Wilcox leaving MSU for Georgia Tech

by Keri Dwyer
Staff Writer

Vice President for Student Development and Campus Life, Lee Wilcox will be leaving Montclair State University in early June.

Wilcox is scheduled to leave after serving Montclair State for three years and join the faculty at the Georgia Institute of Technology, commonly called Georgia Tech in Atlanta.

While at Montclair State, Wilcox has been in charge of overseeing many departments at the university. Those include Admissions, Campus Safety and Security, Dean of Students, Financial Aid, Registrars Office, Intra-Collegiate Academic Programs, Residence Life, and the Student Center. He has been responsible for the many programs within each department.

He has also acted as a liaison between the students and the administration. Wilcox would meet regularly with the Student Government Association President and try to represent student interests within the university administration.

Wilcox, who received his undergraduate degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y. and his Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota, worked at Rensselaer for 14 years before coming to MSU.

ID now required to use computer labs

by Kevin P. Hancock
News Editor

Proof that you are an MSU student will now be required if you wish to use a campus computer lab in order to prevent non-MSU students from using them, said Charles Fraser of Academic Computing.

Prior to the change anyone could enter and use the services of MSU’s computer labs as no proof of enrollment was required.

The change comes after numerous complaints that MSU students were being prevented from using computers by people who do not even attend the university.

Suggestions by SGA legislators and complaints aired by students convinced Academic Computing to order lab assistants to start checking I-cards, said Director of Academic Computing, Clifford Gillman.

"Basically we were under pressure from the SGA and students that there were too many off-campus people using the labs," said Fraser.

Lab assistants started requesting I-cards from students entering campus computer labs on Monday. If a student does not have their I-card with them, they can also log on to their Alpha E-mail account to prove they are an MSU student, said Fraser.

"We are doing our best to serve Montclair students so we are making sure only Montclair students enter the labs," said Gillman.

Dream trip turns into nightmare for students

by Christina Piedra
Staff Writer

The sisters from Phi Sigma Sigma would like to send a big warning to all of Montclair State’s students - be cautious of what you read on the promotional flyers on campus.

The Phi Sigma Sigma sisters from Montclair State University, along with many other students from other universities, learned their lesson the hard way when a much anticipated spring break vacation to Bahamas turned to a disaster.

The company they learned about after reading a flyer they found on campus, Take-A-Break, promised them a great deal and a stress-free vacation, said Donna Batista, a sophomore travel and tourism major.

"Losing Dr. Wilcox is like losing one of the biggest assets to this school," John Cvelic, Student Government Association Continued on p. 3

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News from the outside world
The week in review
(compiled from CNN.COM by Kevin P. Hancock.)

International

Israeli-Palestinian relations deteriorating

Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu ceded nothing to Palestinians Wednesday as Mideast tensions appeared to be widening. Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat warned that the entire peace process was "in real danger."

Relations between the two sides have deteriorated sharply since Israel decided last month to begin building a Jewish settlement in disputed East Jerusalem, triggering days of stone-throwing riots in the West Bank that continued Wednesday.

A story in today's The Montclarion stated, "Advising the unrest, an Israeli bus filled with civilians and Israeli soldiers overturned in the West Bank Wednesday after a firebomb was hurled at it. At least 13 people were injured."

Two Palestinians died Tuesday in explosions that Israel said were botched suicide bombings aimed at Jewish school children. Two other Palestinians were shot dead by Israeli troops in the West Bank.

Netanyahu, speaking through adviser Shai Bazak, said Israel would not give in to Palestinian demands to stop building in East Jerusalem.

The comments came ahead of Netanyahu's planned Monday visit to Washington for Middle East peace discussions with U.S. President Bill Clinton.

Major promising to cut taxes if re-elected

Prime Minister John Major on Wednesday promised low taxes and a hand-up for the have-nots as part of a 25-point platform for the May 1 election that he said would help make Britain the best place in the world to live.

Describing his election manifesto as the boldest ever party had published since the ruling Conservatives took power in 1979, Major outlined a wide range of policies aimed at countering charges that his government had run out of steam and ideas.

Major tackled head-on the argument of Tony Blair, leader of the main opposition Labor party, that it was time for a change after 18 unbroken years of Conservative rule.

"It is time for a change. Time for a change to the next phase of Conservative prosperity that will give everyone — no matter who they are, where they live — more choice and more control over their lives," Major told a news conference.

Booted by an opinion poll showing Labor's lead had fallen to 14 percentage points, Major said the manifesto was being published against a backdrop of a booming Britain that could look forward to a prosperity undreamed of a few years ago.

The only new policy in the 56-page program encapsulated Major's ambition to cut taxes and show that Labor does not have a monopoly on measures to help the less well-off.

National

Schoolchildren exposed to hepatitis through strawberries

Schoolchildren in six states may have been exposed to the hepatitis A virus by eating contaminated frozen strawberries that were shipped to school cafeterias. The processor and packer of the berries could face criminal charges, sources told CNN.

The United States Department of Agriculture, which provides surplus food to school lunch programs, distributed the berries.

Initial reports indicated six states and the District of Columbia might have received tainted strawberries and had been asked to "put a hold" on the fruit.

But on Wednesday, the USDA and the Food and Drug Administration said only six states received berries believed linked to an outbreak in Michigan because all bore the same lot number. Those states, in addition to Michigan, are Arizona, California, Georgia, Iowa and Tennessee.

Nine other states and Washington, D.C., received shipments from the same company, but the berries bore different lot numbers, the agencies said.


Prospective bomb trial juror condemns death penalty

The 13th prospective juror questioned in the Timothy McVeigh bombing trial cited Biblical texts when she told the judge and prosecutor Wednesday she could not condemn someone to die.

Questioning of candidates in the morning session of day three moved on at a quicker pace than the first two days of the trial's first phase.

The 14th prospective, another woman, said she's involved in a court fight to save her farm that will conflict with the trial. The 15th was a man, the seventh to be questioned.

The first prospect questioned Wednesday, juror No. 101, quoted the biblical story of how Christ told those about to stone an adulterer, "Let you who is without sin cast the first stone." She told U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch, "I don't feel capable of throwing that first stone."

She said she believes there are crimes for which the penalty should be death, but only God can choose.

"Human judgment has angles and agendas and imperfections," she said, "and I don't feel I can condemn someone."

"No matter how I phrase this, you're going to say you are unable to choose a death sentence?" federal prosecutor Pan Ryan asked after a series of questions designed to flesh out her views on capital punishment.

"Yes," answered the woman, a diabetic who works for IBM.

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sisters this spring break, things began to go wrong right from the start. Their vacation was scheduled to begin on Sunday, March 16, and they were to depart from Newark Airport on Sunworld Airlines. However, Take-A-Break moved their flight to Friday, March 14, dep- parting from JFK airport in New York City.

After arriving at JFK, a damper was put on their spirits when no one they asked had ever heard of Sunworld Airlines. After much confusion, they were in- formed of their travel agency, Tropical Tours, that Take-A-Break had pushed the flight back to Sunday, because of "bad weather in the Bahamas.

Batista recalls returning home and checking a newspaper to confirm Take-A-Break’s excuse. She said, “When I checked the newspaper it was 82 degrees at Bahamas.”

But that was only the beginning. On their return home, they were originally scheduled to leave on Sunday, March 23 at 12 a.m., and then it was changed to March 23 at 5 a.m. At about 4:40 a.m. that morning, it was time to board. Someone got on the intercom and said that their flight was definitely delayed. About five minutes later, someone said, “Your flight is definitely can- celled.” The person than asked everyone to go back to their hotels. Since everyone had already checked out, people went into a panic.

Batista said that when that was announced, “people started crying, people started screaming, and everyone went nuts.”

Since the girls did not know for certain whether they would have a flight home or not at the time, they bought tickets from other airlines to get to Newark. This is the ex- pense Batista hopes to com- pensated for.

Cindy Loffa, a sophomore and a commercial recreation major, was one of the sis- ters who went on the trip. She was told from a travel agent she knew that the reason why there was so much trouble getting flights to and from Bahamas was because Take-A-Break’s plane, the AV Atlantic, had been grounded by the FAA because of the 30 hour delay explains its absence from the schedule, an airport official said. It is not clear then why Take-A-Break did not inform their clients of this delay sooner.

Michelle Hanusi, a fresh- man studying early childhood education, is also a PhiSigma Sigma sister, who went on the trip along with Jalinda Briggs and Shil Cooperstein, also MSU stu- dents. They stayed behind to wait for the Take-A-Break charter flight to come in, and it took 41 hours for it to arrive, Hanusi said. She and the others were sent back to their hotels, and were provided with drinks but no food. Luckily, she and her friends had enough money to buy something to eat.

They finally got their flight home at 10 p.m. on Monday, when it should have been at 5 a.m. on Sunday. The pilot on the flight said a problem with the plane caused the de- lay, but Hanusi was forced to miss her classes on Monday and Tuesday because of the in-convenience.

Other problems they faced ranged from an unkempt hotel to lost luggage. Jackie Ruege, a senior and a history education major, explained that once they finally arrived at the Bahamas, they were taken to an orientation at Take-A-Break’s office at the Bahamas.

There, the clients would be told the details of their trip, such as their itinerary. It took about 3:30 a.m., and to make matters worse they were not going to be told anything until the next plane flew in, because they did not want to repeat the speech.

The Towne Hotel, where they were staying, had problems of its own. The bathroom doors and windows were bro- ken, and there was construction right across the street. Ruege said, “The pool was the size of...Continued on p. 4
In Memory of Yvonne Charmion Collins

BY SUZY CINEUS
THE BLUE AND WHITE FAMILY

Yvonne Charmion Collins was born March 4, 1974 in Atlanta, Georgia. She is the beloved daughter of Rev. Henry C. Collins and Patricia Ann Paden. Yvonne attended Public Schools in Tallahassee, Florida, Lawrenceville and Willingboro, New Jersey. She is a 1992 graduate of Willingboro High School where she was an honor roll student and cheerleader.

Upon graduating from Willingboro High School, Yvonne won many academic and extracurricular awards. In September 1992 she began Pre-med studies in the Health Careers program at Montclair State University. She was completing her last semester for the Degree of Bachelor of Science.

On the morning of March 10, 1997 Yvonne was found unconscious and was rushed to Rancocas Hospital. Doctors determined that she had internal bleeding in the brain. On March 14, 1997, Yvonne was pronounced as deceased.

Yvonne was a loving person who tried to bring love into the lives of everyone she touched. She gave the greatest gift, LOVE. Her radiance will surely be missed on earth, but God will surely enhance her radiance in Heaven.

A Tribute
May 16, 1997 - Commencement ceremonies will take place. Caps will be thrown, balloons will be raised accompanied by shouts of rejoicing from graduates, friends, family, siblings and sighs of relief escape from the lips of parents and spouses. So it will go from every department except for one, the Biology department. This is not to say that they will not rejoice, not at all. They will reflect and remember their dear friend and classmate Yvonne Collins. When the Biology department stands, watch them. They will stand a little bit taller because they have lost and this had made them appreciate what they have gained.

Their hearts are all beating under their gowns in anticipation. Unfortunately, for all that were blessed to know her, they realize that one heart is missing. One heart has ceased. Yet her spirit, her memory, and her laugh lives on. This is why the Biology department and the Health Careers Program students will stand taller, because Yvonne is with them. I have witnessed the power of Yvonne or "Tweety" as we call her. She has bridged the gap between race, color, and majors to bring together persons who would have never spoken before. She has also solidified the union between those of us who are sisters and brothers. I, WE, personally thank you and remember their sacrifice.

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WHAT ARE YOU DOING THIS SUMMER?

Drug arrests up on campuses

BY COLLEEN DeBASE COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE

WASHINGTON—Drug arrests on college campuses have soared in recent years, but that's due to more strict enforcement than a growing number of users, say campus officials.

Drug arrests jumped 18 percent in 1995, marking the fourth year in a row with a double-digit increase in arrests, according to an annual survey of 500 colleges by the Chronicle of Higher Education.

There were 6,797 drug arrests and 15,208 arrests for alcohol violations, confirming campus officials' impressions that alcohol is by far the biggest substance abuse problem. Overall, however, alcohol arrests rose only about 1 percent from 1994.

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MEDICAL:

3/26 - A Blanton Hall resident received harassing phone calls for the past three weeks.

3/30 - A Blanton Hall resident was injured when she moved a chair in her room. A splinter off of the chair stuck in her thigh. An EMT treated her at the scene.

3/31 - A Blanton Hall resident had clothes stolen from a third floor laundry dryer.

3/26 - A Stone Hall resident reported that money was taken from her desk drawer.

3/15 (Arrest on warrant) - A vehicle was stopped for a motor vehicle violation on Quarry Road. Hernan Caques of Kearny was arrested on an outstanding warrant from Little Falls. He was transported to and left in the custody of the Little Falls Police Department.

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OTHER:

3/26 - A 1987 Dodge Omni was stolen from Lot 23.

3/26 - A 1998 Honda was stolen from Lot 27.

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3/25 (CDS) - Officers went to Blanton Hall on a report of the odor of marijuana coming from a 3th floor room. When they arrived, no odor was present.

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years ago, Barnett started the Campus Safety Aides programs, in which students with police radios and mountain bikes patrol areas that police cars can’t reach. “They’re a real strong deterrent to rapes and that sort of thing,” he said. “The students have come across students smoking marijuana. They’re basically the eyes and ears of the police department.”

The 20 Campus Safety Aides are paid by the university, and those who are criminal justice majors can receive course credit. But Barnett, like other campus officials, reports that an increasing number of students are growing intolerant of their peers’ drug use. “We saw a significant increase in students reporting other students using drugs,” he said. There were 133 drug arrests in 1995, up from 78 the previous year, and many tips came from students sick of drug use in their dorms,” he said.

NAU also increased its police patrols during “peak hours” to crack down on offenders. Eight police officers now patrol the campus during the prime time for student parties, weekend nights from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

At University of Wisconsin at Madison, arrests rose from 99 in 1994 to 126 the following year. Campus officials say that’s because university police beefed up patrols of a parking lot where most of the drug activity seemed to originate. Campus officials told the Chronicle that many kinds of campus crime can be linked to drug and alcohol use. “You are not as likely to get in a fight if you aren’t high,” Alan J. Lizotte, executive director of the Consortium for Higher Education Campus Crime Research at the State University of New York at Albany told the newspaper. “You’re not as likely to get raped. If you get rid of sellers, you get rid of unsavory characters and keep students from being victimized.”

At NAU, the university police department cracked down on drug and alcohol abuse with the idea that “we would be able to reduce the likelihood of sexual assault,” Barnett said. The number of reported rapes at NAU dropped from six in 1994, to two per year in 1995 and 1996.

The Chronicle cautioned that the data collected from the reports may understate campus crime. Many universities do not include crimes that are reported to officials other than the police—such as deans or counselors—even though the law requires them to do so, the Chronicle said. Also, the reports only include crimes that occur on campuses, the newspaper said.
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**Health Fair emphasizes a new state of mind and body**

By Victoria Tengelics
Assistant Campus Life Editor

My blood pressure is 126/72 and I am in average shape for a woman my age. I found this out at the Health Fair, which kicked off Wellness Week on Wednesday. Information on everything from high blood pressure to drug abuse was offered at the booths set up in the Student Center Ballrooms.

The Department of Health Professions, Physical Education, Recreation and Leisure Studies held a fitness evaluation and being a health conscious person I decided to see how I rate. There were many other students getting their fitness levels evaluated too. First they took my blood pressure which was pretty good; high blood pressure is 140/90 or higher.

Flexibility was the next test I found out that I am pretty inflexible. To test for this you have to sit on the floor with your legs straight forward and reach as far forward as possible; I could barely reach beyond my toes.

Next they did the test that every woman dreads, they made me get on a scale. This was traumatic. Anyway I weigh... Not! That was not half as bad as when they checked my body fat ratio.

After that they conducted the exercise part of the evaluation, I had to sign a release to participate (in case you I was to pass out). They checked my heart rate and blood pressure again and then I got on an exercise bike while two people in white lab coats proceeded to take my blood pressure and heart rate while increasing the workload. At this point I felt like a lab rat.

At the conclusion of the test they went over the results with me and helped me design an exercise program. After I left there I decided to get my strength tested at the YMCA's table, all that working out is not paying off as much as it should be.

I also decided to take many of the quizzes that were offered such as the temper test, unfortunately for my friends and co-workers I have a bad temper. This could cause very bad health affects not to mention what it will do to my social status. I also found out that I am extremely stressed (a fact I already knew) so I picked up some pamphlets on breathing techniques and meditation.

According to the Wellness Index, based on a questionnaire given out by the Center for The Health Services and Wellness Programs, I am not very well either. A lot of information on AIDS was available; the health and wellness center is offering anonymous HIV testing on Friday between 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. (by appointment only). I also found lots of information about stress management and relaxation techniques (I really need this). There was also information on drug abuse, smoking and alcoholism and places to go to receive help here on campus along with private facilities and programs.

Information on other health problems such as depression, anorexia and overeating were also available. A warning on the date rape drug Rohypnol (Roofies) was handed out by the Wellspring Program. Misuse by people when using Roofies could cause death and incidents of the drug slipped into a woman's drink to have her not remember a sexual assault have also been reported.

Some of the health insurance companies had representatives attend, such as Aetna and HIP Health Plan. Hospice Care, a nonprofit organization designed to help care for the terminally ill, also had a table at the fair. Other organizations represented included the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and Mountainside Hospital.

Also, there will be a blood drive on Monday, April 7, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., you don't need to register ahead of time, just stop in and donate.

I was very glad I attended the Health Fair, I received some important information on my health and how I can take better care of myself. There are many campus organizations that can help with any amount of problems that may occur in life. Diet and fitness are not the only important part of living healthy, state of mind has a direct impact on health and you may not even notice it.
Healthy Living

BY ROB KENNEY
STAFF WRITER

As the nation's number one killer, heart disease takes the lives of 940,000 Americans each year—claiming one out of every two deaths. American men face a 42 percent chance of developing heart disease. However, heart disease is not just a male health problem. Half of all heart attack deaths occur in women; and more women die of heart disease than from other health problems. Half of all heart attack victims have a low cholesterol level. College students beware! Many of you have RIS K(realize ignorance stamped across your foreheads). Consider the following point: In one minute it would take 45-50 beats of a well-conditioned heart to pump the same amount of blood as 70-75 beats of an inactive person's heart. This would add up to over 36,000 more beats per day for an inactive heart. That adds up to more than 13 million more times per year!

Up to 40% of all deaths due to heart disease are directly attributable to smoking. A smoker's risk of heart attack and is 70% likelier to die from it. The truth is nothing changes a person's lifestyle, more drastically, than a heart attack. A few weeks ago, my friend nearly lost her father. She had the experience of touching her father's cold, lifeless body. To him the experience was something he would never wish upon anyone.” He has since stopped smoking and claims he will be able to "Run a 100-yard-dash faster than anyone of his daughter's friends."

We need a Features Editor for next year...come to the SC annex 113, Tuesday, April 8 @ 4 p.m. and get involved!!!!

Did you know?

BY GARRY DOXY
STAFF WRITER

Did you know that during its almost ninety-eight years of existence, Montclair State University has gone through seven presidents including the present Dr. Irvin Reid? Did you also know that beside Dr. Reid, there was another black American who contributed to the advancement of the University? Dr. David W. D. Dickson, the fifth president, was born of hard-working Jamaican parents in 1919 in Port­land. “I was fat, lazy, and did not walk or talk until I was eighteen months old,” said Dr. Dickson in his memoirs. At eighteen, he was considered an introvert with no real chance with the ladies. However, this born-introvert was later to enjoy four years of academic success at Bowdoin College as a debater, writer, and "winner of several speaking awards."

After his years at Bowdoin, he was accepted on scholarship and fellowship at Harvard University in 1941. He enrolled in the English Literature doctoral program. There, his Jamaican American background did not improve his lot with either the faculty or some of the students, who questioned his presence there and the few other students like him. But that did not discourage him. "Harvard gave us a splendid education. If none of us grew to love the place, we all deeply appreciated its intellectual splendor," he said. He graduated in 1948, after a brief interruption because of World War II.

After several posts as a professor at Michigan State University and Northern Michigan University, Dr. Dickson accepted the Presidency of Montclair State College in 1973. In his inaugural speech he delineated three conditions to honor a worthy college. The first was that an institution of higher education should have "an ultimate concern for truth" second, the institution should believe in "the wider human community" and third it should rejoice "in the abundant life of body, mind and spirit."

Our seventh president, who was considered at the time of his appointment in 1989 by The Montclarion as "bubbly, exciting, educated, friendly, witty, and very cool," seem to share such a view. Montclair State, under his leadership has become a university and is ever increasingly opening its doors to students of all kinds, origins, and nationalities.
Log On@MSU
by Rita Bronnenkant

Life has a way of taking us in directions we never dreamed of. Look at 1993 Harvard Law School graduate Andrew Klein. He not only started the Spring Street Brewing Company, he also developed the first World Wide Web based stock market mechanism through which persons are able to trade shares without having to use brokers or pay commissions. Check out Klein’s business at http://plaza.interport.net/witbeer/ and his WitCapital Corporation at http://www.witcap.com/cap_1.htm.

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Dear Career Services…

Q I know the Career Fair is coming on April 8th. How can I get the most from it? I don’t want to waste this opportunity.

A The Career Fair has something to offer everyone, but what you gain and how you should prepare, depends upon where you are in your education. If you are choosing a major and/or your career direction use the Fair to gather information. In this case, approach the employer, introduce yourself and explain that you are making academic and career decisions and would like to learn more about his/her organization and the opportunities available.

If you are job hunting, however, get prepared ahead of time. For starters, come to Career Services and watch our videotape on career fairs to learn how to present yourself effectively.

In addition: 1. Come to Career Services to pick up the list of employers who are coming to the Fair and learn the kinds of positions that are available.

2. Decide which employers you want to meet before the Fair. 3. Research those companies/organizations you are really excited about. 4. Make sure your resume is ready. (If you have any questions regarding your resume, come to Career Services and have it critiqued before the Fair.)

At the Fair, Introduce yourself and ask questions such as: 1. How long before graduation should I send you a resume? 2. What kinds of skills and experience do you look for in the ideal candidate? 3. What kinds of jobs do liberal arts major generally start out with? 4. How would you describe your organization’s culture? 5. Rehearse your introduction before the Fair so that you will speak with ease. 6. Feel free to ask for a business card after you have spoken to the recruiter. If you’ve hit it off and have spoken for some time, it would be smart to send a note, thanking the recruiter for his/her time and the information provided.

All sessions will be held in room 106 in the Student Center Annex.

I’ve heard that there are some computerized programs that I can use to help me figure out what career might be appropriate for me, but I don’t know anything about them. Does Career Services have anything like this?

Absolutely! Career Services now has Focus, a computerized career and educational planning system that will help you assess your interests, work values, and academic strengths and explore occupations, educational programs and career paths which can satisfy your interests and needs.

Focus is comprised of six phases which take between 10 and 20 minutes to complete. Each phase is designed to tackle different career questions dealing with various stages of career development and you can begin your exploration at whichever phase is appropriate for you. Focus automatically prints out your results which you can then discuss with your career counselor.

Although Focus doesn’t have all the answers about your career future, it’s a great place to start. To take advantage of this excellent new resource, stop by soon!

The Real World
by the students of the Cooperative Education Program

by Eduardo Gonzalez
STAFF WRITER

Since my senior year in high school, my life has been filled with dilemmas. At that time, I wasn’t sure what college or university I would attend. Once I chose to pursue my education at Montclair State University, I wasn’t sure what major I would enter. After I made the decision to major in Consumer Affairs, my next dilemma was what to do once I graduated. Since my major requires me to apply for Co-op, I thought this would be the perfect solution for my dilemma.

My first co-op position was at the NJ Division of Consumer Affairs, as the Special Aide to the Director. I assisted the director in handling monthly and fiscal year reports, assisted the Chief of Staff with the Elder Task Force, and attended many different board meetings.

Thanks to this experience, I was able to use my ability to network within my field.

My present co-op position, is at Rynne Communications, as a Management Support Administrator. My duties at this company include handling telephone inquiries, customer service and light office duties.

Thanks to these two co-op experiences, I have gained the chance to view two sides of the Consumer Affairs field, the governmental aspect of it (from the Division of Consumer Affairs) and the corporate aspect (from Rynne Communications).

These two totally different views that have now created another dilemma in my life! Both the Division of Consumer Affairs and Rynne Communications have offered me positions after I graduate. This is a dilemma, however, that I gladly welcome!
The magical musical Pippin opens in the Studio Theatre tonight, Thursday, April 3. This song and dance story of a young man’s quest for self-fulfillment is loosely based upon the life of the eldest son of Charlemagne, the emperor of the Holy Roman Empire in the eighth century.

Under the creative direction of guest artist and MSU faculty member, Jim Ligon, the show takes off with the high energy performances of the chorus in the opening number, led by Julianne Blake and James Tabeek in the roles of the Lead Players. Traditionally cast as one male Lead Player, Ligon puts his signature on this Tony Award-winning musical by double casting the Lead Player as a man and a woman team.

Ligon’s untraditional casting concept works well and compliments the show by making it visually and contextually stronger. However, because the musical numbers are written for a male voice, the adding of a female voice created a vocal challenge for Blake.

Although forced to sing out of her range, Blake does a tremendous job of magically pulling off the challenge of Ligon’s concept and pairs up well with James Tabeek as the husband and wife team who run the show. Both Blake and Tabeek are talented dancers and all around terrific performers.

Michael J. Aquino does an “extraordinary” job in the title role of Pippin. Although his physical comedy was slightly contrived, his lyrical delivery in his musical numbers was first rate. In particular, “Corner of the Sky” and his duet with Alicia Williams as Catherine in “Love Song” were delivered with great lyrical emotion.

Alicia Williams is cast well in the role of Catherine as the widow with a son (played by local Maddie Garber) who “restores Pippin’s faith in life” and compliments Aquino with her beauty and fine singing voice.

Other fine performances are turned in by Victoria Elizabeth Cozzolino as Pippin’s mother, Fastrada and Tim Wright in the role of Charles, Pippin’s father. Wright has a terrific booming voice that commands the stage while Cozzolino is an all around professional in every aspect of her performance.

The chorus of players added great energy to the show with terrific improvisations and the outstanding choreography of John Henry Rew. Rew does a professional job of polishing the show with his innovative choreography.

MSU faculty member Eric Diamond does a fine job in his musical direction and highlights the show with his finely tuned musicians and terrific blending of the chorus in the song, “Morning Glow.”

The entire production glows with the beautiful lighting design of MSU student Shawn Robinson. Robinson illuminates the mood of each scene with subtle amber silhouettes and a variety of interspersed hues and shades.

MSU alumna Jennifer Larsen adds sensual texture to the production with her colorful costumes.

Pippin, a finely crafted production is a creative and magical night of entertainment worth seeing.

Performances run April 3-5, 10-12 at 8 p.m. with matinee shows, April 6 and 11 at 2 p.m. Additional shows have been added Saturday April 5 at 2 p.m. and Wednesday, April 9 at 8 p.m.

Ford and Pitt give Oscar winning performances

In Columbia Pictures’ The Devil’s Own, both Harrison Ford and Brad Pitt give stellar performances. Pitt plays Francis “Frankie” McGuire, who, after witnessing his father being shot to death because he was thought to be a Republican sympathizer, has taken up arms and has become one of the Irish Republican Army’s most lethal soldiers.

In his quest for victory over the British, “Frankie” is sent to America to acquire a shipment of Stinger missiles. He is taken as a boarder, under the alias of Rory O’Meara, a New York City policeman. Tom and his wife, Sheila (Margaret Colin) and his three daughters happily and lovingly accept Rory as part of their family.

This is a great conflict for Rory, as he never had the opportunity of being loved by a family since the death of his father. He does not want any harm to come to the O’Meara family, but has a mission to accomplish. One, he hopes, will enable him and his fellow soldiers to one day have families of their own in a British-free Ireland.

Ford’s character is burdened with a conflict of his own as his partner shoots and kills an unarmed thief. Knowing that his partner, Eddie Diaz (Ruben Blades) is three years from retirement and would surely face criminal charges, Tom covers for him.

Rory, who has fallen in love with the sister of one of his dead comrades, Megan (Natascia McElhone) has asked her to help along with another Irish friend, Sean (Paul Ronan) as the deal for the weapons goes awry. Billy Burke (Treat Williams), the businessman from whom Rory is purchasing the missiles, decides to force Rory to complete the transaction sooner than he is able.

It is at this time that Tom discovers Rory’s identity and plan. The action begins in earnest and doesn’t stop until the final scene, which is a great surprise. Both Ford and Pitt give Oscar-caliber performances and this film is one of the best from both actors. Pitt makes you like a character that you shouldn’t, to the point where you find yourself cheering for him. At the same time, you want Ford’s character to stop him and persuade Pitt’s character to turn himself in. As I watched the final scene, I couldn’t decide who would, or who should, live.

The Devil’s Own is easily one of the best movies this year, deserving four four leaf clovers!
Ewoks and X-Wings: a dangerous combination

BY CHRISTOPHER NAVETTA
STAFF WRITER

Death Stars must not come cheaply, but I guess the evil Galactic Empire is just loaded. By the opening of the third installment of the original Star Wars Trilogy, which was re-released March 14th, Darth Vader and his Imperial pals are more than half done with a brand spanning new station of destruction just ready to wreak havoc on the Rebel Alliance. Thankfully, the Rebels have a fine assortment of new ships, blasters, and a legion of furry new allies, as well as some truly stunning CGI effects with which to combat the new threat. The final act of the Star Wars Trilogy Special Edition follows in the footsteps of A New Hope (Star Wars) and The Empire Strikes Back with a impressive selection of new scenes, digital effects, and re-mastered sound, all ready to blow away the audience. Unfortunately, the new goodies have to take second place to the truth gnawing at every Star Wars fan’s gut for years... Jedi simply can’t compete, story and character-wise, to its two predecessors.

Star Wars introduced the main characters of this trilogy to us, as any good first act of a play would. Empire took those characters to incredible heights of drama and appeal. However, Jedi, with the exception of Mark Hamill’s Skywalker and David Prowse/James Earl Jones’ Vader, there seems to be little or no character development at all. Han Solo (Harrison Ford), arguably the most dynamic and realistic persona of the first two stories, is placed in the position of a second-string character, simply leading a couple of camouflage lackeys through a forest (and it’s too bad being frozen in carbonite makes you gain twenty pounds, miraculously changes the color of your pants, and makes you biting). Princess Leia (Carrie Fisher) takes the news that she French-kissed her brother several times way too lightly, and Lando Calrissian’s (Billy Dee Williams) beer belly speaks volumes about how many Colt 45s he has been guzzling while on Tattooine. Even the plot leaves much to be desired, compared to the others, as it is just a variation on A New Hope: Find big space station, blow up big space station. Moreover, following the broadened appeal of the second movie, Lucas saw fit to try to expand the audience (and his paycheck) even further by aiming at a younger audience via the addition of the Ewoks, furry little half-Wookies that many fans consider the worst aspect of any incarnation in the Star Wars universe.

There are many good points to Jedi, which, fortunately, help to balance out the plot holes and lack of character development. The new “Jedi Rocks” musical number in Jabba the Hutt’s palace, is incredibly realistic, even if cheesy in subject matter. Star Wars creator George Lucas’ technicians at Industrial Light and Magic (ILM) outdid themselves with this scene. It is one of the first times that a completely CGI character meshes properly with its background. (The original Star Wars Special Edition’s Jabba just seemed too brightly lit for the surroundings he was supposed to be in.) Sy Snoodels and the rest of the Max Reebo band, however, work beautifully insofar as they really feel like a part of the scene, and don’t stick out like a Wampa in the Mos Eisley Cantina. The other great feature of Jedi is its re-vamped ending, which gives the audience glimpses of the celebration of the Empire’s downfall, albeit curiously premature in this writer’s opinion, over three planets: Tatooine, Bespin, and even the Imperial homeworld of Coruscant (which bears a striking resemblance to Batman’s Gotham City), all courtesy of the aforementioned ILM.

Finally, it must be said that even though Jedi doesn’t exactly stack up against the first two Star Wars installments, it is by no means a bad movie. It is still exceptional compared to most sci-fi flicks. The space battle at the end, now over 14 years old, still blows away most sfx shots today. It is only to say that it was hard to measure up to its big brothers. After all, it is Star Wars - even if it’s bad, it’s still pretty good!

Until the next installment, may the Force be with you.

Fleet of X-Wing Fighters pursue Imperial forces.
When We Were Kings soundtrack, a rousing review

When Erin Perry, our Arts Editor, was going through her collection of unreviewed compact discs, I was sitting in a chair near her. She was asking people if they wanted to review anything and, since I am always eager to try anything, I listened to her. She named bands that nobody has anything and, since I am always eager to try anything, I jumped at the opportunity to review the disc because I had been meaning to buy it since its release on February 11. As a sports writer for the Montclarion, this is the perfect CD for me to review.

I am a huge sports fan and feel I know a lot about sports history. But, until I watched a special on television, I didn’t know about “The Rumble in the Jungle” and what it meant for the sporting world. After listening to the CD and reading the production notes, I have come to an even better understanding.

In 1974, Muhammad Ali fought George Foreman in Zaire, Africa. Africa was a place that few Americans knew anything about. In fact, Spike Lee, one of the film’s narrators, said, “There was a time when you’d call a black person ‘African,’ you’d better be ready to fight.” Muhammad Ali’s arrival in Zaire changed all that. Ali was brash, outspoken, and always said exactly what was on his mind.

Foreman, on the other hand, was quiet and few knew anything about him except that he destroyed Ken Norton and Joe Frazier in second round knockouts. Ali went into the fight as an underdog, and came out a true champion. During the six weeks that Ali was in Africa before the fight, black people all over the world felt a sense of pride that few have ever felt before. Ali was the man who served as the catalyst to this new ‘black pride.’ I do not want to get into the film too much because I’m supposed to review just this new ‘black pride.’ I do not want to get into the film too much because I’m supposed to review just this new ‘black pride.’ I do not want to get into the film too much because I’m supposed to review just this new ‘black pride.’

The next 13 tracks are all taken from the three day music festival that preceded the fight. It includes the song by Bill Withers, “Ain’t No Sunshine” that reminds me of a cross between Bob Marley and Richie Havens. Then there is a wonderfully bluesy track by B.B. King called “Sweet Sixteen” that is straight Chicago blues, pure and simple. For a fan of the blues, such as myself, this song represents what the blues is all about, slide bar and all. Later in the disc another B.B. King number is heard that may be even better than the first. You will surely be thinking of the Mississippi Delta sound and the movie Crossroads when you hear this one.

Also included on the album is the James Brown classic, “Gonna Have a Funky Good Time” and two songs by the Spinners, “I’ll Be Around” and “I’m Coming Home.”

Sandwiched in between these 13 songs are sayings and poems by Ali such as, “If you think the world was surprised when Nixon resigned, wait till I kick Foreman’s behind!” and “Only last week, I murdered a rock, injured a stone, hospitalized a brick. I’m so mean, I make medicine sick.” Other Ali classics included on the album are, “I’d like to tell the children of the world, quit eating so much candy. I have three rotten teeth, and they’re bad, I had to have one of them pulled. I can’t chew my food like I should. Eat natural foods because we must whip Mr. Tooth Decay.”

Ali concluded, “Last night, I cut the light off in my bedroom; hit the switch and was in the bed before the room was dark.” These “Ali-isms” are, in my opinion, what makes this album so different, and so much better than any other.

This album is the perfect mix of sports and music. Even if you are not a sports fan and could care less about Ali, and the social consciousness of America, this soundtrack will inspire you to do so.

“Left to right: Wyclef, Lauryn, and Pras of the Fugees.”

Thursday, April 3
Battle of the Bands sponsored by C1C, Student Center Ratt, 7 pm, more details? x4478.
Pippin, MSU’s Studio Theatre, 8 pm, more details? x5112 for future show times.
The Black Maria Film Festival, Calcia Auditorium, 8 pm, more info? x404.
Friday, April 4
Gatewood at Manny’s Car Wash, more info? (212) 369-BLUES.

Saturday, April 5
From Good Homes at Irving Plaza, more info? (212) 777-6800.
Sunday, April 6
Bill Turner & Blue Smoke at the Mountain Rest Inn, West Milford, NJ.
Monday, April 7
Squirrel Nut Zippers at Irving Plaza, more info? (212) 777-6800.

Tuesday, April 8
“The Fashion Show,” an MSU Unity Collaboration, Student Center Ballrooms, 7 pm, more info? x4404.

Wednesday, April 9
Out At Work (documentary about gays and lesbians) sponsored by MSU Film Studies Program, Calcia Auditorium, 5:30-7:30 pm.
MSU Concert Band, directed by Dr. M. Craig, Memorial Auditorium, 8 pm.

For more information, contact Erin or Jodi at x5169.
We Want you
(to work for the)

We're always looking for new faces! Come on down to room 113 Student Center Annex, and learn how to work for Montclair State's campus newspaper!

Editorial Positions will be available for next year! If you're interested, come down and find out how to get aboard. Our elections are April 8 at 4:00 p.m.
A letter from the SGA president on the tuition increases and “Strike the Hike”

Guess what...tuition is going up again. MSU’s students continue to pay substantially more (28 percent since 1992) each academic year for an education that was once more alluring because of its affordability.

Most students don’t see a reflection of their increases tuition in their own experience at MSU; making impossible to justify any increase much less that of 9.8 percent (expected for the academic year 1997-8).

Funding from the state isn’t equaling the per-capita of revenue that it once did. This puts state colleges at a disadvantage. It becomes the responsibility of the Board of Trustees and the president to meet the financial obligations of the institution regardless of state aid. We would be ecstatic to include the Board of Trustees and President Reid to join us in our quest to have the state prioritize affordable and quality education. However, if the Board and the President are so eager to close gaps in their budget with tuition increases, they become part of the problem and not the solution.

On Monday, March 31, 1997, I drafted a letter to President Reid asking him to continue his support for affordable education by pledging to the students that they will not receive a tuition increase beyond that of 4 percent.

On April 10, all students are invited to represent the student body as a whole to once again ask President Reid for his support in preventing such an unreasonable tuition increase. April 15 is the student’s and faculty’s opportunity to voice their concerns about higher education. If Reid pledges his 4 percent increase, he will be invited to stand with us as we send a message to the state. However, if he chooses not to and does not guarantee the 4 percent maximum increase, he and the Board of Trustees will become the focus of our attention.

Hopefully, by placing pressure on the President and Board of Trustees, this will remind them of their responsibility as administrators of this university to lobby for increased state aid and evaluate their own operating budgets, programs, and other financial obligations.

Students have sat back while the school has more readily used their money to support their own spending. President Reid asked the College Senate to back a tuition policy that would rely more heavily on tuition as a means of revenue. The Senate voted this down. It’s the students time to take a stand. It’s our turn to let President Reid know that we can’t afford these increases anymore; that he and his committees need to start looking elsewhere for revenue. On both April 10 and 15, students will be asked to protest against tuition increases.

It is also important to consider the state message that affordable education must be a priority in the state of New Jersey as well as this county as a whole. If April 15 adopts and internal focus, Kean College on April 17, will be organized as a protest directed to state.

All state college students will be invited as well as faculty and administrators.

Regarding one’s political affiliations, we all have the same concern: available affordable higher education. Some need to take responsibility. If President Reid chooses to support us, by minimizing the tuition increase to that of 4 percent, he can join us on the state level to continue to address the education issues. No matter what the circumstances are, students need to unite and fight for the same objective; quality and affordable education.

Come out and show your support!
Amy Fisher, SGA President

A Spring Break Horror Story

Take-A-Break, remember that company name, because there are a few MSU students who will never forget it. This story sounds like a bad 80s movie but, unfortunately, it is true.

Some MSU students decided to go to Bahamas for spring break and booked up with the Take-A-Break company. As many of you know, there are plenty of these tour/package vacation deal-type companies on any college campuses across the country – and most of them are reputable business. Take-A-Break is not one of them.

First, the scheduled flight to the Bahamas for the girls was changed three times. The second time they were told that it was due to bad weather in the Bahamas. However, when one of the girls checked the paper on the day she found that the temperature in the Bahamas that day was 82 degrees.

After the ladies finally did arrive in Bahamas their problems only got worse. Some individuals had their luggage sent to the wrong place._beam break even began. However, they did experience the displeasure of staying at the Towne Hotel which, not to be outdone by the airplane, was a horror show. The bathroom and windows were broken and there was construction going on across the street. Also, according to one of the nightmare survivors, "The pool was the size of a bathtub and you had to avoid debris to swim." And to add a final insult to injury, the hotel miscalculated the severity of the vacation and tried to kick the girls out two days early.

Last was the trip back home. The flight was delayed and, ultimately, canceled. Since the women had already checked out of their hotel they had nowhere to go and many of them were forced to buy their own tickets. Others returned to the hotel where they were given drinks but no food. After returned home to New Jersey, the girls found out two disturbing things.

First, one girl's mother had called the hotel in the morning and found out that the plane from the Bahamas had already been canceled. This leads the ladies to believe that they were purposely misled. Secondly, according to another travel agent, the reason there was so much trouble with the flight is that Take-A-Break's plane had been grounded by the FAA because they had been refused!

There is no doubt that Take-A-Break is to the advantage of these people and is a totally disreputable company. However, a simple background check, even on this campus, should have been done by the potential customers – and maybe this incident could have been avoided. And to that end, may the SGA can setup a better business bureau-type committee where students can report the good and bad companies they have dealt with, so other students will be warned.

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The Montclarion Mailbag

NJCWW offers ways to fight water pollution

Last week several articles were published in various newspapers informing the public that an estimated million gallons of raw sewage was discharged into a Passaic River tributary. Publicized incidents such as this raise concerns about water pollution in our urban rivers. This is not the only occasion that discharge has occurred and it does not just take place in Newark. Working in Paterson as an Americorps member with New Jersey Community Water Watch (NJCWW), I am aware of much smaller raw sewage discharges into the Passaic River from an antiquated combined sewer outflow system that the city is working to fix. NJCWW works to improve and raise awareness about urban water quality issues by educating children and adults about water pollution, stream walking, and organizing river cleanups. There are many ways to get involved. Any concerned citizen may report an emergency pollution incident to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) Emergency Hotline at (609) 292-7172. As a group or individual, you may register with the NJDEP as a Water Watch group member and adopt a piece of the river to keep an eye on. You can also attend one of the cleanups organized by NJCWW. I urge you to get involved.

Wendy Cooling, Americorps member

A letter from the editor...

Still looking for a way to make your resume stronger? Want experience in writing, editing, and newspaper production? Here’s your chance. The Editorial section needs an editor, assistant editor, and writers for the 1997-8 academic year! No experience is necessary – we can train you in all aspects of the job. But you have to decide soon: Elections for positions are Tuesday, April 8th at 4 p.m. in the Montclarion office in the Student Center Annex, room 113. For more information on the positions, contact me at 655-7731 or send email to navettaj@alpha.montclair.edu. This is a great opportunity – don’t miss out on it!

Jean-Marie Navetta
Editorial Editor

P.S. All current writers who have submitted five columns or more are eligible to vote in this election. Come to the meeting on Tuesday or contact me ASAP to get information of absentee ballots.

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I'm becoming increasingly disgruntled with a lot of people here. And it's more than the "little things" like the fact that I can't seem to get my AP English credit adjusted and as a senior I may not graduate due to some lack of an English Comp. class. It's the bigger things that have gotten under my skin. Big things, like the fact that the students of MSU are supposed to strike in about two weeks, and aside from the fact that the SGA has planned a barbecue, sent a letter to President Reed telling him that our tuition will go up more than 4 percent or else, and planned on inviting lots of TV people to tape our alleged protest, nothing has happened. Or at least nothing that amounts to much in the scheme of having a strike.

So let's take this slowly. For anyone who isn't totally clear, the definition of strike, according to Webster's is "a work stoppage by a body of workers to enforce compliance with demands made on an employer." Okay. So students really aren't workers, per se, but we can handle that. What I'm trying to point out is the fact that there are demands made on the employer. But that means more than just saying that we want no more than a 4 percent increase to be imposed on us. It means saying this and also providing ways to make it possible so our demands are not only sensible, but also ones which we can prove can be met.

And we're in the position to do this. As the students who need to foot the tuition bill, we're free to dictate what needs to happen on this campus. More importantly, we are also in the position to say what needs to be said: that more services need to be privatized, that contracts for services should be on a short-term basis to ensure that if a company isn't doing its job, it can be removed from MSU quickly, and that unions should not protect antiquated positions.

It's costing the university efficiency and the students money to maintain people who can be replaced with automation and technology.

Students also need to get copies of the state and the university budgets and read them. As I've mentioned before, the state budget is on-line and easy to read. Copies of the university budget will be provided to you if you ask for them. But you have to ask. Despite all the great technology out there, paper work still can't get up and walk to you if you just think about it. And perhaps the SGA leadership should take this very unfortunate reality under advisement.

I met with President Reed this week and he answered several questions about the proposed increases that the SGA could not. While I don't think that we both see entirely eye-to-eye on how things should be done, I learned a little more. And I also got a abbreviated copy of the FY '97 budget for MSU. Perhaps this is something that all you ready-to-protest students out there should get a hold of. In it, you'll see that the expenditures for "research" almost doubles in 1997. And that "support staff salaries" increase by about $2000. However, the amount of money allotted for "student services" decreases from $9,176 to $9,020. That's a reduction in goodies for students. And this is in a year in which a 10 percent hike is being proposed for those same students. This sure looks like something to protest. But this wasn't something that I got from the SGA. I found it myself.

And before the SGA proposes to march off to Kean college on March 17th to protest the state, maybe it should look into some of the programs which the state is working on to help deal with the "education crisis" that the SGA is found of crying about. There's a lot out there that we should be lobbying the legislature to support. Things that (believe it or not) are even more effective than more money.

But as I said, no one has mentioned much about any of this. And I and my colleague Joe Paternoster have said this. But up until Wednesday evening, despite our offers to help, no one from the SGA leadership had contacted us. A few did this week. But I'd say that based on past experience, I won't get my hopes up too much that they'll take advantage of the non-SGA students who want to help make this protest successful. I really hope they do something soon, though. April 15th is getting awfully close.

For the first time ever, I really do hope that the SGA can prove me wrong.

The Examined Life by Jean-Marie Navetta

Another message to the SGA and MSU students: Wake up, April 15th is coming

State of the World by Tom Tracy

I told myself that it was never in the time to leave the newspaper in a functional capacity that I would go out kicking and screaming. Well, apparently that time has come, so grab some cheese because here comes the whine. On Friday, I have to register for next semester, something that I will do for hopefully the last time. (Who really knows with the GER system at this school?) I knew that I may have some trouble finding the few classes I still had to take at agreeable times, but I did have assumed how difficult a task it was really going to be.

I am a Business Administration major with a concentration in Information Systems. The classes that I have left to take to graduate are all 400 level ones in the school of business. There are four classes that I need to take. I figured that MSU would offer at least five or six, from a list of ten, that I could have taken. Wrong. Well, I then figured that of the three or four classes that they were offering I could take them, they would have at least one or two sections open. Wrong again. There were four classes available in my concentration, each offering one section. This is not the kind of open class selection that I read about in the course catalog. Are we being lead astray?

Enough about me though. Many students have this problem every semester. They could graduate, if they just get lucky enough to have all the classes they need be offered in a given semester. Often times they are not, and this student is forced to either take a class over the summer, or come back and take one or two classes the following semester. This creates one extra person on campus who could have graduated. This one extra person drives his/her one extra car to school and parks it in one extra parking spot. Wonder now kiddies why you park in a different zip code? The reason MSU has so many lifers is because students can't get the classes they need.

If this school is not adequately staffed to provide enough upper level classes to satisfy student's needs, then maybe it should change the requirements or the way the classes are divided amongst professors. I have a couple of suggestions. First, do we really need 12 sections of Macroeconomics, or 10 sections of Mythology? What about those 36 sections of "What is that ratio when it takes the average student five years to graduate?"

Freshman Composition? (All of these can actually be found in the Fall 1997 course catalog). What is there, like 12 kids per class? Increase the class size for all introductory levels, and you can drop a couple sections of that class. This will free up a professor to teach a higher level class, or at least guide a student through an upper level independent study.

My second suggestion is to erect a lecture hall building. Put 20 classrooms in it that can hold 200-300 students. Turn some of the introductory courses into seminars and load them up with students. Get some seniors in the honors programs, or graduate students to assist the professor in teaching the class, and everyone wins. There will be more time for professors to teach upper level sections, and graduate students get some in-classroom experience. I know this will hurt our precious student to teacher ratio that we proudly boast about in the school brochure, but what good is that ratio when it takes the average student five years to graduate?

Programs like these have worked before. When I took General Psychology as a freshman here at MSU, it was a lecture class with about 250 students and no one really seemed to be missing out on anything. But not being in a class of eight and having the teacher's undivided attention. When the students had questions, there were at least seven teacher's assistants that were very knowledgeable in the subject, and they adequately fielded every inquiry.

If President Reid and the Board of Trustees insist on raising our tuition every year, then we must start seeing results. This is an area that sorely needs to be addressed. What is the point of coming to this school if you know that three years down the road, it will take you another three years to take the remaining 15 classes that you need to graduate? I'm sure the increased percentage of fifth year students is good for the budget, but it is not good for the student who struggles mightily to pay four year's worth of ever-increasing tuition. Many students are forced to take basket weaving and nap time 101 just so they can keep their financial aid loans.

Perhaps it will help if I put the situation in a light that the school can understand. The way class sections are assigned at MSU is: in need of new paint, has asbestos, is doing 26 m.p.h. in a 25 m.p.h. speed zone, is posting flyers illegally, is attempting to take a banana out of Blanton Hall Cafeteria... You get the picture. After the tuition hoopla, let's hope this situation gets some much needed attention. Four more to go.
Reflections of a first-year legislator: Misinformation, blocs, banter, and babies

by William J. Gibbs, Jr.

Any of us have been hearing all the hype about how the SGA wants to clean up their act. Well, I have been a legislator since February, and so far I have seen that the SGA is one hostile environment full of politics and rhetoric.

The first example of this is with "Strike the Hike". As proven by my colleague, Jean-Marie Navetta, they are quite uninformed about the issues at hand. Even worse, the Executive Board members are prompting the legislators to post flyers and do the legwork. They've forgotten that the job of the legislators is to serve the students, not bash Governor Whitman. The SGA leadership, like every other authority at MSU is trying to mold our thinking.

Also, many veteran legislators like to abuse Parliamentary Procedure during meetings, which is very childish. For instance, the speaker will be speaking and they will keep requesting a "Point of Information" in an effort to make the speaker lose his or her train of thought. Unfortunately, this practice is heavily used.

Another thing that really upsets me is some members of the Executive Board. The moderator (our Vice President), tends to be very loud and obnoxious in the meetings. She often screams into the microphone, with intensity that matches a truck stop waitress.

Our president seems to be really insensitive to many campus organizations. Every time an organization comes up for an appropriation, she finds it necessary to bash the validity of their request as well as the workings of that organization. But when a bill like "Alcohol in the Ratt" comes up, she's all for it.

Something else that gets under the skin of many of the legislators is how some groups of legislators sit together and share the same viewpoints in meetings. They do this almost like a bloc structure. But when put on the spot for it they say, "We are not a bloc."

Additionally, like the president, many legislators try to find ways to keep certain organizations from getting appropriations. They will ask them questions like, "Do you keep minutes? Why do you need this money? Do you fundraise?" in an attempt to blemish the credibility of the organization. Then they will bash the organization and debate heavily to try and encourage a "no" vote.

A meeting in which all of these things took place in happened two weeks before spring break. The International Student Organization came up for a "matching funds" appropriation for their annual Montreal trip. Many legislators tried to railroad them with abuses of Parliamentary Procedure and other heinous acts. Several legislators also left the meeting. Then, a legislator called quorum. While the count was being taken, he left, which set off the count, and the meeting was adjourned after about six hours of rhetoric and red tape.

The ISO left with the matter still undecided. However, with the help of some influential speakers, the ISO came back the following week and finally got their money.

My message to all members of the SGA is that they should remember why they collected signatures on their petitions, and if they cannot live up to their job they should resign! I am not saying that all legislators are bad, there are some good ones. But what I am saying is that those of you who are taking 4 pm on Wednesdays as party time better wake up. You are supposed to be "students serving students... not kids acting up!" It is the bad legislators that are preventing the SGA from cleaning up their reputation.

No dignity please — We’re Irish (Part III)

Antics in the Forbidden Zone
by Madam Ant

It’s a funny ol’ life, innit? Just when I thought it was safe to come out after St. Patrick’s Day and address something else, POW! Something else reared it’s ugly head.

I was taking an alternate route home from work the other night and happened upon a bar still festooned in St. Pat’s regalia. By now, you all know how much I abhor the way the Irish and their holiday are portrayed, but I must admit, even I was unprepared for the sight I beheld. Hanging on the outside of this place was a promotional banner for Red Dog beer and the legend it bore convinced me to never lift a pint of that brand of amber nectar ever again. There he was, the "Red Dog," scowling down at passersby wearing a green bowler derby cocked jauntily to one side, with the slogan, "Lick me, I’m Irish." Look, I do have a sense of humor—in fact, I’m one of the few feminists I know who thinks Howard Stern is an absolute pisser—but this slogan is not only unfunny, it is insulting to the nth degree. That has to be the most despicable example of PLS to ever come down the pike, and I for one am not amused. What exactly does this have to do with St. Patrick’s Day and Irish pride? Even Mr. Connolly couldn’t possibly make a connection there.

And speaking of Mr. Connolly...I do take exception to the remarks he made in his letter which appeared in last week’s Montclarion. The very first thing out of his mouth was the insulting statement that first, I must have been drunk as I wrote that column, second, the Irish are all drunks, and third, that I must be a latter-day Carry Nation! No, young man, I don’t have great disdain for alcohol—you don’t know me, you know nothing about me. I do enjoy a beer, cocktail, or glass of wine if and when I feel like it, but no, I do not drink myself into befuddlement. I fail to see the point of becoming legless and having no idea where

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I am or how I got there. That, little man, is not fun. I was amused that Mr. Connolly perceives me as a good Catholic girl. You see, a significant portion of “Part One” was edited out, and that was the fact that there is no love lost between the Catholic church and me. I am not Catholic, nor have I ever been. I reject any institution that is inherently misogynistic, anti-gay, and anti-choice. I even went so far as to say that Christianity was the worst thing to ever befall Ireland. It has done nothing but violently divide people ever since, and for that reason, St. Patrick shouldn’t even be revered. But since he is the patron saint of Ireland, his holiday should be respected as a holy day, just as Passover and Ramadan are. Don’t paint me as a teetotaling, mass-going, parochial school-educated prude. That ain’t me, babe. I just think there’s more to life than puking my guts up in front of thousands of spectators on Fifth Avenue.

Commercialization of March 17th is not merely marketing, and how can one compare it to Easter or Valentine’s Day? Hippity hoppy, here comes Peter Cottontail with a pint of pink and purple beer in his hand instead of an Easter basket. Look, there’s Cupid, and he doesn’t have his bow and arrow...he has a mug of red beer! I also never heard of people exchanging gifts on St. Pat’s Day—that’s done on Christmas, right?! I will agree with Mr. Connolly on one point though, people do do daft things on St. Pat’s, and that is my argument. The behavior associated with this day is an insult to Irish everywhere, be they Catholic, Protestant, Agnostic, or Pagan.

I wonder, Mr. Connolly, what your experience would have been as you marched down Fifth Avenue if your “oppresses” knew that you are a Brit. I doubt you would have been cheered (I’ll bet you weren’t waving a Union Jack). Rather, you wouldn’t have merely been as welcome as a turd in a punchbowl, you’d have had your arse kicked all the way down the Green Mile for sullying an Irish parade with your arrogant Anglo presence.

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But it would work if we equipped women’s rest rooms with Winterfresh Edible Toilet Paper™. Now both genders will have an equal opportunities to refresh themselves and feel sophisticated.

Keep in mind that, although these are excellent ideas, none of them even come close to my Crown Jewel. I possess the concept that will revolutionize the beverage industry as we know it. I will now submit to you my salespitch for Cereal Milk™.

With the help of entrepreneur genius Joe Paternoster, I plan to drive around picking up deer and process them into a high class of galloons of flavored milk. You could even mix flavors. You could experiment by pouring Apple Jacks™ flavored Cereal Milk on top of Coco-Puffs™ for an exotic, daring, brand new taste. It sounds like a lot of fun, doesn’t it? Damn right it does.

After I establish myself, I will pick up beer and process them into a low-fat yogurt. The only potential problem that I could foresee would be competition for the raw materials with Chinese food restaurants.

Fancy hotels have a long tradition of placing mints on pillows.
The only people drinking in the Tavern. Nothing was going on.

Ground Zero: Trowelsville, NJ.

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Dorks on the Scene

by John J. O’Sullivan

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I really like coffee. I just wanted to mention that again. Here's your personals.

-JJD'S

To Drooler and Two-Can.
Aw, the two love birds. Just watch out for the cat! Mew! Prophet

Cliffhanger.
Did we ever find Dove? Prophet

My Little Karen (Sigma)
Happy Birthday! Have a great day!
Love in Sigma always your Big Sister

Karen (Sigma)
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Wendy
Sometimes a song can touch a nerve, that takes me back to you.
When I turn on the radio, and I hear our favorite tune. Every now and then some little thing I've buried comes bubbling up, and once in a while, you feel close enough to touch. I miss you a little since you've been gone.

A few little memories, keep hanging on. I miss you a little, I guess I could say.
A little too much, a little too often, a little more everyday.

-Fractured projective rambling sounds here-

Fictional idealized ex-girlfriend,
I love you more than eating cake.
I love you more than having to bake.
You are the sunshine of my life.
I'm surprised that cake didn't kill themselves with a knife.
Would you, could you in a car?
Would you, could you on planet Mars?
Would you, could you with a snake?
I love you more than eating cake.
-J

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I just love to say that Ted
O'Sullivan is the man.
Who else could publicly humiliate someone so well?
I wish Ted would become a cult leader.

Meow!
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7 P.M.: BATTLE OF THE BANDS  

**APRIL 8TH**  
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- **OSAU-** Tues. @ 7:30 p.m. SC Cafe C  
- **WMSC-** Tues. @ 7 pm, Wed. @ 11 am SC Annex 110  
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Hideo Nomo, he may be more than just a Dodger

By Jeff Ehrlich
Asst. Sports Editor

An article in the March 24, 1997 issue of Time titled “Plenty More After Nomo” prompted me to think about a momentous occurrence in Major League Baseball 50 years ago. The article, written by Steve Wulf, was about the influx of Japanese baseball players to the majors. In the 1995 season, Hideo Nomo played his rookie season for the Los Angeles Dodgers, in 1996 Chan Ho Park made his debut for the Dodgers, and now, there are at least four Japanese players vying for a spot on a major league roster. Such names as Shigetoshi Hasegawa, Katsuhiro Maeda, Hideki Irabu, and Takashi Kashiwada may become household names by September much like Greg Maddux, Roger Clemens, and David Cone are now.

50 years ago Jackie Robinson played his first game for the Brooklyn Dodgers as a first-baseman. Robinson, known as a second-baseman, played first base in his rookie season (Eddie Stanky played second and Gil Hodges didn’t start at first until the 1948 season). Robinson was the first African-American to play Major League Baseball and, prior to Robinson’s entry into the majors, African-Americans had to play in the Negro Leagues because baseball was, until 1947, segregated.

Think about what Robinson accomplished for African-Americans and for American society. All sports are now integrated and both white and black fans cheer for their favorite player, regardless of the color of his or her skin. Some people might even say sports is the glue that holds white and black America together.

What if 50 years from now, Americans will be thinking of Nomo as the man who closed the gap between Major League Baseball and Japanese baseball? Already, American baseball players are realizing that maybe their talents are not as superior to the Japanese as they had thought. Irabu is the most coveted Japanese ball-player this spring. Bobby Valentine, the New York Mets manager who managed the Cuba Lotte Marines, the Japanese baseball team where Irabu played, said, “(Irabu) throws the ball as well as anyone in the world. Once he gets acclimated and learns hitters, he’ll remove the fallacy that American baseball is better than Japanese baseball.”

That is lofty praise considering the pitching that the Atlanta Braves have, and it remains to be seen whether his praise is justified. But regardless of whether it is justified or not, Japanese baseball, with the success of Nomo, is gaining credibility among American baseball players and fans.

Wulf writes, “But another reason for the Japanization of American baseball is, simply, the Americanization of Japanese baseball. Players in Japan are watching more major league baseball and realizing there’s not that much difference. Young players there are also aware of the greater independence, and rewards, enjoyed by their counterparts in the U.S.”

Tetsuo Ikeda, editor of the Japanese baseball magazine Shukan Baseball says, “To play in the major leagues is still the stuff dreams are made of.” This used to apply only to American youths, but now the dream includes Japanese youths too.

Nomo can be considered a Jackie Robinson among Japanese ball-players, he serves as a mentor to many Japanese players just as Robinson did for African-American players 50 years ago. The Negro Leagues are gone now. Maybe 50 years down the road the Japanese baseball leagues will be gone too. Or maybe Major League Baseball will merge with the Japanese leagues to form one global league, making the World Series truly a world series.

If Nomo is the present day Robinson, then Irabu is the present day Roy Campanella. Maeda would be the new Willie Mays and Kashiwada would be the new Ernie Banks, Don Newcombe, or Satchel Paige.

Believe me, it’s possible. In life, what goes around, comes around. And life is indeed, a lot like baseball.
Who will win the World Series and why? Who will they beat?

Ralph Kolbusz
Senior, sociology
Seattle over Atlanta. Because the Mariners' lineup is strong and they have dominant pitching.

Stacy Smith
Sophomore, undeclared
I think the Yankees will win, because that's the team I like.

Jacob Dillard
Sophomore, art history
Yankees over Atlanta. Because I'm a Yankee fan. They've been good for the past two years.

Eric Benbrook
Junior, poli. sci.
Yankees undoubtedly. Because they have very good team unity and cohesion.

John Dennelly
Junior, economics
White Sox over Atlanta. Albert Belle and Frank Thomas back-to-back!

Ihor Andruch
Sophomore, communications
White Sox over the Mets. The White Sox are a powerhouse with Belle and Thomas. They started off strong Tuesday night.

John Dennehy
Junior, poli. sci.
White Sox over Atlanta. Albert Belle and Frank Thomas back-to-back!
BASEBALL, cont. from back page

Hander Mike Brennan (Ewing) came in to pitch for Economou. Brennan then booted a ground-ball to load the bases. After a strikeout, Brennan then walked the next Cortland State batter to force in a run, the Red Dragons’ first. Then a two-run single to left-field brought in the next Cortland State batter to force booted a ground-ball to load the bases. Brennan then handed right-hander Mike Brennan (Ewing) came in on a fly ball to McCorkle. After seven-and-a-half innings, the once comfortable 3-0 lead became a 5-3 deficit for the Red Hawks.

The Red Hawks could not overcome the deficit and, in fact, the Red Dragons scored two more runs in the top of the ninth.

Brennan picked up the loss, his first of the season, and the Red Hawks record stood at 6-9 after Saturday’s loss. They had plenty of time to prepare for their next game on Wednesday, April 2, however, mother nature did not cooperate.

Following the freak snowstorm on Monday and Monday night, the Red Hawks game scheduled for Wednesday was postponed due to the poor condition of Pittser Field. It will be made up sometime later in the season.

However, after two days of sunshine the field should be good enough for the Red Hawks to play their first inter-conference game on Thursday, April 3, at 3:30 p.m. They will take on the Rutgers-Newark Raiders at Pittser Field.

Spring is in the air, it is warm out, and baseball is here. What could be finer than watching a ball game in the spring? Come out and see the Red Hawks battle the Raiders and then take on Adelphi University on Tuesday, April 8 at 3:30.

softball, cont. from back page

Junior third baseman Jamie Lascik’s hit. It wasn’t enough as the Red Hawks lost, 4-2, and were eliminated from the tournament.

“We outplayed them for five innings and in the sixth and seventh innings, they came back very strong. They caught us on our heels and won,” said Coach Kubicka. “We needed to score more than one run off of their pitcher, which we were capable of doing but we did not do.”

MSU had nine hits, gave up 10, and left a total of 11 runners on base. “We were hitting the ball and had opportunities, but weren’t doing our part College again, and again came away victorious.”

In the first game of the double header, the Red Hawks scored four runs in the first inning and never looked back.

Wisw was three for four, with a double and three RBIs. Both Lascik and Saladino were three for three and had one of their own.

MSU skated to a 8-0 win. Ormsbee won her eighth game with five strikeouts and gave up five hits.

In game two, the Red Hawks must have felt a sense of deja vu as they won 12-3. Citarella and Wiz were fantastic, as each went three for three and one RBI, with Wiz having a triple in the third inning. Saladino belted the MSU’s first homerun of the season in the second inning, a three-run shot over left field. Saladino also had a hit.

She, too, was three for three and had three RBIs. Guzzi was good for two hits with Acevedo, Nawrot, Lascik, and freshman second baseman Brook Powell (S. Brunswick) each having a hit.

At 15-2, the Red Hawks will host Western Connecticut today at 3p.m. at the Quarry Field, and travel to Kean College this Saturday for a 1 p.m. contest.

UPCOMING GAMES....

4/3 - HOME VS. WESTERN CONN. (DH) 3:30 P.M.
4/5 - AT KEAN COLLEGE (DH) 1:00 P.M.
4/8 - AT ROWAN COLLEGE (DH) 3:00 P.M.
Strong slugging leads to 4-1 week for Softball

By Dennis L. DeMercurio

American Jennifer Citarella (Belleville) led off with a single, then successfully stole second. She advanced to third on freshman second baseman Tara Wisz's (Pompton Plains) sacrifice hit.

With a count of one and three, senior shortstop and team captain Rosalie Guzzi (Long Branch) drove in Citarella with a single up the middle.

The Red Hawks held on to win, 1-0.

MSU next faced Felician College in the second game and scored 13 runs off of 13 hits. The Red Hawks had a sluggfest against Felician, as nearly all MSU batters had hits in the game. Citarella was three for four with a triple in the fourth inning, and had two stolen bases. Wisz was two for two, one hit being a double in the second, as junior catcher T.J. Ortiz (Newark) then struck out for the third out of the inning. After one inning the score was 2-1, RPI.

The Red Hawks second, and last run of the game, came in the eighth inning when RPI had a lead of 8-1. Freshman pinch-hitter Brian Seelinger and sophomore third-baseman Lou Finamore (Franklin) singled, driving in Seelinger with two outs. Junior second-baseman Corey Gleichenhaus (Clarkstown, NY) grounded to second for the third out of the inning.

Senior right-hander Kevin O'Shaughnessy (Ramsey) was the starting pitcher. He gave up seven earned runs and 10 hits in three innings. He picked up his first loss of the season as RPI pounded out 20 hits, scored twice in the first inning, five times in the fourth inning, and three in the ninth for an 11-2 final.

The Red Hawks did not have much time to think about their loss because on the next day, Cortland State was ready to take the field against MSU. Both Cortland and MSU were coming off losses the day before. Cortland lost to William Paterson on Friday and MSU, as aforementioned, lost to RPI. Obviously both teams were looking for the win, Cortland State, however found it. They won 7-3, and handed the Red Hawks their ninth loss of the season.

MSU had a 3-0 lead through seven innings and appeared on their way to their seventh victory of the season. But sloppy fielding and poor pitching caused the 7-3 loss as the Red Dragons scored five unearned runs in the final two innings.

Freshman left-hander A.J. Economou (Howell) started and gave up no earned runs, no walks, and struck out four through seven innings. He came out to pitch the eighth and after giving up a single, a double-play ground ball to Gleichenhaus was booted for an error.

With men on first and second and no outs, junior left-

Conference foes await this weekend

Red Hawks lose two straight games, record now 6-9

By Jeff Ehrlch

After appearing to be on the winning track after three consecutive victories, the baseball team has lost two back-to-back games. The losses were an 11-2 defeat by the Red Dragons of Cortland State. Both these losses were at Pittser Field.

Dave Lohrman, the RPI starting pitcher, was virtually unhittable on Friday afternoon as he went the distance, giving up just four hits and only one earned run. He recorded 15 strike outs and walked only five batters for her seventh win of the season.

For MSU, the nearly non-existent offense did, however, produce two runs. With two outs in the bottom of the first, right-fielder Mike Mullane (Bayonne) reached on an error by the RPI third baseman. Clean-up hitter, first-baseman Shawn McCorkle (Newton) then doubled in Mullane from first. Center-fielder Fransisco Ortiz (Newark) then struck out for the third out of the inning. After one inning the score was 2-1, RPI.

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The Red Hawks scored

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Stat of the Week:

Junior left-hander Sharon Ormsbee (North Plainfield) has 11 strikeouts in her seventh win.