Ms. Cseplo led her to send an apology to the mother.

Additionally, the report filed by Ms. Cseplo concerning the incident in October illustrates incompetence (at the very least). In the report, Ms. Cseplo asserted that she noticed that there was excessive traffic in the stairwell of the apartment, which she construed as a fire hazard and as unsafe to the residents. She then remarked that she continued on her rounds. Would it be incorrect to think that Ms. Cseplo's job as director of Clove Road is to help ensure the safety of those students living there? If that is correct, then she should have immediately taken action to correct this situation? Instead, she decided to ignore the situation, illustrating an ineptitude that, frankly, frightens me as a resident student.

Ms. Cseplo also apparently selectively enforces the rules, as illustrated by the fact that she prosecuted only one apartment at only one time, and not following every violation of the rule throughout the semester. (As stated in the letter denying the residents' final appeal, after speaking with "both staff and non-staff residents of Clove Road," it was found that there was "some substantiation for the fact that other 'alcohol parties' do escape penalty...") Thus, the response to the incident in October seems to this writer to indicate a personal vendetta against these four students, and not merely the performance of Ms. Cseplo's job as director of the apartments.

During the four residents' appeals of their punishment, at least ten other residents of Clove Road volunteered to express their dissatisfaction with Ms. Cseplo's handling of her job. Many residents are upset by her policy regarding the availability of the laundry room. Other residents are upset by the arrogance that they believe Ms. Cseplo exhibits when dealing with situations, as well as her allegedly improper handling of the problems. In an incident unrelated to the previously mentioned one, a resident of another apartment was injured after tripping on the chains in front of the complex. Allegedly, Ms. Cseplo was unsympathetic to, and dismissive of, her complaints. For someone who is employed to ensure the safety of residents, this incident would also indicate ineptitude, if not indifference toward her duties, if the complaint of the student is true. After interviewing many, I have yet to hear of a resident at Clove Road who has one nice thing to say about Ms. Cseplo and the way she is handling her responsibilities as director of the apartments.

Considering recent events, a thorough investigation of the actions and performance of Ms. Cseplo should be undertaken at once. That much is deserved to all residents of the Clove Road apartments, who pay incredible amounts of money to live in campus housing. A competent, professional staff is owed to these students. If the allegations of residents are accurate, Ms. Cseplo, the director of the Clove Road apartments, does not qualify to be a part of this staff. Should an investigation show that they are indeed accurate reports, Residence Life would be well advised to look into replacing her as soon as possible.

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"Architectural Transformations" opens in Gallery 3 1/2

by Timothy M. Casey
Photography Editor

Yesterday, in Calcia Hall’s Gallery 3 1/2, a new group exhibit opened featuring the work of the Modern Architecture class. Several undergraduate student works were displayed. The class was taught by Professor Sabine Eck in the Fall 1996 semester. The show featured a project that was designed to incorporate a transformation into an already existing object. Student approaches varied from traditional floor plans, to sculptures made from clothing. This was due to the diverse group of students in the class.

Although Modern Architecture is listed in the Fine Arts department, students of all majors enrolled. “To participate you don’t have to be an Art major, everyone has the ability to appreciate architecture and design,” said Professor Eck about the course.

Modern Architecture is mainly a lecture class, consisting of exams. The class discussed the influences of art in daily life. Professor Eck commented, “Architecture is of great significance.

Danielle Pompeo and Professor Sabine Eck discuss Pompeo’s MSU Monorail Drawings since you can’t help being exposed to it.”

The students submitted proposals for this particular project last October, which were presented to the entire class for comments. Photographs and typed reports were assigned to help the students convey the concept they had in mind. Students then went to work using various techniques to create their project.

Director Alan Parker creates "Evita" not in the tradition of Broadway directors Hal Prince in which he is shown as one-dimensional and shallow, nor as the angel that the Argentinians saw her. Rather, he attempts to retell history as accurately as he can and allows the audience to judge the motives of Senora Peron for themselves.

As a tactic, Parker transforms the character, Che (Antonio Banderas), into an every man character/narrator, which in turn, weakens Bandera’s role. Another debatable tactic...Banderas is the only actor with a Latin accent. However, the cinematography and costume design were enveloping, and after several hours in the make-up chair, the stylists painted masks on Madonna and Jonathan Pryce (President Juan Peron) that looked strikingly like the real Perons.

Just as controversial as its historical equivalent, Madonna’s arrival in Buenos Aires and Budapest caused riots, boos, aahs, and media bandaging. It is amazing that she had any time to focus on her role. Madonna attacked the role so vigorously that her teeth marks still remain. She interviewed Argentinean diplomats, ex-Persons, historical experts, and acquaintances of the late Eva Duarte de Peron. Hence her portrayal is well-researched and emotion-filled; she finds within herself a new depth, charm, and sophistication. She is brilliant, well-de-

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by Daryn Allyn Strauss
Staff Writer

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Bill Maher maintains edge despite channel switch

BY JODI KASTEL
ASSISTANT ARTS EDITOR

I get off on politics, and I couldn’t live without comedy. Anything that combines the two is absolutely incredible, hence my infatuation with Dennis Miller, Saturday Night Live, David Letterman, and now Bill Maher’s Politically Incorrect.

My cable company at home doesn’t carry Comedy Central, so my exposure to Politically Incorrect’s brand of political humor has been limited to articles and Talk Soup clips, until now. Maher and his show has recently moved to broadcast, and I get to indulge in Politically Incorrect’s unique format five days a week.

Another contrasted Happy Days’ Marion Ross with the brilliant Dennis Miller. Sometimes the results are quite tame, otherwise mayhem ensues. Maher, as side bar commentator, throws out subjects for the panel to debate. Some recent topics include capital punishment, JonBenet Ramsey, O. J. Simpson, and ethics.

It’s almost unnerving to watch people like Sandra Bernhard, Dana Carvey, Larry Flynt, and Yasmine Bleeth speaking intelligently, and Arianna Huffington, James Carville, Patricia Schroeder, and Ann Richards displaying a sense of humor. All this entertainment and sharing is complimented by a Greek forum-like set, columns and all.

Maher, 40, commented about his show’s move to ABC in a recent Entertainment Weekly interview, “Politically Incorrect may not be mainstream America’s cup of tea, but with the kind of base we’ve built, I don’t think we’ll go away. I mean, there are a lot of fucking channels out there.” This fan base increased greatly with Maher’s critically hailed presidential campaign coverage (InDecision’96), upping Politically Incorrect’s ratings by 67% over the previous year’s ratings.

Fans wonder if Maher will soften his unapologetic, cut-to-the-chase ways. ABC is owned by Disney, and Mickey may not enjoy discussing Larry Flynt’s favorite sexual position or admitting how many times a day he masturbates. Everything is open for discussion on Politically Incorrect, a New Jersey native, says, “It’s amazing how many people insist it will change when I say it won’t. They say, ‘Come on! It’s Disney, man!’ And I say, ‘Okay, you know my life better than I do.’”

Fever In, Fever Out: Fabulous

BY JODI KASTEL
ASSISTANT ARTS EDITOR

Luscious Jackson’s album Fever In, Fever Out (Capitol/Grand Royal) was one of the best released in ’96. Though it is just gaining momentum now on the charts with the success of the first single, “Naked Eye,” Luscious Jackson has been a constant force in female alterna-rap for almost a decade.

This album is incredible. Altering between sultry and smooth to an­
gry and socially­
conscious, bass, guitar), Jill Cunniff (vocals, guitar), Gabrielle Glaser (vocals, guitar), Kate Schellenbach (drums), and Vivian Trimble (keyboards), who joined in ’91.

For this album they enlisted the talents of country singer Emmylou Harris. Fever In, Fever Out is Luscious Jackson’s second full-length album, pre­
ceded by the EP In Search of Manny and Natural Ingredients. Winding down their current tour, the band has also toured with R.E.M. and on the Lollapalooza ticket.

“Naked Eye” is very radio­
friendly, attracting fans with a variety of musical tastes. My favorite line from the song reads, “Wearing nothing is di­
vine, naked is a state of mind, I take things off to clear my head, to say the things I haven’t said.” Another gem on the album is the song “Under Your Skin”: “Lie down underneath the breeze, can’t cool down when you’re down with me, if I don’t feel good when you first get in, wait ’til it gets under your skin.”

For more information, contact Erin or Jodi at x5169.

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Smashing Pumpkins rock Long Island on year tour

by Bill Casalino
Staff Writer

Last Friday night the Smashing Pumpkins continued their year long tour with a massive show at Long Island’s Nassau Coliseum. Because of the possibility of slippery roads, due to a light snow storm, my friends and I decided to rent a limousine for the evening. Our limousine driver, Jimmy, had never even heard of the Smashing Pumpkins, but it was evident that everyone attending the concert were huge fans.

The crowd waited anxiously as the band’s instruments were set up on the stage. Then the lights were dimmed and the fans went crazy as Billy Corgan and company occupied the stage. The evening began with “Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness,” the piano melody which starts off their popular double CD. They appropriately followed with “Tonight, Tonight.” The hypnotized crowd dazed in amazement as the band played in front of a variety of trippy color patterns, which swirled throughout the entire concert. My buddy “Sid Vicious” especially enjoyed this aspect of the concert.

The second song performed by the Pumpkins was the first track off their breakthrough album, Siamese Dream. “Cherub Rock,” a fan favorite, was one of only two songs played from Siamese Dream. The other was “Disarm,” while “Today” was mysteriously missing from the set. The band obviously wanted to play more of their newer material although they used some older tunes to end newer ones. For example, brief portions of the songs “Hummer” and “Rocket” were blended into the ends of songs such as “An Ode to No One” and “Here is No Why.”

Pumpkin leadman Billy Corgan treated the fans to a couple of older songs which no one really expected to hear. “Siva” and “Rhinoceros” were both performed. These two tracks are from the band’s debut album, Gish. Another surprise was the performance of “Drown,” a song the Smashing Pumpkins wrote to be featured on the Singles soundtrack.

The rest of the songs played were all from Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness. These tracks include: “Zero,” “Bullet with Butterfly Wings,” “Muzzle,” “Porcelina of the Vast Oceans,” “Where Boys Fear to Tread,” “Thirty-Three,” “X.Y.U.,” “Thru the Eyes of Ruby,” and “1979.” During the song “1979,” Jimmy Frog, from the Chicago band, The Frogs had all of his hair cut off which had been growing for an unknown amount of years.

Overall, the concert was incredible. Billy Corgan is a musical genius and his stage antics are unforgettable. At one point, he held the guitar high above his head while playing a loud, ear ripping chord which drove the fans into a frenzy.

Corgan was just being himself up on the stage, a crazy performer, but as he put it, “We’re allowed to be fucking crazy cause we’ve been on tour all year long.”
Adm. McDougal attacking the Empire single-handed, while on vacation at a nearby planet.

It's a Friday night at a busy bar in Trowesville, NJ. Trowesville, a beautiful town close to everywhere, except for the places that it's far away from, is known for its large number of bars and drinking establishments. One bar, John's Tavern, is the oldest, and most popular, of the bars in town. It's large—it has an enormous bar. Tables surrounding the perimeter, with a dance floor located on the second floor. The music, a curious mix of everything, from techno to rock, seems to attract a large following. Weekends draw huge crowds of singles. Some are trying to look for someone else for the long haul. Most aren't, and are willing to meet someone for a nightly basis.

The bar is owned by a stubborn guy named Robert. Robert, a stocky 48 year-old man, has owned the popular bar for 12 years now, and hasn't changed the name, since everyone calls him John anyway, no matter how many times he corrects them. "I might as well change my name, it would be more practical," Robert explains. Robert has nothing but contempt for the human race, and especially the female half of the human race, after his wife, Theodora, ran off with a Hawaiian-shirt wearing man was talking to another woman. "Well, I'm just a triple play fajita kind of guy! Ha ha ha," he said, with a snort to follow his nerd-like guttural laugh. Jenn, the attractive blonde looked around the bar. "Uh, no...I have to...water...my cat. Bye." The girl walked away quickly, thinking to herself why the weird one's are attracted to her. Kirk, feeling like quite the intergalactic stud, considered this a strange alien mating ritual, and continued to saunter around the bar. Meanwhile, across the floor, a thin Hawaiian-shirt wearing man was talking to another woman. "Well, I'm just a triple play fajita kind of guy! Ha ha ha," he said, with a snort to follow his nerd-like guttural laugh. Jenn, the attractive blonde looked around the room, trying to find an exit to slip out of, or contemplated using her extensive karate skills on this guy.

This Friday night, was not unlike others. The crowd started to trickle in around 8 p.m., and started to pour in around 8:30. Among those pouring into the bar was a rather strange looking man, dressed in a jumpsuit, with a Star Trek™ communicator pin shining brightly upon his chest. He walked up to the bar. "Excuse me...I would like...some Romulan Ale," said the man.

The Trekkie, also known as Kirk McDougal, grew up on Star Trek, watched Star Trek excessively since he was three, and lives it day in and day out. His wardrobe consists of four standard Starfleet Uniforms, with a dress uniform for special occasions. He thinks that's on the planet Zeta IV, on shore leave from his starship. He also thinks that he has the charm of Captain Kirk, which he doesn't.

"What are you, on crack," Robert replied. "We don't have any such thing here. Do you want a Bud? If you don't, too bad, 'cause I don't feel like making a cold drink for you. So do you want a Bud?"

"What ever, strange alien man...a Bud would be...good," replied Kirk. Robert grabbed a frosted mug, poured the Trekkie a beer, and practically threw the mug at him. "Two bucks," said the omery bartender.

"Here is...two dollars, of your strange alien...currency," said Jean-Luc Retard. The Trekkie, grabbed his beer at the bar, and started to saunter around the bar, in a manner that would make William Shatner proud. He spotted a nice-looking "strange alien woman," and determined that she would be his conquest for that evening. Kirk always got the girl on the original series, why couldn't he? He went up, and approached her. "I noticed you...from across the room. Where are you from?"

"Um, who are you," replied the woman.

"I am Kirk, Admiral Kirk McDougal, Starfleet," said Kirk proudly. "I come from...the...stars."

"Um, yeah. Whatever."

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But that's for next week. I'm out of space. I had to build the bar, create an ornery bartender, and make "John's place" popular in a matter of paragraphs. I need to rest. Hey John, I need a beer.

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Word of the Day:
High-muck-a-muck (n) [by folk etymology fr. Chinook Jargon hii muckamuck plenty to eat]: a person of importance; esp: one who is arrogant.
27 Induction-
23 London
30 Admitted,
29 1975 ABBA
25 "Honey"
22 Elliptical
20 Right a wrong
15 Goldfish, e.g.
11 Kid at court
14 Classical couple
13 Stay up
12 Book after
11 Eastern temple
10 Book after
9 Toyz
8 Author Folks
7 Author Folks
6 Eunuch
5 -
4 "Honey"
3 Singer
2 "Time of the World"
1 Spanish song

Written by Mr. Know-It-All himself, John J. O'Sullivan

Aries (March 21 to April 19) DJ Mixmaster Muggs will hide in your room in an elaborate attempt to rob you of sleep by playing Laurence Welk albums. Hill him in the head with a frying pan.

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Leo (July 23 to August 22) New Jersey will declare your room a Superfund site. So, when you see men dressed up in radioactive clean-suits, you'll understand why they're putting your clothes in huge barrels.

Virgo (August 23 to September 22) Brad Pitt is stalking you. He blames you for his latest film. Wear one of them fake mustaches for awhile.

Libra (September 23 to October 22) Your lucky numbers are 5, 7, 1997, and 4. Your dog is the antichrist.

Scorpio (October 23 to November 21) The early bird gets the worm, but why would anyone want a worm?

Sagittarius (November 22 to December 21) Luck, prosperity, and happiness will be in your future. (This horoscope is sponsored by Ford™, which reminds you that you got the only really good fortune, because they gave me, John J. O'Sullivan, a large sum of money.)

Capricorn (December 22 to January 19) Seasons Greetings to you and yours!

Aquarius (January 20 to February 18) Wait, what do you mean it's not Christmas-time anymore??? You mean I SLEPT THROUGH THE WHOLE THING/?!?!? AAAAAAA!

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Lisa

Wunder bars activate. Multiple magnets.

Fire Marshall Myers

Thanks for the info. What would we have done without you? Sorry about the clunk.

The Girls

Rahab

I’m watching out for random eyewitnesses near my area.

Love your name.

Carol

Who keeps on coming. Out with boys let’s find some man. I love you! Love me.

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Mccrey

Operation Clean Sweep is on the prud.

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Sagi

Have we heard from Tyler or the love bird? Oh, I don’t care yak yak.

Lave, Joss

PS Tell the bash we’re not here!

Lisa

Kick butta!!!

Lave, Joss

Care

Meet time we watch a PBS special on militants tell the children to leave the room. Too graphic for your eyes.

Love you.

PS Ridin’ pepperoni.

Unbeknownst I’m roasting beagles. Hot dogs anyone?

L.

I’m
can’t wait to part of the Alpha Pledge Class of JEN.

Tara

Diddly

You are special especially to me. I love you.

Lave, Todd, Baw

Pete

Puppies are a forever pet. Love the Correras.

Testosterone Man

Hey you know how I met my ex-boyfriend’s brother for a pick up line?

Tara

McCrey

Does anyone know the universal sign for “no handshakes”?

Love,Keep

McCrey

You are just superwoman percent.

Lave, the Wonder Twins

Tara XI and Friends.

I miss you guys. “Copper, Girl II”

LAVE SEXUAL IMMORALITY OF THE WEEK

Peter

Are we done with the heavy hills? Time to plug with some sticks.

Lave, Lisa

Create Hay

In that really see you go? Cause we couldn’t feel it.

The Psychic Enthusiast

McCrey

Wobbled your legs around. Can your man bete?

Tara

Do you think you’ll actually DANCE next Saturday?

Lave, Pete, Lisa, McCrey and Kart

Miss New York. Carpenters. girl luck with everything.

Lave, Brie

I’m. Can we be in your Group?

Lisa, Tara, and Lave

Tara

You promised to buy me on or back at City. We one’s lips are the wine balcon. Lave, Lisa

YE Another LAVE SEXUAL IMMORALITY OF THE WEEK

Gran Bay (argh. -ed)

I’m still loving for your praise. Remember: it isn’t nice to keep a boy waiting.

Lave

My GODS THERE’S A DODDOL-Up TO THAT ONE!!!

ARGH

Tara

Are so gorgeous. We get “granted”

Lave, Lisa + McCrey

Tara

Are your lips on soft on men?

Lave, Lisa

JagBav.

Thanks for all of your support last week. You really helped me get by. But if you ever keep me up until 2:00 again.

Lave. Your dead cat.

PS. Do I still know how to get you up?

RUSH SIGMA!

We are Sigma!

Cops. I love you guys.

Lave, little

Jag, Soror. Kore—We are back. !-

Love you gals, me

Sigma—love a great semester.

Lave, Kego

Happy Birthday Sarah. Sigma!

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Weaver—Lisa’s betty. ke ke ke.

Geoffy

What’s up? Merlot love. Just saying.

Kyush

Tara

Process of Evil.

Hey you got to get a guy as good as me ever! Searching for a guy for the Process of Evil. 

Lave

The Goddess of Beauty + Lave

Tara

You are such a good girl. You must learn to shake a little more or at least make them shake.

Lisa

Floor A Wing

Lave.

RUSH SIGMA DELTA PHI

Lisa. You are fired from matchmaker duty—because its done nothing but prove that I’m a liar.

The Good Girl

I’m. So glad you are my gal.

Lave, Lisa

Matt.

Stop looking at me! You never ran out of things to say to Tara.

Lave

Stewy (usually?? -ed) TTOY

What’s up? I am a personal friend! I changed name so I’ll talk to you later.

Kyush

Hug.

Hey boys, you? I know who.

Lisa, Tara, VBDR, DOO.

I like you— I think you’re a big turkey!

Kyush

Tara

OK. COM弩US

I have it— I think you’re a big turkey!

Kate

TARA

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Toro.

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The what the hell are you talking about” personal of the week.

Abin

I’ve but total respect for you. You’re replaced. Egg salad.

Lave, Joss

Abin.

Read us. We talk about pernicious shortness.

Lisa, Tara, and Lave.

Toro.

Sorry. That guy is not here. Good luck! For everyone.

RUSH SIGMA DELTA PHI

Lisa.

Drunk.

Signoff.

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Reilly’s 27 points were a game and a personal season high. He was a superb eight for 11 from the field, five for eight from three point range, and six for eight from the free throw line. He even dished out game highs in his seven assists and three steals on the night. He posted a night to remember. Greg Fowler also had a great night scoring 17 points while going eight for 20 from the field. Fowler grabbed 10 big boards and gave out four assists in 36 minutes while the third member of Coach Del Tufo’s “Terrible Trio” guards, Rohan Sutherland, added 11 points. Sutherland was three for 12 from the field, one for five from three point range, and four for six from the line.

The trio of starting guards scored 72% of MSU’s 76 points on the night. The starting front-court mates of Rex and Weipz did an excellent job of boxing out their opponents. Weipz pulled down seven boards for five from the field and a stellar 73% from behind the three point arc before 516 fans in Panzer Gym. Forward Felix Alicea (Paterson) who beat the Red Hawks on a last second shot last December. The Red Hawks were feeling extremely confident going into the game following the triumph over Rutgers-Newark. Ramapo had a 7-8 record at the time, so the Red Hawks felt that this was a game that they should win if they just stuck with their aggressive style.

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The MSU bench also deserves credit for the win. Guard Harry Jones-Bey scored eight points in 11 minutes. He was perfect in all his shooting attempts finishing three for three from the field including one for one from three point range and one for one from the free throw line. Also coming off the bench was forward Felix Alicea (Perth Amboy) who added four points and three rebounds in 13 minutes for the 76-64 win last Saturday.

The Red Hawks are 10-6 overall, yet are 4-6 in the New Jersey Athletic Conference (NJAC). All of their remaining games are versus NJAC foes and are crucial games if they hope to make the postseason NCAA Tournament. Their next game is Saturday February 1 at Richard Stockton and their next home game is February 5 against the Rowan College Profs.
On the women's side, MSU lost 123-74 against Kutztown, but beat East Stroudsburg University 112-89. In the ESU meet, the team won five out of 11 events, coming on strong late as the Red Hawks took the lead in the 200 yard Butterfly event with a solid performance from sophomore Cindy Zack (Woodridge), with a winning time of 2:38.36. However, after the next event, the 200 yard backstroke, the score was tied. But on sophomore Morgan McKune (Union) with a winning time of 6:12.01 in the 500 yard free-style, MSU took the lead and held onto it for the remaining two events. Other notable performances for the Red Hawks were freshman Staci Goldstein (Turnerville), who had a winning time of 2:43.96 in the 200 yard breaststroke and sophomore Jen Meisch (Union) with a 27.53 winning time in the 50 yard free-style.

Both teams travel to Hunter College for the New Jersey/New England Duels on the first of February to finish out their dual meet season. On February 7, the teams are away at Ithica and finish February 23 at the Metropolitan Championships.

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The Master Debate
by Dennis DeMercurio

Last week's topic: Should the NFL restore instant replay?

Responses to last week's topic were less than stellar, however, sophomore Jason Reid, a sociology major had this to say: "Because the referees are so often right anyway, I don't think we need instant replay during the season. But because the games are so critical, and because the officials assembled are not used to working with each other, I definitely think there should be instant replay during the playoffs.

Perhaps last week's explanation of this column were not specific enough. This is to be an open forum for YOU, the MSU student to debate on the topics posted. Suggestions for topics will also be taken and possibly used. Responses and topic suggestions should be sent to demercuriod@alpha.montclair.edu (or NorNRad@aol.com) or by calling 655-5169.

This past Monday, I heard a story that at first I thought was just a subject of this week's made-for-television-movie. It's the story of a professional basketball player whose sister is in desperate need of a kidney. Since he is the perfect match for her body type, he is the only chance she has for a successful kidney transplant. The catch? If he proceeds with the donation, he may never play professional basketball again. Only this wasn't fiction. This is what happened to Carlos Rogers of the Toronto Raptors. What would his decision be? What should it be? He has spent his entire life working for the goal of reaching the NBA, and now might lose everything except his sister. As it turned out, while waiting for his sister to fight off an infection, she passed away. He did state, however, before she passed on, that he would give up one of his kidneys. How many people would have done the same? Would it matter on whose life was at stake? Therefore, I ask:

Knowing it may prevent you from achieving your life's goal or dream, would you make the sacrifice? Would it make a difference if it was your mother, father, sister, brother, etc and why?

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Hawks standouts were Blomn with MSU disqualification's. The Red seven out of 11 events, four of them time getting blown-out of the water by a score of 128-69. Kutztown won the Red Hawks were defeated, this and 500 yard free-style events. was a triple winner in the 1000, 200 senior Billy Blomn (Clifton) who highlight of the meet for MSU was 400 yard free-style relay, outscoring tied at 93-93 going into the last event, but Bloomsburg pulled ahead in the 1000 yard free-style event. Last Wednesday the Red Hawks hosted the Rutgers-Newark Raiders in their first of three consecutive home games. The Red Hawks went into the game with an 8-6 record and needed a win following their two straight losses. And a win is exactly what they got. In fact, the Raiders were no match for the fired up Red Hawks who won easily, 82-64. "Every game is our Super Bowl," were the words of Coach Nick Del Tufo.

By the end of the first half the Red Hawks had a 36-21 lead that they would not relinquish. Throughout the first 20 minutes of the game, the Red Hawks stepped up their defense by forcing the Raiders into 13 turnovers and holding them to just 39% shooting from the field.

For the game, all five MSU starters scored in double figures, led by Greg Fowler's (Plainfield) and Rohan Sutherland (Miami, FL) 18 points apiece. Fowler shot seven for 13 and a perfect four for four from behind the three point line. He also had five rebounds and two steals.

Sutherland was eight for 15 on the night and one for three from three point range. He also dished out one assist, grabbed eight boards, had one steal, and was tied for a game high 33 minutes with fellow back-court mate B.J. Reilly (Middlesex).

Reilly added 11 points and
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Sophomore guard Harry Jones-Bey (East Orange) coming down court.

Sophomore guard Cindy Zack (Woodridge) during her 200 yard Butterfly performance.

Women’s basketball picks up streak with two wins

BY DENNIS DEMERCURIO
SPORTS EDITOR

After losing two straight games to New Jersey Athletic Conference rivals, the MSU Women's basketball team responded to their defeats by winning their next two games against the Rutgers-Newark Raiders last week and Ramapo Roadrunners this past Saturday.

The Red Hawks came out in the first half against the Raiders as they have in their past few games, somewhat tentative and apprehensive. Despite turning the ball over and missing open shots, MSU led 25-24 at the end of the half. The Red Hawks held onto the ball much of the first half, neglecting to pass when the opportunity arose. When MSU returned to the game in the second half, they learned from their first half experience and began to move the ball around to each other. Then the Red Hawk scoring blitz began.

Senior guard Heidi Klingert (Linwood) said, "It seems that we save everything for the second half, but we’re not doing that on purpose.”

MSU outscored Rutgers-Newark 28-19 on offense and defensively forced 30 turnovers. Senior forward Tracy Singletary (Keasby) had 13 points, five rebounds, three blocks and two steals on the night while junior guard Jill Schulte (West Milford) added 12 points and six rebounds. Freshman forward Felicia Ingram (S. Brunswick) and Klingert tallied nine and six rebounds, respectively. With five points and rebounds, four steals and three assists, senior guard Lisa Villalta (Harrison) helped the Red Hawks gain their 12th win by defeating the Raiders, 53-43.

Against Ramapo College this past Saturday, it was freshman center Lindsay Robinson (Asbury Park) turn in the spotlight. Despite nurturing a season-long nagging back injury, Robinson came off the bench on fire as she scored a game-high 20 points and pulled down 10 rebounds. Klingert, who had 13 points, rounded her game out with three steals, assists, and rebounds each. Schultz walked away with eight points and six steals, while Colette Canfield came up strong defensively with eight rebounds.

Head Coach Gloria Bradley said, "Lindsay has come a long way nicely. She’s stepped up on the boards and if we can her to hold onto the ball and commit fewer turnovers, sh’e going to cause alot of problems, a real threat for other teams.”

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MSU Swim team struggles to keep head above water

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The MSU men's swimming team lost a close meet against Bloomsburg University last week by a score of 104-97. The score was tied at 93-93 going into the last event, but Bloomsburg pulled ahead in the 400 yard free-style relay, outscoring the Red Hawks 11 to four. The highlight of the meet for MSU was senior Billy Blomn (Clifton) who was a triple winner in the 1000, 200 and 500 yard free-style events.

In the meet against Kutztown, the Red Hawks were defeated, this time getting blown-out of the water by a score of 128-69. Kutztown won seven out of 11 events, four of them by MSU disqualification's. The Red Hawks standouts were Blomn with another triple crown in the 1000, 200, and 500 yard free-styles, and junior Kervin Quinones (Jersey City) winning the 200 yard Butterfly event. Overall the men's team record now stands at 2-Continued on p. 23

Stat of the Week:
Lindsay Robinson scores 20 points and grabs 10 rebounds against Ramapo College.