SGA holds annual spring leadership conference

BY JOHN BRONST
STAFF WRITER

The Student Government Association held its annual Spring Leadership Conference, this past Saturday, where new legislators were acquainted with the SGA and learned the skills necessary to be effective at their jobs.

The conference began with speeches by Dr. Lee Wilcox, Vice President of Student Development and Campus Life, and by Dr. Helen Matusow-Ayres, Dean of Students. Dr. Wilcox highlighted some of the accomplishments of the University, as well as some of the plans currently being discussed. He spoke of the ice rink and baseball stadium being built in the upcoming months, as well as the re-opening of Russ Hall as a residence hall in September 1997.

Dr. Wilcox pointed out that the student body and faculty of MSU are diverse, with thirty percent of students and twenty percent of faculty being either African-American or Hispanic in heritage. Dr. Wilcox also boasted that the admission standards are rising along with attendance. He ended by saying that he would like to work more closely with the SGA in better serving the students. “We are here for you; that is the only reason we’re here,” he said in reference to his staff and himself.

Dr. Matusow-Ayres, or Dean Helen as she is better known to students, is the administrative advisor of the SGA. She stated that she is an advocate for all students. She urged legislators to consider the bills they write, and to make sure that all bills passed are realistic, so that their purposes can be accomplished.

Following the opening speeches, the legislators, cabinet, and executive board engaged in “ice-breakers,” to become better acquainted with one another. Next, former SGA Presidents Anthony Susco and James Cotter led the group in team-building exercises.

Student Center asking $30,000 from SGA for wiring, renovations

BY KEVIN P. HANCOCK
NEWS EDITOR

The Student Government Association has been asked to pay $30,000 by Louis Anderson, Director of the Student Center, to help cover the cost of a current Student Center Internet wiring project and a future Class One office accessories project, according to SGA President Amy Fisher.

The request is being made of an SGA that may not be able to afford the price being asked, said Fisher, whose SGA recently came to an out-of-court settlement of $39,000 with their former bookkeeper, who was fired over the summer.

Half of the money being requested would go to help cover the cost of wiring the Student Center for direct E-mail hookup and Internet access, Fisher said. The project which began in mid-January, is expected to finish in 5 weeks, Anderson said.

The other $15,000 would go to a second project, Fisher said. That project will bring new accessories to Class One offices, such as bulletin boards, tacks strips, and replacement furnishings, Anderson said. That project has yet to begin.

The cost of the $116,000 Internet project is being split between the University and the Student Center, Anderson said. Anderson is asking that the SGA contribute towards the cost, because of the Class One offices that will be effected by the new services. “It would be more of a token gesture on the part of the SGA for the students, and campus population,” Anderson said.

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INTERNATIONAL
Korean tensions mount with shooting
A prominent North Korean defector was shot and seriously wounded near Seoul, causing South Korea to go on a terrorism alert, and intensifying the cold war in the Korean peninsula.

Lee Han Young, 36, was shot on February 15 in the first shooting of a North Korean defector in South Korea. He was exiting the elevator in front of his friend’s 14th floor apartment when he was shot in the head. He is in critical condition in a hospital at Budang, a southern suburb of Seoul.

Young is the nephew of Sung Hee Rim, former wife of Kim Jong Il, the North Korean leader. He defected in 1982, and his connections, along with plastic surgery and a change of name, had helped keep his identity a secret. Last February his cover was blown when Lee sold a story to newspapers concerning his aunt’s attempts to defect from Moscow to South Korea.

Police and soldiers are searching for North Korean agents suspected of shooting Young. This assassination attempt, has set back peace efforts between the two nations.

Albright to visit European nations
Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright began a world tour on Sunday in which she will try to fortify NATO’s position on eastward expansion and improve relations with Russia. The tour began in Rome, and it will take her to Bonn and Paris before she goes to Moscow today. Albright’s trip to Moscow will make her the first United States official to see Boris Yeltsin since last July.

Albright also intends to work on relations with France, with whom tensions have risen since the end of last year.

NATIONAL
White House investigation to expand
A House of Representatives investigation into alleged foreign influence peddling by the Clinton administration will be greatly expanding according to the chairman of the House committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

On NBC’s “Meet the Press”, Dan Burton, the committee chairman, said the investigation was “going to be much broader than I would like”. He also explained that the investigation originally involved interviewing a few people, and now that number has increased to over 500.

Burton sent out five subpoenas over the week, and 20 went out on Saturday night. The inquiry has already requested documents from 60 people. The panel will work thoroughly until the hearings, which will probably be held in April or May.

Lanny Davis, a White House aide, dismissed implications that donations sent after First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton’s visit to Guam in September 1995 had influenced the administration’s position on immigration. Three weeks after her visit, $250,000 was sent, and six months later Guam businessmen and government officials sent more than $642,000.

Researchers make new Alzheimer gene findings
A large study has found that a gene once thought to be involved in about one-half of the cases of Alzheimer’s disease is a primary factor in only about 10 percent of patients.

Researchers at Massachusetts General Hospital conducted a study with 310 families, and they found that patients who develop Alzheimer’s over the age of 70 are the only ones the Alzheimer’s gene puts at risk. Alzheimer’s disease is a progressive brain disease that destroys memory and function.

The principal author of the study, Dr. Rudolph E. Tanzi, said, “Since the majority of the approximately four million Americans who have AD become afflicted over the age of 70, the main genetic causes have yet to be identified.”
SGA News & Notes

BY JOHN BROST
STAFF WRITER

At the Student Government Association meeting last night, the Legislature passed charters for three organizations, appropriated money to bring a speaker to campus, and failed an attempt to end the providing of pizza at SGA meetings. In addition, the treasurer of the SGA offered a detailed financial presentation, illustrating where money was spent by the SGA and the numerous Class One organizations.

Treasurer John Cvelic presented a financial review of all spending by the SGA from June 1, 1996 to January 31, 1997. Cvelic reported that most of the organizations and the SGA have thus far stayed within their budgets, aside from a few lines in certain organizations’ budgets. Among the budget lines exceeded, a few lines in the SGA budget were exceeded by the most money. Specifically, the lines for insurance, professional fees, and telephone service were exceeded.

Cvelic explained that these instances of overspending can be traced back to many of the problems experienced by the SGA last semester. For instance, the expenditures for professional fees were paid to the lawyer and accountant of the SGA among others. These individuals were used often last semester due to investigations into, and allegations related to, these individuals were used as an accountant of the SGA.

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The legislative session renewed the Class One charter for the Latin American Student Organization (LASO). Also, Sigma Alpha Iota, a professional women’s musical fraternity, was granted a class four charter for 1997 to 1999. Then, the Panzer Student Association was granted a class three charter for 1997 to 1999.

Next, Amnesty International and the Muslim Student Organization were appropriated $75 each, in order to bring a speaker to campus. Norman Finkelstein, the author of two books regarding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, will be coming to campus on March 5. In order to present a balanced viewpoint, the Jewish Student Union is scheduled to bring in a speaker of an opposing view. This event will be presented according to the debate format.

Finally, a bill to terminate the providing of pizza and soda at SGA meetings failed. According to George Ruffa, author of the bill, “The people in this room are lining their stomachs with student dollars.” Ruffa argued that the bill passed last semester was rushed through without proper debate and that, as volunteers, there was no need to serve pizza while attending meetings.

Opponents of this bill rebutted that the pizza is available to all students and that it enables legislators to remain at meetings longer, rather than leaving to get food. Other legislators suggested that, rather than using student money to buy food, a collection could be made so that legislators could purchase the food themselves.

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SAGEON, Cont. from p. 1 of Trustees student representative Paolo Ciappi, and non-voting member Jennifer Connell. This presentation served to acquaint new legislators with the hierarchy of the university, as well as to inform them of whom to speak when writing and following up on bills, so that they are carried out effectively.

Awards, Parliamentary Procedures and Robert’s Rules of Order were discussed by SGA Vice-President Lauren Pyleski. These rules, which are the standard set of rules for governing a meeting, were used later in the mock legislature.

In the mock legislature, the legislators debated a fictitious bill that would have appropriated money to the Campus Police in order to buy firearms, and train any untrained officers in how to use them. The legislators were assigned positions either for, against, or neutral, which they argued as if this was a real piece of legislation. Although the debate on the bill eventually turned trivial, as an amendment to change the bill to provide light sabers rather than guns for the police was proposed by Legislator Aldo Castanon and then debated, the mock legislature was hailed as fun and helpful by many legislators.

MSU Graduate Student Leads Philosophy Discussion

BY TAMMY LEIGH JANSSEN
STAFF WRITER

MSU graduate student, Christopher Phillips, is leading a diverse group of thinkers through philosophical jam sessions he calls, “A Cafe for Socrates”, at a Montclair coffee house, once a week.

The Collage II Coffee House, located at 399 Bloomfield Ave., in Montclair, hosts “A Cafe for Socrates” between 8:00 and 10:00 p.m., on Tuesdays, where you can enjoy a steamy mug of flavored coffee or an herbal tea, and participate in philosophical group conversation.

“Everybody has a philosophy on life,” according to Phillips. He says philosophy is a way for people to critically question their lives in a manner that psychologists and gurus don’t.

Phillips says Socrates bought philosophy to the people, but institutionalizing the subject made it dry. He says his non-academic approach to philosophy enables people of all ages to participate in the chats.

Twelve-year-old Rafi Tigacy of Montclair observed Tuesday’s discussion about transition and said, “I learned a lot about how people change.”

Phillips says he acts as a facilitator, like Phil Donahue, but with philosophy. He says he adds his ideas to the discussion, and the participants take them in places he “never dreamed of.”

The Collage II Coffee House is not your typical, “private conversation” cafe, according to MSU English major Sharon Ballera. “I enjoyed the way (Chris) integrated the entire room into the conversation,” she said. “I discussed the same theories as a person five tables away.”

Billera said exchanging points of view with people of various ages and cultures helped exercise her mind. “It was not dictational like in the classroom.”

Philips minored in philosophy at William and Mary College as an undergraduate and received a Masters Degree in Science and Natural Sciences, with a sub specialty in the philosophy of science, at Delta State University. In May, he graduates from MSU with a Masters in Teaching, specializing in teaching philosophy to kindergarten through eighth grade students. Phillips says he has taken what MSU Director of Philosophy Dr. Matthew Lipman has been teaching for 25 years and applied it to the coffee house chats.

“The conversation has a tendency to become a rap session, but Chris tries to keep the focus personal, rather than psychological,” said Dan Kramer. Kramer, 44, who traveled from Verona to participate in Chris’s discussion said he enjoys the warm Tuesday night atmosphere. He says it’s a break from the cut and dry business world, and Collage II Coffee House has food that is both tasty and healthy.

“Just walked in one Friday afternoon and asked if we would be interested in this type of activity,” said Carolyn Keys, one of three Collage II Coffee House owners. “It was exactly what we were looking for.”

Phillips said he plans to study for his Ph.D. in Paris under Dr. Marc Sautet, author of A Cafe for Socrates, the book Phillip’s program is based around.

RENOVATIONS, Cont. from p. 1

Bedazzled workers put in an 80-hour week to get the Student Center ready for spring.

Future plans for the Student Center include a repainting and recarpeting of the Class One offices, possibly in the late spring, Anderson said.
民警报告

2/5/97

军官们回应了一起在Blanton Hall报告的大麻使用投诉。当他们到达时，没有任何大麻的痕迹。

一石厅的住客报告说，他的轮胎在Lot 19被砸了。

2/6/97

未知的人在Panzer Gym的Brown's Lounge偷了一台电脑显示器。没有迹象表明强行进入。

军官们回应了一起在Bohn Hall的火警报警，发现第七层的拉站被激活。没有烟雾或火的迹象。Clifton消防队做出了回应。

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一学生在Blanton Hall的食堂区将他的钱包遗忘在了前台。当他回来时，钱包不见了。

一女子，Rosaino Pese，来自Newark，发生了与汽车有关的事故。

军官们回应了一起在Blanton Hall的火警报警，发现第十层的拉站被激活。没有烟雾或火的迹象。Clifton消防队做出了回应。

一学生报告说，他离开他的电脑实验室在Dickson Hall，去打了一通电话。有人偷了他放在椅子上的钱包。

2/7/97

军官们回应了一起在Clove Road Apartments的攻击。进一步的调查表明，一名男性使用了粗俗的语言，而一位女性联系了他的男朋友，也是Clove Road的住客。当看到这一幕时，他袭击了其中一名男性。

2/8/97

军官们回应了一起在Bohn Hall的火警报警，发现第十二层的拉站被激活。没有烟雾或火的迹象。Clifton消防队做出了回应。

一Freeman Hall的住客报告说，他男朋友的车被涂鸦，上面附有威胁的信。

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军官们回应了一起在Clove Road Apartments的攻击。一名教师，在Calcia大楼内，被一名男子损坏了一间教室的橱柜。这个人被发现是试图打开它。

军官们回应了一起在图书馆的火警报警。他们发现了第二层的拉站被激活。没有烟雾或火的迹象。Clifton消防队做出了回应。

军官们回应了一起在Blanton Hall的报告，一名怀孕的住客被骚扰，因为她指认了一名朋友为她的孩子的父亲。学生事务长被通知。

军官们回应了一起在Bolin Hall的火灾报警，发现第四层的拉站被激活。没有烟雾或火的迹象。Clifton消防队做出了回应。

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军官们回应了一起在Calcia大楼的火警报警，发现第二层的拉站被激活。没有烟雾或火的迹象。Clifton消防队做出了回应。

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军官们回应了一起在Clove Road Apartments的攻击。一名教师在Dickson Hall内，试图打一个复印机。有人偷了他的钱包，装在了他的外套里。

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An officer on patrol saw two men crouched between two cars in Lot 30. One was drawing symbols on the windshield of a parked car. The other admitted that his friend was driving, and officers responded to the rear of Freeman Hall, on a report of a man trying to enter through a rear window. When officers arrived, there was no sign of the suspect, and all doors and windows were secure.

An officer at the Clove Road information booth reported that four males pushed a stove from Lot 29 down the hill into the roadway. Suspects fled prior to arriving officers.

A female Clove Road resident reported being assaulted by a male friend who had been drinking. He also caused property damage in the living room. She signed a criminal complaint against the attacker, Joseph Holland of Clifton. The court date is set for 2/25/97 in Little Falls Municipal Court.

A Freeman Hall resident reported receiving many annoying phone calls, one of which threatened bodily harm.

A man fell while playing basketball in Panzer Gym. He suffered a laceration to his head, and complained of head pain. He was transported to Mountainside Hospital by ambulance.

A student reported finding two tires deflated on her 1991 GMC truck, which was parked in Lot 17.

A Blanton Hall resident reported that a male was jumping on top of a minivan parked in front of Blanton Hall. He attempted to flee the area but was later arrested by officers. He was charged with disorderly conduct, and the arraignment is set for 2/28/97 in Little Falls Court.

A Blanton Hall resident reported receiving several harassing phone calls.

A male student reported finding the rear window smashed on his 1984 Dodge, which was parked in Lot 24. Damage was caused by a rock.

A woman reported falling near the bus stop at Lot 9 on 2/7/97. She was experiencing neck and back pain.

A maintenance employee reported that his wallet was stolen from his locker in the Maintenance Building.

A Blanton Hall resident reported receiving several harassing phone calls.
Lobbyist speaks at MSU

BY GAIL SCHANSINGER
STAFF WRITER

Lobbyist John Tiene who was sponsored by the Nicholas Martini Center for Public Policy spoke on campus last Tuesday, February 11th to educate the MSU campus.

The purpose of lobbying is to affect public policy in order to pass the lobbyist’s specific issue into legislation. Tiene said, “there are difficulties with lobbying. The lobbyist must build relationships with legislators. It helps to sway them.”

When asked would a legislator sell himself out on an issue that is un-American and non-democratic by taking money for campaigning in order to be re-elected, his response was, “lets not get cynical.” Although he stated, Leadership is greatly effected by PAC’s (political action committee’s). They contribute money to legislator’s campaigns.

“There are two sides to lobbying”, said Tiene. Lobbyists and special interest groups try to push their specific issue into legislation while others who oppose the same issue work to kill it.

Tiene also said, “you deal with ancillaries when lobbying.” An example is the seat belt debate. “Ancillaries are not directly involved in the debate but on the fringe of the issue.” A car dealer is an example of an ancillary. The seat belt issue might have a negative impact on sales and in turn sway the legislator to vote against the bill.

Mr. Tiene has lobbied for seat belt legislation in the past. He said it is a slow process. He wanted seat belts to be a primary enforcement law, meaning if the police pull you over and notice that seat belts were not being worn then they could ticket you, but he says it continues to remain as a secondary enforcement law which means that the police must stop you for another reason.

An example of this is if your tail light is out then the police would issue a ticket for that, it just wouldn’t be the priority. Currently, the primary and secondary issues regarding seat belt legislation is still being argued.

When asked, what about the voice of the people? Tiene replied, “the lobbyist’s are the voice of the people.” He said, “lobbying has gotten out of control.” The people are apathetic and so the lobbyist’s have taken over. On the question how do the people know what is being lobbied? Tiene discussed how the government tries to inform the people through mailings.

While lobbyists and special interest groups swell the halls of Washington only a handful of people attended Tiene’s presentation on lobbying. However, those who did learned a great deal.

Student experiences CASE Conference

BY LIZ VOLTMAN
STAFF WRITER

I’m a senior with an English major and minors in Journalism and Spanish. I’ve also been working within MSU’s Office of Institutional Advancement as an Annual Fund Assistant for three semesters. Through phonathon, direct mail campaigns, and public relations coverage, I’ve helped raise substantial funding for the University. I’m graduating in May and have been seriously considering a career in fund raising. And since there are so many avenues one can take in this field, I was excited to learn that I was chosen to be a student delegate at the CASE District II Conference in Baltimore, Md.

My supervisor, Annual Giving Coordinator Deborah Winger, nominated me for this scholarship. CASE, which stands for Council for the Advancement and Support of Education, did a great job of bridging the gap between the twenty student delegates, newcomers, and conference veterans.

It was this diversity that made the event so interesting. As I put on my nametag and walked into a sea of name-tagged professionals, I found myself to be part of a friendly and outgoing group. I immediately felt comfortable and took advantage of this opportunity to explain my role at MSU and ask plenty of questions.

I really enjoyed the three days I spent at the CASE Conference, mainly because it contained a good balance of three important elements. First, there were a profusion of insightful workshops that covered many areas of institutional advancement such as annual fund, capital campaign, alumni relations, publications, and public relations.

Second, the conference provided some events that were geared specifically toward the needs of the student delegates. There were personal management workshops, as well as a job search seminar that covered everything from how to write an outstanding resume, to how to handle tough interview questions, to how to find a job that suits your personality.

We also visited Johns Hopkins University, where we had the opportunity to see another institution’s phonathon site and Alumni Relations office. Third, I was able to meet many people who are in a similar position as me, as well as the professionals in the field who were eager to share their pearls of wisdom. I received good advice concerning graduate school, phonathon tips, and the pros and cons of a job in development.


**Healthy Living**

**BY ROB KENNEY, STAFF WRITER**

**B**lubber is a good thing! Essential fatty acids are those fatty acids that your body needs, yet cannot synthesize itself. Fatty acids are the building blocks of fats. Although fat has a bad reputation for being unhealthy, some are beneficial. And, cutting all fat from your diet may actually be harmful to your health.

The essential fatty acids are important in many metabolic processes, including energy production. Since our bodies cannot make them, they must be consumed in the diet to optimize health. The essential fatty acids are the omega-3 (linoleic) and omega-6 (linolenic) fatty acids. These nutrients can maximize athletic performance in various ways and are useful supplements for anyone with a physically active lifestyle.

Although true EPA deficiencies are rare in the United States, many athletes have cut many sources of oils or fats from their diets and may be borderline deficient in EFAs. True deficiencies are characterized by skin lesions, particularly on the cheeks, and occasionally by headaches and low blood pressure. Although athletes are correct in wanting to minimize fat consumption, the omega-3 and omega-6 fatty acids are crucial to optimum performance and can enhance overall health if they are present in adequate quantities.

So what exactly do the essential fatty acids actually accomplish in our systems? Essential fatty acids are the main structural components of the body’s cell membranes, therefore, a balanced intake of fatty acids is necessary for healthy cell function.

The cell is like a tiny factory, taking in raw materials from the surrounding fluid and sending out various chemicals. Everything going into or coming out of the cell has to pass through the cell’s outer surface—its membrane. The membrane depends on essential fatty acids to remain fluid and flexible. Without them, the membrane becomes stiff and unable to do its job.

Essential fatty acids are important in oxygen transfer, hemoglobin (red blood cell) production and control of nutrient passage through cell membranes. They markedly shorten recovery time form fatigue since they encourage the blood to bring vital oxygen to muscle cells and they enable our cells to more readily absorb the nutrients needed for recuperation. And, omega-3 and omega-6 are also key in preventing damage from other fats.

Omega-3 (linoleic) fatty acids are found in abundance in flaxseed oil and fish oils. Omega-6 fatty acids are found in many vegetable oils (such as black currant seed, borage, flaxseed, walnut, chestnut and soy), and are especially abundant in evening primrose oil.

The omega-3 fatty acids are associated with a vasodilation effect that enhances blood flow; this contributes to optimum athletic performance. By relaxing blood vessels, more blood is able to reach the muscle cells that are taxed during strenuous athletic performance. More blood means more oxygen is available to those hard-working muscles, which will lead to increased stamina. Athletes benefit from increasing their essential fatty acid intake and will see results in terms of increased stamina and performance and reduced recovery time.

Conjugated linoleic acid (CLA) is a fatty acid that bodybuilders are starting to pay attention to as a possible natural “growth factor.” This fatty acid may have a role in muscle growth and may even promote it. Found in relatively high concentrations in foods such as natural cheese, lamb and cooked ground beef, conjugated linoleic acids have been scientifically shown to prevent weight loss and enhance growth in animals that are suffering adverse effects of catabolic hormones (Catabolic hormones counteract anabolic hormones like testosterone and growth hormone.)

People are more likely to consume too much of the omega-6 fatty acids than the omega-3 fatty acids. What is crucial for proper health is the balance between the two essential fatty acids.

- For men: 9 grams of omega-6: 1.5 grams of omega-3
- For women: 7 grams of omega-6: 1.1 grams of omega-3 (Energy Times February ’97)

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**Dear Career Services... Q&A**

**Q** Last summer I volunteered at a hospital and found that I con­ nected very easily with older patients. Are there careers for those interested in working with this population?

**A** We are living in an aging society, one in which the older population is growing both in absolute numbers and in proportion to all other age groups. The aging of America is increasing the demand for new products and services appropriate to the needs of older people.

Some demands can be met through expansion of traditional jobs and an increase in the number of direct providers. Many specialists, such as clinical psychologists, educators, researchers, lawyers, nurses, physicians, social workers, rehabilitation therapists, and long term care administrators, work in existing fields but devote much of their time to the field of aging. Some of these people work directly with older persons in a wide variety of programs and services in the community. Their activities include developing programs in senior centers, nursing and residential homes or retirement communities. Other professionals provide direct care to those ill or impaired. Some counsel families about issues of care giving, dying or mental health.

More recent areas, such as geriatric care managers have surfaced. These professionals asSes older person’s needs for services and help families plan appropriate care. They can work for hospitals, health maintenance organizations or be self-em­ ployed. In addition, entre­preneurs, managers, market­ing specialists, trainers and program planners with an interest in the aged will find an abun­dance of jobs as the needs of this popu­lation continue to grow.

For more information come to Career Services in the Student Center Annex, room 104.

**Q** My friend gets a ton of e-mail that she says may help her get a job when she graduates in a year. Is this true?

**A** Yes. One of the best ways to get prepared to job hunt in the future is to get involved with a group of people discussing professional issues in the present. Give it a try!

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**If you would like to write for Campus Life or have any events you would like to see featured in the section, contact Feigles@alpha. Thanks!**
Log On

by Rita Bronnenkant

This column is well-known for its Fabulous Freebies, but I have really outdone myself this time! No, it’s not free software, electronic flowers, or sweeps to win a case of dog food. We’re talking real MONEY here, folks. Cash-on-the-line! Uncle Sam is literally giving it away! If you qualify you could receive up to $3,500! Just tell them where to send your check! What are the qualifications?

Basically, you must have been employed sometime during 1996, you cannot be someone else’s dependent on their tax return, you must have at least one dependent child and earn less than $25,078, or have 2 or more kids and earn less than $28,495, the kids must have a Social Security number, you must file a 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ. There is also a benefit of $323 for qualifying persons who do not have children. If you are still a dependent, your parents may be eligible. Go to the IRS site, http://www.irs.ustreas.gov/plain/forms_pubs/pubs.html, choose publication #596 for Earned Income Credit (EIC) to find out how easy it is to rake in the dough! The IRS forms are generally downloaded in Adobe Acrobat format.

Acrobat software is in the Windows directory on pcs in Partridge, Richardson, Sprague, and Dickson. If the IRS site is too busy for you to access, go to any library. They will have books containing all the IRS publications and forms. You don’t have to be high-tech to cash in on this.

If you have been on the web longer than fifteen minutes, then you are familiar with a search engine called Yahoo! I recently discovered a new feature, Get Local, at http://local.yahoo.com/local/. Enter the zip code of the town you are interested in and Yahoo! retrieves info on that location. Don’t know the zip code? No problem. The US Postal Service will be glad to look it up for you in a cybersecond at http://usps.gov/ncsc/lookups/lookup_zip4.html. Enter the street address, town, and state and back comes the zip code.

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While Montclair State is already perceiving the way it is, faculty might be interested in The College Quarterly, http://www.collegequarterly.org/CQ.html/D.000.ContentDate.html, a journal of professional development for college educators. Now, if you will excuse me, I have some income tax forms to file! TTYNN.

The Real World

by students of the Cooperative Education Program

by Albert D. Rossetti

Information & Decision Sciences Department

For over 20 years, I became interested in the concept of Cooperative Education as it was being conceptualized as an academic program at Montclair State. Working with the program in its development stage, through its growth stage, and now in its maturity stage, I have consistently been impressed with its value to undergraduate students. After supervising many business students in co-op positions over these past twenty years, I am more convinced than ever that all students (regardless of major) should consider the feasibility of including a co-op education experience in their academic programs. The following four points support my position:

1. Career/Employment Choice. As we approach the new millennium, it is evident that technology is creating many new jobs, positions, and careers. You must find a way to determine the type of a career you wish to pursue. Many undergraduate students are not really sure of their career goals. By enrolling in the co-op education program, you can begin to explore the various options open to you. By interacting with personnel from human resources and other employees in a firm or organization, you can begin to focus on where your interests lie. It seems to me that cooperative education is a win/win situation. You can sample a position in a given field and decide whether you wish to pursue it further. If you speak with a student who has selected to enroll in such a program in the past, I believe you will find a vast majority of students who recommend the program highly. In discussions, I have had with students who have completed a cooperative education experience, I have consistently been impressed with the accolades given to the program.

2. Resume Enhancement. Work experience has always been a major factor when an employer is considering a new employee. As we approach the 21st century, this will be even more true than in the past. Because the program has demonstrated that cooperative component to it, the work experience will be even more valuable. Due to the types of academic assignments given by all faculty supervisors, students will become more valuable. The nature of the program, a student will recommend the program be extremely positive for an under

3. Gaining Work Ethics. All individuals who undertake jobs must demonstrate a desirable work ethic by being dependable, cooperative, and competent on the job. When individuals do not begin to meet an employer’s expectations, the relationship will not last very long. Due to the nature of the program, a student has the support of a faculty supervisor as a source of support while being on the job. I have spoken with many students who have expressed appreciation for the support in addition to the support provided by the employer. Every job helps one to develop a strong work ethic and enhance the interpersonal skills needed to succeed on the job.

4. Mentoring and Networking Benefits. One of the greatest advantages of participating in a cooperative education experience is the opportunities that arise for mentoring and networking. All new workers need support and encouragement from their supervisors on the job. The mentoring that takes place while undertaking a cooperative education experience can be extremely positive for an undergraduate. Then, it is equally important to begin developing networking with other employees. The more individuals that know you in the workplace, the greater you will learn about new employment opportunities. I repeatedly have heard undergraduates comment on the value of mentoring that they have gained.

On a whole, I strongly believe that all undergraduates should consider the role that cooperative education may play in their academic studies. Over these past 20 years, I have, been aware of many students at MSU who have accredited their experience with putting them on the right track towards successful employment.
Jennifer Kievit’s Progression, shows subtle beauty

BY ANDREW TEHERAN
STAFF WRITER

MSU’s Gallery 3 1/2 held an open reception for Jennifer Kievit’s Progression, yesterday. Initially I was thrown off. A description given to me by one of the directors of the gallery was about paintings of shells and propellers. I imagined quaint, still lifes of sand and washed up debris from the sea.

I was not prepared for the dark lush handling of color on these canvases. Muted greens, browns, and reds blend seamlessly at the edge of forms. The shells and propellers demoted to mere objects that are only vehicles to the detailed study of pure natural and industrial design.

Along with these paintings are three display boxes. Five sides consist of worn wood painted white, the sixth, yellowing plastic. One of these boxes E.R.A. handles it’s political content in an oblique enough way that it does not place the viewer in an adversarial position. Sections from the Equal Rights Amendment are nailed to wood. Above, a type of canopy, made of an old Bamberger’s ad seems to promote a more Victorian standard of woman in society. The strength in this subtly poignant social commentary comes from it’s concern for the aesthetic that is lacking in much of today’s political art work.

Jennifer Kievit recently transferred to MSU from the Art Institute of Boston. She explained to me that she was concerned with the sexual biological forms in her paintings. This was reminiscent of flower paintings by Georgia O’Keeffe. Again, the discreet handling of these topics provides an accessible point of entry to her works.

This show at Gallery 3 1/2 in the Calcia Fine Arts building, room 208, will be running through March 13. If you are interested in a few moments with art that has depth, technical sophistication and subtle beauty, you would do well giving this show a visit.

Live’s third offering, Secret Samadhi, best yet

BY TOM TRACY
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Secret Samadhi, released on February 18 is Live’s third studio album release on the Radioactive Records label. It is a little darker and harder edged than their first two albums, 1991’s Mental Jewelry and 1994’s Throwing Copper. This is not a bad thing however, the album is just as good, no wait, better than their first two and that is a significant accomplishment.

One can tell just by looking at the packaging of the album, that the overall musical mood of the band (Ed Kowalczyk- vocals, Chad Taylor- guitar, Chad Gracey- drums, Patrick Dahlheimer- bass) has darkened. The compact disk jacket is all black, save for some white lettering and a few black and white photos. The lyrics are also included, which is always a bonus, especially when trying to write a record review.

“Rattlesnake” is the first song and it is a catchy little rock tune. The thing that really stands out in it is the presence of a guitar solo. If you listen to their first two albums, you can count on one hand the amount of times that a guitar solo is heard. I guess this is a sign of the band’s maturity. The second song, “Lakini’s Juice,” is the one that is constantly played on radio stations across the country. This song reminded me a lot of “White, Discussion” from Throwing Copper the first time I heard it. It starts out slow, gets really loud with Kowalczyk’s frenzied vocals, and fluctuates between these two levels throughout the song.

“Century” is probably the most interesting song on the album. It’s lyrics are well, very strange. “everybody’s here, puke smells like beer, this could be a city, this could be a graveyard, you stole my idea.” I don’t know what the hell that means, but it sounds pretty cool. “Ghost” is one of the slower tunes on the albums and is aided by the presence of Jennifer Charles on backup vocals. I really like the lyrics in the refrain, “Where did I go wrong? I never needed this before, I need a women to help me feel.”

“Turn My Head” is probably the song I like best on the album. It is much slower than anything else on the album, a very nice break from the other songs. “anyone, caught in your mystery, keep it angry, keep it wispy, I’ve fallen down, drunk on your juices, turn my head, turn my head, it’s aimed at you.” As always, the lyrics all written by Kowalczyk, are extremely powerful. Live was featured on Saturday Night live this past weekend. They played “Lakini’s Juice,” which everyone knew and then played “Heropsychodreamer.” This song is good on the album, but it’s even better heard live. Backed by Taylor on vocals, Kowalczyk sings as if he is going to explode. I can’t wait to see them play this song live next week at the Beacon Theater.

On “Freaks,” the band makes many references to the tabloid crazy people in today’s society. “if the mother goes to sleep with you, will you run and tell Geraldo if the mother bears your children without tears, without the usual costs of labor.” “Gas Hed Goes West!” is the last song on the album. It is one of the few songs that I remember them playing last week when I saw them with my buddy the arts editor at the Stone Pony. It is very slow and reminiscent of the last song of Throwing Copper. “She rode a horse.” It is a stark contrast to how the album began, all loud and edgy, but that just proves the dynamic range that this band has.

This review was difficult to write because I really like the CD. There aren’t any songs that sucked on the album, so it was hard not to say the same thing about every tune. But, I’m a trooper, and I did what I could, although it really doesn’t do the album much justice. Go out and buy it for yourself, it’s worth it, or go see them live in one of their area shows. If you were lucky enough to get tickets for the show at the Beacon, I’ll see ya there.
African American Heritage Dinner is huge success

By Andrea M. Rouse
Staff Writer

On Tuesday Feb. 18, a dinner was held for African American Heritage Month in Blanton Hall Cafeteria, sponsored by Sigma Gamma Rho (representative, Andrea M. Rouse) with the help from the staff, students of MSU and the Sodexho Dining Staff.

The menu was very diverse and suitable for everyone. Students got to dine on such foods as fried chicken, baked Alaskan poll, steamed shrimp, B-Q ribs (pork and beef), stuffing, mashed potatoes, yams, macaroni and cheese, corn on the cob, with apple pie, cheese cake, assorted cakes, and ice cream, for dessert. (For all of you who were supposed to be on a diet, Panzer Gym is open everyday!) Sponsoring the entertainment for the event was the Organization for Students of African Unity (OSAU), featuring the twenty member OSAU Contemporary Gospel Ensemble, directed by Leah Johnson, and the fantastic Eshe Ayoluwa Fennell, Victoria Stewart, and Amida Koroma). There was also terrific music supplied by none other (the best on campus) DJ Patrick Lindor (Kappa Alpha Psi). It was great to see everyone enjoy their meals and the entertainment and a special thank you to everyone who helped with the event.

CAA Conferences come to NYC; fest for art historians

By Amanda McHale
Staff Writer

The College Art Association (CAA) held their annual conference at the Hilton hotel in NYC this past week, as many Art History majors may have already known. A veritable schmooze fest for art historians, artists and the like, the CAA conferences are the place to see and to be seen; to learn about new theories on art historical subjects, and advances in the industry, and to network.

The conferences are divided into specially themed sessions, and range from teaching methods for art historians to “Mortality and Morbidity in Pre-Raphaelite Art” (which I actually attended). Some of the sessions have up and coming post-graduates presenting their newly published work on a panel, while others have major figures speaking on topics relevant to their field.

One such session, “Women in Museums,” featured on its panel the directors of three important museums: The Studio Museum in Harlem, The Jamaica Art Center, and the New Museum of Contemporary Art. All three panelists were women, as the title suggests, and as museum directors, they are quite in the minority. At this point in time, women are moving into positions of power in the museum industry, as these individuals have demonstrated, but the majority of museums today are run by men. One audience member who spoke during the session suggested that men are “privileged” into museum directorships, rather than really working for the position.

Let me interject here, because it is imperative for the reader to understand that, although I am a female, I rarely view my life in feminist terms, and in contrast to the panelists, I have had at times more trouble with females in power than males in power. All three spoke of having “warm” and “nurturing” experiences with their female counterparts, which in turn allowed them to “mentor” young females in the museum industry towards successful careers. I was really happy to hear such lovely things, and I don’t mean to sound cynical, but I once had a female professor (not from MSU) tell me and a group of other females in the class that we would never become curators (much less museum directors) and that we should concentrate on administrative work. So much for “warm” and “nurturing.”

Aside from the whole feminism idea, the issue of inclusion of individuals from different ethnic backgrounds was discussed. Both Kinshasha Conwell of the Studio Museum, and Veronique Lemell of the Jamaica Art Center, have paved the way for African-American women in the museum industry, but agreed (along with Marsha Tucker of the New Museum) that a lot of work needs to be done in the future. As you can see, some of the sessions can get rather political. But at least these issues are being addressed.

After all this heaviness, I was glad to hear from Marsha Tucker, the founder and director of the New Museum of Contemporary Art. Tucker is notorious for her staunch feminism, especially when it comes to who exhibits, especially when it comes to who exhibits at the New Museum and how the exhibit is installed. Tucker reiterated her radical position on curatorial decisions at the session when she declared that she “stopped thinking of art history as linear, progressive and chronologically,” and that she mistrusts “quality.” So if you go into the New Museum and think to yourself, “that painting is awful,” you can thank Marsha Tucker.
Nerf Herder, “nerdcore” band, that’s their charm

BY JODI KASTEL
ASSISTANT ARTS EDITOR

We received the Nerf Herder CD last week, and after one listening I was hooked. I had heard of the band before, but couldn’t connect a song with the name; now I can’t get their songs out of my head!

Nerf Herder is a three-piece “nerdcore” band reminiscent of Weezer, Presidents of the United States, and the Dead Milkmen. In fact, their song “Nosering Girl” could pass as a sleeker version of the Dead Milkmen’s “Punk Rock Girl.”

The music is simple, the lyrics all rhyme, and the guys are dorky, but that’s essentially their charm. Nerf Herder is unassuming, honest, and without pretensions. Bassist Charlie Dennis says in their Arista Records press release, “We’re not trying to be some big deal. We’re just the same three guys who met in Parry’s garage and started fucking around.”

Parry Gripp is the band’s frontman on guitar and vocals, and Steve Sherlock rounds out the trio on drums. Gripp explains their edge-of-fame status, “It all happened so fast. It was only about a year and half ago that we made the demo for a hundred dollars to give to our friends, and that seemed like a big deal.”

Nerf Herder was recently signed to the Arista label after releasing the album on My Records, and indie label based out of San Francisco. Arista’s initial attraction to the group was due to their ode-to-’80s rock anthem “Van Halen,” chronicling the band’s angst toward Sammy Hagar. The song’s hero demands, “Is this what you wanted, Sammy Hagar? Sammy Hagar, is this what you wanted? Dave lost his hairline, but you lost your cool, buddy. I’ll never buy your lousy records again.” The second track to make modern rock playlists across the country (including K-Rock) was “Sorry,” perhaps the funniest song on the 10-song laughfest: “Sorry I showed up at your party. Sorry I drank up all the Bacardi. Sorry I pucked up on your bedspread. Sorry I wanted to be your boyfriend again.”

Other favorites of mine on their self-titled album are “Diana,” the tale of a half German, half Spanish heartbreaker, “Nosering Girl,” about a vegetarian who catches a geek’s eye, and “Golfshirt,” with the catchy refrain, “No tats. No piercing. No hats. No grunge beards, baby.”

The self-titled album was produced by Lagwagon singer Joey Cape and Ryan Greene, who has produced albums for punk bands like NOFX and No Use For A Name. The band, who’s name comes from a line in The Empire Strikes Back in which Princess Leia calls Han Solo a “Half-witted, scruffy-looking nerf herder,” has been touring with Weezer for the past couple of months. Nerf Herder is the latest Santa Barbara-based band to taste success, preceded by the likes of Toad the Wet Sprocket, Ugly Kid Joe, and Dishwalla.

Nerf Herder’s self-titled album gets an enthusiastic B+, I can’t wait for their next release. Pick up this one and drive the bandwagon instead of hitching a ride later.

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**Does this policy make sense to you?**

I am writing this letter to point out what I think is a flawed policy of the Registrar's office. This year the cut-off date for a 100 percent refund for withdrawing from a class was January 23rd. However, some classes meet once a week, and any class that met on Mondays would not have begun until January 27 because school was close for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday on Monday, January 20. Therefore, in order to get the full refund one would have to have dropped the class before attending the first session, which is ridiculous.

Hopefully in the future the Registrar's office will take into consideration the days that national and legal holidays fall on.

David W. Kuhl

History

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**An easy solution to the computer lab problems: respect the rights of others**

Have you ever tried to do serious work at some of our computer labs on campus and found it quite impossible?

It seems that some people are using these facilities as rendezvous points to see and be seen by friends and conquests alike.

Either of these two scenarios often happen: You have some work which is urgent and is becoming gradually very pressing in the last day or two. You rush to the computer lab, hoping to accomplish your work in record time (or at least in decent time). It’s full. It’s full of friends checking their e-mail or chatting in front of a computer. And time goes by.

If you are lucky, you are already in the computer lab chipping at a professor’s well-crafted assignment when virtue of deterministic elements your presence coincides with an influx of “friends”. You try to muscle all your intellectual powers to concentrate at the task at hand. You find that you can not. A maddening sensation invades you. You feel like you want to stand up and ask everyone in offensively descriptive words to shut up. And time goes by.

Don’t get me wrong! I do enjoy checking my e-mail like everyone else. I do greet an unexpected friend. But I also do show consideration for the rights of others to do their work in a peaceful environment. One would think that this would be the implied operating system of all computer labs. Well, it is not.

If there is a need to socialize on campus, the computer labs are not the place to do so.

Garry Doxy

Legal Studies

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**Some comments and criticisms of the Montclarion Op-Ed page from a professor**

The main editorial rejecting tuition tax credits (Montclarion, Jan 30) is anti-student, anti-working class, pro-corporation conservative nonsense.

“Vouchers” could lead to “raising tuition by the budget deficit” is: Who will pay for it? It was created by tax giveaways to corporations. They should pay.

“Privatization” is a code-word for exploitation. Endorsing such anti-employee policies may help the capitalists to have high levels of unemployment, since this lowers wages. If there were lots of factory jobs nobody would care whether the workers spoke “the Queens English” or whether they spoke English at all.

I agree with Madam Ant. MSU doesn’t provide enough courses. But the problem isn’t “Afrocentricity,” a bogus philosophy that encourages admiration of the exploitative elites of ancient Egypt. The far more common adulation of Western exploiters is fundamentally no different. What is greatly neglected is the study of, and respect for, working-class people.

The new “letter policy” is clearly designed to limit criticism of anti-student, “conservative” editorial writers and columnists, rather than to encourage diversity. It should be rescinded.

Grover Furr, English Department

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**Special privileges are not the answer**

I am amazed at how easily William Gibbs has solved the parking problem here at MSU. His solution is simple — give all accessible parking to people who live in the dorms. I think not. I am a commuter student and I too have a right, indeed I pay for the right to be able to park in whatever lot open to students that I choose. Just like ever other student here at MSU, I sometimes have to rush to class. I found that Gibbs appealed to possible health concerns of some students. Is it fair for an asthmatic to have to walk for twenty minutes in the cold on order to get to class? I am asthmatic and I sure as hell do not think so.

On the other hand, I do agree that the police actions taken such as ticketing are a bit out of hand. I am just saying that special parking privileges should not in any way be given to dorm students. I pay hard-earned cash to this school in order to be able to park in whichever lot I choose. After all aren’t we all entitled to parking?

Cecilia Cartagena

Chemistry Major

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Main Editorial

Don't show the money

If you've taken a walk down Class One lately, you know that major renovations are underway. There is a two-track plan to help the aesthetics and operation of the Class Ones; each will be hooked up to the University Internet and have new carpeting and paint. The renovations were set up and are supervised by Student Director and SGA Financial Advisor Louis Anderson. It sounds great—except for the $30,000 snag Anderson has run himself into.

About two weeks ago (and one month after he began to work on the project), Anderson approached the SGA and requested the $30,000 he needs. They already $116,000 going into the renovations, courtesy of the university and the Student Center. It seems as though the financial planning to this was thought out in advance. So why not request for an additional $30,000 from the SGA by the man who knows better than any that the SGA doesn't have the money? There can be only one of two answers.

The first, and much less nefarious, reason is that unexpected costs have arisen. However, there have been no major snowstorms that caused the delay of the work, and no major catastrophes yet. So it seems likely that this is not the reason for the request. The second answer is that Anderson knew that he would need the money and assumed that he could get it from the SGA. This sounds like a bullying tactic that should not be tolerated by the SGA. After all, did Anderson assume that he would get the money without talking to its president first? Of course not, and to expect any less from the SGA (because it is student-run) is unacceptable.

Anderson said, 'It (giving the $30,000) would be more of a token gesture on the part of the students and campus population.' Maybe, but the SGA doesn't have $30,000 tokens to be handing out, and as the financial advisor knows that Anderson though, has threatened not to install the hookups if his demands are not met. The SGA should let the wires rot, then.

There are several reasons why the hookups are not now, and may never be, needed. First, before Internet access is realized, the computers should be able to retrieve the information quickly; right now several cannot. Second, there are more important things, such as new printers, that are needed. Third, the number of students who would be served by this service does not justify its cost. Finally, Anderson's ultimate demand should be rejected as a sign that if one wants to do business with the SGA, he must give them some respect and consideration he would give anyone else.

There are also a number of unanswered questions. Why wasn't the Office of Student Activities (which would benefit from the hookups) asked for any money? Why should students, who already pay a part of their fee to the Student Center for renovations and maintenance, be asked to pay more? And why wasn't the SGA asked if they wanted these renovations? This is simply a bad idea and the SGA should reject this request.

The reasons and unanswered questions listed above.

Like the Lettuce
by Michele Romaine

A letter ran on January 30th that addressed the "language of further isolation". I agree. Why should anyone, black educators or otherwise, want to promote a "language that is rooted in the debilitating psychological effects of poverty and residual effects of slavery?" I am not sure of all the issues, but I certainly welcome the information.

We can look back on the world's past and see these historical times, when disgusting oppressions took place. Obviously, their representations were supported by disturbed, uninformed and egocentric "leaders" who honestly believed that they were carrying out duties to better the world. Yet, the conditions of the past cannot be ignored. They have shaped the minds and actions of what is our cultural history.

I live in a city where the crime rate rises every year. If I must categorize the population, it is equally African-American, white (whatever that means), then Hispanic-American. Poverty affects my neighbors down the street, down their street, etc. Get the picture? Dare we assume that their race plays a factor in this? No, I don't. Poverty can affect anyone. Nonetheless, it needs everyone's help, no matter what races are involved. But since the letter said, "Of ten percent of the population that is black, 3/4 are in poverty." I will assume, since it did not offer the specifics, that the main point of this survey was to ask all of America, "Why is poverty happening among any race?" This made me think of what can be done to alleviate the stigmas that surround our cultures—not enhance them.

As a reaction from the "information" quoted, an absolutely unfair and biased comment was thrown out by the writer, towards "White America". He stated that he feels that "This fuels the misunderstandings and the arrogance of many whites in thinking of blacks as devoid of intelligence or any organizational tools or simply as lesser human beings". Did he ask me what I thought of the poverty situation in the U.S.? No, he did not. Nor did he ask me if I felt that black people should not be empowered. Therefore, I cannot tolerate the stereotype he gave me, some "white American". So now allow me to correct him:

I feel no superiority to any one else. I do find open-mindedness and respect to be qualities far superior to any others. I am grateful that early on in life I had been integrated with and not from so many diverse and fascinating cultural backgrounds. How unstimulating and limited it would have been to be sectioned off from my close friends and teachers just because some authority figure or parent thought it would have been more appropriate to do so?

The reality of multiculturalism lies within us all, if we have the interest to admire someone other than ourselves. Our curriculum here at MSU focuses on a multicultural awareness requirement. It allows us to gain values and ideas other than our own. It did not have to be required of me. I would have, and will continue to, do more than the courses required. Differences lead to fascinating discoveries about ourselves and others.

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The true reality of multiculturalism


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Every semester on college campuses across the country, men are making the commitment to pledge fraternities. I realize that pledging and Greek life are not for everyone, but those that choose to partake of the special lifestyle are in for a great treat. Some might call it hazing, but here are a few “events” that pledges participate in so that they can have a good time and possibly learn about themselves:

1. Some fraternities have become notorious for telling pledges that they are about to eat something disgusting, blindfold them, and then feed them a regular food with a slightly similar context. This is hazing. The brothers of Upsilon Alpha took a different approach to this fraternity standard. What they do is they show their pledges a bucket of live slugs. Then, without the blindfolds, they make the pledges eat five slugs apiece. “We tell them they are going to eat slugs, then we make them eat slugs. There are no lies,” said President Joel Cevlic.

2. Pi Theta Omega has a little event they call Hide The Gopher Night. This requires the help of the pledges from their sister sorority, Lambda Eta Gamma. The Male pledges have a furry puppet put down their pants over their member. The female pledge is instructed to pet the gopher while she is blindfolded. She is warned that if the gopher attacks she is to break the locked in individual broken refrigerator in which all of their pledges are rel of fun.

3. Kappa Pi Eta has an event in which all of their pledges are locked in individual broken refrigerators. While in there, Oasis music is pumped into the refrigerators until the pledges admit to loving Satan. “This event teaches individualism, or something,” said Pledge Master Kevin Hannibal.

4. Another classic event is the process of carrying cherries or something of a similar size in their butchkeens across a room where they drop it into a glass. The pledges of Tau Nu do it with buttered scorpions who have been starved and jeered. The reason for this event is it brings the pledge in direct contact with wild nature.

5. The pledges of Sigma Omega Mu are asked to shave their muffs. This promotes dedication to the group.

6. The pledges of Sigma Pi Mu take part in an event that fosters a healthy competitive spirit. They race to see who can finish an entire pound of raw Spam. What makes it hard is that if they throw up, they have to eat that too. Then they must admit that they love Satan.

7. The pledges of Beta Rho Nu are expected to continuously burn each other with scalding buttered scorpions who have been starved and jeered. The reason for this event is it brings the pledge in direct contact with wild nature.

8. Finally, scavenger hunts can be a blast. The pledges of Alphapsa Kappa Omicron are expected to obtain such items as hermaphroditic porn, 200 marbles, a sack of chunks, and a T-Shirt that says “Kiss Me, I’m Polish.”

I guess that the point of all of this is that each man must choose his own path. I would like to take the time to point out that I made all of this up and I was just kidding around. If your organization does this, it was just a lucky guess.

Word of the Day:
verbigeration n. Obsessive repetition of meaningless words and phrases, esp. due to mental illness. (See Mr. Mayer)
Written by John J. O’Sullivan’s insane high school Chemistry teacher, Mr. Mayer.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you see C, add 273! If you see K, let it stay, cause it’s okay!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) YOU ARE MY DENSITY!!!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Mr. Mayer: Mr. O’Sullivanich, what is the answer for number 3? JJO’S: 34 degrees Kelvin? Mr. Mayer: That’s absolutely correct! The answer is 87 degrees Kelvin!

CANCER (June 21-July 22) I talk like Bullwinkle, and look like Captain Kangaroo: watch me pull a rabbit out of a hat!

LEO (July 23-August 22) worked at a pharmaceutical company, and sampled some of the drugs. Man that was some good stuff! It makes me ooh so fuzzy!

VIRGO (August 23-September 22) You will befriend the frivolous prisoner silycon.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22) I like to burn things with my trusty dusty Brunson Burner.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21) Don’t forget to put on your gorygories before you use the trusty dusty Brunson Burner!

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21) Hey Sagittarius, you really wanted a fortune last week. Well, you will be locked in a West Milford High School Classroom, tied up at a desk, and be forced to listen to me lecture about the frivolous prisoner silycon for five weeks. Oh, and we’ll learn that JELL-O™ is a suspension, and that glass IS a liquid.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 19) I’m married to Grace, oh Grace, you are my density!

AQUARIUS (January 20-February 18) Don’t make me angry, or I’ll give you a detentional!

PISCES (February 19-March 20) Don’t understand any of the inside jokes that I repeated 29347823749 times while John J. O’Sullivan took me for Junior Year Chemistry? Neither do I, my brain is tapioca.

THINGS WE FIND

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions, forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Evidence Happiness Peace Time
Facts Inspiration Room Words
Faith Jobs Solutions Work
Friends Our way Success

The ANSWE RS!
The ancient alien race of Zugarti X-15 are known as the most annoying race of beings ever to be created. They are so annoying that God, when asked why He created them, really didn’t have an answer. He then destroyed the fool for asking.

The Zugarti appear humanoid in form, skinny in body with terrible eyesight, and look downright ghastly in their choice of clothing. The Zugarti X-15 have mastered the act of picking clothing that never really matches at all. Oh, and they’re good at world domination too.

The Zugarti’s main weapon in their annoying and insane megalomania offensive is their ability to offend and annoy. With their Prank-O-Matic 2000™, they are able to bring entire planets to their knees. They have been known to give humor writers terrible days at home, or give irate bartenders idiotic self-help books. By the time the world is one huge joke to the Zugarti, in vain hopes that even music is the universal language. Actually, the statement is flawed. BAD MUSIC is the universal language. For whatever reason, bad music, and annoying musicians seem to transcend galactic boundaries. ‘New Kids on the Block’ albums are used on many planets as devices of torture. Monastic priests of the Planet Alpha Three is particularly cruel. On it, they force their prisoners to work most of the day, digging holes in the ground that don’t go anywhere. Actually, that’s their good part of the day. The terror ensues when night time falls, and rest time begins. When the prisoners are about to sleep, the Zugarti begin to blast Barry Manilow records on huge public address systems.

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young in their special pocket protectors. By the time the infant Zugarti is fully developed, he is able to annoy entire continents of people just by saying “Wakka wakka wakka!”

Since the Zugarti control most of the known universe with their insane and annoying presence, they decided to invade an insignificant blue-green planet on a boring and quiet end of the Milky Way Galaxy, just for kicks. The leader of the Zugarti, a thin-framed geek by the name of Edgar Boobsbry, stopped by a local bar to see if he could use his 140 lb. machine of love to attract some local chicks before he was crowned lord and master of this tiny planet. As cruel irony (and a warped Montclarion writer) would have it, he showed up at “John’s Tavern” in scenic Trowelsville, NJ.

“Excuse me barkeep,” said the alien leader.


“Oh, that must just be your groovy ape-evolved slang that you groovy wacky people like so much. Say daddi-o, could you get me a bottle of some of that groovy clear water stuff?”

“What the hell are you talking about, freak,” said Robert, being his normal, chipper self. “Do you want a bottle of vodka, Poindexter?”

“Yeah, some of that groovy vodka would be awesome...good!”

“Here you go. That will be $1,000.”

Robert didn’t say anything, because he wanted to keep the tip. He tested the money, and it was good. Robert didn’t show it, because he’s physically unable to, but inside, he was smiling. Edgar took the bottle, and drank the whole damn thing down. Zugartians have a really good tolerance.

Boobsbry walked around the dance floor, “scoping out the groovy womens.” One caught his eye. Her name was Perin Erey. She was dancing to some Grateful Dead song, when he approached her.

“So,” he said as suave as he could Zugartian could, “do you wash your sheep often?”

“What,” Perin Erey said.

“I said, groovy chick, what’s your sign?”

“Stop,” Perin said. She then started to walk away.

“Hey groovy chick-i-O, I’m gonna take this of planet over, why don’t you become my lady queen chick?”

Perin had enough. You see, she just had a really annoying day at work...

About, freak,” said Robert, being his normal, chipper self. “Do you want a bottle of vodka, Poindexter?”

“Yeah, some of that groovy vodka would be awesome...good!”

“Here you go. That will be 30 bucks, idiot.”

Edgar, doing his research like a good little bookworm, discovered that the peoples in this small area on this blue-green marble exchange small green pieces of paper for alcoholic beverages. He gave Robert three green pieces of paper that said “$1,000” on them. They seemed to be legal tender, because Robert’s jaw dropped to the

ground.

“And you can keep the change, daddi-O, because I’m just a triple-play fajita kind of guy!”

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Hey everyone here's your crop! Enjoy!

- JJD'S

Karen Kone
You are a good guy. So soistant. You can come over and play cards whenever you want.

Jenn
To the Xi Class of TKE Xi.
Stay strong (oh, let's) don't stress! I LOVE YOU GUYS! (Oh! Kee! Stay Strong!)
I LOVE YOU! ESPECIALLY SHADE LITTLE LITTLE!
HIEE HEE! STOP ME BEFORE I KILL MYSELF! HA HA HA!

- JJD'S GM '97

To Pledge Class.
Good luck girls. Stay strong.
Karem (TKE)

"S" (TKE)
I guess I can't go home on the weekends anymore. Something's gotta keep you out of trouble!

"K" (TKE)

To Xi Xi Do A
Just the are in the bathroom in Midas run as thy?

Lare and Sisterhood + 87, 92, 93, 97, 99

Intra Class of Xi Xi Do
Stay strong good kids!

Lare Your Headmistress and pledge mom

To Xi Xi Do A
You rule!

Lare Xi Xi Do A

Congratulations on becoming legislators. Our strength comes from our individuality and is proven by our sisterhood. I love you girls.

MM '97

Basz (TKE)
Be careful how you "pull your lone" on Thur's night. "I'm just a little worried."

Lare, Pather

JJD'S
We thank you for writing all of our little one-liners. You are the coolest.

Well, I know that, but thank you for recognizing it.

- JJD'S

Mean
Mean mean mean loving
Lare, Meashgood

Joseph, DPM
I am so proud of you for doing so good about your Brahman. I'm glad everything's worked out so well for you. Know I'm always here for you. You are my girls.

Lare, your big

To all strangers.
Yes we have a radio station. It's on 90.3 FM on your dial. Listen, you'll like it!

We love our Sigma Alp!

Thanks for being my sounding board! Mean!

Propelent (PLSgP)

To the Xi Class (PLSgP)
Don't stress too much. Yes you guys are doing great! Those test scores were wonderful!

Lare, Paphael (PLSgP)

To all Bigs and Littles (PLSgP)
Congrats! May the Brotherhood tie us all together in Friendship and Trust. (Pat a word zooming Bag)

To my Girls R.O.M.A.V. and N.
You brokers are crazy cool on Wednesday nights! Those test scores were wonderful!

Lare, N

To those daring enough to join us.
Wednesday nights are the bomb in Johnson Hall on the 7th Floor or Blanton Hall on the 6th floor. The ladies are off the hook!

PS: Roll that dice, but don't forget to bring the salsa!

Kim
Stay strong and hang in there! Day 5 more weeks!

Lare, XoXo, P

To Phase dancing enough to yawn us Wednesday nights are the bomb in Johnson Hall on the 7th Floor and Blanton Hall on the 5th floor. The ladies are off the hook!

PS: Roll that dice, but don't forget to bring the salsa!

Sagoo (TKE)

To AC (TKE)
Thanks for hooking me a good time Sat. night.

Lare, XoXo, P

To AC (TKE)
Thanks for hooking me a good time Sat. night.

Kerne
I missed my small angels by seconds!

Lare, Laro

Kerne
Yes—and so does the rest of K!u!

Laro

Jone

To AC (TKE)
Thanks forhooking me a good time Sat. night.

Lare, XoXo, P

To AC (TKE)
Thanks for hooking me a good time Sat. night.

Kerne
Yes—and so does the rest of K!u!

Laro

Cra.g

Two!”
CAP needs a spotter. Oops! Never mind.

Laro

Kerne
All the best things happen in the bathroom!

Laro

Kerne
Yes—and so does the rest of K!u!

Laro

Cra.g

Work that Bull between your legs baby.

Laro, Laro

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Katherine R (TRE)
To my valentine.
Thanks for making the day so special.
Mark (TRE)
Clair
I am in a lot of smart.
BEEER PONGO
C. H. A. M. P. S.
Mark (TRE)
Banger (TRE)
Why do they call you banger?
Mark (TRE)
Aaron Ted (TRE)
We will win a game.
Mark (TRE)
Ok Lord, I guess I have to type this in for you.
After all, i never did throw you through, a window today. Any way we go.
---TJOS

The cost and crew of Rose Tatoos ROCKS! This performance is what Tennessee Williams had in mind when he wrote it. Gote it four stars and three thumbs up!
Marina
I do understand how a woman with ACTS like you will have a wonderful career ahead of her. You are incredibly deserve the best—REALLY! (Even if you are a crazy I-talon?)

Jan
Mary Pope's' truck bring you much success and love in life! You are awesome and make me laugh, like crazy behind the kasse! Your teacher is a quasi proud of you!

Debra
I am so hungry I had Montclamon! You are phenomenal and can borrow my hair-spray anytime! THAT'S RULED! So don't cry or drop dead!

Matt
You have taught us so much on-stage and off! I know your talent will take you further than you've ever imagined! And! When you get your personal will make you a $50K star as well as don't be crockin up cause I get the ball play!

Mo
Don't fall off the ramp Arizona! Your meaning role and is definitely the #1 reason to come see The Rose Tatoos! But when can I see some of your projects?

Ann
An our freakish commercial is a your future. I knew how hot exactly how Brumna Wood? It can't be put into words baby! Hey anything good!

Donna
Your canoe roll and do do you Tempura? Sa Whiker or Zirk or1 Italian you always wanna me—whe did know meet that this America can weather anymore any way?

Alisa
Congrats on the paper scanner job! I love your daughter gets a dress eventually! So where's the ketchup?

Sasha
You knows KAOS! was a trick can of hair spray right? Absolutely you definitely have the best ellegant starckings!

Melissa
I AM going to BE IN! Your rm curbs are always on cast on yourself. You get the right stuff baby! Run Bette run! It's the first freaky song!

Sue
Don't let your 'ug have your sights set on a master and then Jeff! Thanks for asking us up every night, you're awesome! BAYOU.

Donna
The trio queen, I know some day I will see you flapping on a stage somewhere. DREAMS do come true strega! It's a fine life, carrying the post!

(front, point, point) play the first page is done, let's move on.

---TJOS

Woover.
Why are you always naked (ooohoo)! Am, it's super! Is it cause you're doing my heart? Oh, sorry! Thanks for always making it past so neatly? You're the BEST! THE WOMAN-STAR DRESSING ROOM RULES! ALWAYS HEPPLIN!, NEVER STEPPIN!

Tim
The press in drag. I do expect to see you in Pepsi commercials someday you will own!!

Donna
I must say that I am glad to have met you through this show—you are cross-CREW BALL!

Rick
Be careful not to leave McDonalds bags on the roads of cars like Stoc and I! Will we ever do our homework? Huh!!

Sue, my wonderful dancing partner. Thanks for teaching us Schuboff shuboff shuboff! We'll make that revolution here! You and your original slippers are great! TIME STOP-QUICK!

Alisa
I sing with you anytime sweetie! Thanks for all the back rubs, you should do that professionally!

Lette, whatever! We'll save that got's someday! It's good that he has a friend like you to sing Yellow submarine while he is locked up!

Jen
311 Rules Man! You are gonna be a heart-break saltwater! In New York and upton New Jersey! PEANUT BUTTER

Jen
Our awesome prop manager I can't say misteris, don't worry) Thanks for keeping everything in place—you look good as a blonde horse!!

Patti
NEVER FEAR BROOKLYN IS HERE! You rock and I am sooo glad that Jerry M invited you to come to ASU—but I wanted a PEPSI!

Tom
Thanks for always getting us ready for places! Without you we'd be in the dressing rooms all night!

Lara, Jennev, Theresa, Jesse, Stoc, Pam, Bert, the whole costume crew. Those for washing our "dirty drows" and proving our kits and wigs etc. You guys are wonderful!!

Joke and Tim
Thanks for keeping the awesome soundtrack on! We'd be in the dark without you!

Karr
How you keep up that is a miracle in itself! Thanks for all of your hard work—i am appreciated greatly!

Kris
Don't forget to breathe baby! You're doing a good job, so don't stress and watch out for that syndrome you have!

Mike, Randy Shaw & John
The kour you put in to give us a real little Irish town past off! You are all truly AMAZING!! But the sole of the reason that Melissa and Jeff Dusted gray is definitely the best part of the set!

Joanne, Cindy, Jerri Steve, and the rest of the Business Crew
Thanks for all the publicity! Joanne's rules were definitely followed. I can tell! Look at you carper tower!

Deena Dobney
Our director, I am mpropon you thank you for all of the time and effort you have given to this show and to us. We hope to make you proud! When is the soundtrack coming out in store?

And best, but not least.
Soak the goat—we don't get nervous and jump in the horse tonight (or do picky things backstage). We love you!!

COME SEE THE ROSE TATTOO! THURSDAY 1 PI PM FRIDAY 1 + 1 PM SAT 1 PM

To everyone in general.
I feel very honored to have worked with such a talented cast and crew—I LOVE THE Star Ledger review! Kudos to them! Ho ho! If you are wondering who those ones are from, the name of the game is simply, just in case you've never seen soap opera before you got IT? I love you all! Break a leg this weekend!!

Seth, TJO
I can't wait for intercuse tomorrow night. Is it? I’ll be at Christmas wish to Sonto came true.

Lara, your favorite Signo
Dove TJO
Your laugh is even better on speakerphone! But my back still hurts!

Lara, Joyful (SDP)

Doooww (???)
VITR, TJOS

Jeremy has a fruity ass?

Sabin, The fact that I am the throne has now been stored in the Montclaron! GIVE IN!

Lara JR

Alex (TJO)
We should long with Ed soon.

Lara, Pillow Buddy

To the Sisters of Sigma Delta PK (and Katie)

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NJ Nets: Steal of a deal

by Jeff Ehrlich
Assistant Sports Editor

On Monday The New Jersey Nets, as you probably already know, pulled off the greatest trade in franchise history. They sent to the Dallas Mavericks Shawn Bradley, Khalid Reeves, Ed O’Bannon, and Robert Pack in exchange for Chris Gatling, Eric Montross, Jimmy Jackson, Sam Cassell, and George McCloud. What was Don Nelson, the Mavs General Manager, thinking when he said yes to this deal? Whatever his thoughts were, I’m glad that he said yes.

Following the trade, Nets Head Coach and Vice President of Basketball Operations John Calipari said, “This is a deal of tremendous magnitude for both teams. Jim Jackson has the potential to one of the true stars in the NBA, Chris Gatling was a member of the All-Star Team and Sam Cassell has two World Championship rings, while George McCloud and Eric Montross are good role players. We feel that we have increased the strength of our present roster and for the future.” The improvement that this trade made for the future is that $14 million was freed from the payroll so that the Nets can have more room under the salary cap to work with. Hopefully they’ll be able to sign a good free agent in the off-season.

I watch most Nets games on television as I am a Sportschannel subscriber. Some people feel sorry for me that I choose to spend my evenings watching Nets basketball. They say, “Are you serious? You want to watch the Nets game? America’s Funniest Home Videos is on tonight.” Well now, hopefully, their attitudes towards myheroes in red and blue will change. I am, obviously, extremely excited about the new New Jersey Nets. I suppose that what makes this deal so attractive to me is the fact that Bradley, Reeves, and O’Bannon are no longer in Nets uniforms.

I hate the way Bradley plays basketball. He rarely hustles, is terrible in the paint on offense, can not pass worth a dime, does not work hard enough in the off-season, and besides, he’s a 240 pound 7’6” toothpick. He was a project ever since Philadelphia drafted him the second overall pick (ahead of Anfernee Hardaway I might add) in the 1993 draft. Yes his numbers this year are not terrible, 12.0 points per game, 8.1 rebounds per game, and a league-leading 4.0 blocks per game. But the guy is not someone who I want to see leading this team down the road. He is not someone who makes those around him better.

Reeves is another mediocre at best player. I have yet to see him hit a big shot this year. And O’Bannon, man he’s horrible. He looks extremely confused when he’s playing and he too can’t match up well against any other forwards in the league.

Robert Pack is a good ballplayer. I suppose that Dallas needed someone who knows how to play basketball the right way. I am upset that the Nets lost him, but I think Sam Cassell will fit in well in the Nets offense.

Gatling, a native of Elizabeth, is an All-Star. Need I say more? Cassell was great in Houston, but has recently fallen on hard times. I know that he is an excellent player though, he just needs the right situation. Montross was great for North Carolina in the Final Four of a few years back, and his best season was when he was a rookie in Boston. His assistant coach in Boston is now his new assistant coach in Jersey. Hopefully, because Montross will have to play a lot of minutes, he’ll be able to bring the best out of Montross once again.

Jimmy Jackson never developed into the dominant forward as was originally predicted. But the coaching in Dallas has not been exactly great. Jamal Mashburn, Jason Kidd, and Jackson were supposed to be a great trio in Big D. But now, none of them are in Mavs uniforms anymore. That is a reflection of the coaching staff, because Dallas had the talent. A good coach must motivate his players to play hard for him. It is true that the Nets record is quite poor, but Calipari has proven, to me at least, that he can do just that.

Clearly, the Nets got the better of the deal. I love what Calipari is doing for basketball in the Garden State and I hope that he continues to do it and eventually brings an NBA Championship to the Swamp.

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Eagle Scouts, according to information provided by the Boy Scouts of America. There are 12 levels within the Boy Scout ranks, and each must be achieved before attaining the Eagle badge. Carrying out volunteer service and community jobs, obtaining a minimum of 21 merit badges, and completing a project to help a church or community organization are among the steps taken. Achieving the Eagle honor must be done before the scout reaches his 18th birthday.

Remaining active in the Boy Scouts organization with the pressure of college, academics, and swimming itself is quite difficult, however, Deckert finds the time. In addition to swimming the backstroke for MSU, he is the aquatics director at a Cub Scout summer camp in his hometown.

Acquiring Eagle status, however, is not an easy task, and Deckert’s experiences were no exception. He explained that he received quite a bit of negative support from his peers while in junior high, which caused him to consider quitting. However, while in high school, he received positive support from his peers which gave him motivation and helped him earn his Eagle badge when he was 17.

“It was difficult early on,” Deckert explained, “but I chose to continue with a hobby that was somewhat frowned upon by those my age. But now, when I look back, I realize that I really enjoyed myself, and no one can take away what I consider a great accomplishment.”

McLaughlin is quite proud of his three Eagle Scout athletes.

“Some adults try to categorize the youth of the 90’s as kids that are only interested in body piercing and tattoos,” he said. “I love the fact that there are some youths that are still interested in traditional values and are focusing on improving their communities and society as a whole.”

“To have these three young men on the team is a positive influence on us all,” proclaimed the coach.

Senior Spotlight

ON TRACY SINGLETARY

by Dennis L. DeMercurio
Sports Editor

When watching the MSU women’s basketball team, one can’t help but notice No. 23. Not because this player shares her number or slamming ability with that of Chicago Bulls star Michael Jordan, but more for her fade-away jump shot style of the New York Knick’s Patrick Ewing. That player is senior forward Tracy Singletary (Keasby).

Singletary, in her final year of basketball for the Red Hawks, is seeking a degree in Physical Education with the hopes of becoming a head coach of a high school basketball team.

When asked who she feels will step up when she’s no longer with the team, Singletary said, “Lindsay Robinson (Shrewsbury). She’s very strong and she’s smart. I think she knows how to work in the post area and she keeps a strong attitude.”

Some of Singletary’s highlights this year include the Tip-Off Tournament in which she had 20 points and seven rebounds and was named the tournament’s Most Outstanding Player. In the Dial Classic, Singletary scored over 30 points and pulled down more than 10 rebounds, and was named to the all-tournament team for her efforts.

“I exploded when we went to Connecticut (for the Tip-Off Tournament) and the Dial Classic. Last year we didn’t win any tournaments at all, and my goal was to come back this year and have an affect on the team,” Singletary said.

“Our chances are good,” said Singletary about the team’s post-season probabilities, “because we’ve realized that this is the end. Nor only for the seniors, but for the team this year as well. This is something we really want. We don’t want to be looked on as a team that just came to play for the season, and that’s it. We want to go somewhere, we want to make a statement.”

The Red Hawks host their the College of New Jersey this Saturday for the last regular-season game at 2 p.m. in the Panzer Gymnasium.
New Jersey Athletic Conference Rookie of the Week

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Men’s Ball, Cont. from back page

Nick Del Tufo’s terrific trio of guards Rohan Sutherland (Miami, FL), who scored 13 points on five from the field. John Weipz (Waretown) dropped in 12 points and added seven off the glass while Rex, who came off the bench, proved to be an impact player, as he scored 12 points, grabbed 11 rebounds, and had four blocks. MSU had a huge advantage off the window, they out-rebounded the Pioneers 47-35.

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(Keesby) who was held to two points for the game but had seven rebounds said, “We beat them once before, and came into the game with too much attitude and didn’t get full performance out on the court.”

Junior guard Jill Schultz had 18 points and six rebounds, while senior guard Lisa Villalta contributed to an all-around performance against the Pioneers with nine points, seven steals, six assists, and four rebounds. Villalta is ranked third in the the NJAC standing for assists with 104, averaging 4.7 per game. She also holds the second position for steals with 108, averaging 4.9 per game. While Villalta may not be the point scoring power house that fellow teammate Heidi Klingert (Linwood) is, her numbers in assists and steals shows just how vital she is to the team. Seemingly knowing when and where her opponent is going to pass the ball, Villalta has an omniscience in the backcourt that is a major factor for the Red Hawk’s success. It is this ability, and her ability to find and make the crucial plays, coupled with the scoring capabilities of her offense that can take MSU to the championships.

Schultz, Villalta, and Klingert each had four steals and three assists in the game against Jersey City State College, scoring 15, 14, and 13 points, respectively. Klingert still holds the fifth slot for scoring in the NJAC standings with 266 points, a 13.3 per game average.

Freshman forward Felicia Ingram (S. Brunswick) had 12 points, grabbed five rebounds and five steals, and added four blocked shots. Ingram has a season total of 35 blocks, averaging just under two per game, and holds the fifth place in the NJAC standings.

“We were ready for a win,” Singletery said, “We had more confidence and we brought it out onto the court instead of just talking about it. Coach (Bradley) is always telling us, ‘Nobody is going to roll over and die for MSU’, so it’s up to us.”

“When we’re playing in sync, when we make our connection, nobody can stop us but ourselves.” Ingram said.

The Red Hawks travel to
Robinson shines in MSU loss

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In what should have been a victory for the MSU Women’s basketball team last Wednesday night, turned out to be a surprise upset by the visiting Rutgers-Camden Pioneers who won, 66-62. The Red Hawks picked themselves up immediately with an open offenseman.

Robinson (Shrewsbury) as she had 18 points, five assists, and a career-high 19 rebounds. "We went in confident, but not focused," Robinson said, "We played together in a sense, but not together that we needed to be."

With an additional nine rebounds against Jersey City State College, Robinson was named the NJAC Rookie of the Week.

Fowler’s double-doubles not enough to help MSU triumph

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On Wednesday, Feb. 12, the Red Hawks ended their four game losing streak by pounding the Rutgers-Camden Pioneers (2-19, 1-14 in the New Jersey Athletic Conference), by a score of 87-71. Playing their second to last home game of the season, five Red Hawks scored in double figures. The win was the 11th straight over the Pioneers.

Following the triumph, the Red Hawks traveled to Jersey City State College and although they had a five point lead at half-time, they let the game slip past them, losing 74-59. The Gothic Knights outscored the Red Hawks 39-19 in the second half.

In the victory over the Pioneers, the Red Hawks were once again led by super sophomore point guard B.J. Reilly (Middlesex). Reilly, who leads the NJAC in steals with 3.1 per game and assists with 6.7 per game, scored 21 points and handed out eight assists for the night. He shot eight for 14 from the field including a fantastic show from behind the three point arc. Of his 21 points, 15 were scored from three point range, which tied a school record held by three former MSU players.

Backcourt mate Greg Fowler (Plainfield) also had a terrific night. He scored 18 points including 16 in the second half, grabbed 12 rebounds, and tied Craig Bell of the Pioneers for a game-high five steals. His double-double added to his team leading 15.9 points per game, good for fourth in the conference, and brought him to within one tenth of tying Raheem Rex (Atlantic City) for the team lead in rebounds. Rex averages 7.1 boards per game while Fowler averages 7.0.

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