Students voice concerns over proposed tuition hike

by Paula Laiosa
Staff Writer

A large group of students attended a special open forum in front of the Board of Trustees on Tuesday in the Student Center to address the board and express their concerns about the university’s proposed tuition increase.

The BOT is a group of individuals who are appointed by the governor and approved by the Senate with input from the school. President Irvin Reid is also a member.

This group has proposed a tuition increase to compensate for the school’s budget being cut by the state.

Students who spoke to the board felt that there are other ways to compensate for the loss of funds.

Joseph Paternoster suggested that one possible solution is replacing entry-level positions and jobs that don’t require specific knowledge with students. He said this will help the university cut costs and help the students pay for tuition.

The chair of the BOT, Murray L. Cole, said that the school is not able to cut staff when they create new programs like a regular business or industry is able to do when they create a new product.

SGA Vice President, Lauren Pytelinski disagreed. She said after working with the SGA’s operating budget she knew any type of business could cut their operating budget.

Students talked about how they or their parents needed to work two jobs to pay for the current tuition and could barely afford it. Corey Russ, one of the students said, “I am here by the skin of my teeth and by you raising tuition you are kicking me out.”

SGA President Amy Fisher also spoke at the meeting. “Students don’t anticipate that tuition will increase 25% in the years that they are here. Because of the limited availability of some classes students are forced into staying longer and enduring more of an increase each year.”

Many students said that they have not seen results from this annual increase. They talked about poor resident life and unsatisfactory food and said this is where they would like to see some of their money go. Reid said the administration is always trying to improve services for the students.

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Asbestos removed from Finley Hall

by Al Mollo
Staff Writer

Two campus buildings were closed last weekend due to the detection of asbestos, university officials said.

Finley Hall and Mallory Hall were closed from last Friday until Sunday in order to remove materials which tested positive for asbestos. They remained closed through the weekend.

The detection occurred because of a university policy to test when doing construction. There had been no reported problems prior to the discovery of the asbestos.

“We only perform these tests when there is construction,” said Cathy Montero, Director of Facilities Planning. “This removal was done to avoid further problems down the line.”

Students packed into the Board of Trustees open forum over possible tuition hike.

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Pascarella to speak at MSU

by Kevin P. Hancock
News Editor

Congressman Bill Pascrell of the 8th district will be coming to MSU to speak to students about educational issues on Thursday, April 3.

“The Student Government Association is sponsoring the congressman’s visit which was set up by the SGA’s External Affairs committee, said sophomore Justin Buffer, who is on the committee.

Pascrell will be addressing various educational issues during his visit here.

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He will be speaking of educational policy and student empowerment.

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International

US sends envoy to Middle East to help restore peace

The United States ordered its chief Middle East peace broker back to the region on Wednesday to try to get Israelis and Palestinians to stop fighting and start talking.

The White House said veteran envoy Dennis Ross would consult both Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian President Yasser Arafat.

The two Middle East leaders, after six days of clashes between Palestinian stone-throwers and troops firing teargas and rubber bullets, had left the door open to a summit meeting.

Officials on both sides declined comment on Wednesday about Ross’ mission. Palestinians said they had yet to hear whether Arafat would cut short a tour of Asia and Africa due to run until Saturday.

In Washington earlier this week, officials said it was crucial to get the two sides talking again. “We won’t be able to stabilize the situation until we have them back talking with each other,” one official said.

U.N. leader urges end to fighting in Zaire

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, attending a special summit on the Zaire crisis, urged President Mobutu Sese Seko’s regime and advancing rebels to stop fighting and start negotiating.

Annan, a surprise participant at the one-day summit called by the Organization of African Unity (OAU), added his voice to the mounting international pressure on the warring parties.

“It’s necessary for everyone to renounce violence and get to the negotiation table,” Annan said. “The fighting must stop and dialogue must begin.”

The summit’s opening ceremony was attended by 13 African presidents and delegates sent by both Mobutu and rebel leader Laurent Kabila.

The rebels have now seized a quarter of the vast country Mobutu has ruled since 1965. While the diplomats met, Kabila’s fighters were steadily advancing in Shaba the southern province whose colossal mineral resources make Zaire a potentially prosperous state.

Vice President visits China

Vice President Al Gore stood atop the Great Wall of China on Wednesday and marveled at its construction. It was a short break from work on another man-made project of sorts and the purpose of Gore’s trip — continued construction of an effective China policy.

To that end, the vice president has spent much of the last two days in meetings with many of China’s senior leaders, including President Zemin. Issues discussed include the proliferation of weapons, trade, the future of Hong Kong and human rights.

On the latter issue, always a controversy in U.S.-China relations, Gore had little progress to report.

“This is a place where differences between the United States and China on this issue, but both nations are finding ways to further the discussion and continue the deepening of U.S.-China relations,” he said.

His trip has proceeded as scheduled and has not included any obvious gaffes. But, in light of allegations of possible Chinese efforts to buy influence among U.S. politicians, Gore’s every move is under increased scrutiny.

Cigarette company accused of targeting children

Saying the Joe Camel campaign targets children, federal investigators are urging an unfair-advertising case against R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., a Wall Street Journal reported Wednesday.

Jodie Bernstein, the Federal Trade Commission’s director of consumer trade protection, recommended that the FTC go after the nation’s No. 2 cigarette maker, the newspaper said.

The FTC staff reopened the investigation of Joe Camel ads last summer, after a bipartisan petition from 67 House members approved the new inquiry.

“The commission is being presented new evidence and will respond to it accordingly,” FTC spokeswoman Victoria Streifeld told the Journal. “The company will be given a full opportunity to meet with commissioners before they vote.”

An FTC memo, dated two weeks ago, cited an extensive amount of new evidence about the tobacco industry’s advertisements that wasn’t available in 1994 when the commission voted 3-2 not to bring a case against the highly successful Joe Camel cartoon character.

The Journal said a new vote could come within two months. The commission was expected to reverse its decision on the ads, according to the report.

Settlement reached in Texaco discrimination lawsuit

A race-discrimination lawsuit against Texaco Inc. has been officially settled for a historic $176 million.

In a decision dated Friday and released Tuesday, U.S. District Judge Charles Bierant called the settlement “fair and reasonable, and highly beneficial” to the plaintiffs.

Officials said the estimated $176 million is the largest race-discrimination settlement in U.S. history.

“I’m very pleased that the judge approved it,” said Daniel Berger, an attorney for the plaintiffs.

Agreement was tentatively reached in November, after the disclosure earlier that month of secret tape recordings on which Texaco executives allegedly berated black employees and plotted the destruction of evidence.

The class-action lawsuit claimed Texaco had a racist corporate culture and discriminated against blacks in pay, promotions and workplace behavior.

After word of the tapes surfaced, Texaco was hit with a civil-rights boycott and subjected to ridicule on late-night TV talk shows.

National

Safety board makes air bag recommendation

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety is reluctantly recommending that the federal government allow consumers to deactivate air bags in their cars.

The Institute played a key role in persuading the government to require air bags in cars and has strongly supported use of the protective devices for three decades.

But the Washington Post reported Wednesday that the Institute is urging the government to allow deactivation of the bags lest public pressure lead to the elimination of the devices altogether.

Although airbags are considered important, life-saving devices by the automotive industry, they have also been responsible for the deaths of at least 62 people. The bags deploy at speeds between 97 and 200 miles an hour, and since 1993 have killed 38 children and 24 adults, most of them small women.

As a result, a movement has begun to permit the deactivation of the bags.

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The Student Government Association’s latest meeting saw the passage of three appropriation bills, a Class Four charter, and three referendum questions to be placed on the ballot in the upcoming Executive board elections. Finally, a change in the statutes was approved which will allow for legislators to be appointed.

In two separate bills, New Jersey Community Water Watch, a Class Three organization, was granted a total of $864 for supplies and events for the semester. The organization asked for money to buy supplies for their stream walks, which are held regularly. Among the supplies were kits to test the water and research materials. The organization has also planned events such as a seminar and guest speakers for Earth week, taking place April 21-25.

The Economic and Finance Society, a Class Three organization, was also appropriated funds for guest speaker Bill Griffin, a noted author. The organization will receive $220, which will be spent for refreshments, promotion of the event, and token gifts for the speaker.

In addition, Tau Phi Beta was granted a Class Four Charter for the academic years 1997-1999. The fraternity, commonly known as the Bulls, described itself as a multicultural social organization and has chapters at two other colleges.

The legislature passed three referendum questions to be placed on the ballot in the elections to be held on April 16-23. The first and most important question will ask students whether to change the qualifications for being a Justice on the Judicial branch, as outlined in the SGA Constitution, from a minimum cumulative grade point average from 2.7 to 2.5. The bill was designed to lessen the qualifications for the office, which has had difficulty being filled. Since the branch went into effect, only one student has run for the position. Five other students have been appointed by the SGA president to keep the branch running, as mandated by the Constitution. The other two referendum questions ask students to correct typographical errors in the Constitution.

The legislature also passed a change in the statutes which will permit legislators to be appointed, if there are vacancies, after the deadline for submitting petitions has passed. The appointed legislators must first obtain a petition with 150 signatures of undergraduate students. The appointments may only be made by the President Pro Tempore of the legislature, and all appointments must be approved by 2/3 of the legislature.

Finally, the legislature and Executive Board discussed the upcoming student protest on April 15, first mentioned by students Joe Paternoster and Jean-Marie Navetta during the Student Open Forum at the beginning of the meeting. The SGA will be organizing the strike, which is scheduled to include a free barbecue for students, appearances by WMSC, the university radio station, and speeches by numerous students and campus leaders. Anyone interested in more details regarding the event or in helping organize it should contact the SGA office on the first floor of the Student Center.

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-Pytel ski, SGA President

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The legislature also expressed their concerns about the country as a whole not viewing education as a priority. George Calle said, “people don’t understand education is the foundation by which we are all going to prosper as a nation.”

The SGA wants everyone to get involved in the rallies even if they are graduating in order to show support for education not only for the current generation but for future generations as well.

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It is not known if Pascrell will be speaking about MSU’s possible tuition increase and the walkout being planned by the SGA. “I can’t say if he is going address that issue directly,” said Waks.

Pascrell will be speaking at 11 a.m. in the Student Center rooms 411-414. All students are invited to attend and hear the congressman speak, said Buffer.

The event will be publicized through fliers and History and Political Science professors who will inform their students of the Pascrell’s visit, said Ruddy Andrade, SGA Director of External Affairs.

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Majoring to be a Webmaster

Colleen DeBaise

In an effort to keep pace with a rapidly changing job market, many universities have begun training students for the hottest profession of the 90s: Webmaster.

And they’re not just churning out techies.

Rather than offering Internet training as part of a computer science course, universities are teaching students how to design web pages by combining theories of mass communications, visual arts, even organizational psychology—all with a technology spin.

The result is that student Webmasters are getting job offers even before their diplomas.

Douglas Karabasz, for instance, already was building web pages for a Cleveland-based computer firm before he graduated from the University of Dayton in December.

Karabasz, a visual arts major, said he wasn’t excited about the Internet until he took an interactive design course last winter, the first time it was offered at UD. “I didn’t have much interest in the web until then,” said Karabasz, who now works on marketing the company’s site. “Now there’s not a day that goes by that I’m not on it.”

At the University of Denver, a new degree program called digital media studies trains students to produce cutting-edge web sites. The program is a collaborative effort from DU’s School of Communication, the School of Art and Art History and the computer science department.

“We are very committed to this interdisciplinary approach because we want to cultivate creative, technically competent, ethical and conscientious graduates,” said Jeff Rutenbeck, director of DU’s digital media studies program.

The university decided three years ago that students needed better preparation to pursue careers in emerging
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MSU POLICE REPORT

OBTAINED AND COMPILED BY JOHN J. O'SULLIVAN MANAGING EDITOR

Theft:

3/13 - A woman conducting a workshop in the Student Center on February 25 reported that a video camera was missing when they packed up at the end of the day. She waited to report the theft, hoping to find the camera.

3/13 - A woman reported that her beach bag and its contents were stolen from an unsecured locker in the women's locker room in Panzer Gym.

Medical:

3/14 - A Blanton Hall Cafeteria worker experienced extreme irritation to the palm of his hand, when he was using a cleaning agent. He refused transportation to the hospital. He was, however, brought to the Immedicenter by his supervisor.

3/17 - A construction worker in Finley Hall was injured when an electrical box fell on his foot. He was brought to Mountainside Hospital by ambulance.

3/18 - A Clove Road Apt. resident suffered a sickle cell anemia attack. She was brought to Mountainside Hospital by ambulance.

Alarms:

3/13 - An intrusion alarm was sounded at the president’s office. An assistant to the president forgot the code to the alarm. The alarm was reset.

3/14 - A fire alarm went off in Dickson Hall. The alarm stopped right before the officers arrived. There were no signs of smoke or fire, and the alarm was reset. Approximately one hour later, the alarm sounded again. The fire safety officer was notified of the problem.

Other:

3/13 (Dispute) - A passer-by reported a male and a female arguing near Lot 3. Officers arrived, and determined that they just broke up their relationship. There were no signs of physical violence, but the two were advised of domestic violence laws.

3/13 (Terroristic Threat) - A male came to Campus Police headquarters, and reported that he was threatened by a male Bohn Hall resident for being on the 10th floor.

3/18 (Criminal Mischief) - Graffiti painted on the east side exterior wall of the Freeman Hall cafeteria.

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technologies. The commitment to the new program has paid off, Rutenbeck says.

“Many of our students are already working in their field before they graduate because the demand is so high,” he said.

At MiraCosta College, a community college in Oceanside, Calif., the demand for proficient web designers is even closer to home. Students earn certificates in MiraCosta’s new information and multimedia technology program by producing web sites for campus instructors.

Jeff Murphy, a visual arts professor who started UD’s new design class, said he is having a hard time keeping up with the requests from campus offices looking for students with multimedia design skills.

The class sizes must be kept small because of the high cost the multi-media software required for advanced design projects—such as incorporating video and sound into web designs.

“There’s a heavy commitment for the university, but it’s definitely necessary for success in the field,” Murphy said.

Students work in teams to complete a design project for an academic department on campus. Marissa Strassel, a junior visual communication design major, is partnering with Heather Johnson, a communication graduate student, to modify the web page for UD’s Center for Electronic Learning and Teaching.

“I’m going to help her with the design part, and she’s going to help me with the technical aspects,” Strassel said.

Murphy said that visual arts students who have design skills often lack technical experience. “If you’re not from a technical background, it can be kind of scary,” he said. But most students quickly pick up the basics of HTML programming language and learn to work within the strict limitations of size, font, color and downloading time, he said.

Strassel said her web-page design skills will be an asset when she starts her job search. And the fact that her web designs could be viewed by anyone in the world draws her to the field. “That makes it exciting,” she said.

Frank Vrtar, a senior visual communication design student, is a web-page designer for UD’s Research Institute. By the time he had finished his first web design project, Vrtar says he knew that it was a career worth pursuing.

“I realized that this is where the biggest future is in my field,” he said.

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“Equity in the Workplace”

BY NAKIA WHITE
STAFF WRITER

In honor of Women's History Month, Connie Spence and Holly Gera, co-chairs of the women of MSU sponsored a luncheon, featuring Barbara Milton, the Affirmative Action officer for the University, and Valerie Mayo Van Baaren, Esq., the University's Attorney, who spoke on the afternoon's theme of "Equity in the Workplace".

Milton spoke to an audience of faculty and staff, a majority of which were women. She focused on equity in the workplace and explained how women are often underrepresented, "women have not achieved full equity in the workplace," she said. This she claimed, is due to various types of discrimination.

Critiquing the inequality in the male-dominated work force, Milton gave disturbing numbers of women, especially minority women, underrepresented in the workplace. Ironically women have seen parity in the work force, unfortunately the parity does not exist in regards to salaries.

She also feels that there are limited opportunities for women because of the "glass ceiling and sticky floor" theory, which in her view hinders women from achieving their full potential in the workplace. Often when women receive management rank, it's usually middle management positions, which are generally stressful. "Stress is considered an occupational hazard of the nineties," Milton stated.

Even though women have not yet gained equity in the workplace, they must have more political and executive positions. Milton stated that the "Glass Ceiling is crushing and this only can be effectively done by more women receiving degrees, masters and doctorate's.

Van Baaren, Attorney for the University, also spoke. Her speech focused on equity in the workplace from a legal and historical perspective.

She focused on the birth of the constitution. "In 1789, the Constitution became the supreme law of the land and when it was derived it did not have women in mind" said Van Baaren. "It took almost 80 years and a Civil War to change the Constitution, it was a long, long time coming, but change was going to come," she exclaimed.

In 1990, white males made up 53% of the United States work force, 83% of them were partners in major law firms, 90% had positions in Congress, 99% were athletic team owners, and 100% were Presidents of the United States of America, according to Van Baaren.

She concluded with the advice, "the road to equity is paved with excellence, in order to achieve excellence you must do what you say you going to do, don’t forget others, as you rise, you must pull them up". Then she jokingly ended with "Put money aside just in case you have to leave your husband!"

Reid dinner honors women

BY LIZ VOLTMAN
STAFF WRITER

As a pleasant end to MSU's successful celebration of Women's History Month, President Reid and his wife Dr. Pamela Reid hosted the second annual dinner for a select group of women of MSU who have demonstrated a commitment to women's issues. Eighteen students, including myself, attended the event earlier this week.

The purpose of this annual dinner is to provide a comfortable atmosphere where a balanced cross-section of female students are encouraged to share their thoughts and opinions concerning their experiences at MSU.

The eclectic group consisted of undergraduate and graduate students of various majors, years and ethnic backgrounds. Each woman had different experiences to share and was strongly encouraged by President Reid to suggest areas of the University that could use improvement.

The following is a sampling of several important issues that were discussed. One topic was finding ways to further improve security, such as making concerted efforts to assure that guards remain alert while inside information booths.

Concern was also voiced about the problem of sexual discrimination and harassment on campus and the accessibility of information about these issues. Students can take action against other students and professors who act offensively.

The consensus was that anyone who has experienced an uncomfortable situation should immediately contact the Dean of Students and file a complaint. Some students suggested the need for better student input to the administration on these issues.

A final issue was the contemplation of how to get more male students, who average 33 percent of MSU’s student body, to become more involved in understanding the true meaning of feminist ideology and the importance of respecting women rather than exploiting them.

Workshops and encouraging them to take Women’s Studies courses were mentioned as ways to help bridge this gap; however, it was agreed that the younger children are educated concerning the need for gender equity, the better.

During the night, Dr. Reid pointed out some of the recent improvements that have been made on campus as a direct response to this type of student input. For instance, in certain dorms, devices have been installed that spray a stinging, iridescent paint when an alarm is pulled.

This method has managed to effectively decrease the rate of the dreaded “middle of the night” drills.
Students help community

by Suzanne Feigle
Campus Life Editor

Last year, Cooperative Education sponsored the Service Learning program, a course-based, credit-bearing educational experience for students to participate in an organized service activity that meets identified community needs. The Office of Cooperative Education established a partnership with the Montclair Board of Education and placed students as volunteers in the School/Community Tutorial Program. MSU students spend time in the local schools, working with children on topics ranging from basic math to family problems. In one year, enrollment in the program doubled from 26 to 58 students. What makes this program so special? I decided to speak to some students to find out.

Chris Graham is currently enrolled in Dr. Montescinos’ Health Psychology course. He is enjoying the program and has felt it to be quite beneficial. “By working with children, I have learned problem solving skills and had the opportunity to apply them since being immersed in the situation. The experience is the most important part of the program,” said Graham.

Linda Gonzalez, who was enrolled in “Anthropology of Multicultural America” last semester, also agrees that the program has its benefits. “This is an opportunity to take part in the development of young children. As a parent of two children, it was nice to give something to children who didn’t have much offered to them. I tutored at the YMCA on Saturday mornings and was exposed to the different lifestyles and cultures in the area,” said Gonzalez.

In the course, she learned how to avoid ethnocentrism and bias. The class integrated their experiences with the children into their lectures and found ways to improve situations. What also helped was that we had the complete support of the parents. They appreciated that we could spend time with the children and interact with them,” she said.

In my course, “Volunteer in the Community,” we picked an aspect of Montclair and researched it. “This way, we knew where the children were coming from and what their personal lives were like,” said Tiffany Peele, who also took part in the program last semester. Peele felt that she developed a profound understanding of children’s points of view and abilities. “The term MSU uses to define such programs is ‘Service Learning.’ I definitely feel that the courses accurately represent what service is all about,” Peele said.

In addition to the courses available, students who are involved in any community service can now apply for the Edward Leshowitz Urban Initiatives Award.

Leshowitz, a graduate from the Class of 1936 and a honoree at last year’s commencement ceremonies, donated $300,000 worth of stock in Summit Bank for students’ study and working towards solving the problems of illiteracy, poverty, and homelessness.

Four $500 awards are available to any student, in the Service Learning project or not, who successfully participated in a community service project that helped solve an urban problem. Any interested students who fit this criteria can pick up an application at the Office of Cooperative Education before the April 11 deadline.

With both the Service Learning Program and the Leshowitz Award, Montclair State University is rapidly becoming an community-oriented campus.

Cooperative Education’s Director Freyda Lazarus summed it best. “Now we have an interactive, dynamic outlet to meet the needs of both the community and the student. It’s been a great success.”

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due to student pranks. In order to crack down on dorm vandalism, cameras have been installed within various elevators.

Also, 360 degree rotating cameras which are constantly being monitored and improved outdoor lighting make the Quarry parking lot a much safer place. And the recent tightening of security all around campus has brought the percentage of cars stolen from MSU to a record-breaking low.

All in all, students were pleased with these improvements and had plenty of positive feedback to share about the education they’re receiving from MSU.

One student, Astrid Chica-Tamayo, a native of Columbia, told the inspirational story of how before coming to MSU, she didn’t know any English. But after five years she is speaking wonderfully and couldn’t express enough gratitude to the institution.

Another student, Michele Dorian returned to school after about twenty years and is thrilled that she chose MSU as the place to do so. She is currently student teaching and loves it.

As for myself, I’ve also enjoyed the time I’ve spent at MSU. President Reid has always been a cordial, accessible campus figure, as have the professors and advisors within my major. I’m graduating this coming May, though I am thinking about returning to obtain my master’s degree... and it’s because of the little things, such as the type of dinner, where the time is taken to ask students what MSU is doing right, as well as what it could be doing even better.

Got an unusual talent? MTV wants You! If you can do something really weird and amazing, here’s your chance to share your special talent with millions of MTV viewers. MTV will be at the Student Center 4th Floor on Wednesday, April 2nd from 10 am - 5 pm. Just show up prepared to show them what you do. It’s that simple. You can be part of ODDVILLE, MTV, a new show featuring celebrity guests, top bands, and regular people with unusual and bizarre talents. So come and show MTV what YOU can do.
**Wellness Week events planned**

by Victoria Tengelics

Assistant Campus Life Editor

Healthy living has become an important goal of our lives. Staying fit and eating right are the "in" things now; you can get nearly any food in a fat free form.

However, there is more to healthy living than diet and exercise as you will find out if you attend any of the activities during Wellness Week, April 2 through April 9, 1997. The week is being sponsored by various groups, including the Health & Wellness Center, The Women's Center and the American Cancer Society, and is being coordinated by the Wellness Committee of MSU.

The week starts off with a triathlon in Panzer Gym, which will be held April 2 through April 4. Other activities scheduled for April 2 include: Good Health/Poor Health Factors Affected by Exercise, Using your Mind to Control Coronary Artery Disease, Dance Naked in Your Living Room, International Talent Exposition and Gay & Lesbian Safe Sex Issues.

Wellness Week comes to a close on April 9, 1997. A lecture on sexually transmitted diseases will be held in Student Center room 419 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and Sharon Craig will speak on Eating Disorders in room 417 of the Student Center from noon to 1 p.m.

The week will conclude with a sunset celebration at Blanton Quad beginning at 7:30 p.m. "Wellness is not just a week," said Dr. Dick Tobin, co-chair of the Wellness Committee.
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Madness, mayhem, and the Mighty Mighty Bosstones

The Mighty Mighty Bosstones released their fifth album, Let's Face It (Mercury Records), the newest album for the veteran Ska band. Let's Face It showcases the musical depth and range that the Bosstones have possessed since they began in Boston over eight years ago.

Let's Face It features songs derived from the purist ska, “Noise Brigade,” ‘Rascal King,” and “Royal Oil.” “That Bug Bit Me” and “Nevermind Me” resemble more of a melodic punk pop with irresistible choruses. “The Impression That I Get,” “Numbered Days,” and “1-2-8” sound like tunes that will be heard over the airways of many major radio stations in the near future.

The Bosstones are currently the most played band on WMSC. MSU’s radio station. The Bosstones played at MSU in the Spring of 1994. They have already released a music video for “The Impression That I Get,” from Let's Face It.

The Bosstones are an octet that features members from earlier punk and hardcore bands that mixed with saxophone players in 1985. The Bosstones were one of the first bands to mix Punk and Ska music, which has been known to be called “Skacore.” With this, they have used their lyrics to speak against all forms of prejudice.

The Bosstones have played a major role in elevating their form of music, and the movement to bring the issues of racial and social tolerance which were enveloped in these earlier movements into the mass media market, without compromising their music. A greater example could not have been set when the Bosstones played Lollapalooza in 1995.
Mono Music Reviews, The Family Jewels, Nowhere

by Joji Kastel
Assistant Arts Editor

I'm back! After a month of unscheduled R & R while recuperating from mono and with all that extra time on my hands I got the chance to listen to a crop of new CDs. Without further ado, the results are:

The Family Jewels-Self Titled

The Family Jewels' self-titled album is so infectious, I began to dance around the room the moment it began playing, much to my roommate's amusements. The Family Jewels-5W album is based out of Edison, and has been kicking brass section, a perfect beginning to a CD that itself is a musical transition; a journey through various styles. It begins with a nursery rhyme-type keyboard intro, enter drums, add Barry's Axl Rose-caliber vocals and a dose of brass and simmer! "Special K," about a misunderstood retard, has a catchy chorus, and even though his mother reminds him that he is special, he laments, "Oh, I wish I was like you, I'd do the things you do, I'd write a song making fun of you!"

The Family Jewels' sound has been influenced by classic rock, as well as David Bowie, Mike and the Mechanics, Men at Work, and older Talking Heads. The band hopes to release their next album, Chuck and Louise, this spring. Catch them on tour throughout the area this summer. B.

Money...

Music from the Gregg Araki movie.

Nowhere Soundtrack

Mercury Records released the soundtrack to the forthcoming Fine Line Features film, Nowhere, directed by Gregg Araki. "the film promises to be one of the sexiest, wildest, far-out rides to encounter, as it follows an intertwined network of doomed youths as they experience teenage doubt and insecurity, the ups and downs of adolescent love, S & M, hallucinogens, rape, murder, and alien abductions."

Hmmm...It features the odd mix of Christina Applegate, Debi Mazar, Traci Lords, Shannen Doherty, John Ritter, and Beverly D'Angelo.

The highlights, and there aren't many, read like the current CMJ Hot 100 List. 311's "Freak Out" from 1993's Music (Capricorn). "Death, I just say 'fuck you,' the void unknown we're thrown through, while lost in life's psychedelic trip we take, there's another, more bizarre, we have to make," starts the album off. Not much to comment about until track 7. "Daydreaming (Blacksmith Remix)" by Massive Attack. This song is awesome and should be blasted to be fully appreciated. Coco and the Bean's "Killing Time" follows with sexy, jazzy crooning, "You are the reason why...You've got me killing time." Lush, fronted by the incredible Miki Berenyi, offers, "I Have the Moon," a beautiful and calming love fest. Ruby contrasts that sentiment with "Pippin' the Bird (Ceasefire Remix)" off of 1995's Salt Peter (Creation). She sings; "I laugh when you die, I cry when it feels good and I scream because I want to, something tells me I've been here before." Marilyn Manson closes it out with "Kiddie Grinder (Remix)" from 1995's Smells Like Children (Nothing/Interscope).

This album has some nuggets, but most of the songs aren't new and can be found on other albums. And though this compilation boasts a great talent lineup, it falls short of delivering a soundtrack that one would expect from an indie filmmaker. The press release promises an array of rare and previously unreleased tracks from some of today's most innovative and groundbreaking artists. Well, that's about half right.

The Radiohead, hole, Elastica, Chemical Brothers, Chuck D, and the usual Manchester/Beattles-esque stuff from Catherine Wheel, Curve, James, and The London Suede are also in attendance. Maybe the movie will be more groundbreaking. C-.
Selena captures the life and tragic death of a star

BY GLADYS ARAQUE
STAFF WRITER

The movie, Selena (Warner Bros.) was made to celebrate the life of the “Queen of Mexican Tejano” music, Selena Quintanilla Perez, and it did just that. Controversy however, surrounded this movie from the very beginning. Some critics suggested that the Quintanilla family was exploiting Selena’s fame by making a movie. Considering, however, that at least four unauthorized biographies are out in bookstores already (which are not inaccurate at all), I think her family deserved the right to set the record straight.

Critics was also criticism over the casting of Jennifer Lopez because she is Puerto Rican and fans thought that only a Mexican actress should have the honor of playing the character of Selena. Well, an astonishing performance by Jennifer Lopez proved her to be without a doubt, the best choice for the role of Selena. A more serious concern, however, was about the date of release of the film. Since it was thought to be too emotional or even worse, misinterpreted by fans if the movie was released on March 31 (the date being Selena’s two-year death anniversary), the date was moved to March 21.

The movie, directed by Gregory Nava, opens with Selena’s last concert which was unusual because she sang in English, choosing her favorite 70’s songs. Explaining in a past interview, Selena just wanted to jam to her first musical influences and in doing so, prepare her Spanish speaking fans for her ‘cross over’ album, to be released shortly thereafter. Then the movie reveals her father’s, Abraham Quintanilla, (played by Edward James Olmos) experience as a singer in a band called Los Dinos. It illustrates the band’s desire to make it as an American band, but Hispanics were not welcome to play rock and roll in those days. So he kept his dream alive in Selena, teaching her the importance of her roots and mastering both English and Spanish music.

The movie captured the essence of the family very well, giving light to everyone’s personality. Others have criticized Abraham Quintanilla’s falling and tripping all over the place and that said Selena’s mother didn’t have enough input in the film. But the truth is that Mr. Quintanilla is very clumsy and this was a big part of his personality, giving the family many laughs on the road. As for Selena’s mother, it was a perfect representation. I might add of the role, the Hispanic mother often plays in the family as the confident of her children’s problems and inner strength of the family.

I am glad this movie was made, it really gives a good idea of how Hispanic families behave, their values, and fears as immigrants are so clear throughout the movie. Also important to me as a woman is Selena’s example to other young girls and upcoming artists, how she carried herself, her beliefs and moral values. She could be so sexy while keeping herself respectable and dignified. The movie shows how ‘down to Earth’ Selena was, fame never went to her head, on the contrary, she kept getting closer and closer to her fans. Perhaps that is what we will all remember the most about her, the price she paid for it and how one bad apple destroyed everything. The movie did not put too much emphasis on Yolanda Saldivar, director of her fan club, and her assassin, but showed enough so that audience could figure out what happened.

It was a great movie, two hours of laughter and sadness, with lots of romantic moments and beautiful music. I promise it will be worth your time and money.

Gene’s To See the Lights music you can identify with

BY JOHN J. O’SULLIVAN
MANAGING EDITOR

Okay, you’ve been dumped, hurt, depressed, lonely, afraid—you’re generally feeling in the dumps. You’ve spent, say, a week in a bar, drinking eventually; hungover, poor, and with some extra beer-flab on your belly. You decide to listen to something dark and depressing. Something that can identify with you. Some music that can identify with you. Some music that can identify with you.

Gene, a somewhat new face in Brit-pop, is one of these bands to turn to. Although their new compilation, To See the Lights isn’t in America’s hit parade yet, doesn’t mean that Gene is not going to be there.

The guitar work, albeit not the most amazing, is smooth, and a bit bratty, showing a more youthful look at love and failed relationships. I felt that some of the songs, however, had a tinge of morrissey’s whiny “Life sucks. My car sucks. I suck.” attitudes and vocal stylings. I overlooked it though, and took the album for what it was, a panacea for depression.

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The Irish have plenty of dignity – and fun

Madam Ant must have been on the ale when she wrote about the Irish in Ireland celebrating St. Patrick’s Day quietly. It seems she has the greatest disdain for alcohol. The Irish celebrate and enjoy themselves and yes even get drunk, why not? But not only on St. Patrick’s but every weekend too! However they still get up on a Monday morning for work even after a good session. Perhaps the difference lies there, the American Irish only manage it once a year.

The commercialization of St. Pat’s is not an insult; it’s marketing. The same thing happens in this country with St. Valentine, the Easter Bunny and Santa Claus. It is the Irish or ‘wannabe’ Irish who buy this ‘crap’, because they have the generosity of spirit to just do daft things and exchange gifts just for the sake of them. If you don’t like the cards don’t buy them.

The Irish do not have any history of self hatred.

They have not lost their culture. If Madam Ant had studied properly in her ‘Celtcentric’ class she would know that for hundreds of years before anyone invaded Ireland the Celts were celebrated or feared as inebriates and debauchers, when they were invading other places. Indeed it was these ‘pagan’ behaviours that St. Patrick went to try and convert.

Wherever the Irish have gone they have celebrated the land that made them refugees. As I walked down 5th Avenue last Monday I thought how ironic it was that as a Brit, responsible in Madam Ant’s eyes for the domination of the Irish, I should be cheered by thousands of my oppressors. I pondered on their crushed spirit and lost culture, but not for long! It seems that Madam Ant wants a teatotal, mass going, quiet, politically correct, shamrock and leprechaun free St. Patrick’s Day. Please spare us this oppression.

Matthew Connolly, Technology

Two alternatives to raising MSU’s tuition: lowering the heat and do-it-yourself dorms

Author’s note: This piece is meant as a tongue-in-cheek way of saying that cost cutting which does not interfere with the quality of education should be considered before tuition is raised.

I propose two plans which if implemented would negate the necessity of tuition increases.

The first plan is to lower the heat. Each classroom in which I have had the privilege of attending class here at MSU during the winter months has been grievously overheated, necessitating the wearing of numerous layers of clothing to shed during class and then don again to travel to the next class in another building. The warmest place of my encounter on campus is the library, where too often a much needed study session away from the home distractions of the telephone, the television, and the refrigerator, turns into a heat induced snooze session.

Should the administration hopefully decide to adopt this huge cost saving measure for MSU, they would also be contributing to the ecological health of our planet by conserving fossil fuel and to the physical health of our students and faculty who should suffer far fewer upper respiratory infections.

The second plan is to adopt the Japanese system of school maintenance. The Japanese students maintain their facilities routinely. All of our maintenance should be done by us, the students and staff with administration supervision and assistance. All indoor cleaning, all outdoor policing and grass cutting, should be assigned to all according to their abilities and talents equally, regardless of sex, race, creed, national origin, or articles published. Hopefully we will all gain the respect for education and the virtue of personal responsibility of the Japanese by embracing their practices. And we can save a few dollars, too!

Miriam Cartine, Undecided

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Gibbs’ “real world” isn’t very realistic

I am writing in response to William Gibbs’ editorial on “the cowardly art of hit and run” which appeared in the March 13th Montclarion. This is the second time that Mr. Gibbs has offered “complaints and solutions to MSU parking problems.” However, instead of articulating the supposed problems and pounding intelligent solutions for all to consider, the provers nothing but pure gibberish.

Mr. Gibbs tells of a student whom he calls John Doe. John’s automobile fell prey to a hit and run accident and, because MSU operated under a “park at your own risk” policy, the university denied him compensatory damages. Attempting to solve the problem, Mr. Gibbs suggests that MSU adopt a policy whereby it is liable for any damages found to be the direct fault of the university. Any rational thinking head must instantly deduce that this “solution” is obtrusively fastidious for two reasons: First, Gibbs’ proposed policy is already in existence. If Mr. Gibbs had done his homework, he would have discovered that under the New Jersey State Torts Claims Act, MSU is liable for damages found to be the direct fault of the university (maintenance vehicles, patrol cars, parking gates, etc.) and second, be that as it may, such a policy is not applicable to John Doe’s dilemma. If MSU had not hand in marring his automobile, then for what specifically does he propose holding the university accountable?

Mr. Gibbs concludes his editorial with the assertion, “We cannot continue acting childish and helpless. Accept your responsibilities.” I cannot help but recollect Mr. Gibbs’ editorial in the Montclarion on February 13th in which he bewailed, “...how easy it seems for Campus Police to slap a ticket on your windshield for illegal parking.” [emphasis mine] He recounted the woeful tale of how, after a two-hour drive, he parked his car illegally and received a ticket for his troubles. He attempt to absolve himself by claiming, “I was very tired...I had luggage to bring in.” Furthermore, Gibbs has the moxie to declare that the Campus Police are guilty of “cold and unfeeling practices” for issuing him a ticket. Correct me if I’m wrong, but the last time I checked, the word “illegal” meant “against the law”. How Mr. Gibbs can own up to something which runs contrary to the law, attempt to eschew culpability, and have the insolence to berate Campus Police for merely doing what their job requires them to do, lies beyond the realm of comprehension.

I would like to tender a pragmatic proposal for Mr. Gibbs to contemplate. Next time, rather than call Campus Police names, heed your own good advice. Don’t act “...childish and helpless.” After all, William, isn’t that, “what entering the real world is all about?”

Timothy P. Donnelly
History

Spring Break Student Center renovations: The good, the bad, and the dull

During the week of spring break, the Student Center Annex, specifically the Class One offices, were painted. As one of the few students on campus, I observed the progress and status of the work.

The original idea that was shown to the Class Ones looked like the suppression and elimination of supplies in their offices. So the Class Ones, through this charter, will also lose posting areas. The newly painted walls now require them to do, lies beyond the realm of comprehension.

Does anyone in any Class One know what that is? Andrew Springer
English

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The Montclarion Mailbag

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We’re Irish (part II)

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in the aftermath of St. Patrick’s Day my annoyance at the way the Irish are perceived and portrayed, as well as at the behavior of Irish and non-Irish alike, was aggravated. I was watching parade coverage on the 11:00 NBC news and a reporter asked some older teens why they were at the parade. A young gentleman of color, wearing a big, dumb, green Dr. Seuss hat, answered, “I’m here because I eat potatoes and drink beer!” Wow, I thought, what if I attended a Martin Luther King, Jr. commemoration, was asked on camera why I was there, and answered, “I’m here because I eat watermelon and drink ‘40!’” Would anyone suffer that? Would it be acceptable to say, “Hey, it’s MLK Day, everyone’s black today!”

A scant few days after the “Wearin’ O’ the Green” had passed, it was revealed that anti-Irish slurs were uttered at a town council meeting in Mamaroneck, NY. A councilman was going over the garbage pickup schedule for March 17th, announcing to the public what sort of trash could and could not be put out that day. Out of the blue, and for no apparent reason, he said, “Make sure you don’t put any inebriated Irishmen on the curb with the trash,” and a councilwoman replied, “Isn’t that an oxymoron...inebriated Irishman?” Titters of laughter followed.

My vexation was three-fold. First, how could any elected official say such a hateful, racist thing on public record, on camera? Second, these slurs were uttered by Irish-Americans, and third, when called on the carpet by the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Great Hunger Society, et al, these two pat-

tologies. Has it ever crossed your mind that there are other religious traditions in Ireland besides Catholic and Protestant? Hell, Ireland has Muslims, Jews, Hindus, Buddhists, you name it! Even pagans have a place in Ireland. After all, they were there before any of the others.

So, glad as I am that the annual commemoration of debauchery and racism is over, I am left a bit sad that this odious behaviour is not only perpetuated, it is encouraged without apology. I think it would be beneficial if someday it was politically correct to refrain from anti-Irish racism and stereotyping just as it is to refrain from such treatment of absolutely every other ethnic group on the planet! Yes, bouchaills and caillins, I, too, have a dream.

No dignity, please.

A colleague of mine at work, Deirdre, is from Ireland. I asked her what irks her the most about St. Patrick’s Day and her feelings reflected what I have been saying for years. She abhors the PLS, or Plastic Leprechaun Syndrome, that seems to overtake everyone, Irish or not, on this holiday. She doesn’t understand how green beer and public drunkenness are a tribute to a saint. There ain’t no green beer (or corned beef for that matter) in Ireland. It doesn’t follow. And what the hell does wearing green on March 17th mean? I make it a steadfast rule to wear green any other day of the year, but not on the 17th. I choose to wear black in memory of my ancestors who were victims of the Great Hunger (or the “potato famine”) of the last century, and in honor of those who were - and still are - oppressed by an occupying, foreign government.

As I am, so too is Deirdre discomposed by the endless litany of questions about her drinking habits and religion. Hasn’t anyone gotten the message yet that “Irish” and “alcoholic” aren’t interchangeable terms and that the conflict in northeast Ireland isn’t a religious war? Rather, it is a war between those who strive for a united Ireland and those who think they’re English - a war between two political ideologies. Has it ever crossed your mind that there are other religious traditions in Ireland besides Catholic and Protestant? Hell, Ireland has Muslims, Jews, Hindus, Buddhists, you name it! Even pagans have a place in Ireland. After all, they were there before any of the others.

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The Nonconformist

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fter reading the Montclarion last week I was truly appalled. I was left with a deep and horrid feeling in my gut. I cannot remember getting a feeling like this from reading something that was meant to be funny. By this I mean a column in the Humour section by Edward Flannery IV. His article was entitled “My friend, God”. But this article was not very God-friendly at all.

Mr. Flannery described God as being Tim Casey. He went on to describe some incidents in which he and Tim were fighting and saying that God wanted him to do that. Well, I think not. God loves us all, (even Mr. Flannery). And first if Mr. Flannery ever did get into a fight with Him he would surely lose. Second, God teaches us not to be violent.

Further reading of this article described some other vulgar and not very humorous instances.

Now, this is not an attack against Mr. Flannery or his column. It is just that I, as well as many other Christians on campus, were quite displeased with this article. I have read the Humor column in weeks before, and I thought that much of it was funny. But, as of late, this article has gone too far. If articles like this continue, who knows who else will be offended? Next he will be writing articles poking fun at different nationalities and ethnic groups.

Some people would not see anything wrong with this article and say that it is harmless fun. These are probably the same people that make jokes about other religions and wonder why people have “dirt on their foreheads” on Ash Wednesday. God is one thing that we do not joke about. Because this paper is for the campus at large, it shouldn’t be so offensive. Sacre-igious garbace like that article does not belong in the Montclarion (or any paper for that matter).

Again I would like to remind Mr. Flannery that this is nothing personal. I am just taking it upon myself to let him know that I, as well as many people on campus were offended by his article and we demand an apology printed in the Montclarion.

If your friend thinks that he is God, that is not funny. That’s a problem. If Edward Flannery IV and Tim Casey are going around making jokes about God, then maybe that says that they need to come to know Him. I am sure that if they both went to one of the Christian Fellowships or local churches, that they can find out all they need to know.

It is neither my intent to try and exhibit a “holier than thou” attitude either. But I can at least say for myself that I know God, and Tim Casey, and you are not him.

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**State of the World**

by Tom Tracy

I must admit that I was pretty burnt out during the last month before spring break. The late Wednesdays—days were starting to get to me, along with the rest of the exterior things that accompany this job and make it a joy that it is.

Case in point. On Wednesday March 12, I entered the Montclarion office and saw a sign on the door. It said that all of the furniture and wall decorations in the Montclarion office had to be removed dismantled, etc. and placed toward the center of the office by Friday, March 14. That’s right, two whole days warning. I knew this was going to be a difficult task, but it was further complicated by the fact that the Montclarion has production night on Wednesday night and would not be able to start moving anything until Thursday.

Thursday is the day for Montclarion editors to sleep, after having been up all night. This apparently did not matter to the management of the Student Center who made the initial furniture removal request. So, we covered the computers and hoped for the best because there was no one on the staff able to come in and move the furniture.

Fast forward to this past Monday. I enter the office. I must give thanks to the management of the Student Center for the decision to hired a jackhammer. I walked away in disbelief knowing that there was nothing I could do now, but wait for maintenance to come and help put the pieces back together again.

It is now Wednesday evening and I can finally see the floor of the main office. I must give thanks to whomever came and put the shelves up. You see, I would have done it, but when the painters removed them from the walls, they took the screws and hid them so that we students couldn’t reinstall them. Don’t want to scratch the paint you know. Things will get back to normal, us Montclarionites are good with change. One cool thing about the upheaval, we gained two cork boards, one table, a couch and a really cool chair. They are being held in my office for ransom.

The purpose of this little diatribe is not to rant and whine. The new paint looks like, well paint. The color scheme baffles me though, the office has no windows, so why would you choose colors that make the office look 20 percent darker? And what the heck is an accent wall? Do I really need an accent wall in the office? Has it made anyone here happier? I think not.

There is not enough room in this paper for me to fully discuss how I feel about the new Office Space contract that each Class I president must sign to remain in their office space. Frankly, it leaves a lot to desire. Could it be a little more vague? Hopefully, Louis Anderson will allow some input by the students into this contract instead of just imposing it with a “my way or the highway” attitude. The general consensus is that we understand what the Student Center management is trying to do, but this contract that basically limits Class I’s to sitting in their offices and talking, is not the answer.

I understand that Anderson’s job is to care for the overall maintenance and running of the building and that he has grand plans to make it a “smart building” with new paint and rugs. I think that his intentions are in the right place. What I do not agree with is his methods. Mr. Anderson works for the students, and I think he has been steamrollering us a little too much lately. We have to work and live in these offices, so why not let us have some input on what we think needs to be done. I betcha the first thing mentioned is new paint and rugs. How about computers? Maybe even windows!

The one thing to remember is that this is the Student Center. We pay a per-credit fee to help run it, but now we’re not being asked how it should be run. I hope that in the coming weeks, Mr. Anderson himself will come and sit down with all Class I presidents and members and exchange ideas and comments. We are not difficult to work with, just give us the common courtesy of being included in some of the decision making and make a greater effort to work with us. I don’t think that anyone is asking too much of Mr. Anderson, just for better lines of communication.

Lacking a jackhammer, I walked away in disbelief knowing that there was nothing I could do now, but wait for maintenance to come and help put the pieces back together again.

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**The Examined Life**

by Jean-Marie Navetta

Those of us who fall into the group which has so unfortunately been named “Generation X” seem to have a tough act to live up to. Many of us as progeny of protesting Vietnam-era parents feel the need to make our political mark on the world, and despite our apathetic label, even get into a protest or two. And for many people, their big chance is coming on April 15th.

Unfortunately, it also looks like a lot of these people might blow it.

Admittedly, its nice to see that MSU students are finally getting angry enough about something to want to protest. And a 9 percent (or maybe higher) tuition increase is a good place to start. But those who should be leading these willing protesters aren’t doing much to help them get the information that they need to really make a difference.

Students had their first chance for protest at the Board of Trustees open forum on Tuesday. About 55 students showed up, many with signs decrying the planned hike, and some even spoke. But it quickly became clear that the SGA leadership didn’t offer these students much in the way of hard facts and serious recommendations with which they could persuade the BOT to avoid a tuition increase. Instead, students referred to Governor Whitman as the nemesis of education and complained about shabby services. Not one SGA Executive Board member questioned where the exorbitant tuition increase would go. Nor did any of these alleged leaders come prepared with the facts that students need to hear and President Reid hopes they ignore.

The facts I refer to are ones such as MSU is not receiving a cut in state funding. This is the complete opposite of what both members of the SGA and President Reid have said since the beginning of this debate. But a look at the New Jersey state budget (available online) would prove that last year MSU received $40,218 million from the state and will get that same amount this year. Additionally, the amount of money available for Garden State Scholarships and financial aid has been increased in the Governor’s budget.

But this information might make people question, “Why the hike?” And for that question, we all need to look to President Reid.

President Reid has correctly informed us that there are cost-of-living increases which must be absorbed. But that is only about 2.7 percent. And MSU needs to pay for teacher salary increases. But that comes out to about $250 per professor. So where is the rest of the hike going to?

That’s the answer that no one has got yet. Especially not the SGA. Mr. Harry Schuckel, the Executive Director of Budget and Planning came to explain the reasons of the tuition increase to the SGA a few weeks back and mentioned the increased cost of paper, pencils, and things like paperclips. I don’t know about everyone else up there, but I don’t think that I’ll buy that the cost has gone up enough to warrant this hike. And if that were the case, then start making people pay for some supplies as they use them - so they people who do not use the products don’t get hit with the cost. And that can be done with a lot of the services on campus if it would help keep the cost down.

A message to the Student Center Staff: Put the accent on students, not walls

The key to really striking the hike: The truth, leadership, and support

So the questions still remain. Where is the money going? Why aren’t people telling the truth? Why has there been mention of things like free tuition for prisoners when it’s a blatant fabrication? Why hasn’t anyone called President Reid on the fact that as recently as the BOT meeting he mentioned the money “that has been cut” when there is no cut? Why is the national average tuition increase 3-5 percent, but the increase at MSU 9 percent? And perhaps most importantly, hasn’t the SGA been telling students about these discrepancies instead of inviting President Reid at the BOT to protest with them on April 15th and bemoaned the lack of time they have for preparing his protest?

These questions need to be answered. And saying that this isn’t about power and politics is a lie. It’s time for the SGA to serve the students, and for the students to get out there, get angry, and tell President Reid and the BOT that this is not acceptable, they will not pay this increase, and that the administration is going to have to find other options for raising revenue. Because April 15th isn’t that far away, and it would be a real shame if it rolled around and the SGA sponsored a protest and no one was angry enough to actually show up.

The SGA must get the facts, organize, and set an agenda; and it seems as though they finally are. But the fight will not be won unless the students support the SGA — and until the SGA pressures the President and the BOT! (and many other students) understand that tuition must go up, but the President’s proposal is ludicrous. If the SGA and students get their act together, we can fight the hike — and win.
Uh, where did he go??

by Edward Flannery IV
He just went ‘poof.’

I had a really cool Spring Break. Did you? Don’t bother responding, because I am writing this, so I can’t hear you anyway. A lot of you probably traveled or went to the beach or something. Big Deal. I did something that is a thousand times better than any stinky trip to a lush, tropical paradise where beer smells like ants from the decaying eyes of a squirrel that was run over by a Ford Escort GT while crossing the street. No, really.

A few of my dearest friends and I went fishing. Let me tell you, there is nothing like the smell of a freshly caught fish (although I have heard of one thing, but that is really besides the point). Anyway, we all had a blast, which is really surprising when you consider the motley crew that I went with. I didn’t go with anyone from the band Motley Crue. I’m not really a fan of their music anyhow...

And now, a word from our censors:
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Dilbert

by Scott Adams

HUMOUR
Dorks on the Scene

EPISODE 1: THE STORY ACTUALLY BEGINS TO MOVE!

COMPUTERS, MONEY, AND GOD

John's Tavern in scenic Trowclsville, NJ suffered yet another case of airborne book head trauma. David C. Wyble, the latest victim, and the richest human being EVER, lay on the ground after Jack J. O'Conner threw the fate-laden book in the air. People crowded around him, the copy of Earth's most dangerous book, "Don't Bludgeon Your Fellow Man," and a large wad of cash, which must have fallen out of his pocket. Nobody was really caring about Wyble's well-being, since many had caught some of his stimulating conversation about UNIX. His Chicken Mc Nugget™ shaped body was really nothing to stare at. What they were marvelled at was the money that fell on the floor. Although everyone was intrigued with the large wad of cash, nobody really touched it, fearing that Wyble would wake up, and see someone pick it up. Really, they had nothing to fear. He was a computer geek.

The most physically exerting thing that he was capable of was installing new software on his computer. Robert the Bartender, being the tactful man he was, walked up to him, muttered the word, "moron," and took his money. The inadvertent performance as Lazarus. The self-help book from hell self rather drunk after he arose after his passed out, dreaming about Twinkies. The crowd, now having nothing to marvel at, continued their kibitzing, their dancing, and their binge drinking. Wyble was still passed out, dreaming about Twinkies.

Jack J. O'Conner was getting himself rather drunk after he arose after his inadvertent performance as Lazarus. Unfortunately, he still had no clue who he was. The self-help book from hell left him with a rather bad case of amnesia. The good thing about this is this: he didn't realize how crappy his day was. As far as he knew, no Rottweiler bit him, his computer didn't blow up, and as far as he was concerned, his name was "***," he came from "***," and his favorite hobbies were: "***," and "***". This, however, posed a problem: He didn't have anything to talk about when trying to pick up chicks. He tried to not let this stop him too much, because he was getting quite excited, looking at the crowd of beautiful women coming into the bar. He saw somebody across the bar that caught his eye. Her name was Flossie McGintey. He wasn't sure what his name was. He walked up to her. "So, do you come here often," came out of his mouth. Please keep in mind that he was not up to his usual skills, since he was out cold for quite some time.

"Uh yeah, I see you here all of the time. You were here the other day playing pool with some of your friends. I was cheering you on," she said. This was starting to look good. "What's your name?"

"Me?"

"Uh, hello... I was talking to you... Yeah, what's your name?"

"Um...um...uh...uh...um," he said eloquently. "Uh... Uh..."

"What, do you have amnesia? Ah, you're probably a little shy...no biggie, I used to be myself..."

She went on for about an hour or so about how she used to be shy, and that she got over it through Dianetics, or some sort of BS like that. Jack was still trying to think what his name was. "...And then, I said: No more hurdles in my life! I was free! You know, you should check it out...{15 minutes later}...my mom said, I bake the best apple pics...{15 minutes after that}...my hair was amazing, until that freak accident with the toaster..." He still couldn't remember what the hell his name was, and she kept on going on with her life's story. This was getting tedious, and annoying. He was no further coming up with his personal information than God was finding the perfect cup of coffee.

"(Wait, where did that come from? Why would God be looking for the perfect cup of coffee? Could there be a prequel coming out soon in book form. For the sake of Him, let's hope the time/space continuum of this story doesn't get anymore fudged up. I don't have that many more issues left...}

At any rate, she finished her speech about pie, L. Ron Hubbard, hair, toasters, her cats Fluffy and Die Flietermaus, and Pop Tarts. Jack still didn't know who he was. "So what about you? What do you do?", she asked.

This question, whether he knew it or not, nearly ruined his chances of getting with Flossie. I felt bad about this, so I walked over, after playing a rather tense game of shuffleboard bowling with some guy in a ski mask, and sat next to him. I whispered everything he needed to know about himself into his ear, in 2.325 seconds, thus restoring his memory. Everything went well from there. No need to thank me, I'm just a nice guy. It's what I do. And besides, something nasty is going to happen to him later, so I figured that I'd treat him to some pleasure in his life before I do him in. ***

At Our Lady of Perpetual Motion Convent in Zargelflart, NJ, the young Catherine Zagmutt entered the church, hoping for entrance into their convent as a new nun. The girl, escaping a particularly painful conversation about UNIX, decided that David Wyble getting hit in the head was surely a sign from God Himself. She signed up the application form, showed her Social Security Card, and was inducted into the Convent as a full-fledged nun. She didn't mind the vows involved, she could deal. It also kept her away from any computer talk. She liked convent life. She would spend a large amount of time in prayer, she would cook meals, and look over children at their day care center. Life was pretty good. She actually loved to cook, and always prided herself on her ability to make excellent deserts. Her specialty, "Death and Impalement by Chocolate" was a favorite of the sisters of the convent. She also made a killer cup of coffee. No one knows how she does it, but she makes coffee better than any of the other sisters in the convent. When she made coffee, the sisters would always get a second cup. One day, an old man walked up to the convent. He was hungry, starving, and poor. He begged entrance to the convent, saying that he was hungry, and needed some food, and that he would leave them alone. They insisted that he come in, and offered him food, and even offered him a room to sleep. He went to their main dining room, breezed through dinner like a race horse, and eagerly waited for desert. Sister Catherine brought out large cakes of "Death and Impalement," and urns of coffee. The man got a cup of coffee, put three cubes of sugar in the coffee, and gave it a taste.

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Pablo Picasso’s Family Circus™

(From the private collection of John J. O’Sullivan)
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He then whipped out a rather large note-book, and wrote down a few scribbles. "A bit bitter, fruity aftertaste, needs more bite," was all he said. Before any of the sisters could see anything, he was gone. They were astonished and confused. No one knew what these words meant. Maybe if they did, they would learn more about religion and the universe then they could ever possibly imagine.

ROBERT MAKES A NEW FRIEND
Jack J. O'Connor, now meeting not only Flossie McGintey, and himself, was having a wonderful conversation, and they exchanged phone numbers and everything was lovely. That's all you need to know about that for now...

Perin Ercy, just leaving the Trowesvillc brig not too long ago, came in with her friend Rodi "Don't Make Me Sneeze on You" Mastel. They were both wrestlers, although Rodi was out of the ring for awhile due to a nasty running nose. They were having a good time with Robert, although it is nearly impossible for Robert to have a good time. At any rate, they had a few beers, saw some men they were interested in, talked them, bashed them in the head, and dragged them away, like the brutal cavewomen that they are.

Admiral Kirk McDougal had a strange vibe that night. Granted, he knew that he was surrounded by potential alien sex-slaves, he didn't know whether the Federation would allow him to do anything, due to the Prime Directive. Actually, he didn't care. "Darn it...I blew up...planets. I can break...a few...rules." He went up to a woman the bar named Flop Karkanflarp and announced, "I...need you...for I, am...cosmic superman." Flop laughed at him, and walked away. "I think that...she...likes me," Kirk said. Duh.

Oh, and then somebody decided wanted to rob the bar. A ski-mask clad man who I was playing shuffleboard bowling with leapt on top of the bar, with rifle in hand. In a rather forceful and clear voice, he announced to Robert: "GIVE ME ALL OF THE F&$%MONEY NOW, MAN, OR YOU'RE HISTORY." Robert, not being really excitable, just stared at the man for a half a minute. "COME ON MAN, GIVE ME THE MS**@$$@#$ MONEY NOW, MAN! $(@$%$$&*$%@$%$(@!" Robert just continued to stare at him. Robert finally gave the best speech in the history of crime prevention: "Get off of the bar. I could have killed you right now if I wanted to. In fact, it is fake? Idiot. Do you seriously have no brain in that ski-mask clad head of yours? Um, plastic molding? Hello? What are you going to do, shoot me with some GI-Joe bullets or something? A-DUH!..." Thirty-two minutes later, Robert was finally done with his diatribe. The robber, feeling like a complete idiot, got off of the bar. He then aimed the gun at the one window of the bar, and fired his gun. The gun let off a round, hurling a real bullet out of it, smacking into the window, thereby shattering it. No doubt, Robert was wrong. The gun was real. "I've never met somebody with a bigger set of balls—well, you know figuratively. Usually, I get some annoying $$%&%^** pleading for his $$%&%^ life. You know, pathetic $%&%^%. I don't want any money, just give me a beer."

Robert just stared at him. "You know, genius, you didn't have to shoot my damn window. That's going to cost a lot of damn money." This is the greatest compliment that he ever gave anybody. Ever.

"Yeah, don't worry about it man! Here, let's have a smoke! You're a cool $%&%^&* guy! I think I'm going to spend more time here man," the robber said.

"Get your dirty feet off of my bar, wise-ass," Robert said. A great friendship was born.

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Men's Lacrosse struggles towards .500

At 2-3, Red Hawks look to even their record against Stockton

BY DENNIS L. DEMERCURO
SPORTS EDITOR

The Men's Lacrosse team began their season with an exciting but unfortunate loss in overtime, 12-11, to Oneonta last Friday.

Led by freshman attacker Brett Cervillo (Lincoln Park) with two goals and two assists, with fellow freshman attackers John Bruton (High Bridge) and Steve Urbanowycz (Clifton) each having two goals and one assist.

Junior mid-fielders Chris Trowbridge (Boonton) and Mike Como (Montville) had two goals apiece, with sophomore mid-fielder Steve Reed (Boonton) adding a goal of his own.

Freshman goalkeeper Anthony Malanga (Clifton) had one save but gave up eight goals until fellow freshman goalkeeper Dave Trowbridge (Boonton) came in the second. TIMOTHY CASEY/MONTCLARION

The winning continued quickly scored six runs in the top of the first, as McCorkle had a two-run double, and two in the second. But at the end of the game, Isidor was brilliant in net and Malanga had six hits and committed no errors.

Sophomore first baseman Shawn McCorkle (Wayne) with four runs in the four goals. Bruton had three goals, one assist, with two goals and two assists. Freshman Andrew Larsen (Boonton) and Trowbridge had one goal apiece, with the latter having two assists as well.

Now 2-3, MSU looks to host Stockton this Saturday for a 1 p.m. match at Sprague Field.

Baseball, Cont. from back page

eight strikeouts in 11.2 innings of work.

Schoening also said that 10 games in only 14 days made the team very tired. But they have since recovered.

On March 22, the Red Hawks traveled to Delaware to take on Wilmington College, and came home with a 7-5 victory. They pouted out 12 hits in the game and sophomore right-hander Brad Bava (Edison) picked up the win.

The winning continued with a 12-11 victory over Johns Hopkins University in the first home game of the season on March 23. Right-hander Dan Marroquin (West New York) picked up the win, his first of the season. McCorkle was 3-5 with four RBI's as the Red Hawks pounded out 16 hits.

Coach Schoening was displeased with the performance of the team though. He said, "The bottom line is to win, but we didn't play well. We made seven errors in the game." But when a team has a lineup like the Red Hawks do, there are games that could be won on offense alone. This was one of those games. "I was upset at the way we won, but it picked up their third consecutive victory, fifth overall, in an 8-5 triumph. The Red Hawks led 2-0 and never looked back. His goal sparked a six goal run by the Red Hawks as they defeated Drew University, 14-9.

Isidor was brilliant in net with 12 saves. Como and Urbanowycz showed their own dazzling ability by each scoring four goals. Bruton had three of his own and added two assists. Freshman Andrew Larsen (Boonton) and Trowbridge had one goal apiece, with the latter having two assists as well.

Now 2-3, MSU looks to host Stockton this Saturday for a 1 p.m. match at Sprague Field.

The Red Hawks seem to be on the right track to another successful season. Watch them as they try to get back to the .500 mark as they take on Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute on Friday, March 28 at 2 p.m. in their first of four consecutive home games. On Saturday they will play Cortland State at 1 p.m. followed by Elizabethtown College next Wednesday, April 2 at 3:30 p.m.

On Thursday April 3, the Red Hawks will play their first New Jersey Athletic Conference game versus the Rutgers-Newark Raiders at 3:30 p.m. All four games will be played on Pittser Field.
Warnock (Kearny) helped Senior right-hander Denise strikeouts in her four innings. Susan McCarville had only one game against Allegheny, as the Saladino, each of whom had her first shuFout. Coker also gave up only one hit and had one hit against Dordt, Iowa. Senior left fielder Marlena Nawrot (South River) catching a long fly ball against Dordt, Iowa, the Red Hawks cruised to a 9-0.

Senior short stop and team captain Ro Guzzi (Long Branch) slides head first safely into second base. On Thursday, the last day for the Red Hawks, MSU face Wisconsin-Superior and fell back into their scoring mode again, this time winning 7-1. Saladino’s two hits were both doubles, scoring one run. She had a stolen base as well. Lascik and Wisz were both two for three, had one stolen base as well. Coker also had five strikeouts. Coker also had five strikeouts.

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The Red Hawks finished the Rebel Spring Games with five runs scored in one game as MSU defeated Dordt, 14-1. Halfway through the ten game schedule, the Red Hawks had a total of 53 hits, 48 runs and only two errors, while giving up a mere seven runs on five batters, and won her third game as MSU defeated Dordt, 14-1.

MSU rebounded the next day, however, against opponents for them to relax and settle in and hit the way they are capable of hitting,” said Coach Kubicka. “I know we have the talent. I thought we took advantage for stealing bases and doing it well. We’re getting decent jumps off Saladino, Wisz, and Breedy each had two hits and one RBI each.

With five runs scored in the bottom of the first inning alone, MSU added two more in the fifth and easily won, 7-1. In game two, the Red Hawks scored three runs off of eight hits. Lopez and Acevedo each had doubles and Citarella had MSU’s first triple of the season. Coker let up just one hit and struck out three for her third win on the year.

“We’ve done a nice job thus far, and it’s only going to get better,” Coach Kubicka said.

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The next day, against Dordt, Iowa, the Red Hawks had 11 hits to Dordt’s one. Saladino had her best game yet, going two for three, one of those being a double, four RBIs, and a stolen base. Citarella and Guzzi had a hit and an RBI, and a stolen base. Freshman right fielder Carrie Brown (Toms River) had a stolen base and scored on a Lascik single. Ormsbee again let up just one hit, struck out 11 to her opponents.

MSU second game Monday was against Hope, Michigan, and held a 2-1 lead through four innings. Hope scored the tying run in the top of the fifth and forced extra innings. In the top of the eighth, errors by Guzzi and Nawrot helped Hope score four runs to take the lead, 6-2. Coker, who had pitched for the first six innings, gave up five hits and struck out six. Ormsbee came in for her in the seventh inning, and gave up two hits and struck out one batter. Despite Acevedo’s double and sacrifice hits by Lopez, Guzzi, and Warnock, the Red Hawks could only come within one run as they lost their first game, 6-5.

MSU rebounded the next day, however, against Wisconsin-Oshkosh the first of several defensive battles for the Red Hawks in which MSU had seven hits. One of those was a double from Saladino allowing Citarella to score. Despite one error, Saladino was two for two for the game, along with Nawrot, who scored herself on one of Citarella’s two hits.

Ormsbee gave up four hits and had five strikeouts for her fourth win and second shut-out as the Red Hawks held off Oshkosh, 2-0.

In the second game of the day, MSU held off Springfield of Massachusetts, allowing just one run in the last inning, and won 2-1. Lascik scored on a hit from Wisz, and Wisz herself scored on a single by Warnock, Guzzi, Acevedo, and Nawrot each had a hit in the game.

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Giving up just four hits, Coker also had five strikeouts. This was her second win.

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The Red Hawks finished the Rebel Spring Games outscoring their opponents 66 to 16, and out hit them 87 to 37.

Following the games, Head Coach Anita Kubicka felt the team could have hit better.

“I know the ability is there, it’s just a matter of them making the plays and doing it well. Rushing plays, for example, by pulling the head up for the throw before having control of the ball. But that is a coachable problem. I’m glad we have the talent out there that can make the plays and go one better.

MSU returned home, leaving the sunny, warm, Florida air for the last blustery blast of winter in New Jersey last Friday.

The Red Hawks were greeted by a new field and christened it by winning the double header against FDU-Madison this past Monday.

In the first game, Ormsbee pitched four innings letting up four hits with five strikeouts until McCarville relieved her and pitched the last three, allowing just one hit with three strikeouts. Every MSU batter that stepped to the plate ran away with at least one hit, giving the Red Hawks 17 total. Citarella and Acevedo were three for four, while Nawrot, third win on the year.

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Their Red Hawks next game is on Friday at 9 a.m. for the MSU/Kean Classic at the Quarry Field.
Softball off to spectacular 11-1 start

BY DENNIS L. DEMERCURO
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It was just under forty degrees when the MSU Softball team left for Orlando, Florida two weeks ago to start their season in the Rebel Springs Games. When they arrived in Orlando, it was seventy-eight degrees and raining, and would remain so until just before noon the next day, much to the disappointment of the players. They were anxious to practice on clay and grass before their first game. The team had yet to see time on anything but the turf of Sprague Field or the hardwood floors of the Panzer Gymnasium while their new field was being constructed.

It wasn't long before the sun came out and baked the ground so dry that one couldn't have known it rained merely hours before.

The women practiced all Friday afternoon, eager to feel the clay under their cleats. Their first game would be Saturday afternoon, and the team was more than ready, having spent the previous two months preparing for the season.

After a quick morning practice to make up for the one missed due to the rain, MSU faced Wisconsin-Plattville that afternoon. The game began with junior left-hander Sharon Ormsbee (North Plainfield) on the mound as W-P started at the plate. The first inning set the tone for the game, as Ormsbee would go on to strikeout two and give up only four hits for the game.

The infield plays were clean and methodical. Ground balls in the direction of senior short stop and team captain Rosalie Guzzi (Long Branch) and junior third baseman Jamie Lascik (Runnemede) were scooped up and sent to senior first baseman Cheryl Lopez (Highland Park) for outs. Freshman second baseman Tara Wisz easily caught throws for tag-outs at second from junior catcher Jerrilyn Acevedo (Long Branch). The outfield consisting of seniors Marlena Nawrot (South River) in left field, Jennifer Citarella (Ocean Twp.) in center, and junior Wendy Saladino (Mountainside) in right field completed the Red Hawk package.

At bat, MSU dominated the game for four innings, scoring at least on run per inning.

Saladino was one for three, the one hit being an RBI double. Guzzi was good for two of her three at bats as was Nawrot. Wisz was two for two with three RBIs.

The Red Hawks won their first game, 7-3. Their second match of the day against Illinois-Wesleyan saw Citarella go four for four with one RBI and two stolen bases. Lopez was three for four with one RBI and Guzzi was two for four with one stolen base. Acevedo and Wisz each had a double for an RBI.

Again MSU led the game allowing no runs to be scored against them for four innings.

Baseball wins 3 straight, now 6-7

BY JEFF EHRICH
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After going 3-7 in Florida over the first 10 games, the baseball team has shown their resiliency as they improved to 6-7 after winning three consecutive games north of the Mason-Dixon line.

In Florida, the Red Hawks played a difficult schedule, including Division I opponent, five Division II opponents, three NAIA Division II foes, and just one fellow Division III rival. Also, some of the schools had 20 or more games under their belts before the Red Hawks even arrived in Florida on March 8. All things considered, going 3-7 against teams from the Sunshine State is respectable. But, being respectable is not what makes head coach Norm Schoenig happy. He expects nothing short of greatness from his team.

“I think (playing the kinds of schools that we did) will help us in the long run. We want to play the best schools that we possibly can, but I wasn’t happy going 3-7, 5-5 would have been an outstanding trip, that’s the best we could have done with that schedule, but 4-6 was what I was looking for,” said Schoenig.

During the Florida trip MSU won the first two games by a combined score of 27-6, but lost their next five. The first loss was a 4-3 defeat by Division I Florida Atlantic University, then came an 8-7 loss to Nova Southeastern University, followed by 7-6 loss to St. Thomas University. Schoenig feels at least one of these games should have been won. The losing continued with a 11-7 defeat by Lynn University, followed by a 16-8 loss at the hands of St. Leo College. Finally, the Red Hawks snapped their five game funk by winning their next game, 5-4 over Eckerd College. But, unfortunately, three wins was all as the Red Hawks lost their next two. A 12-6 loss to Florida Southern College, the number two team in Division II, and a 5-1 defeat by Warner Southern College before the Red Hawks packed up and flew home on March 19.

Catcher C. B. Leon (Bogota) led the Red Hawks with a .418 batting average and nine runs batted in, while center-fielder Mike Mullane (Bayonne) hit .378 with five doubles, two triples, and one home run. First baseman Shawn McCorkle (Newton) had 12 RBI’s in Florida and now leads the team with 19. Left-hander Mike Orth (Linden) was the pitching star in Florida finishing 1-1 with an earned run average of 1.54 and continued on p. 26

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