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Loaded handgun seized in Blanton Hall

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International

French bill aims to stop illegal immigration

France’s lower legislative body is to take up a bill on Tuesday, that aims to curb illegal immigration and employment. A great debate has started by the bill. Opponents of the legislation have filled the streets of Paris to protest in recent days, including tens of thousands of protesters on Saturday. In the face of this opposition, which has included calls for civil disobedience among protesters, the government has compromised on the bill’s most controversial measure.

The bill had stated that French citizens hosting visitors would have to report their guests’ movements to police. Now it has been proposed that it be up to the visitors themselves to check in when they change their residence.

Opponents claim that immigrants should not be “presumed guilty”.

Funeral held for Chinese leader

Chinese leader, Deng Xiaoping, who died last week at 92, was delivered to Babaoshan cemetery by motorcade past thousands of mourners on Monday, reported the official Xinhua News Agency.

The motorcade brought the leader down Beijing’s Avenue of Eternal Peace for the last time as his body was delivered to be cremated at the cemetery where many of China’s revolutionary heroes are buried.

Deng’s chosen successor, Jiang Zemin, and other Chinese dignitaries bowed three times before Deng’s body in a traditional show of respect as it lay surrounded by flowers in the General Hospital of the People’s Liberation Army, before being moved to the cemetery.

Peru willing to make concession to rebels

Peru’s president, Alberto Fujimori, is reportedly willing to make a major concession for the release of more hostages being held by Marxist rebels in Lima. Negotiators held a fourth round of talks on Monday, aimed at finding a peaceful resolution to the conflict.

The Marxist rebels are currently holding 72 VIP’s hostage at the Japanese ambassador’s compound, in Lima. However, Fujimori has been resisting in his refusal to consider releasing the rebels’ jailed comrades, which has been their main demand, according to a Japanese newspaper.

The hostages have now been held at the compound for over two months.

National

One dead, six wounded in Empire State Building Shooting

A man opened fire on the observation deck of the Empire State Building Sunday, killing one, and wounding 6 before taking his own life, authorities said.

The gunman, a 69 year-old Palestinian, was taken to a hospital where he died more than 5 hours later. Ali Abu Kamal, mumbled something about Egypt seconds before he opened fire with a .38-caliber Beretta handgun, around 5 p.m., on the 86th floor observation deck.

Several others, including young children were injured in a stampede of people that followed the shooting trying to flee the scene.

Most of the injured were foreign tourists, visiting the famous tourist attraction.

“I’ve never seen so much blood in my life,” said Belgian businessman Stef Nys, 36, who witnessed the incident, but was spared of personal injury.

Memorial for Cuban shoot-down victims to be held

Friends and relatives of four men that were killed, when planes of their Cuban exile group Brothers to the Rescue were shot down by Cuban fighters, plan to hold a memorial for their slain loved ones.

Havana claimed that the planes were in it’s territory, but the United States and an international aviation organization have ruled that the planes were in international airspace.

Relatives and members of the exile group plan to gather Monday in Miami, to remember those killed, in a memorial that will include aircraft identical to the ones that were shot down flying in formation, and dropping flowers at the site of the downing.

The incident sand U.S.-Cuban relations into a deeper freeze, prompting Congress to pass tougher anti-Cuban legislation.

Bomb found at Florida synagogue

Two children were found playing with a pipe-bomb they had discovered at their local synagogue last Saturday. The device was taken outside the Jacksonville Jewish Center, by two adults, who found the children, when police came and disarmed the bomb.

The pipe-bomb was found by the two children during a post-Sabbath luncheon on Saturday, at the center.

The center was a target of a bomb threat on February 13, shortly before a speech by former Israeli Prime Minster Shimon Peres was to be given there.

No evidence has been found yet to link the two events. Police state that they are still uncertain who is responsible for planting the device.
SGA News & Notes by John Brost

The latest meeting of the Student Government Association was marked by the passage of a discussion of a student protest on April 15 to respond to the state budget proposal by governor Christie Whitman. In addition, a Class One charter was granted and two Judicial Branch Justices, a Cabinet member, and two legislators were appointed by President Amy Fisher.

After a closed session was called, discussion was held regarding a proposed student strike for April 15, in protest of the Whitman’s state budget. The plans for a student strike began at Ramapo College, and it has branched out to other public colleges and universities in the state, in an attempt to make April 15 a “statewide day of protest.” Further plans at other schools include a possible march to Trenton on April 24.

No definite plan of action has been set yet for MSU, but the SGA will be working on one in the upcoming weeks.

WMSC had their Class One charter renewed by the legislature. WMSC, the college radio station, is located at 90.3 FM, and features a variety of types of music, according to the organization.

Lauren Shapiro was appointed by Fisher to become the Director of Class II and III Affairs. This cabinet position acts as a liaison between the SGA and the numerous Class II and III organizations. Shapiro will be responsible for informing Class II and III organizations of SGA procedures, and is rewaried to keep a programming grid of events sponsored by these organizations.

Matthew Varisco and Amy Saber were also appointed by Fisher to become justices on the Judicial branch. This branch of the SGA, which had been vacant, oversees the actions taken by the other branches and determines the constitutionality of the bills passed by the legislature.

In addition, George Calle, the former assistant to the president, and Karen Cardell, were appointed to be legislators. This appointment was done in an attempt increase involvement, according to Fisher.

CORRECTIONS
In the February 20, 1997 edition of the Montclarion, it was said that the former SGA bookkeeper was fired. The story should have read that the position was eliminated. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Senate committee presents new GER program models

by KEVIN P. HANCOCK
NEWS EDITOR

The University Senate's General Education Requirement Committee Chairman gave a presentation outlining the committee's five new proposals for the General Education program at yesterday's senate meeting.

Helen Roberts, chairman of the GER Committee, presented the results of the committee's two and a half years of work.

The five GER program models presented included a range of alternative plans, including a plan similar to the one in use now.

All of the models presented require a 58 credit General Education program, the same amount of credits required by the program now in place.

Some changes to the current GER program that were presented include, making the GER program a four year process, by requiring certain classes, certain years, so GER courses cannot be completed in two years.

It was proposed that Freshman Seminar, and Senior Capstone be required courses for students. Senior Capstone is a one semester interdisciplinary course that would enforce the four year General Education program for seniors.

A comprehensive wellness requirement was proposed to replace the physical education requirement that is currently in place. This would allow the requirement to be fulfilled by courses covering mental health as well as physical.

Other changes including, testing out of foreign language, and computer requirements, and broadening the oral education requirements were proposed.

The final and complete proposal will be distributed to faculty, administrators, and librarians on March 11. The recipients of the proposal will be asked to evaluate the models, give suggestions, and rank them. Continued on p. 5

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Room Selection Schedule 1997-98

CLOVE ROAD

- Apply with YOUR Resident Director......Feb. 28th to March 10th
- Applications distributed..............March 12th
- Clear delinquent accounts.............March 14th
- Pay $30.00 deposit..................March 4th - 14th
- Student group application...April 1st by 4 pm
- Assignments posted..................April 7th

RESIDENCE HALLS

- Pay Deposit at Business Office............March 25th - April 16th
- Apply for Single Room Lottery.....Apr. 7th & 8th (Sign-up in the Office of Residence Life)
- Clear Delinquent Accounts....Apr. 7th - Apr. 15th
- Deadline to Accept a Single..............April 16th
- Room Selection........April 22nd & April 23rd (Bohn Hall Main lounge - Enter Through I-Card Office)
2/18 MSU officers and the Montclair FD responded to a report of smoke in Sprague Library. No signs of smoke or fire were discovered. The system was reset.

2/20 MSU officers and the Montclair FD responded to a fire alarm at Freeman Hall. They discovered a lady malfunctioning smoke detector activated. The smoke detector was repaired.

2/20 MSU officers and the Montclair FD responded to a report of smoke in Sprague Library in the non-print section. There was no source of fire or smoke noted, but they did smell a trace of smoke.

2/21 MSU officer responded to a fire alarm in Bohn Hall. When they arrived, they saw that a 12th floor fire pull station was activated. The Clifton FD responded. There were no signs of fire or smoke.

2/23 Between 2/23 and 2/24, multiple fire alarm signals were received for Stone Hall, due to system malfunction. Little Falls FD responded each time. The system was repaired.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/THREATS/HARASSMENT:

2/18 Abraham Dickerson of Orange was arrested after he threatened to kill his ex-girlfriend, a resident of Webster Hall. Dickerson was on the dorm’s persona non grata list, and was trespassing in the dorm. Dickerson was arrested and arraigned in Little Falls Municipal Court. Bail was set at $5,000. Dickerson was incarcerated at the Passaic County Jail. The court date is set for 2/25/97 at Little Falls Municipal Court.

2/24 A male Clove Road resident received two threatening phone calls.

MEDICAL:

2/19 A Montclair High School student visiting the campus became ill at the bus stop near College Hall. She was transported to the Health Center.

THEFT:

2/19 A student reported that his bookbag was stolen from the locker room of Panzer Gym.

S.I.L.C., Cont. from p. 1

2/21 Officers responded to a theft in Blanton Hall. While interviewing a suspect, two vials of crack cocaine were seen in the suspect’s bag. Darryl Armstrong, or East Orange, was later arrested and charged with possession of, with intent to distribute, a CDS. Bail was set at $10,000, which was unable to post. He was later incarcerated at the Passaic County Jail. The court date is set for 3/11/97 in Montclair Municipal Court.

2/25 Officers responded to Bohn Hall, due to a complaint of marijuana odor. There was no odor detectable when officers arrived.

THEFT:

2/19 A male Clove Road resident reported receiving two threatening phone calls. The caller originally asked for his roommate.

2/24 A male Clove Road resident received two threatening phone calls.

2/24 Three female Blanton Hall residents reported receiving many harassing phone calls.

2/24 A Freeman Hall resident received a threatening phone call from her ex-boyfriend’s new girlfriend. Later, an unidentified woman showed up at the front desk, asking her to come and meet her. The resident refused to meet her, and she eventually went away.

2/25 A Bohn Hall resident received a threatening phone call from her ex-boyfriend after arguing earlier.

WEAPONS POSSESSION:

2/21 An officer on patrol saw a group of males in the corner of parking lot 28. A hatchet was on the ground, and was confiscated by the officer. They claimed to be on a fraternity scavenger hunt. They also had three metal signs in their possession. The signs were also confiscated as evidence. Investigation continues.

2/25 A student fell and was injured while walking from College Hall to Dickson Hall. She injured her nose, and was scraped up. She was advised to go to the Health Center.

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PARTY, Cont. from p. 1
A new walk-in metal detector was purchased, and is stationed outside of the entrance to the ballroom that each person must enter.

At 7 p.m. on the date of a ballroom party, the entrances at Quinn and Clove Roads are closed and manned with police to ensure that everyone entering campus is an MSU student.

Finally, the number of officers present at the party has increased, and there is now a maximum capacity of 500 people for a ballroom party. When that limit is reached all campus gates are shut down, disallowing anyone to enter campus who wishes to attend the party.

Saturday’s party was the third one to have the new security measures in place. Previously, there was only one incident of a weapon being recovered because of the metal detectors, according to Lt. Cell.

“With all the help and cooperation, both on the part of Sigma Gamma Rho, Phi Beta Sigma, and the Campus police staff, the party was a great success,” said Andrea Rouse, a representative of Sigma Gamma Rho. Rouse also hopes that in the future having two metal detectors will be possible in order to have long lines move quicker and the party run smoother.

GUN, Cont. from p. 1
No narcotics were found at the scene, and an investigation on the case is underway. Campus police declined to comment further until the investigation is complete.

The situation raises serious questions about safety in the residence halls. “It’s scary,” said Blanton Hall resident Eric Alders. “It’s scary to think that someone like that can be allowed into the dorms, and there is no screening method to prevent it. What if a shooting did happen, even if Campus Police were there, they don’t even have guns.”

Margaree Coleman-Carter, Director of Residence Life, commented on the incident, “Well, I’m shocked, and very disappointed that someone would bring something like that into our community. They did not take into account what kind of effect this would have on the residents.”

Coleman-Carter also expressed her satisfaction that someone was brave enough to call and report the situation to police. “I would strongly encourage people to continue to report things that are unacceptable (in residence halls). To me, this was just mindless.”

This is the first incident of its kind at MSU in approximately 8 years, according to Coleman-Carter.

Questions were raised about whether an attempt will be made to present the proposal to the students. “All our efforts (to present the plan to students) in the past have only netted two or three students,” said a University Senate member. The GER committee did state that it has presented the plan to the Student Government Association for their evaluation.

GER, Cont. from p. 3
The committee expressed its wish to get feedback from the campus community on the GER proposal, so it can come to a plan that everyone agrees with before it is voted on.

“This is something for the benefit of our students, it has to be something the whole campus buys into,” said Roberts.
The Women's Center and the Women's Studies Program have announced events which will highlight Women's History Month. Many influential speakers will be on campus to educate students of the importance of women in the world.

Activities will begin on Monday March 3, when University President Dr. Irvin D. Reid will issue a presidential proclamation at noon in the Student Center Quad. After the flag raising, Career Services will present "The Challenges for Women in Health and Science," from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in Student Center Room 411-414.

One of the month's highlights will be the keynote address delivered by former United States Congresswoman Patricia Schroeder. A visiting scholar at Princeton University, Schroeder will speak on "Equity: The Elusive Target," on Thursday, March 6, at 7 p.m. in the Student Center Ballrooms. The event is free and open to all.

Schroeder was first elected to Congress in 1972. She won twelve general elections and retired undefeated earlier this year. The Colorado Democrat held numerous leadership positions, including chair of the Armed Services Subcommittee on Research and Development, chair of the Select Committee on Children, Youth, and Families, and Deputy Whip of the Democratic Caucus.

She sponsored legislation ranging from the Family and Medical Leave Act to the National Child Protection Act, the Child Abuse Accountability Act, and the Violence Against Women Act.

Schroeder, who earned her B.A. from the University of Minnesota and her J.D. from Harvard Law School, is the recipient of many awards. Last year alone, she received 17 major accolades including the Harry S. Truman Citizen of the World Award for distinguished public service, the Civil Libertarian for Life Award, the Barry Goldwater Human Rights Award, and the Public Leadership Educational Network Mentor Award. According to a recent profile in Ms. magazine, Schroeder "is a woman warrior who for more than twenty years has fought battles in the most difficult, most male-dominated areas of all — politics, the United States Congress, the House Committee on the Armed Services. And she has done right by us for every one of those years."

For any additional information on the programs planned for Women's History Month, contact the Women's Center at 655-5114.

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Alpha Phi Omega contributes to local blood centers

MICHELE ROMAINE
ASSISTANT CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

Last Thursday, February 20, Alpha Phi Omega sponsored their second blood drive of this semester. The multi-cultural, national service fraternity organized this event with the commitment to helping those in need of blood donor services. Although any amount of donations was considered beneficial, they hoped to do as well as their last drive, which raised over fifty pints of blood. All donations were given to the Blood Center of NJ, in East Orange.

As I watched perspective donors go through the mandatory medical evaluations necessary to be a donor, there were a few who were deferred. Some of the examples were due to students being on anti-biotics and other prescription medications. Since colds are so common throughout our campus, it is no wonder! Registered Nurse Joy White gave me another reason for deferment, and it is a dietary problem. "Women especially are at risk of having a low hemoglobin, due to the lack of protein in their diet." As one female student was told that she was not eligible to donate because she was taking antibiotics, she left the ballroom very disappointed. "It is a great honor to donate blood. It makes me feel that I am doing something of value. I was happy to know that the campus organizations care enough to run these kinds of events. I'll just try again, soon."

Members of Alpha Phi Omega realize how vital it is to contribute to our local blood banks. Tracey Goldsberry reminds us of this by stating, "One pint of blood is enough to save two lives. This drive is an important way for us to give to our community." Another member, Lorri Wilson agrees, "Just think about giving. Donated blood could be responsible in saving your life some day."

All those involved in the event say that holding drives like these here at MSU lead to great personal satisfaction. Successful donors were rewarded with tasty eats afterward, but for an important reason. Donors need to replenish vital nutrients that are lost because of the donation process. Fruit juice is required to raise the blood sugar levels in the body.

Besides this one, Alpha Phi Omega is sponsoring two more blood drives in April. Look out for upcoming details.

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HEALTHY LIVING

BY DR. KATHY DUNCAN, MD
MOUNTAIN SIDE FAMILY PRACTICE

February is designated "Heart Month" by the American Heart Association and MSU. On February 14th a lot of you gave and received expressions of the heart, but how many of you MSU students really stopped to think about your heart or any other part of your body for that matter?

It's difficult to think seriously about your body when it's working well, but the habits you develop today are going to determine if your body continues to work well 20 years form now down the road. The United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) put together a list of recommended interventions for young people age 11-24 years old that I would like to share with you.

To begin with, lets look at the leading causes of death for this age group. They are motor vehicle accidents, murder, suicide, cancer and heart disease in that order. Please note that besides rare untreatable cancers, many of these deaths can be prevented by proper intervention. In young healthy people, intervention usually means practicing good habits at this point of time, before adulthood and aging. Let's look at some ways that you can intervene in your own life and practice good healthy habits. The first part of intervention is screening.

Screening means routine tests that identify problems early. First are height, weight and blood pressure. You can not change your height but you can certainly monitor your weight to stay within limits. Your blood pressure should be checked yearly. A very small percentage of young people do have elevated blood pressure which can cause damage to their heart and kidneys if not controlled.

Next is a list of interventions that simply help with your physical protection. Remember that unintentional injuries are the leading cause of death in your age group. Wear seat belts in the car always. A helmet should always be worn with bicycles, motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles, and roller blades. Be sure the smoke detectors in your house, apartment or residence hall work. Ensure safe storage or removal of firearms from your home.

A big part of healthy intervention is preventing "substance" abuse. These substances include: nicotine, alcohol, and illicit drugs like marijuana, cocaine, heroin and stimulants like LSD. We all know drinking and driving is deadly, but frying your brains on illegal drugs is a whole other story.

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MSU Police present “Stay Alert, Stay Alive”

BY VICTORIA TENGELIC
ASSISTANT CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

Stay alert, stay alive; that should be your main objective when outside of your house. Although you may feel safe on campus; MSU has a higher crime rate than some of the local cities in New Jersey. Lieutenant Paul Cell warned at the self defense lecture sponsored by The Women’s Center on February 26. Lt. Cell and Fran Bellapianta provided some very important tips and demonstrated some defense techniques.

Awareness is the most important protection against an attack. First thing to remember is that “you don’t want to be clueless”, stay alert, walk with your shoulders back and your head up. Be aware of your surroundings, the common reason an attacker will pick you is if he/she sees you as “easy prey.” A common misconception is that you should not make eye contact with someone that scares you, however you should do just that so that the person knows that you are aware of them.

Another tip is “don’t look afraid,” attackers pick up on that and know you are vulnerable. “If your instincts tell you don’t do it, it’s important not to do it.” Stay away from routines, attackers often watch and know your routes, park in different areas and walk a different way to the campus or wherever you go regularly.

Levelheaded, staying levelheaded is a key protection device. If you are being attacked or there is the threat of an attack, remain as calm as possible. Breathing is very important, it keeps your energy and helps you to keep your head. Screaming requires breathing so when you are attacked scream, a lot.

Initiate a defense plan, you do not have to be paranoid, just think about it.

Commuter Student News

BY KARIN MURPHY
STAFF WRITER

Members of the SGA surprised students with their presence at the Commuter Students meeting last Wednesday. Kristy Weaver and Ryan Roer of the SGA attended the meeting and swapped ideas over a pizza which they donated.

Of interest to commuters is that the SGA is currently working on extending library hours, providing a 24 hour computer lab, and a suggestion box.

Other topics brought to the attention of the SGA members included finding space for a designated Commuter Student Room. This would be provided in the hope that commuters would be more comfortable while waiting between classes. In response to the dim lighting of the third floor Student Center lounge, computers suggested lamps on the tables similar to the ones in the library.

Also announced was free pool in the Game Room every Wednesday at noon as well as free music in the Formal Dining Room during lunch.

In response to the success and enthusiasm of the Bagel Breakfast on February 19, another breakfast will be planned and announced at the next Commuter Student meeting scheduled for March 5 at 5 p.m. in Student Center, room 416. Come alone or bring a friend if you’re interested in expressing concerns or planning upcoming events.

Commuter Student News

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**Log On**

**by Rita Bronheinkant**

A few people have asked me, “What are those initials you sometimes put at the end of the column?” e.g., TTFN, TTYNYW, etc. Those are computer acronyms. Some of the most commonly used are TTFN - TaTaForNow; TTYNYW - Talk To You Next Week; BTW - By The Way; IMHO - In My Humble Opinion; CUL8R - See You Later; OTOH - OnTheOtherHand; TPTB - The Powers That Be; HTH - Hope ThisHelps. A longer list is available at http://www.cs.umu.se/~dva94jnh/smiley.html.

Is there a phrase you commonly use in conversation and email? Be creative! Feel free to be a trendsetter and whip up your own acronym! Every one of these was created by somebody, why not be that somebody? You can even use your professor’s famous phrases. Many instructors have a phrase that you remember long after you took their class. When the class seemed on the verge of wanting to shoot their pcs in frustration, Dr. Eleanor Flanagan of Info and Decision Sciences would say, “Don’t Take Gas!” to let us know that it wasn’t all that bad and we would overcome the stumbling blocks in mastering new software. That’s DTG.

Dr. Jim Kennedy from Math and Computer Science would cover three blackboards with some difficult new math concept, then turn to a classroom of glazed expressions, “Are you good to go with this?” Make it AY GTGWT.

When the class seemed on the verge of having a major nervous breakdown, Dr. Howard Shimpl of Math and Science would say, “Don’t Take Germs!” to let us know that we could still think.

How about investing big bucks on WallStreet? Do it without losing your shirt! Larax Software’s Wall Street Simulator (Windows edition) let’s you “invest” play money and then sit back to see how you do. The software is free at the moment since it is still in beta testing. (That means they are still perfecting it.) Download this to your home pc from http://www.larax.com/wallst/ and give it a whirl! Might be a cool lesson for teachers to use with middle school and up age groups. This application has the powerful ability to grab stock prices off the web!

Uncle Sam’s Consumer Information Center Catalog has tons of booklets you can order for free at http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov/topics include cars, environment, health, children, housing, small business, food and nutrition, and just about anything else. Your tax dollars pay for this, so feel free to use it!

No wonder it’s the World Wide Wait! According to the latest IntelliQuest poll from the end of 1996, http://www.mmp.co.uk/mmp/informer/netnews/HTM/219nle.htm, 47 million adults in the U.S. have online access! How many hours a week do I spend online? Sorry, that’s classified information. :-)

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**THE REAL WORLD**

**by students of the Cooperative Education Program**

**BY STEVE HITLIN STAFF WRITER**

During the past five months, I have been working for a growing software development company called DSI Datatrak Systems. DSI is responsible for the design, implementation, testing and maintenance of software packages that are used by advertising agencies nationwide. These advertising agencies use our software to efficiently track the financial transactions that take place between an agency and its clients.

In addition to the various software systems already developed by DSI and in use nationwide, the Datatrak Team is aggressively developing new software systems and integrating the latest technology into every new package. I am proud to be a part of this innovative team of software developers, and I have learned how to apply my knowledge and skills to this exciting and challenging environment.

During my co-op semester at DSI, I had been actively programming in both COBOL and the PowerBuilder development environment for Windows. My initial training involved the introduction to the HP3000 minicomputer system and the COBOL programming language. I then took the initiative to learn PowerBuilder both on my own and with the help of my supervisor.

PowerBuilder is an environment that incorporates object-oriented design and programming together with event-driven design and programming. At MSU, I had taken an independent study in the area of object-oriented development, consequently, I have been well prepared to take the next step and expand and apply that knowledge to the development of real software programs.

As a co-op student, I had the opportunity and privilege to be involved in the development of certain important features of one of the company’s Windows applications. Not only have I designed, implemented, and tested portions of this system, I have also learned how nearly every piece of this application communicates with the others to form a complete system. I have also learned how to integrate this Windows application with multiple database systems and a-COBOL software system.

Everything that I have just described comprises only a small portion of the tremendous amount of learning that I have been involved in during my co-op experience at DSI. I am confident that I am well on my way to a successful and lucrative career in the field of computer programming and information technology.

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**Did you know?**

by Gary Day

How many times have you said or heard someone say after a heated quarrel: “What were we fighting about?” Often they are at a loss to why and how it all started. Being over ten thousand strong on this campus with different personalities, backgrounds, interests, and needs, situations will arise where we violently disagree and cannot see “eye to eye.”

Dr. Barbara A. Nagle, Associate Professor at the Department of Legal Studies, along with the Student Government Association wants to offer help in the form of the Campus Peer Mediation Association. The Campus Peer Mediation Association has two guiding concepts: “First, help students resolve their disputes and provide a forum for that [the resolution]. Second, mediation for students - it’s an association of students for students.”

The association is still at its developing stages. Many students are being trained as mediators. Graduate Assistant, Rich Adams, is a certified mediator for the program. All last semester, he worked to solidify and broaden the base of the Association. According to him, there is still a great need for more mediators on campus, especially minorities.

An international student from Saudi Arabia, Mohammad Ejaz, thinks it is a great idea having peer mediation on campus. “We had problems with our fourth roommate, and it was hard until the administration came in.”

Dr. Nagle strongly encourages students to get involved. As Montclair State is making itself a large base of students both nationally and locally, there is, indeed, a dire need for mediators. She explained that those who want to be involved can do that in different ways. Ever semester, the legal Department offers mediation and alternate conflict resolution courses in the form of independent studies.
Cho exhibit at Al Di La

New exhibit at Al Di La restaurant premieres the first one-person show of works by Theresa (Jung Ohk) Cho. The art exhibit is a cooperative effort between Montclair State University's Main Gallery and Al Di La. Ms. Cho is a BFA printmaking major.

Ms. Cho's paintings and prints are full of color and movement, punctuated by chine colle imagery and recurring personal symbolism. The artist's sense of color and her use of the printmaking medium is influenced by her background in calligraphy. "I was inspired," she says, "by traditional oriental art. When working with calligraphy on handmade paper, the colors are subtle, the black settles into beautiful variations." Indeed, printmaking seems well-suited to this approach. In Peach Grove, the lines of the peach trees suggest the artist's familiarity with calligraphic brush work. The colors radiate with warm tones, dominated by yellow and orange. Ms. Cho explained that this piece reflects childhood memories of walking through peach grove with her mother.

One can see the importance and personal relevance of the imagery in this series of prints. Says Ms. Cho, "The symbolism relates to a traditional Korean form of dress, called a hanbok. My mom's generation always wore the hanbok. The dress is used to represent my mom's dance. Her generation was not allowed to dance in public, and we lived with my grandmother, so my parents couldn't dance. But, when my grandmother left the house, sometimes my mother would call over friends and invite them to dance. This memory stands out in my mind." Red Square and Future incorporate the hanbok symbol and demonstrate the artist's beautiful use of lush, dark colors and strong forms.

Dominick Anfuso, owner of Al Di La restaurant, says, "It is inspiring to have original works of art on the wall. The restaurant takes on a different note, it gives another dimension to the place." Cho's collection, Dance of Color is on display at Al Di La restaurant, 539 Bloomfield Ave., until April 30.

Twenty-fourth Annual Student Academy Awards competition

Associated Press Release

The twenty-fourth Annual Student Academy Awards competition is now underway, with applications available and regional coordinators in place to accept entries. The competition is sponsored by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences and the Academy Foundation.

For the program, the country is divided into three regions and students must first compete in the appropriate regional competition. Winning films from each of the three regions will then compete as national finalists. These films will be screened at the Academy's headquarters in Beverly Hills, California, and voted upon by the Academy membership, the same film artists and craftspeople who vote to select Oscar Statuette-winning films.

Region Two encompasses the state of New Jersey. Films may be entered in one of four categories: alternative, animation, documentary, or dramatic. To be eligible, films of 16mm or larger must be produced within the curriculum of an accredited college or university, in a student-teacher relationship, and must have been completed after April 1, 1996. Entries must be received by April 1, 1997.

Students ultimately selected as national winners will be flown to Los Angeles to participate in a week of industry-related activities and social events that will culminate June 8 with the awards presentation ceremony at the Academy's Samuel Goldwyn Theater. Along with their trophies, Gold Medal winners in each of the four categories receive $2,000, Silver Medal winners take home $1,500 and Bronze Medal recipients are awarded $1,000. An Honorary Foreign Student Award will be presented at the June ceremony, as will the Directors Guild of America's Student Film Award.

The Student Academy Awards were established by the Academy in 1972 to support and encourage excellence in filmmaking at the collegiate level. Students interested should call Dan Ladely at (402) 472-5353 or Barbara Scharres (312) 443-7375.
The Force is strong with this one, The Empire Strikes Back

BY CHRISTOPHER NAVETTA
HAN SOLO’S STUNT DOUBLE

Twenty years ago, a young unknown filmmaker by the name of George Lucas set out to create the most advanced, most humanistic science fiction epic to ever hit the big screen. He succeeded. Three years later, he did it again, surpassing his previous groundbreaking masterpiece.

In 1980, the much-anticipated sequel to Star Wars was released, dubbed The Empire Strikes Back. It picked up almost three years after the first story had ended, and introduced not only its characters to unparalleled danger and adventure, but fans and moviegoers around the world one of the greatest sci-fi works of all time. On Friday, February 21, theaters all over the country saw the re-release of this masterful space opera.

Like the original re-released less than a month ago, it was full of new computer-generated special effects, new footage, and a few extra surprises. The story, although known practically word-for-word to this writer and many other fanatics across the globe, proved to be as timeless and universal as ever. The omnipresent struggle between good and evil, especially when it involves light sabers and Millennium Falcons always seems to work. Empire brings the personas introduced in Star Wars into, as Lucas put it, the worst possible situations in their lives. Before this, however, we are able to experience, through them, a greater understanding of the Force and what it means to be a Jedi, the unexpected love between a princess and scoundrel, and meet an entire host of new aliens and travel to exotic lands from the icy plains of Hoth to the dismally slimy mudholes of Dagobah.

The principles of Mark Hamill, Harrison Ford, and Carrie Fisher reprise their roles from Star Wars each with added depth and conviction, and are complimented by the likes of Billy Dee Williams as Han Solo’s long-time friend Lando Calrissian, and the little-known Jeremy Bullock as the enigmatic and feared bounty hunter, Boba Fett, who has since that time reached the status of a cult icon. Another major player in this episode is that of Yoda, the 900-year-old Jedi master puppeteered by long-time colleague of the late Jim Hensen, Frank Oz. Oz brings a realism to the latex and strings character that to this day makes the small Dagobah resident more believable than many actors will ever achieve.

Empire enjoys a plethora of spruced-up scenes, courtesy of the special effects wizards at Lucas’ production company, Industrial Light and Magic. New footage of the Wampa snow creature who attacks Hamill’s Luke Skywalker adds to the chilling scenes on Hoth, while CGI backgrounds add a completely new dimension to Cloud City, a mining facility and urban center floating high above the planet of Bespin. Another computer-generated treat is Darth Vader’s trip from Cloud City to his Star Destroyer, which actually includes some outtake footage from the final installment in the Star Wars Trilogy, Return of the Jedi. These shots, combined with a digitally re-mastered sound mix and musical score bring the film to a new level for old fans and present a cleaner, more up to date look for newcomers.

Empire, in the long run, is a success in almost all respects. While Lucas caught some flack for not fixing all the quirks and mistakes of the first Star Wars as he originally set out to do, he seems to make up for it with its sequel. Not to ruin it for anyone, but I think there might be some relation between Luke and Darth Vader, and it always seemed to me that Luke kissing Leia was like a brother kissing his sister. One can only wait for the March 14 release of Jedi, and hope for some answers.

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Yoda teaches young Skywalker the Force in The Empire Strikes Back.
Benefit concert for NJ Community Water Watch

BY A.J. SPRINGER
STAFF WRITER

On Wednesday, Feb. 12, a benefit concert was held for the NJ Community Water Watch at the Yackety-Yak Cafe. Co-sponsored in part by the Conservation Club, WMSC, and numerous fraternities and sororities, the club was rocked for over three hours by the bands Loser, Resin Hits, and The Noise.

Loser (Rick Smith, drums; Mike Barton, bass; Carl Haupt, vocals, guitar) started the show with some covers and performed a good deal of their own material. Covers included material such as Smashing Pumpkins’ “Rat in a Cage,” and Seven Mary Three’s “Water’s Edge.” Standouts of original material included the “Loser Song,” and “Mission Terraform Mars.”

The Rezin Hits (Josette, lead guitar; Michelle Hannah Leigh, guitar, vocals; Kevin O’Brien, drums, vocals; T.R. Gwyen, bass, vocals) then took the stage to perform a set composed mostly of their own material, and kept the audience amused by quoting Simpsons material. Interspersed with original songs, they performed a few covers including, Gene Simmons’ “(Living In) Sin in the Holiday Inn.”

Closing the night, The Noise (Frank Reilly, drums; Joe Bass, bass; Mark Donohue, guitar; Pete Quilla, guitar; Clifford, vocals) performed brand new songs along with some of their older material such as “Rama, and “Car Crash.” To end their set, they rocked out with a Replacements cover, “Johnny’s Gonna Die.”

A great time was had by all, and the event raised almost $400 for the NJ Community Water Watch.

WKITU makes comeback, donates to AIDS research

BY VANESA L. SCOZZARRO
STAFF WRITER

For those of you who haven’t tuned your radio dial to 103.5 FM lately, and listened to the new sounds of New York City’s WKUT, you are missing out on some great music.

The station came back on the air February 10, after over a decade of being replaced by several other stations with different forms of music. Back then, KTU played everything from disco to club music, and in the past year they’ve come back strong, playing the same old format, yet spicing it up with some newer styles of music.

To celebrate their success, KTU threw an anniversary party Valentine’s Day in the Roxy Night Club in New York City. They invited several recording artists such as Livin’ Joy, No Mercy, Collage, and several other new and talented performers. That night, over 3,000 people filled the dance floor of the famous night club, formerly known as Club 1018, and you can be sure we all had a dynamic evening dancing the night away!

The speakers were blasting songs that I hear everyday on KTU, along with some classics that I grew up listening to. Everyone was having a great time dancing, watching the performers, and meeting new faces. People of different ages, races, and backgrounds came together to celebrate the success of the radio station.

This radio station has brought back so many memories for me and millions of other listeners. The station donated $20,000 to the LifeBeat for Heartbeat Foundation for AIDS Research. This was a powerful way of bringing out AIDS awareness and showing that the music industry can make a difference in terminating this deadly virus.
The Montclarion Mailbag
The free market and multiculturalism suppress empowerment of diverse groups

I n response to last week's column, "The true reality of multiculturalism," I want to say that in a culture weaned on the vulgar misnomers "Judeo-Christian" or "Protestant" ethics, blaming the victim for poverty is all too common regardless of race or ethnicity. Remember, the market tells us that if things are not going our way here, we should relocate or retrain. It is us and not the system that has failed, or so says the culture.

Regardless of ethnic origin, we have all been shaped by European socio-political and literary forms. This is not bias, it is history. When we speak of human rights, democracy, or equality, we are echoing the sentiments of the Enlightenment and bearing witness to the changes set in motion by colonial powers. Of course, we live in a world of diverse reactions to this situation. One would have to be cloistered, dead, or truly ignorant not to notice. Therefore we all should be "multiculturally aware" long before we enter the university. If at this point we cannot respect differing opinions, we do not belong at this school.

But "multiculturalism" is used, along with the "free market," to suppress the empowerment of diverse groups. Emphasis on root differences rather than enlightened human rights is divisive, it promotes a "white" culture which claims all humanism for itself. People who are transferred or relocate "as needed" are not concerned with long term local viability; voter apathy increases. Groups which squabble or accept victim blaming are ripe prey for those who rule and who profit from diversity.

Harold Lewis
Economics

"Selfish solutions" will not solve the parking system problems at MSU

I t is very rare that I will ever question one's opinions or their right to express them. But I cannot describe how annoyed I felt after reading William J. Gibbs Jr's "solutions" to our parking system in the February 13th issue of the Montclarion.

The only issue that Mr. Gibbs and I are in agreement on is that our parking system is, in fact, ridiculous. But then Mr. Gibbs skewers off into a description of his own "perfect world," where residents get all the benefits of first class while commuters are thrown into the cold. After all, in his article he says, "They do not live here, why should they be allowed to park by Valley Rd. just waves everybody to go through. These facilities are not free to me or you, so why should they be to anyone else? Something has to be done."

I remember waiting for a computer during finals last semester. How many of the people using the lab at that time were students of MSU? How come no one checks for student I.D. when you walk into the labs? I wouldn't mind, I pay to go here so I have the right. How can these people get on campus with our top notch security guards at all the entrances to the school? I mean the guard at the gate I come into on Valley Rd. just waves everybody to go through. These facilities are not free to me or you, so why should they be to anyone else? Something has to be done.

PS. And she wasn't even parked close.

Jonathan Guarino
Business Administration

Is it a free for all at MSU?

I arrived on campus around 10:30 this morning. I was not very surprised that I could not find a parking space. Instead of trying to follow someone to his car as they walked to it I went up near Blanton Hall. The first person I saw asked if I was looking for a space. I said yes and I offered her a ride to her parking space. She couldn't locate her car and it turned out she didn't even go to MSU. She was up on campus to use the computer lab. Wow, I thought, how is it that I pay for these services in my tuition and then a person who isn't a student of MSU takes up a space in our computer labs? I read an article about this in a previous Montclarion but I didn't know this happens often.

Thus, a rational person would say give them the closest spots. It does not do commuters any good to have to walk a great distance and be late to class because residents' cars that haven't moved in a week are taking up close parking spots.

I have read and re-read Mr. Gibbs letter over a hundred times at this point. I refer to my team three times a day. He thinks that your 110 mile journey home compares to the dozens of times I've been late to class compare to the dozens of times I've been late because I've had to park in Lot 23? And I won't even touch on his migraine theory because that was true, everyone student who has any type of medical condition would need an emergency parking spot right next to their room.

Mr. Gibbs' "solutions" are both selfish and irrational. And his reasoning behind them unfounded. Thank God that he was not one of the Founding Fathers of the United States, or our system of checks and balances would never have existed.

Diran Jebejian, Undeclared Major

Six strikes are you out?

The Student Intramural Leisure Council (S.I.L.C.) had its budget frozen last week by SGA Treasurer John Cvelic. The reason this action was taken is because S.I.L.C. had not held elections for the current Executive Board and there were "signatures on their purchase requests," according to Cvelic.

This is not the first strike against S.I.L.C. This is more like the sixth or seventh, and that incompetence should not be rewarded with funds to help create the present problems. For instance: S.I.L.C. had problems scheduling for use of the basketball courts in Panzer gym and could be charged for the time it has used. Also, the field used for flag football is not properly marked.

There are reports that teams have actually turned away from joining S.I.L.C. leagues. This is due, in part, from the fact that the people in charge of S.I.L.C. also play on teams in S.I.L.C. By playing in the league, these individuals assure that their team is in -- and others are excluded -- and that team selection process should be much fairer than that. S.I.L.C. games are officials.

Many times these students are members of S.I.L.C. or they are friends of S.I.L.C. This creates favoritism and animosity during games and has even led to fights. Objectivity is essential to fair officiating and it is clear that referees at 10 p.m. cannot be impartial. (Especially if its a rival team.) Additionally, since September 1996, S.I.L.C. has spent $8,000 paying student referees, for what usually amounts to less than one hour's work. The advertising for S.I.L.C. could not be worse. Has anyone ever seen a flyer for S.I.L.C. which is not up to deadlines? And are they anywhere other than Panzer gym or a corner in Blanton Hall?

Certainly more can and should be expected of the students who are running S.I.L.C. In light of all of these problems, there seem to be only two options for dealing with S.I.L.C.

The first is to clean house from top to bottom. The president of the current E-Board members must be removed from office and banned from running in the next election. The two options that have been presented are turn the S.I.L.C. into the hole it is in unacceptable. Here are both feasible and fair. After all, this should it get?
Six strikes are you’re out?

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This is not the first strike against S.I.L.C. The council is more like the sixth or seventh, and that incompetence should not be rewarded with a selection of the members who helped create the present problems. For instance, S.I.L.C. had problems scheduling for use of the basketball courts in Panzer gym and could not get them for the time it has used. Also, the field used for flag football is not properly marked, and now the sport has been turned away from joining S.I.L.C. leagues.

There are reports that teams have actually used the S.I.L.C. facilities, who are in charge of S.I.L.C. also play on teams in S.I.L.C. By both running and participating in the league, these individuals assure that their team is in — and others are excluded from participation in the admissions to the league. This is due, in part, from the fact that many of the people in charge of S.I.L.C. also play on teams in S.I.L.C. leagues or they are friends of S.I.L.C. This creates favoritism and animosity during play, which has ended up in fights. Objectivity is essential to fair officiating and it is clear that only a person who plays with his team at 9 p.m. and referees another at 10 p.m. cannot be impartial. The advertising for S.I.L.C. would not be worse. Has anyone ever seen a flyer for S.I.L.C. leagues more than one week prior to sign-up deadlines? And are there anywhere other than Panzer gym or a corner in Blanton Hall?

Certainly more can and should be expected from Class One organization.

In light of all of these problems, there seems to be only two options for dealing with S.I.L.C. The first is to clean house from top to bottom. All of the current E-Board members must be removed from office and banned from running in the upcoming election. Also, the way S.I.L.C. operates must be changed. Students should be permitted to run the league, referees, league games, and participate in league games. That’s a clear conflict of interest and has proven to be a disaster for disaster. Independent referees who are well versed in league rules and can be objective should be officiating games. And S.I.L.C. should work with the Campus Recreation Department to use the information boards outside. That is what their purpose is. Tape them down well so they do not blow away. If people tried these methods, they’d realize that a little effort goes a long way in both getting people to come out to events and making MSU a better looking place to live.

The Nonconformist

by William J. Gibbs, Jr.

In the February 13th issue of the Montclarion, the Main Editorial was entitled “Enough is Enough”. It discussed the immaturity of some of the students at MSU when it came to defacing school property with graffiti. I totally agree that graffiti is immature. But saying that their behavior is similar to that of a high-school student would be a complement to these delinquents. Behavior such as this is far more comparable to the elementary school level. Writing on objects is just plain childish. How cool is it for an adult to be writing their name on the wall? How hideous would it look to see your mom and dad writing their anniversary date on the side wall of the Student Center? Well, college students doing graffiti art all over our campus is just as stupid. If you want to be an artist, do a painting and hang it in the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The buildings and sidewalks of our campus are not a canvas for aspiring artists!

Even worse is the pastel colored sidewalk chalk that many organizations use to post messages about upcoming parties and events. Oh sure, they want to reach a large scale crowd with small scale effort. Sadly, these students do not realize how their “chalking” takes away from the beauty of our campus. We are lucky to have such a pretty campus, nestled in the mountains, with its tree-lined cobbledstoned walkways, Spanish architecture, and beautiful green grass. Pastel colored sidewalk chalk takes this beauty and transforms it into that of an elementary school playground. I want to walk to class, not play hopscotch!

Maybe your organization has a party they want to promote, but there are better means of getting the message out than chalk on our walkways and even on our buildings. Yes, just last week there was chalk on the wall surrounding the entryway of Freeman Hall. While this building may not be among our more visually attractive buildings on the campus, chalk only makes it look worse. We live in dorms at MSU, not prison cells.

Also, I have seen pink and blue pastel chalk residue from prior postings on the outside walls of the Student Center. Thanks to the chalking, the building exterior is now stained. How dignified does that look? That section of wall will probably need another coat of paint because of this careless method of publicity.

Therefore, I offer my solution to this problem:

Post a colorful sign or a banner stating your cause. There are several places where you can get temporary “bar style” plastic signs made that stick into the ground. Post in a place where a majority of students will see it. This will not only keep the beauty of the campus, but it will also increase the turn out for the event. A well placed sign is going to attract more attention than some gaudy chalk on the walkway. Also, the rain cannot wash out a plastic sign as quickly as it can chalk. Plus, people will not walk on the signs, fading them like the chalk. Flyers are also nice, make them colorful and place them on the new information boards outside. That is what their purpose is. Tape them down well so they do not blow away. If people tried these methods, they’d realize that a little effort goes a long way in both getting people to come out to events and making MSU a better looking place to live.

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Wild Jungle Chickens?

by Edward Flannery IV
Finishing School Graduate

One time when I was little, I put a grape flavored vitamin up my nose. I had to go to the doctor to have it removed. I don't take grape vitamins anymore. That was pretty embarrassing. I'm not even going to tell you where I got a Flintstone vitamin stuck, but I will tell you, if that vitamin were a real cartoon, he would have been pissed. I bet cartoons never get vitamins stuck in strange orifices. Do cartoons eat vitamins? I know that cartoons eat. I guess that means that cartoons go to the bathroom too. Can you picture Scooby Doo marking a fire hydrant or Popeye sitting on the bowl shooting out diarrhea. Personally, I would prefer not to picture such things. I did get caught marking a fire hydrant once. I didn't get in any trouble, and no doctor had to dislodge anything from my body, so I guess everything turned out okay. I think that it is pretty cool how dogs mark their territory. I wish I was allowed to do that. Unfortunately, my roommate screamed at me the last time I took a leak in the corner of our room. He suggested that I put kitty litter around the room to absorb my pee, but he said it real sarcastically, so I don't think he really meant it. Do wild jungle cats use anything similar? I would like to get a small farm in the jungle. The climate seems to be good for growing stuff. Look at how big those trees and stuff are. I bet I could grow some kickass tomatoes, and other vegetables. I think jungle veggies would be huge if I did everything right. I also plan to capture some wild jungle chickens and learn to raise them in captivity. My diet might be a little deficient, but I could probably stock up on a ton of vitamin supplements, but no grape ones.

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by Scott Adams

Word of the Day:
gill-netter (n) One who uses a gill net to catch fish.
Pisces (February 19 to March 20) Who am I? What am I doing in this dark, fluorescently lighted hole of an office?

Taurus (April 20 to May 20) Is this my star sign? What is a Taurus? Is it a car? Is it a blender? Is it a Fruit Roll-Up™? WHAT IS IT?!!?

Cancer (June 21 to July 22) What kind of name is Keyleb for a dog? How do I end up eating a dog?

Leo (July 23 to August 22) Oh, it's something that is supposed to happen in the future. Why should I do that for you?

Virgo (August 23 to September 22) Something good is going to happen today...DAMN, what is that?

Libra (September 23 to October 22) Uh, this is embarrassing..... Uh...heh heh heh... Nevermind.

Scorpio (October 23 to November 21) Who am I? What are you looking at my picture?

Capricorn (December 22 to January 19) WAIT! I remember! I was at a bar, and there was a book—YEAH—a book. And some guy was laughing! That bastard hit me in the head with the book! WHERE'S MY DAMN BLACK AND TAN??!! IS THIS SOME SORT OF CRUEL JOKE???

Aquarius (January 20 to February 18) (this space left blank intentionally.)
Dorks on the Scene

by John J. O'Sullivan

Perin Erey, also known as "Dancing Bear Marauder" at work, was having a rather annoying day. Perin works at WORLD WIDE EXTREME WRESTLING FEDERATION as a pain-delivery technician at the WRESTLING POWERDROME located in Zaxxon, NJ. Well, that's what she prefers to call her position—she's actually a professional wrestler, who specializes in the "Beat the piss out of your opponent while listening to 'Truckin'" tradition in fighting.

Today, she was scheduled to fight against Tim "Scrawny Irish Kid" Casey, who, even with his "IRISH POWER" would be no match for Perin's rabid and vicious supemove: the Jerrytown. But, her bosses in the WWWF told her that she had to throw the fight, in order to bring about a really cool good guy/bad guy plot twist. She was going to go from being the champion of Grateful Dead Enthusiasts, to the evil and terrifying RECORDING INDUSTRY SELLOUT. They told her to burn her Grateful Dead Collection in the ring, and start listening to John Tesh, to follow along in their disgust-plo twist.

Perin would have no such plot twist occur with her character, so she started to beat the piss out of her bosses, her trainer, her make-up person, her best friend and tag-team partner Ron "FIRESTARTER" McFeely, her limousine driver, Bob, her mother's father's cousin's former roommate, and some old guy in the audience. (Fortunately, she didn't notice that a cameraman taped her beating the piss out of everyone, and broadcast it to the entire wrestling-watching world, making her a superheroine to all Grateful Dead fans great and small.)

She then went into the ring, put poor Tim "Scrawny Irish Kid" Casey into the worst headlock ever done onto any human being, crippling him, and make her his "lady queen chick." Let me be your hunka hunka burnin' love," said the alien king.

"That's it. I'll get some overtime for this one," said Perin "Dancing Bear Marauder" Erey. She picked up the alien invader, slammed him on the ground, and then performed her dread move: The Jerrytown. She got up on a table, lunged at him, and knocked the piss out of him. She then took his head, and banged it into the ground 15 times. She then slammed a chair into his head. Needless to say, Edgar was in pain. "Chick-oo, err, eh, look at de perdy birdz," he said. Robert, who was incredibly bored, and who was looking for a good time, decided that this was a cause for a good, old-fashioned, bar brawl. Robert tagged Perin's hand, and started to randomly hit patrons in his bar. He had his tip money for the day, so he thought he'd have some fun. He started to throw tables, Perin randomly beat people—it was amazing! She saw some idiot wearing a Star Trek uniform. He looked at her with a suave "James T. Kirk" look, she looked at him with a "I'm going to kick you in the crotch" look. She then kicked him in the crotch. He no longer had the "James T. Kirk" look on his face. It was replaced with the "Ow, I'm in serious pain" look.

Although Robert and Perin were getting a kick out of the whole bar brawl, somebody in John's Tavern didn't like it one bit, so he called the police. The police restrained Perin and Robert, and dragged them into a police car. Perin took out a time sheet, and logged an hour of overtime on her daily schedule. Robert, although frowning as usual, tried to make himself realize that he had a really great time.

The next day, Robert was released, and forced to read a book called "Don't Bludgeon Your Fellow Man," by Dr. Mark Foupberg, which he used to bludgeon Jack J. O'Connell with, who had a rather bad day, who the Zugarti X-15 got even with for their leader's bludgeoning.

Confused? You better be. This is nothing. This is just the beginning. Although the time stream got a little messed up while you were reading this, you have actually gotten to the beginning of the story. Congratulations. You've made it this far. Stay strong, and don't stress. This is the easiest part of the story. At least that's what the voices in my head tell me...

Perin destroy everyone, including Tim "Scrawny Irish Kid" Casey

Perin Erey destroys Tim "Scrawny Irish Kid" Casey

Normally, Perin Erey would have beaten the piss out of somebody for saying such a stupid pick up line. She would pick up the poor fool, bludgeon him with the nearest blunt instrument of torture, and leave his bloody body on the floor for somebody to mop up. But she was too tired. She already beat most of the WWWF up, along with some old...
Hey. nice dress! How did you yet it from?

Hey, sorry a little too busy!

Hey, you, me, Keyleb CXester, and ito. Hombre.

To my Big By Paolo (SGdP)

Thanks for taking time out to spend my b-day with me. IIT really meant a lot to me.

Love, Chris (SGdP)

Hey nice dress! Where did you get it from?

Love, Aly

To my Big By Paolo (SGdP)

Thanks for making my birthday a very happy one. Thanks for the daze nites. I loved them.

Love, Chrysaliss (SGdP)

To all of my Sigma Sisters

Thank you for taking me out on Thursday to love the best time. I love you. My birthday was great b/c of all you.

Love, Chrysaliss (SGdP)

To my Big Vol (SGdP)

Thanks for always looking out for me and for my special b-day card gift. Ilove you lots!

Love, Your Little Chrysaliss (SGdP)

To the Delta Delta Class (SGdP)

Thanks for the poster. It looks great in my room. Still strong. Miss Christine Bobbline (SGdP)

Melissa AM Kupper (SGdP)

What can I say but "NEVER" I love you. Thanks for everything. I love you

Chrysaliss (SGdP)

Karen (SGdP)

Thanks for remembering me on my b-day. I love your cards and your old and most of all you.

Chrysaliss (SGdP)

GO TO HELL!

Lauren (SGdP)

How you feeling dere? Love Patrick

Menu.

You doing good? Love, Karen

Fay

How go feeling?

Well I hope you're not really asking me and all, but I'm doing okay. I'm on coffee cap #2 and I'm not feeling too wump. The loss knew to be cat, and I love on one guy on my face, but besides that, I'm doing.

To the A Brothers of Theta Xi who attended Cotillion,

You are all a bunch of FREAKS! Can't wait for the formal in April!-6 digests.

YITB, Allen (TX)

Eric (TX)

Bringing in da koolaee. Happy ION!

YITB, Allen (TX)

Allen (TX).

WHAT????

I Y T B , JITS (TX)

K a r y s (SGdP)

Cotillion was cool. Even thought the end was kind of weird. Can you say coconutARM? I was happy to present a really awesome gift.

Love your boy.

EVERYBODY SHUT UP AND LISTEN TO MY BIG BIG BIG!

Ain't Goin' IT? Quit It? I Can'T TAKE THE BIG BIG BIG THINGS ANymore! Again -JITS

Never have I ever lost or broke so many freaking things in one night!

A pissed off Green

Rita Class (SGdP)

Guess luck.

Kendra (SGdP)

I zoom me? Never!

Love, Video

Jeanette and Michelle (SGdP)

Happy Birthday (two week late) Love, Video

Jill (SGdP)

Great job with CAXCOUNT!

Love, Video

To SGdP-. He is a rider coaster, kong on! Love, Video

Kathy (SGdP)

Even though your a drunk driver, you're still my man.

Love, Video

Antonello (SGdP)

To Video bare pecs love! Love your Big

Meno (SGdP)

You're the best date I ever had! Love you! Video

Heather (SGdP)

Keep bonging in these cars! Love, Video

Rita Class (SGdP)

Keep up the good work! Love, Video

Kendra (SGdP) and Michelle, You are doing a great job! Love, Video

To the Telto delto CJoss (SGdP)

If we can't.

But we know you'll do a great job!

Good luck! Saty

Hey Boba came and sit right here next to me. we need to have a "special friendly chat."

Little Alan-Van

Can we say moo moo here. Pigs Pigs there. a moo here and a pig there?

We can't. It is physically impossible for me to say moo moo Here pigs pigs there is...

I'M CURSED! YES! I CAN Rumble IN/MAKE CHILDREN'S SONGS! -JITS

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Ben

I still love your Valentines card/sale you want it? Hey at least 2 get you one.

Neaker

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I have on mean, need a BREAK c'mon over and sell jump, jump and jump! Assume

Little Alan Van

The frestics From Parapompies. Don't even think about doing this way.

Neaker

To my big big big big big-

you are so big.

This is a quote from my girlfriend. "I love you, you have a soft skin, you like to cry. Your hands are so muscular, and you have a tickle, too!"

Justin loves you a lot

Ben Dazer

you are sick on ourmunic

Dear Dr. Ruth

Is it okay if my breasts are uneven?

Hey Scott. Can I have 2 coffees to go? Don't put n a cup, just throw it on the table.

X Class

You guys are doing a great job! Keep up the good work!

SFM 7 Brother Abraham

X.

Class.

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MSU finishes 3rd in the Metropolitan Wrestling Tournament
Three Red Hawks qualify for NCAAs

By Dawn DeRosa
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The College of New Jersey wrestling team won eight of ten weight classes and did not have a wrestler finish lower than second place, as the Lions easily won the 1997 Metropolitan Conference Wrestling Tournament, outscoring second place York College, 200.5 to 110.5, at MSU’s Panzer Gymnasium on Sunday afternoon.

The host Red Hawks finished in third place, scoring 103 points, and had one winner, Scott Stepe (49). 110 at 177 pounds. MSU, however, received two wild card selections and will send three wrestlers to the national tournament. TCNJ also received two wild card selections, and with its eight winners, will have 10 wrestlers at the NCAAs.

Additionally, TCNJ saw head coach Dave Icenhower, who is in his 21st year with the Lions, win the 1997 Metropolitan Coach of the Year Award, and 158-pounder Dan O’Conne (Lavalette) win the Most Outstanding Wrestler Award for the second straight year. At 126 pounds, Anton Atterbury (Burr Lake) of the Lions was awarded with the 1997 Metropolitan Senior trophy.

All winners at each weight class get an automatic bid to the upcoming 1997 NCAA Division III National Championships, which will be held March 7-8 at Ohio Northern University in Ada, OH. The coaches then selected eight “wild card” participants. Of the eight “wild card” participants two are from MSU. 154-pounder freshman Justin Nieder (Linden), and heavyweight sophomore Barrett Cervetto (West Creek).
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remaining in the game the score was knotted at 44, then a minute later the Raiders hit a three point shot and never trailed again.

For the game, Jeron Rayam of the Raiders led all scorers with 23 points. Weipz had a Red Hawk high 16 points followed by Fowler who had 13. Fowler also had a team high 11 rebounds and five assists. Rex had 12 points and nine rebounds while Reilly and Sutherland both had 10 points.

The Red Hawks shot 40 percent from the field and a horrible 12 of 19 from the free throw line. The Red Hawks were 11-12 following the defeat and knew that in order to have a shot at qualifying for the ECAC tournament, they would have to finish at .500.

The Red Hawks came out of their two game funk and tamed the College of New Jersey Lions by winning 85-71. The Red Hawks outscored TCNJ 51-39 during the decisive second half including a 17-10 run that put the game away.

Four Red Hawks scored in double figures including Reilly who had an absolutely incredible game. He scored 22 points and dished out six assists while shooting seven for 14 from the field including five for 11 from behind the three point arc. Sutherland scored 19 while shooting eight for 16 from the field. Weipz had 12 points including seven straight during one stretch of the second half. Rex had 12 points while coming off the bench and grabbed five rebounds. Fowler scored nine points and grabbed a game high 11 off the glass.

Overall the Red Hawks had a very solid game. They shot 44 percent from the field and greatly improved their free throw shooting connecting on 15 of 17 attempts. They grabbed 44 rebounds compared to 37 for the Lions.

Their win evened their record at 12-12. They will just have to wait until the bids for the ECAC Tournament are handed out next week. Let us hope that next week Head Coach Nick Del Tufo gets that important phone call from the ECAC telling him that his Red Hawks have indeed made the post-season.

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The MSU women's basketball needed two wins and one loss by Rutgers/Camden or one win and two losses by the Pioneers to easily secure fourth place in the New Jersey Athletic Conference. But the Red Hawks never do things the easy way. Rutgers/Camden split their week, and MSU did the same by falling to Rutgers/Newark, 59-46, but upset The College of New Jersey in a squeaker, 52-51. This caused both teams to be tied 11-7 in the NJAC and a third meeting between these two team to see who will face the Rowan College Profs tonight.

They headed into last Wednesday's game against Rutgers/Newark feeling confident knowing they had already defeated the Pioneers once this season. However, the confidence was nowhere to be found on the court.

"It was a nightmare," said Head Coach Gloria Bradley.

The Red Hawks shot a dismal 24 percent (14/58) from the field, 57 percent (15/26) from the free-throw line, and 23 percent (3/13) from the three-point arc. The Pioneers, without a chance for the post season, played a tough defensive game and shot 34 percent (20/59) from the field, 60 percent (17/28) from the line, and 67 percent (2/3) from the arc. The numbers added up to a crucial MSU loss.

The MSU women's basketball celebrating their victory Saturday over the College of New Jersey.

"They (Rutgers) scored 26 points off of 30 turnovers," Coach Bradley said, "and we only scored on five of 26 offensive turnovers."

With 14:37 left in the game, the Freehold East (Freehold) had six assists for a new MSU of 150, breaking the old record of 147.

Klingert, Ingram propel MSU into post-season

Defeat The College of New Jersey, Rutgers/Camden to secure fourth place

BY DENNIS L. DEMERCURIO
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Reilly explodes into MSU record books

BY JEFF EHRLICH
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Last Wednesday, February 19 the 12-12 Red Hawks (6-12 NJAC) played the 10-14 Rutgers-Newark Raiders (6-12 NJAC) at the Golden Dome in Newark. Although MSU had a 37-31 advantage at the half, once again they couldn't hold on to the lead. They ended up losing 84-69 as they were outscored 53-32 in the second half.

Following their defeat the Red Hawks headed home for their final game of the regular season on Saturday at Panzer Gym. They rebounded from the defeat and blew out the 14-10 College of New Jersey (10-8 NJAC) 85-71 as sophomore point-guard B.J. Reilly (Middlesex) had a sensational night. He scored 22 points and handed out six assists for a new MSU record of 150, breaking the old mark of 147 set by Keith Roberts during the 1993-94 season.

In Wednesday's loss at Rutgers-Newark, the Red Hawks scored 37 points in the first half and grabbed 26 rebounds. Reilly scored nine, senior guards Greg Fowler (Plainfield) and Rohan Sutherland (Miami, FL) scored seven, and sophomore forward John Weipz (Waretown) also scored seven. Raheem Rex (Atlantic City) had five points and six boards during the half. The Red Hawks shot 41 percent from the field and made seven of nine free throws. They appeared to be on their way to their twelfth victory of the season, but the second half proved otherwise. They came into the second half with a six point lead, but came out with a 15 point loss.

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And that they did, playing a solid game against CNJ, with little fouling (only four free throws against them) which has been a consistent problem for MSU this year. Ingram had just three points all day, the last being one free throw she hit with 1:48 left in the game. As the Red Hawks defeated the Profs, 52-41.

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