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The German bombs which landed on Krakow, Poland just 40 miles north from Bendzin, where he was born, symbolized the start of his new life. A life of pain, hatred and seemingly insurmountable obstacles. For nearly six years following that explosion, he would see through his eyes those whom he was speaking to could only see on pages. He would see and live what is known today only as the Holocaust.

by Al Mollo
Staff Writer

"On the first of September, 1939, at 5:00 a.m., we heard an explosion."

These were the first words Aron Grynowald shared with those who had gathered to hear him. It was fitting that he start there for his new life. A life of pain, suffering and hatred, which landed on Krakow, Poland just 40 miles north from Bendzin, where he was born. He would see and live what is known today only as the Holocaust.

The 65 students, faculty and guest who were squeezed into the small room were offered vivid accounts of the events which had such a great impact on him. He brought the massive figures which are commonly used when speaking of this tragedy into an individual, personal perspective.

Perhaps most moving, was the telling of the destruction of his own family, which all but him had perished. Thirteen of the nearly six million who would die at the hands of the Nazi rulers represented three generations of his family.

"My mother and child went to Auschwitz," he recalled painfully.

In addition, Grynowald’s father, four sisters, and six brothers would all be murdered.

Possibly most amazing, was the recollection of dates and times Grynowald used when telling of his painful experiences nearly 60 years ago.

SA continues fight against tuition hike

by Bryan Berger
Staff Writer

On April 21, President of the Montclair State Student Government Association, (SGA) Amy Fisher sent out three letters to the President Irvin Reid and Board of Trustees asking for the repeal of next year’s 9.3 percent percent tuition increase.

In Fisher’s first letter to Reid she states that his main concern lies with the status of the institution instead of with the students. “Until President Reid guarantees no more than four percent increase the SGA will remain focusing on the protest,” said Fisher. This first letter contained a petition with 600 signatures from the students.

The second letter sent to Reid via e-mail, emphasizing the same issues covered in the first letter. This letter was to signify that the SGA is not going to give up on the situation, said Fisher.

The third letter sent to the Board of Trustees asking them to rectify the situation, to set up an emergency BOT meeting to address the concerns of both the committee and the campus community. Montclair State’s mission is to provide an affordable, quality education, said Fisher.

President Reid replied to Fisher in a letter on April 24 stating, “I am concerned with the status of the institution, the students, their family members and the citizens of New Jersey are precisely the reason I am concerned about status.”

The administration is prepared to continue meeting with SGA representatives to elicit your input on campus improvements in the interest of a better Montclair State University, said Reid.

The letters were sent following up the April 15, SGA led, students tuition strike, where hundreds of students walked out of class and held a protest in College Hall to show their displeasure with a proposed 9.3 percent tuition increase for the Fall ’97 and Spring ’98 semesters. Student representatives met with Reid at that time, but were unsuccessful in getting the 9.3 percent increase lowered.

Blackout darkens campus, forces evacuation

by Kevin P. Hancock
News Editor

The power went out at 3:20 p.m. on Saturday, and was restored six hours later at 9:30 p.m.

"We were very lucky because had the safety fuses not held we would have lost our entire transformer," she said. To replace an entire transformer would have taken approximately one week.

"It’s very uncommon, extremely uncommon that something like this would happen," Williams said. All three fuses have never blown out at the same time before. If one fuse had blown, a partial outage would have occurred. Having all three fuses blow was a rare occurrence.

"It was a freaky thing, in fact when our high voltage electrical contractor came in he said, ‘Oh my God, I can’t believe this, this never happens,’” said Williams.

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Students were gathered and brought by shuttle bus to the Bradford School on Mount Hebron Avenue, said Coleman-Carter. Clove Road residents were not effected by the evacuation because their power was still on. Students prepared to stay the night at the school, however power was restored to campus and they were allowed to return to the dorms.

"That would have been where they would have stayed through the night had the electricity not come back on," said Coleman-Carter.

Evacuation arrangements were made with the help of Campus Police and the Montclair Red Cross.

"They did a wonderful job," said Coleman-Carter. "The students were real troopers, everyone felt a little put out, but for the most part everyone had a real good attitude about it," she said of the evacuation.

We were real fortunate that it wasn’t during the week when there are thousands of students here."
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National

Texas community blocked off as militia group holds hostages

Law enforcement officers kept a blockade outside a remote mountain community in western Texas Monday, following the release of two hostages held by a militia group that advocates independence for the state.

State Trooper Richard Treece declined to say if law officers were still in direct contact with members of the Republic of Texas militia.

The group’s “ambassador,” Richard McLaren, told Texas media outlets that the group would not give up, and demanded that Texas voters be allowed to decide whether Texas should become an independent republic.

Members of the group stormed the home of Joe and Margaret Ann Rowe on Sunday, taking the couple hostage and demanding the release of two of their members. The Rowses were released early Monday in exchange for Robert Jonathan Scheidt, the Republic’s security chief who had been arrested on a weapons violation early in the day.

The group also had demanded the release of Jo Ann Canady Turner, arrested in Austin last week on two contempt charges. Turner remained in custody.

The main road leading into the Davis Mountain community was blocked off by authorities, who also surrounded the subdivision, leaving an estimated 90-150 residents “more or less trapped in their homes,” according to Texas Department of Public Safety spokeswoman Lauren Chernow.

Simpson denied new trial by judge

The judge who presided over O.J. Simpson’s wrongful death civil trial on Monday denied Simpson’s request for a new trial.

Judge Hiroshi Fujisaki also refused to reduce the $33.5 million judgment against Simpson, calling the amount “just, reasonable and not excessive.”

Lawyers for Simpson are expected to appeal the rulings.

Simpson, who was found liable for the deaths of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend, Ronald Goldman, was seeking to have that verdict set aside on the grounds of errors by the judge, jury misconduct and newly discovered evidence.

Simpson was acquitted of murder in an earlier criminal trial.

He was not present at court on Monday as Fujisaki announced his ruling.

In their request for a new trial, Simpson’s lawyers cited a juror who had to be dismissed at the end of the trial for failing to disclose that her daughter was employed by the Los Angeles County District Attorney’s office.

International

Hundreds morn man killed in mid-east violence

Hundreds of Palestinians marched Monday to remember a young man whose death caused many in his village to give up trying to revive what they see as a slowly dying peace process.

Issam Akabneh, an 18-year-old high school senior, was shot dead Sunday night by Israeli soldiers during a brief clash in their West Bank village. He was the first villager to die fighting Israelis in this village. Even during the long years of the intifada uprising, there were no fatalities here.

As Issam was buried late Sunday, attendees shouted angry chants, vowing to continue the struggle against Israel. At their more somber march Monday, villagers paid their respects, and talked about whether peace has any hope, and what Palestinians should do next.

“This peace is shown to be only talk, there is no peace,” the teen’s father Mahmoud Akabneh said. “I so wanted my son to be a doctor, but I’m not sorry he died trying to stop the soldiers.”

“You will put your head in your hand and you will cry, cry, cry,” said a young villager. “What can we do? We have stones, they have guns.”

One dead in Russian rail station explosion

A blast at a railway station in southern Russia killed one person and wounded 17 others Monday in the second railway explosion in a week, security officials said. Chechen rebels, who had claimed responsibility for an earlier station bombing, were suspected in the attack.

The train station in Pyatigorsk, a resort in the Russian’s Northern Caucasus, was heavily damaged in the explosion, Viktor Khorgzhii, deputy regional premier, told the Interfax news agency.

Earlier reports from the Federal Security Service and the Ministry for Emergency Situations said two people died in the blast and pegged the injury toll at 12.

Russian news agencies, citing officials at the scene, said four of the 17 wounded were injured seriously.

“There are signs of possible involvement of Chechen terrorists,” according to V. Horuzhnevo, a public affairs official for the Russian Federal Security Service (FSB), Interfax reported.

A group of anti-terrorist FSB agents have already been dispatched to the bombing site, according to the report.

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SGA News & Notes

BY JOHN BROST
STAFF WRITER

At the longest meeting of the year, the legislature of the Student Government Association passed 23 bills. Among the most important, a new Class One organization was chartered, another Class One organization was turned over to the administration, and the SGA operating budget for the next academic year was passed.

By a vote of 13-7-3, the legislature voted to turn control of the Student Intramural Leisure Council (SILC) over to the administration. According to legislator George Raffa, the organization would better serve students under the auspices of the department of Campus Recreation. Raffa, who had headed an ad hoc committee investigating the organization, said, "Doing this research. I found out how hard it is to run a Class One. We've got some problems here and we need to correct them. I have to strongly recommend that we transfer SILC to Campus Recreation."

The SGA then passed a Class One charter for the International Student Organization (ISO). The organization is now eligible to receive a budget, which will be passed by the legislature next semester. ISO had stated that it should receive the promotion due to its improved programming, including a multicultural food festival and international exposition. The organization had been a Class Two organization, which does not receive a budget, for the past ten years, the organization stated.

The SGA operating budget for 1997-1998 was passed by the legislature. There were several amendments to the proposed budget. The first added $600 to the budget line for the conference for the executive board. This money was added due to the fact that the earlier amount of $2000 was deemed to be insufficient to cover rising costs for conference registration and airfare. The second amendment was to add a line for Law Day, an annual event which brings law school representatives to MSU. At Law Day, students are introduced to law schools from throughout the country, and are able to get information about the campuses and the law programs. The event is attended by approximately 150 MSU students, and about the same number of students from other colleges in the state.

The most controversial amendment to the budget was a $25,000 grant to the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) service, and the money would cover the costs of operating the service. The SGA will put $5,000 up front as a "good faith" payment, and the other $20,000 will be paid if the administration of the University funds the rest of the costs of setting up the service. The additional costs of the service include the costs of an ambulance, uniforms (required by law), equipment, and medical supplies (such as bandages and such). The legislature passed this amendment by a vote of 13-3-0.

Operating budgets were passed for the Drop-In Center and La Campiana, MSU's yearbook. Both are services of the SGA. The Drop-In center offers a variety of services to students, from providing literature on a variety of topics, ranging from date rape to drug abuse, and directing those needing it to the proper places to receive help for their problems. Four Walls, a literary magazine, was granted a budget to cover production and office costs for the upcoming year.

A closing remark, outgoing President Amy Fisher said, "It's kind of sick, but I think I'm going to miss it (the SGA)."

Greg MacSweeney, the Attorney General for the past year, offered advice to the SGA for its future. "After five years with the SGA, I'm glad the elections are finally straight, and I hope that the future administrations will follow the example of this year and make sure that the SGA is legitimate in the future."

In its final act of business for the nine hour long marathon meeting and as its final act of business of the year, the legislature approved Fisher's appointment of this writer as next year's Attorney General. As per its Constitution, the SGA will meet on the Wednesday within the first week after classes begin in the fall semester.

Holocaust, Cont. from p.1 ago. Grynowald, who was brought to MSU to speak to students learning about the Holocaust, taught a class of his own.

He told in detail of the subtle policies and events which would eventually lead to the killing of millions. "That December in 1939 every Jew had to wear an armband with the start of David," said the 92-year-old survivor. "If we were walking down the street and a German was approaching, we had to take off our hat and greet them." He recalled the many "selections" which occurred in the Ghetto.

"7,000 Jews were deported. We didn't know to where," he said, even now with a certain sense of disbelief. "We didn't know to where." He repeated.

These prisoners were sent there probable death at Nazi extermination camps. Fighting back tears, he told of his deportation. "They sent 6,000 Jews to Mauthausen," he said. "I could see my wife through the fence. She gave me this." Grynowald took from his pocket a small photograph of his wife. He held it up to the microphone causing many tears.

He told of his experiences within the fences of the four concentration camps which he survived and what he did to stay alive.

"In the concentration camp," he said, "it's mouth closed, eyes open."

Observers, young and old, were visibly moved by the first-hand accounts of horrors.

"It was very emotional," said Senior Kim Astrosiloso. "He really personalized the Holocaust for me. When studying the Holocaust we think of big numbers and mass graves. He reminded us of the people who were effected."

Grynowald came to MSU to assist in a learning about the Holocaust and the Press. He offered them a story which cannot be found in any text book. A story which could only come from within.

"Aron speaks from the heart," said Professor Ron Hollander, who is the Coordinator of the Journalism program at MSU. "It is very important that we hear his story. Not just for us, but for him. The past must be told if we are to learn."

Hollander, who was the organizer of the day's events, brought this guest to teach his class to teach them something about the Holocaust which he could not.

After all Grynowald went through, though he may look back in anger, he tried to emphasize that this cannot warrant hatred today. Even when asked by a student how he felt about German people today.

"These are not the same Germans, not the Nazis. We cannot accuse the whole for one or two. I know good German people."

After being liberated by the Allies in 1945, Grynowald was forced by the communist rulers to stay in Europe for 16 years because of his labor skills.

Finally, in 1961, he made it to the United States. He recalled being penniless.

"When I came to Hoboken on January 3, 1961, I had five dollars. I didn't want to spend it on the boat for food because it was all I had."

When arriving at the New Jersey port, Grynowald was asked if he could give some money as gratuity for the servers on the ship.

"I gave three dollars to the waiter, and two dollars to the assistant waiter."

Grynowald gave all he had and continues to give today. He has donated $100,000 to the National Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. He has also contributed $322,000 to a Kibbutz in northern Israel which was founded by Holocaust survivors. Perhaps most inspiring, is his allowing $10,000 in his will to be left to the United States government, to thank America for giving him a home.

The speaker even provided a lighter side, telling the remarkable story of his acquiring a book in Europe which ad been stolen from the Vatican. In 1995, he gave the book to Archbishop wanted to see him.

"He told me that the Vatican had been looking for this book since 1944," he said. "Archbishop McCarrick invited me to the midnight Mass as his honored guest."

Grynowald then proudly showed the letter of thanks which he had received from the office of Pope John Paul II. Just another amazing chapter in the life of a truly amazing man.

This special visitor left a feeling which many may never have had before about the Holocaust. A feeling of terror, but also of triumph. Most importantly, he left with them himself. For now they all would know someone personally who was effected by the Holocaust.

It seemed a fitting time for Grynowald to visit. During this time of Yom HaShoah, when the Holocaust is remembered. To remind people, if nothing else, how important it is to remember.
Female Blanton Hall resident suffers a possible broken ankle while in the Life Hall studio theater. She was transported to Mountainside Hosp. by ambulance.

04/10/97 Fire Alarm

Officers respond to a fire alarm in Freeman Hall. Upon arrival a pot was left on the stove in the 2nd floor laundry room causing the smoke detector to activate. Montclair Fire Dept. responded.

04/10/97 Theft

Female reports she discovered her jacket missing when she returned to her unsecured locker in Panzer Gym.

04/11/97 Medical

A female Blanton Hall resident while in the lobby of Bohn Hall experienced severe abdominal pain. Victim was transported to Mountainside Hosp. by ambulance.

04/11/97 Arrest

Investigation of a phone bomb threat directed to a Clove Road Apt. leads to the arrest of a former student, Paul Miller of Clifton. A criminal complaint of disorderly conduct was signed. Court date is set for 5/7/97 in Little Falls Municipal Court.

04/12/97 Criminal Mischief

Officer on patrol observes a male scratching a parked car in lot 27. Male and female accomplice flee in a nearby vehicle.

04/13/97 Criminal Mischief

Male reports his girlfriend’s car, parked in lot 24, was found covered in shaving cream.

04/14/97 Property Damage

Female returned to her parked car in lot 23 and discovered the front headlight cracked.

04/14/97 Theft

Female left her backpack unattended in a computer lab in Richardson Hall. Upon her return the backpack was missing. She found the book bag in a stairwell missing a text book. She went to the bookstore and discovered the bag had been sold back to the bookstore. Investigation continues.

04/14/97 Theft

Male left class in Dickson Hall to use the bathroom. Upon his return, his jacket and 3 textbooks were missing.

04/15/97 Theft

Female left her back pack in a classroom in Partridge Hall. Upon her return 1 1/2 hours later the back pack was missing.
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04/16/97 Theft

Female left her bag unattended while using the bathroom in the Library. Upon her return she discovered her wallet missing from her bag.

Female reports her bag was stolen from a Richardson Hall computer lab. Victim identifies suspect. Investigation continues.

Female reports person(s) unknown removed her cell phone from her vehicle parked in lot 19. Window was left open.

04/17/97 Medical/Under Age Drinking

Officers respond to Blanton hall on a report of a female who had passed out and was laying across a table in the lobby. Upon arrival the victim had been moved, unknown males carried her to a 5th floor room. The victim was able to respond to stimulus, and began vomiting. Victim was transported to Mountainside Hospital by ambulance.

04/17/97 Criminal Mischief

Female Bohn Hall resident returned to her parked car in lot 19 and discovered the windshield smashed.

04/17/97 Theft

Female F/S member reported a TV was stolen from a cabinet in her locked offices in Annex E. No signs of forced entry.

04/17/97 Criminal Mischief/Bias Incident

Bias writings were discovered on the wall of a stall in a 1st floor bathroom in Richardson Hall.

04/18/97 Arrest/False Public Alarm

Investigation leads to the arrest of two Bohn hall residents. Criminal complaints were signed against Laura Erminoff Florence and Stephanie Chamberlain of Sewell charging them with activating a false fire alarm in Bohn Hall on 4/15/97. Initial court date has been set for 4/21/97 in Clifton municipal court.

04/19/97 Male becomes ill while at the Student Center Annex, feeling dizzy and vomiting. He refused medical attention. Victim’s wife was notified and transported him home.

04/20/97 Arrest/Assault

A female became ill in Blanton Hall. She was brought into the men’s bathroom by her boyfriend. Three males entered, asking if help was needed. An argument turned into a physical confrontation. Officers responded to the lobby after the desk officer witnessed an assault. An officer was assaulted while arresting one of the males. He was charged with aggravated assault and resisting arrest. He was later released after posting $1,000.00 bail. Criminal complaints and counter complaints were signed by all parties involved. An initial court date has been set for 4/22/97 in Little Falls municipal court.

04/21/97 Male reports his wallet was stolen from the locker room in Panzer Gym.

04/21/97 Medical

Female suffers asthma attack while playing basketball in Panzer Gym. Montclair Ambulance Unit responded. Female was treated at the scene.

04/22/97 Male reports person(s) unknown removed a lock from her locker in Panzer Gym and stole her sneakers.

04/23/97 Male reports he parked his car in lot 30. Upon his return he discovered his fog lights were missing.

04/24/97 Male reports he left his jacket and wallet in a locker in Panzer Gym. Upon his return his wallet was missing.

04/24/97 False Public Alarm

Officers respond to a fire alarm in Bohn Hall. Upon arrival discover a 10th floor pull station activated. No signs of smoke or fire. Clifton Fire Dept. responded.

04/24/97 Criminal Mischief

Female Bohn Hall resident returned to her parked car in lot 22 and...
discovered someone used an object to scrape the length of the car on the passenger side.

04/24/97 Harassment

Officers respond to Blanton Hall on a report of a live animal in the building. Upon arrival discover the dorm director had removed a mouse that was taped to a 2nd floor room door. The door was covered with mustard and salad dressing.

04/24/97 Criminal Mischief

Female parked her car in lot 30. Upon her return 4 days later she discovered her fog light damaged.

04/24/97 Theft

Media center employee reports a disc player and VCR missing from Dickson hall.

04/26/97 Theft

Richardson Hall employee left her purse unattended and left the room. Upon her return money was discovered missing from the purse. The door to the office was left unlocked.

04/27/97 Possession of CDS/Paraphernalia

Female Blanton hall resident returned to find a halogen light caused a curtain to catch on fire at a Clover Road apt. in the 300 block. Residents and officers arriving used extinguishers to put out the fire. Little Falls Fire Dept. responded.

04/28/97 Medical

Female suffers an injury to her thumb and index finger when a window fell in her Stone Hall room. She was treated at the scene.

Male came to headquarters with an injury to his chin. He reported he slipped and fell while showering in Bohn Hall approximately 25 minutes earlier. He was transported to Mountainside Hospital by ambulance.

04/29/97 Harassment

Female Blanton hall resident reports receiving numerous annoying phone calls for the last month and a half.
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Campus Life

Well, It’s Been a Somewhat Interesting Year

By Suzanne Feigle
Assistant Campus Life Editor

Well, I made it through another year as Campus Life Editor, barely. While this has been a very exciting year on the MSU campus, my favorites being Vice President Al Gore’s campaign visit and the recent Strike the Hike walk out, I am glad to see this year come to a close.

Fortunately, I was extremely lucky to have two wonderful, extremely dedicated assistants. I would like to give my special thanks to Michele Romaine, my Fall assistant, and Victoria Tengelics, my Spring assistant. Both were excellent additions to the Montclair staff. I would also like to wish Victoria good luck as she will be assuming the position of Arts and Entertainment Editor in the Fall. As many of you know our current Arts and Entertainment Editor Erin “the Stud” Tengelics, my Spring assistant. Both.

Daughter to Work Day 1997

By Victoria Tengelics
Assistant Campus Life Editor

Fifteen girls, whose parents work at MSU in various departments, received a chance to see what a normal work day is like at Daughter to Work Day, on Thursday, April 24. They came to the University in the morning and from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. enjoyed activities, pizza, and cake sponsored by the Women’s Center. The theme of the day was: What do I want to be when I grow up?

The girls received name plates that they colored and designed the way they wanted. Every girl put a star sticker on their name plate to show that they were all stars.

With the help of volunteers, the girls made a list of jobs that one can do outside and things one can make. Some answers included primatologist and forest ranger.

White paper board was given to the girls so they could illustrate their goals through art. A century ago the average girl looked forward to marriage and babies. Now girls can have that and so much more in their lives.

Hannah, a fourth grader, plans to be an Olympic gold medalist in gymnastics and a Broadway director. Soobehrah and Latisha, both sixth graders, have decided they will become lawyers. Primatologist (a scientist who studies primates), teacher, and cheerleader were among some of the other goals expressed that afternoon.

Pizza and apple juice were served for lunch. A cake commemorating the day was made to celebrate. After lunch they received a certificate of participation in the day’s events. Local organizations donated gifts for the girls to take home, such as binders for school and MSU bags.

The girls got a chance to meet other girls who attend Montclair State University and hear first hand what its like to fulfill your dreams. Daughter to Work Day showed these girls, and thousands across the country, that women can be and do anything they want.

Perry will be graduating this May after nearly a decade of academics at MSU. Although I won’t be graduating, two years in an office with no windows and possibly cancerous fluorescent lights has motivated me to seek my stress and aggravation elsewhere (Just kidding).

Even though I might complain excessively, I have enjoyed each and every minute I have spent on the Montclair and will miss it dearly.

It was a great experience that I encourage everyone to try. So, as I prepare for a summer of hard work and many hours relaxing by the pool drinking, I wish everyone a wonderful summer and an even better Fall. And to all those who are graduating, I am jealous and I hate you, but good luck anyway.

Enjoy everything that life brings you. Remember, what doesn’t kill you, makes you stronger! Take care and stay safe.

International Services brings students together

By Victoria Tengelics
Assistant Campus Life Editor

The International Services, housed in the Global Education Center, mission is to promote “the general growth, development, and welfare of all international students, scholars, and faculty at Montclair State University.” Currently, there are over 500 international students, scholars and faculty from 70 countries who require special help adjusting to life in America.

The Global Education Center “addresses all issues pertaining to international and global concerns at the university,” informed Jacqueline Leighton, Director of International Services. These include international studies, admissions, and study abroad programs for Americans. They provide advising and counseling to all international people on campus regarding all issues especially those of the cross cultural and legal nature.

International students often need help getting adjusted to life in the United States. They are required to visit the office upon admission and once more before graduation but they often drop in for help at other times during the semester.

“Iinternational students have additional legal responsibilities that American students don’t have to worry about and that is one area that we’re able to assist them. We help interpret the legal issues and keep them on track and with the new immigration reform law of 1996 our job is more important than ever,” said Mrs. Leighton.

One of the activities International Services sponsored this year, along with the SGA, Unity Collaboration, and the Global Education Center, was the International Spring Festival on Thursday, April 24. Organizers Dayana Soudin and Tamara Downey thought it would be a good idea to get American and International students together to learn about each other.

One problem that International students face is it is hard to form relationships with American students so this was a good way to introduce them. The girls, under the advisement of Mrs. Leighton, put together a committee that committed sponsors and organizations to participate. Among the organizations involved were the International Student Organization, International Studies, PRIDE, French Club, Hellenic Student Organization, Turkish Club, Montclair Art Education, LASO, and the Greek Organizations. Some local businesses donated food for the party including Yamasaki Bread Co., The Bread Co. Montclair, A&P Supermarket, Price Club, and Nino’s Italian Special.

“We all worked together, it was very nice. We had a lot of success,” said Dyana. The students who attended enjoyed it because people with different experiences came together. Organizers hope to make the festival an annual event.

“International students, I believe, and I know our President believes, are very important on campus,” stated Mrs. Leighton. She compared the world to a book and those that do not leave their surroundings are still on the same page: “The festival gives American students a chance to broaden, a chance to read many pages of the book.”

For those that require the services of the Global Education Center they are located at 22 Normal Avenue, Upper Montclair (across from the Normal Avenue entrance to the University).
SGA HOME PAGE

THE SGA WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL MEMBERS OF CLASS I, II, III AND IV ORGANIZATIONS WHO HELPED TO MAKE THIS YEAR SO SUCCESSFUL!

A HUGE THANKS ALSO TO THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY FOR COMING OUT AND GETTING INVOLVED!!

GOOD LUCK ON FINALS AND SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

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TO GET YOUR EVENTS POSTED, CONTACT JILL LEVINE OR JOY ROBBINS IN THE SGA OFFICE.
Thank You Tim!

Throughout the year, Photo Editor Tim “Puff Daddy” Casey has ran around the MSU campus taking pictures of every single event without much recognition. He puts up every week with the constant questions of “Tim, are my pictures ready yet?” from every editor and continues to always produce great work. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tim for all of his hard work and wish him success and the Luck of the Irish as Editor in Chief next year. You are the greatest!

Log on @ MSU
by Louis Colli

There Are Actually Lab Rules. Who Knew?

Topic Of The Week:

The rules of the lab. Here are the big ten, with my comments in brackets:
1. You must be an MSU student or alumni and be able to show the lab assistant an MSU ID with a valid sticker upon request.
2. No eating, drinking, or smoking.
3. No music or other software which could cause a disturbance to others. Games are not permitted.
4. Do not save personal work or load software to the hard drives.
5. No special paper is permitted in the printers. See a lab assistant if a printer needs paper, do not remove the paper trays. [If you need to print on special paper, for a resume or whatever, go to the Resume Writing Lab in the Student Center. Their printers can handle the special paper.]
6. Do not move the machines, disconnect cables, or interfere with the hardware in any way.
7. If you borrow a chair from another room, please return it when you are done.
8. Please keep the lab clean and throw away personal garbage. Help our recycling effort by placing unwanted printer paper neatly in the recycling bins.
9. If you intend to use a Dell, please disinfect your disks BEFORE using them. If you cannot figure out how to do it, ask a lab assistant for help.
10. The labs are provided for homework and coursework. If the lab becomes busy, students using e-mail or the WWW may be asked to leave their computers.

Lab Notes:

Some labs will have extended hours for finals. Here they are:
Richardson Hall
- Mon, Tues, & Thurs 8am - 11pm
- Wed 10am - 11pm
- Fri, Sat, & Sun 8am - 5pm
Chapin Hall
- Mon, Tues, Wed, & Thurs 9am - 9pm
- Fri, Sat, & Sun 11am - 9pm

Cool Site Of The Week:
http://www.teleport.com/~pulver/tour.html

Tour De Butt - if you are wondering where to travel this year, this page can help you out. You'll see many beautiful sites around the world, seen from the "behind". WARNING: while it isn't as offensive as most episodes of "NYPD Blue", I still don't recommend looking at it on campus. Wait till you get home :)

Lame Site Of The Week:
http://www.csam.montclair.edu/~cameron/

Next Issue:

There ain't gonna be no next issue. This is the end, kids. The living end!!! I'd just like to thank all of you who read this column every week and I hope to see you all back right here next semester.

Tim needs to have a great staff for next year's Montclarion. After a summer of relaxing, stop by the Montclarion office and GET INVOLVED!!

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Class One Concerts announces survey results

BY BRENDAN WHELAN STAFF WRITER

Hello my fellow students. As you remember, Class One Concerts conducted a survey towards the end of the fall semester. We stuffed your mailboxes, tracked you down on campus, and forced you in any which way we could, in order to get your opinion of us and the music scene at MSU. Pretty courageous, huh? Well, the surveys have been collected and tallied. I would like to inform you of the results, and how your needs and ideas will be addressed.

Our survey consisted of eight questions that focused on such things as musical preference, the amount of concerts students have attended on campus, and how well students feel these shows have been advertised. We also were interested in how students felt about programming on weekends, as well as attending a concert that did not feature “mainstream” bands.

Finally, we asked what everyone’s favorite MSU concert was, who they would like to see in concert, and if they could offer us some advice on future programming. We delivered four thousand surveys throughout campus, and received a total of 466 in return. Approximately the same percentage of students (83%) would be interested in seeing a quality act in the Ratt for a buck or two.

Quite surprisingly, the most popular C1C event was the Ska show featuring Mephiskapheles and Inspector 7, raking in 22.2% of the votes. Next in line were the ever so controversial event with A Tribe Called Quest pulling in its share of 17.1%, and the Nerds who won over 12.7% of surveyed students. Other popular events, according to our study, were Ply, Cypress Hill, House of Pain, Vision and Westen.

The two most wanted bands at Montclair are The Fugees and Radiohead. Next in line are bands such as No Doubt, Dave Matthews Band, 311, and Wu Tang Clan. Talent such as Ignite, Beastie Boys, Alanis Morissette, Live, Pearl Jam, and Puff Daddy were also mentioned, as would be kick-ass concerts.

Finally, it was time for us to take some abuse and ask students what improvements C1C could make in order to create the ideal music scene at Montclair. First on the list was advertising. In fact most people felt that they should use different types of advertising to increase attendance at our events. It is my assumption that these types of advertising would be those other than the typical flyer on the billboard routine, or a painted board among many other painted creations on campus.

Our second biggest criticism was that C1C should “try to get god bands that aren’t mainstream.” On the other hand, we were also told that maybe we should get more popular bands to play our campus.

We were also criticized about such things as diversity, the amounts of events per semester, the fact that alcohol is not present at our concerts, the size of the Ratt, the lack of metal bands that play, and the lack of concerts during Greek Week and Spring Week.

Now, I would like to take the time to address the results of the survey and as many student concerns as space will allow me. First, it is extremely difficult to meet the needs and wants of every single student. Since the majority of students seem to enjoy the two biggest genres of music, which are Alternative and Club/Dance, we do not have a choice but to make these our primary focus of programming for the year. Unfortunately, I have to admit that Class One Concerts has not provided any programming that pertains to Club/Dance in the 1996-97 academic year. The reason for this is probably because we did not have a strong demand from our general membership (who make the decisions for the campus body), for events featuring this style of music.

Therefore, we did not know of such a strong demand or Club/Demand music at MSU. I can assure you that because of the results of the survey, we will strongly consider holding events with Club/Dance acts.

Next, I would like to take say that we do not want to discard or forget those students who have musical tastes other than the majority. I feel this year Class One Concerts has done an excellent job of this by holding events such as the Ska show in December, the Hardcore show, as well as other concerts featuring on campus acts such as the Battle of the Bands that was held in early April.

Another student concern has been the size, or popularity of the acts that play our major concerts such as the Fall Concert or the Outdoor Jam. Bands such as Radiohead, The Fugees, and No Doubt can range anywhere from $25,000 to $50,000. Class One Concerts is allocated $14,000 to $17,000 to program for an entire semester. This year C1C produced five events in the Spring semester alone. We do not have these acts at MSU, simply because we cannot afford them. Thanks to everyone for their help with the survey and support all year. We will take your suggestions seriously when programming for next semester.
Dear Career Services...

Q: Help! I'm graduating in May and I don't have any leads on possible jobs yet. Can you give me some advice on job hunting?

A: Graduation is a bittersweet rite of passage for many students. It is indeed a triumph to finally make it through a lifetime of academia, but contemplating what lies out there in the "real world" can strike terror into the hearts of even the most rugged of Phi Beta Kapps. Rumor has it that the job market has begun to improve for recent college graduates, making a comeback after the "corporate downsizing" trends of recent years.

Unfortunately, however, it's still true that a degree simply doesn't mean as much as it did to our parent's generation. Having one doesn't shout out to the world, "hey look at me, I'm EMPLOYABLE!" But don't get yourself in a panic over this just yet. Whether you've had your career plans set in stone since age five or you're still struggling over choosing a major, a little pre-grad preparation can make the post-grad job hunt a little less ugly. Everyone can, and should, do some soul searching.

After all, if you're panicking because you have no direction, then you simply need to sit down, breathe, and find some. On paper, take stock of your talents and your shortcoming, from personal qualities to concrete skills. Answer questions like "What kind of environment do I want to work in?" "What type of people do I want to work with?" And, of course, you need to consider the practical question of money.

Based on all this, list jobs you can see yourself doing and enjoying. Hit the library and pour over career sourcebooks and Sunday want ads for ideas—there's a lot of jobs out there that you've probably never heard of or considered. If you're still unsure, Career Services offers various personality tests to help you find a small fee. Simply set up an appointment with one of our counselors and they will discuss your available options. Talking to people-friends, relative, or strangers—who have jobs that you're interested in is another way of getting the inside scoop on their field. Local businesses may be willing to give you guidance as well. Career Services also offers an alumni network in which previous Montclair graduates are willing to contact about their occupations and/or the companies they work for.

So remember: get focused, but stay flexible—this attitude will help immensely in getting the kind of job you want. There is stuff out there for you, even though it may be a lot of work to find. Good luck... and happy hunting!

Q: Surprise! Liberal arts majors get jobs, really good jobs. So parents across America footing humongous bills for philosophy, English, political science and other ivory-tower majors can rest easier. Your children won't be stuck driving cabs. Some of the top companies actually seek out liberal arts graduates.

Kingsbury, for one, will start this summer in sales at Bloomberg Financial Markets in New York, earning about $30,000—not bad for a philosophy major. The key advantage liberal arts types bring to the interview table is that they've proven, by way of a four-year degree—even in an arcane subject such as Greek literature—that they are capable of learning. It also seems that more and more companies, including specialized ones, are willing to invest in extensive training to snag bright employees with strong communication, analytical and interpersonal skills but not necessarily specialized technical skills.

The liberal arts degree allows students to go in many directions. If you're an English or history major, you have to step out there and define yourself. You have to tell employers what you can do. Increasing your value as a potential employee is critical in securing a good job. Students who have often pursued real-world experience through internships and summer jobs make themselves prime candidates for employment upon graduation. Career Services has listings of these options and more.

Networking is another job search technique unused by undergraduates. Seeking informal connections shows initiative and motivation and presents a sense of industry to an employer. Having these tools in addition to a liberal arts degree can prepare a student for his or her career. It's never too early to start looking to the future and setting your goals for success.

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Healthy Living

BY ROB KENNEY
STAFF WRITER

Your eyes are probably your most valuable asset. However, you never think about how you can protect them.

In addition to nutrition and exercises for your eyes, you should also take measures to limit one of the main sources of eye damage—ultraviolet sunlight. Ultraviolet light consists of short waves that cannot be seen but which carry more body- and eye-damaging energy than visible light.

Not all of the sun's ultraviolet rays reach the earth, much of it is absorbed by the atmosphere's ozone layer. But as the ozone layer has thinned, more of this destructive light is being reflected into our eyes. These rays don't just affect us on sunny summer days. They pass through clouds and then bounce off everything you see around you: snow, sand, hard hats, gold chains, the roofs of cars and your nose.

The best way to cut your eyes' exposure to ultraviolet light is to don sunglasses. Not just any sunglasses, but sunglasses certified to be 100% ultraviolet protective.

Don't rely on cheap throwaway sunglasses sold at the discount store. Make sure you buy sunglasses from a reputable dealer that offers distortion-free optical glass.

And those reflector sunglasses that make you look like a Hollywood movie star? Those are good for your eyes too— the more light your glasses reflect, the less reaches your delicate eyes.
Kitsch’s new album: They suck better than ever

by John J. O’Sullivan
Managing Editor

Kitsch, the newest powerhouse Superband™, shines in their newest endeavor in the pop music scene with their new album "Swamp Park Antitacies." Kitsch, who usually plays with a sound that rivals Oasis somewhat, shows a darker, more primal side to their previous happy-go-lucky self-titled Beatles rip-off. In fact, it sounds like the Beatles on crack. “We decided that we weren’t going to pass under and be like our enemies,” lead singer and Kitsch dictator Tadhg O’Cathasaigh. We decided to take our competition and flaunt them alive with our music! We’re takin’ no prisoners on this. THEY’RE ALL DEAD!!!”

Michael Stanchez, guitar player to the Tibetan Monks, goes berserk on this album, playing his guitar like a madman on crack. When asked about his new “no-holds barred” guitar playing technique, Stanchez had this to say: “Hi, I’m Michael. I play guitar on this album.” Edward Flannery IV, who’s starting to emerge as a hidden Rasputin figure had only this to say about the new album. “When I get really down and out, I usually eat large amounts of Pez until I pass out. After I emerge from my sugar coma, I usually force-feed myself Spam until I feel so bloated that I usually end up heaving.” Words to live by.

The opening song, “Frozen Food” is a bouncy rockabilly standard that’s bound to make people want to shed their containers. The lyrics, a list of Tadhg’s favorite brands of frozen groceries, is sung with much gruff in Tadhg’s scrawny Irish voice. When he screamed, “CARROTS WITH CREAM SAUCE,” it made me lose control of my bladder. I’d rather not talk anymore about this song.

“On Table Setting” is a riveting song of hatred, betrayal, and the proper place setting for a shrimp fork. “I HATE PLATES! I REALLY HATE THEM. THEY SUCK! I WISH THERE WERE NO PLATES IN THIS WORLD.” O’Cathasaigh screams with primal anger and destructiveness. Trent Renzor, you better hide in your basement, and lock your door!

“The End of Her.” Another depressing love song. Whoopee-doo, and paint me red running. NEXT!

“Kill the Limey Bastards,” is a clarion call against Kitsch’s mortal enemies: Oasis and Blur. Guest keyboard player/death merchant Ian O’Sullebain screams with Beatles-like glee about the virtual demise of Kitsch’s mortal enemies: Oasis and Blur. Ian, who’s credits include playing with the senior citizen progressive rock superpower Emerson, Lake, Palmer, Jacoby and Myers play’s the keyboard like Mario Andretti after drinking nineteen cups of coffee and smoking a can of speed. The insults are rapid fire and kinky, “You all go sleep with milk maid’s mothers/toenail snakes and lifeless bothers/You all orally pleasure goats and a snake/I hate you more than eating cake.” After they curse Oasis and Blur and Ian and Tadhg set each other on fire. Roger Waters, when hearing this song, had only this to say: “Dead puppies.”

Where “Kill the Limney Bastards” talks about death, destruction, and spontaneous combustion, “Green Grass” talks about something nice: green grass. The music has a dreamy, ethereal sound to it—it’s almost like Indonesian Gengalang music, although it sounds nothing like it at all. The song is a continuation of one of their old songs “Thinking of You.” In it, a poor lonely man dreams about spending time with former Today host, Jane Pauley. “I run my hand’s lovingly through your hair/ I stare down your body, or do I dare/ Please love me Jane, and I will tumble and I’ll take out a death warrant for Bryant Gumble/ Yes I’ll take out a death warrant for Bryant Gumble.

“Unicom Breath” sounds just like “Locomotive Breath” by Jethro Tull, except they changed it to “Unicom Breath.” When asked why they made this crucial change to an old classic, Edward Flannery IV replied, “You know John, I like to play Nicaragua completely naked. It’s a real trip. Do you want to play Mario Cart with me?”

After I beat the bejeesus out of Edward Flannery IV for grabbing my butt, I listened to the next song, “Harp.”” Harp is done in the styling of an old trash song, with 36 drunken frat guys chanting “harp” in the background. It has to do with some sort of Mick Beer or something. Dumb Irish people.

“HEY YOU LIMEY BASTARD! I’LL KICK YOUR ASS!” Shut up Tadhg, I’m reviewing your damn CD! If you want any sort of decent press, you’ll shut your damn yap! “SCREW OFF YOU BASTARD! I’LL GET EVEN WITH YOU LATER!” Oh yeah, well if that’s how you want to play...

“Chipmunk Acorn Buttons” sucked. Well, I guess it’s safe to say that the whole damn thing sucked. It was a waste of time, and if you pick it up, you’re an idiot and deserve to either:

a) Get shot in the head
b) Be forced to listen to the Bee Gees forever
c) Get sat on by Rosanne™

Go and BURN EVERY COPY YOU GET YOUR HANDS ON!!!

That’s it. I’m outta here.

Jodi says, “Four years fly by so very fast, get involved!”

by Jodi Kastel
Cookie Monster Robe Wearer

“All good things come to an end,” so the saying goes...ok, cliché, I know, and as a writer, I’m supposed to avoid all things trite. I’ve written for the Montclarion for three years now, first as a Campus Life reporter, then as Victoria’s weekly ace-in-the-hole, and this year as Erin’s ASSistant and every minute as been a blast. In fact, I wish I’d gotten editorially involved sooner, but alas, I was a freshman, doubtful of my talent and so on.

This campus, though at times we think it lame, is thriving artistically. The music scene is booming, much owing to the tutelage of Class One Concerts’ programming, Calcia and the three campus galleries are always showing the campus community another form of expression, a new way to display “junk,” a different outlet for angst. McEachren’s music students entertain various venues on a weekly basis, performing everything from classical to blues to ska. Players and the stars of the theatre department are constantly perfecting their lines, awaiting another curtain call, hoping to transport you, if even for an hour, to a new destination. And, of course, there’s the amazing literary talent of the English department and its constituencies-my home. The Visiting Writers Program gives the campus a glimpse of the outside world and those receiving recognition in it, while Four Walls showcases on-campus literati.

I guess what I’m trying to say is get involved. This is your campus, your community—and believe me four years (or five, or six...) go pretty fast—make the most of it. Explore yourself and the numerous creative outlets available on campus. Beefing up your resume, though a practical reason, is a boring motivation. Better yet, learn about yourself, meet new people, make a difference, and most importantly, see you in print (see above!), in lights, headlining a concert, premiering in a gallery, or as a featured poet. To borrow Jeff’s slogan, Just Do It!
How to procrastinate... "College Style," Ten easy ways

BY ERIN PERRY
ARTS EDITOR

College can be a crazy time. Balancing part-time jobs, course work and a social life can be grueling. And at the end of each semester there comes a time in every college student's career which is dreaded and feared: Final Exams. Exams are the culmination of a semester full of hard work and can be a last attempt to actually pass a course. It is at this point that every student must entertain the following dilemma: "How should I procrastinate this time?" In order to ease this contemplation, we've taken a poll from students at Montclair State University to obtain the most beneficial and time consuming methods of procrastination.

1. Drink coffee- Many students find that drinking coffee is the perfect way to consume large amounts of time before studying. This solution was offered by coffee addict, John J. O'Sullivan: "I drink about 12 cups of coffee a day. Coffee, coffee, coffee. I drink it black, with cream and sugar, Irish coffee, French Roast, Cappuccino... it doesn't matter. Coffee is my God. I love it. And when I am done drinking coffee I am wide awake for days, sometimes weeks, to catch up on all my studying."

2. Go see a lecture- At MSU students are offered free lectures all over campus covering every topic from basket weaving to sleep deprivation. These lectures are perfect for students who are looking to fill the procrastination void in their lives. Junior Sue Feigle takes procrastination very seriously: "Students at MSU just don’t realize how lucky they are to have lectures and field trips to all over campus. Whenever I have to study for final exams, I go see about four or five lectures to clear my mind. Yes, I am procrastinating, but at least I am learning something in the process. Lectures... lectures are key."

3. Fight for a cause- Being a college student in the 90s with a "Generation X" label attached, students may want to fight for a wide variety of political agendas as a means of procrastination. At a recent feminist rally, "We Know Women Are Superior, So Yell!" activist Joe Paternoster voiced his concern while chaining himself to a tree in the Student Center Quad: "We need to find the right causes for us..."

4. Read- While reading may be the last thing college students may want to do in their time of procrastination, reading for pleasure is a whole other concept. Senior Jean-Marie Navetta explained, "I read constantly. It's one thing when I have to read for a class, but reading for my own enjoyment is a great way to procrastinate."

5. Listen to music- Music can be a very beneficial outlet for releasing stress during exam periods. Tom Tracy, a senior at MSU, stated, "Oh yeah, music is how I procrastinate. I love it on my way to class, give a yell for women superiority everywhere!"

6. Photography- The art of photography, however useless it may be in the real world, certainly can fill the option of time suckage for students. Photo editor of the Montclarion, Timothy Casey takes anywhere from 400 to 500 roles of film before he begins studying for exams, "Take pictures! Take pictures! Take pictures! It's great fun. It doesn't matter what you take a picture of... concrete walls, grapes, speed bumps... anything that will stand up and smile usually works."

7. Take a drive- Driving, one of America's favorite pastimes, is another time consuming method of procrastination. MSU student Kevin Hancock is a firm believer in road trips: "Driving always does it for me. Just drive anywhere. Last time I had an exam I went on a road trip to clear my head. My friends and I wanted to test out the whole 'Earth round, Earth flat,' theory. It really is flat. My friend, Tim Casey has pictures to prove it."

8. Eat- Eating is another option for wasting time before attacking course work. MSU student Victoria Tengelics stated, "Whenever I have work to do, I eat. Go crazy... eat whatever you want. When I am really feeling adventurous I eat rice cakes. You know, the ones with no flavor and taste like Styrofoam, they're really satisfying."

9. Party- One of the most serious practitioners of procrastination is the "partier." Steadfast, loyal, and true, these troops have reserved little time for studying as it is. Senior Jodi Kastel stated, "Partying is the best way to get through college. It definitely takes my mind off of studying and everything else. Sometimes I party so hard, I even forget that I go Montclair State... or where I live... or who I am..."

10. Change your major- Some students offer a somewhat different solution to the dilemma of procrastination: "If you feel the need to procrastinate from your studies, something must be wrong. You are definitely in the wrong field of study. I recommend becoming a Recreation and Leisure major like me. There is really no need to study in this major, so it is the perfect solution to procrastination," senior Jeff Ehrlich stated.
"Who is the Saint?" audiences will want to know

by Christopher Navetta
The Real Batman

I
tn't been long since millions of Bat-
fans around the world were disappointed
by the news that actor Val Kilmer was not


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ing from the unworthy and powerful
druglords and crime bosses of modern-
day Europe. Templar's goal of attaining
a grand total of $50 million for his
comfortable retirement is achieved mid-
way through his apparently "final heist"
of stealing a cold fusion energy-produc-
ing formula developed by Shue's Dr.
Emma Russell. The plan goes awry
when Templar both falls in love with the
beautiful young scientist, and gets
mixed up in a plot to overthrow the gov-
ernment by the Russian Mafia.

Kilmer's character of Simon Templar is by no means a new one. He
has been portrayed at various times by
some formidable actors, the most re-
nowned being James Bond's Roger
Moore. Kilmer, however spent months
researching the persona of the seeming
identity-less Templar, adding newfound
twists to the character, even going as far
as giving one of the film's producers an
80-page character profile proposal as a
Christmas gift last year. This follows suit
with Kilmer's ultra-collaborative ten-
dencies on many past films (including
Batman Forever), which has given him
much bad press for being difficult. Di-
rector Noyce maintains, however, that
Kilmer is collaborative only in the way
that fellow actor Harrison Ford is: "the
biggest difference being, the decibel
level." The two are essentially the same;
Kilmer is just louder about what he
thinks and wants. This desire to have
such strong creative input in his films
has angered some of his past directors,
chief of whom was Batman Forever's
Joel Schumacher. Schumacher's flam-
boyant style and tendencies to shy away
from any form of an established script
and favor improvisational loud-mouths
like Jim Carrey, attempted to trash
Kilmer in every way shape and form,
but after his performance in this film,
will soon be forgotten.

The Russian Ma-
fia father and son char-
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pending how you look
at it) in movie super-
villains, providing
more than sufficient
opposition for Templar.

Shue's Dr. Russell,
however attractive, is
probably the weakest
link in the film. She is
too cute and dainty, and
often seemingly not in-
telligent enough to be
a brilliant nuclear
physicist. Luckily, any of that slack (and
then some) is picked up by Kilmer,
who has been portrayed at various times
as a charismatic Templar, as well as
successful hit men. The Saint.

The bottom line is this: Val Kilmer
had a lot riding in this film after the
Batman "fiasco". He has proven him-
self not only as a capable actor, but
a dynamic screen presence and an incred-
ibly gifted performer. Supported by a
beautiful co-star, tantalizing special ef-
effects, and a host of other surprises (in-
cluding a voice-over cameo by the
mentioned Roger Moore), The Saint
is definitely a success and should
definitely have audiences everywhere
asking to know, "Who is the Saint?"

The blues and funk of the Jazz Ensemble at McEachern

by Karin Larelle Wilson
Staff Writer

The Jazz Ensemble was an excep-
tional concert on Monday. It was pre-
formed in the McEachern Recital Hall. It
began with Erik Lawrence, the Ensem-
director and host. He came out with a warm
greeting and spoke about the Ensemble.
Lawrence introduced Marty Omelle a.k.a.
Mario Oneglia, the guest conductor. Oneglia
spoke about the start of the Ensemble in 1966.
He wrote the first selection, "Brotherman,"
which is a popular selection in Austria. The
band performed this selection which was
pretty cool.

The next selection performed was
"Rock Cha, Cha" which is a jazz num-
ber with a Latino twist. This was fol-
lowed by senior Rose Ann Carbone who
sang "Imagine My Frustation," joined by
Michael Raguse on the saxophone.
This was her last recital before gradu-
ation. The band then performed a selec-
tion by Charlie Parker called "Yardbird
Suite." Stephen Lee did an excellent
piano solo with Angel Alvarez on alto
saxophone and Denis Johnson on trum-
pet. Bob Demmert followed up with "It
Might As Well Be Spring" as he sang
and played piano. Each student of the
Ensemble had to create their own inter-
pretations of blues and jazz through
music. Tania Alvarez wrote and pre-
formed "My Kind of Blues." She is one
of the pianists at MSU. The last selec-
tion before intermission was "Angel
Eyes," which was performed by Saveria
Scalia on vocals and Jessica Schimpf on
flute.

It was a fifteen minute intermis-
tion followed by a song written by Gina
Williams called "Just For Tonight." She
wrote it a few years ago and rearranged
it for the flute and violin. It was a pretty
cool song. Next up was Khary Thomas,
a soprano and music major. He per-
formed "Lush Life," by Duke
Ellington's alter ego. Strayhorn
wrote this tune at 16 during the 1940's.
Thomas blew this song away. He was off
the hook. The following selection was a
song called "True Blues," written by
Brian Catanzaro who couldn't make the
concert but the song was still performed.
Dennis Johnson did a trumpet solo.
The next two sets I really enjoyed. "Dow-
and Dirty" was written by Tim Nelson,
one of the Ensemble's guitarists, who
had a little bit of funk in it. It was da
tomb. Thomas and Angel Alvarez led
the saxophones. The final selection,
which was stuck in my head, was called
"Desert Funk." I loved this selection.
The drummer, the sax players, and the
bass guitars were all that.

Thomas was asked how he felt
about his solo performance. He replied,
"I was excited since this was my first
time performing on campus."

Later on my friend Janine and I
stayed around to hear the last two sets
being recorded. It was great. I really
enjoyed the concert because I'm a big
jazz fan. I love Najee, Jonathan Butler,
Pat Metheny, Joe Sample and other jazz
artists. Jazz and blues was an era that
started everything else. Sometimes
when I don't want to listen to hiphop or
club, I'll put on some jazz. It's some-
thing to relax you from all the stresses
in life. More people should have come
to this concert to feel and experience
the wrath of jazz. I would just like to say
to everyone in the band: a job well done.
To Khary: you were the bomb diggy...
you go boy!

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A message to the students of MSU: Grow up! Clean up after yourselves!

I’ve not taken the opportunity to share my views in this public forum before, but I felt it necessary at this time to reveal my neck to the guillotine of peer ridicule (A cynic to the end, am I?). This afternoon (April 23) I was wandering about the biology department culturing various microbes, and I chanced to look out the window at a large number of colleagues whooping it up and having a good time in the quad. After my class got out, I was walking past the now deserted quad, and I was struck by the huge amount of garbage, foulness just left to sit there. I’m really perplexed by this irresponsible behavior, and wanted to question its purpose. Was it a modern art demonstration, illustrating the state of the human mind as finals roll around? Was it a test of mettle for the support staff? Or was it simply the act of rude and absurd individuals?

I could be missing the point, but I was under the assumption that those of us attending college have a desire to better ourselves and our community by attaining a degree. It doesn’t seem to be serving our purpose to trash out the campus that many profess to be so proud of. A letter written to the Montclarion two weeks ago stated that people need to get involved and take pride in our school—I agree. However, those who so callously go about their business leaving their stinking refuse strewn about send an opposite message. Why bother getting involved with a student body who doesn’t seem to care about something as simple as picking up after itself? I mean, pigs don’t even trash their houses. Of course, I am not speaking to all (hopefully). Not to get too preachy, but grow up, folks. You’re at least 18 years of age—isn’t that a little old to be acting so poorly? Would you want visitors to judge this institution by what they stepped in while touring the campus?

For those who have read, I appreciate your time. For those that took this to heart, those who care, thank you.

Darrin P. Wolsko, Graduate Student - Biology

Living on campus is a whole lot of nothing

With the Spring ’97 semester coming to a close, many students are in the process of making plans for the Fall. These plans probably include whether to live on-campus or not. For those of you who are thinking of living on-campus, I wanted to bring up reasons why I am not moving back on campus.

To live in Blanton is really expensive and you definitely don’t get your money’s worth. I am paying $500 a month to share a cubby. I have to admit that I got a great roommate, but I wonder what it would be like to live with someone who I can’t stand in a room that is about 10’x15’.

Blanton is very noisy. I live on the inside and people are constantly making noise all through the night. A suggestion to the Director of Blanton is that there should not be anyone loitering in the atrium after 12 a.m. on weekdays. At least the security guards should tell them to keep it low. But I doubt security will take the initiative.

I think that one of the most serious problems with the halls are fire alarms. 99 percent of all fire alarms are because someone pulled them for a thrill. The problems is that whenever there is a fire alarm at night, everyone has to leave the building, then everyone is up the rest of the night. I don’t think the management has addressed this problem very thoroughly. I never saw them take more measures to stop this nonsense. Maybe a plexiglass window that must be broken to get to the alarm with deters the thrill seekers.

Besides fire drills on more than three occasions, my water was shut off, as well as the air conditioning. People have to take showers, and it gets real hot in the dorms with no real ventilation. I also think the telephone service on campus is not consumer friendly. We pay for local calls which should be free. For instance, a local call that is free for everyone off-campus is 15 cents for the first minute and 4 cents for each additional minute. Try going on AOL for a few hours a month or calling your girlfriend for 20 minutes a day. Your bill would be at least $50 a month, which normally costs nothing off-campus. What a rip-off!

Another thing that pisses me off is that sometimes when I am walking through Blanton, I will see the food service employees on break sleeping in the lounge or walking through the building upstirs.

In closing, I just want to say that I have also seen people who care about where they live, but I really don’t see things changing in the near future, and that is why I have decided to live off-campus.

Justin Abramowitz, Psychology

Attention all writers!

This is the last issue of the Montclarion for the semester! Thanks for your columns and letters. Have a great summer and we hope to hear from you in September!
Thanks for the memories

The gang at the Montclarion would like to thank all the visitors, administrators, troublemakers, newsmakers, and most of all, the students of MSU for one hell of a memorable year. Now for a brief review of "remember when..." of the school year 1996-1997...not necessarily in chronological order...

Vice-President Al Gore came to visit. SGA president was brought up on harassment charges. Homecoming was strained out. The first tuition hike was passed. Father Art left MSU. President Reid gave himself two raises. President Clinton won his re-election bid. Proposition 209 passed in California. Julio Marenco was impeached. Amy Fisher became the new SGA president. There was another fight at a party. We had a riot. Antoine Amay and Tashira Burwell became Homecoming King and Queen. Campus security put in new booths at the entrances of campus. Stonycoming 996. Terry Eastland spoke on Affirmative Action. The New York Yankees won the World Series. The Green Bay Packers won the Superbowl. The NAMES Project and campus organizations brought the AIDS quilt to MSU. The Winter Ball was another success. Bohm Hall had a lot of fire alarms...again. The SGA debated bringing the ROTC back to campus. The SGA elections went smoothly. Students walked out of class to "Strike the Hike" and takeover College Hall. People had fun at Spring Week, Greek Week, and Senior Week. Russ Hall almost burned. The residence halls finally got cable. Ellen came out of the closet. Don J. O'Sullivan complained about typing personals (again). Players put on some good performances. CIC brought "A Tribe Called Quest" to MSU. The International Student Organization got a Class One charter. The SGA ordered pizza...

And the people here at the Montclarion were here to cover it all.

It's been a tough year working for the paper, but the pleasure has been all ours. We don't get paid, and we're really thanked for the long hours, but our thanks comes each Thursday when we see the students of MSU reading, learning from, and enjoying what we've written. Thanks to everybody for another great year. Have a good summer, and we'll see you in September.

MAIN EDITORIAL

The Montclarion Mailbag

Two more perspectives on the strike: Navetta's column hit the real target: Reid only wants to carpe student's cash

I have written this letter to show and give my respect and support to the students on this campus who are unrecognized (and blackballed by the administration) campus leaders.

I will start off with the students strike on April 15. I was proud to have the privilege and honor to join in and witness this amazing event. On that day the students, maybe for the first time, directed their anger at the man who deserves to be his target - President Irvin D. Reid.

For too long President Reid has been given a free ride as a "nice guy with the students' best interest at heart". Ha! What a joke that is, as we all know by now. President Reid is receiving the same amount of money from the state as he did last year - and he is still choosing to raise tuition 9.3%. And it is a choice.

The reason it is a choice is because various campus leaders, such as SGA Pres. Amy Fisher and VP Lauren Pytleski have presented Pres. Reid with ways to cut costs. And behind-the-scenes leaders like Jean-Marie Navetta and Joseph Paternoster (yes, we know you are there) have come up with even more ways to cut costs and generate revenue. But our esteemed president has decided not to use any of these ideas. So, he has chosen to raise tuition. It is his fault, not the governor's, that tuition is going up.

Next, I would like to applaud the courage of both the aforementioned Miss Navetta and Crystal Williams for last week's editorial. For those of you that may have missed it: in short, Miss Williams was publically degraded by our esteemed President Reid (you know, the "friend of the students") and brought to tears. She is now (according to Miss Navetta) transferring to another school. Last week Miss Navetta, who I know has done more on this campus then many of the award winners and highly celebrated butt-kissers, relayed this story (I assume with Miss Williams' permission). In it she wrote what many of us think, but are afraid to say out loud, of President Reid. So, again, I will applaud those two ladies.

Finally, for those who still think that the tuition increase is the governor's fault and that President Reid does care; remember these two things. There is $11 million sitting in the MSU Foundation, none of which President Reid is willing to use. Harry Shuckel, Director of Management and Budgeting, said that even if someone donated $50 million to MSU tomorrow he would still have to raise tuition. President Reid cares about the students? No, he cares about how much he can brag about the buildings on campus and how much he raised tuition while he was here. Carpe my cash, Irv! Carpe my cash.

Have a good summer everyone. I'll see you in the fall... if I can afford it.

Name Withheld
Anthropology

MSU students need to re-focus their strike - next time, strike at Trenton

Any campaign against tuition hikes must focus mainly on the state, i.e. on the Governor, because that is where the appropriations for MSU have been cut. In the past, this has often been effective if it is the beginning of an ongoing struggle against cutbacks in higher education. "One-shot" efforts accomplish nothing. That's clearly the lesson of the much larger strike seven years ago. After 1990 SGA Presidents failed to put any effort into continuing that movement even at MSU. Much less did they organize with other campuses in New Jersey, nationally, and internationally, to build a large, grass-roots movement of students against cutbacks; or reach out to union activists to make common cause.

These are some of the things that must, and can, be done. Many sympathetic faculty are willing to help.

Grover Furr, English Department

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The Montclarion Mailbag...continued

BOT responds to student complaints: At least MSU isn't the most expensive school in NJ

Editor's note: This was a letter sent to Amy Fisher, SGA President in response to her letter to the Board of Trustees.

This is a response to your letter dated April 21, 1997 addressed to the Board of Trustees. I would like to state some positive facts which do not seem to be considered by those who criticize the action taken by the Board of Trustees in setting tuition for the coming year. Fiscal year 1997 tuition and fees charged by MSU were the sixth lowest of the eight state colleges/universities. The tuition and fee increases for that year also was number six.

Students have made constant references to the national average increases for tuition and fees, which run three to five percent. What they do not recognize, nor do they seek to find out, is what percent of the operating budget of the state colleges and universities and other states is contributed by the state. This would show that New Jersey is far down the list of states. If the funds do not come from the state, then must come from other sources, including tuition. Student spokesmen and those who have written to MSU and have spoken elsewhere criticized the improvements to the campus facilities made over the past years implying that they were paid for from the students tuition. The fact is that the highest proportion of the cost is paid for through bond funds which have been approved by the voters of the State of New Jersey. Too often, students say they do not want the improvements and will not use the improvements. Consider those students who want a technologically updated campus that allows them to connect with libraries throughout the state and elsewhere. There are some students who do not use such an improvement, but the vast majority do.

If the student’s position is accepted, as we have heard from some of you, that you do not care what happens to those students who follow you, let me ask what would your position be if the students before you took the same stand and you did not have an adequate library or other facilities during your stay on this campus?

The compensation of faculty, administrators, and other university employees must meet the demands of the marketplace if we are able to hire and retain highly qualified people.

You have asked for an emergency Board of Trustees meeting. I must remind you that the action taken in connection with the tuition policies recently adopted were done so in accordance with procedures provided for such an action. There was a special meeting called so that the students could speak and express their views, which they did and some in most eloquent fashion. I know for a fact that you and other student leaders had meetings with Dr. Reid and that Dr. Reid has met in the dormitories and elsewhere with students so that they could express their views and hear the administration’s position.

I should like to refer you to Dr. Catherine Becker’s comments at the last Board meeting at which time she wisely suggested that it is necessary to focus your displeasure and objections to tuition increases where they properly belong. She pointed out that together the target must be identified and that target is the administration of the State of New Jersey. She also pointed out that it is the job of all of us to convince the Governor and the legislators to correct the budget, to fund faculty salaries that are agreed upon by the Governor’s office and to increase base funding as well as TAG funding. Institutions of higher learning do not reach positions of quality overnight. It is a long and steady process. Building of the institution and the respect in which it is held is in great measure a part of the fabric that places an educational institution in a position of leadership.

I have been a part of this campus for a long time and 1 can attest to the fact that Dr. Reid has not only placed a great emphasis on students, but has taken steps which have inured to their benefit.

The Trustees of this university are sincere and conscientious in carrying out their duties and are also concerned with every aspect of the university community. I also ask that you recognize the fact that the tuition increases for fiscal year 1998 at this institution are among the lowest of all the state colleges/universities.

Murray L. Cole
Chairman, MSU Board of Trustees

A frustrated student’s complaints and recommendations for scheduling at MSU

For the past two years at this school I have tried, unsuccessfully, to meet with various members of the faculty to address issues and problems concerning life at MSU. Among them are the SGA, who is supposed to be fighting for the students, the Dean of Students, and the Dean of Academic Affairs. I have either been flat-out ignored or shuffled around. It would be hilarious if I was in a good mood. Well, at least I can vent in a public forum. This is much like beating a dead horse, but here it goes.

1. Schedule of classes. There needs to be a distinct day and evening division. Every class MSU offers should be available both during the day and the evening every semester! Don’t laugh just yet. This is a common practice at other universities and community colleges. It is done to accommodate the needs of students who come from different circumstances. The current system caters to the elitist class of students who can afford to be in class all day. MSU has since opened its doors to students from different backgrounds and should, therefore, be prepared to meet the needs of these students. Currently, students often have to wait more than a year to take a class or find it necessary to take a class at another university.

2. Drop/Add. Students should be allowed to drop/add through at least the first week of the semester. Why should you be stuck with a class that doesn’t work for you? Why should we have to wait another semester to start the roulette again? These additions to Drop/Add are also allowed at other institutions as well.

3. Withdraw grades. These serve no purpose on a final transcript except to make the student look fickle. Not exactly what a potential employer is looking for.

Many students think about transferring to other institutions, while others make tremendous personal sacrifices to try and finish their education. Often the process takes longer than expected due to the unavailability of classes. This seems to be the biggest issue. Many of MSU’s students work for a living and find it hard to be here in the mornings, which is when most of the classes are offered. Hopefully MSU will take these concerns into consideration and make academic life a little easier for its students.

Caren Campbell
Health Education

A way to get tough about campaign finance reform

I wanted to write all of you regarding a piece of legislation that is now being considered in Congress. This may be one of the most important pieces of legislation of our time. It is the McCain - Feingold Bill. It is a bipartisan piece of legislation designed to reform the campaign finance system. I know that many of you right now are saying oh yeah, now he is going to ask me to call, write, or e-mail my Congressman like it will do any good. I know you get solicited to contact your representative all the and you probably sick of it. This is different, this is not about a single issue.

This is a piece of legislation that will determine who gets elected. The incumbents in Congress don’t want this piece of legislation to pass. That is why there are so many different campaign bills, now before Congress. This way a member who doesn’t vote for the only bill with any hope being passed can say I voted for Joe Smoes bill which is real tough on campaign finance reform.

The last time the campaign finance system was reformed was after Watergate. The public was outraged, Congress had to reform the system. I did an internship last spring in Congressman Torricelli’s office. Torricelli was in trying to raise money for his Senate campaign, I heard him being briefed by his campaign manager. He said that the phone calls he was about to make would all be to contributors of $100,000 or more.

Now according to the F.E.C. no one is supposed to be able to give over $5,000. That is called hard money, the $100,000 contributions are a product of soft money. It is given to the party but not to the candidate. It is plain that both the contributors and the receiver of this money knew of this law, its just that both don’t give a damn about knowledge or anything. This is what McCain-Feingold attempts to address, the soft money issue. Everyone is outraged about the allegations of soft money abuse in the last election. Don’t just get mad. Do something about it.

Bryan Murtha
Political Science
The Nonconformist
by William J. Gibbs, Jr.

Signs, signs everywhere at MSU

All around campus, signs and flyers have accumulated, advertising things like bars, vacations, credit cards, paintball shoots, and the like. They may be posted anywhere ranging from bulletin boards in hallways, bulletin boards in classrooms or on those new map/bulletin boards around the campus. But lately they have been slid under the doors to our rooms and placed on the windshields of our cars.

I have no problem with advertising, but for those of you who forget, this is a state university, therefore, it is state property. That means there is no solicitation from anyone off-campus allowed.

The biggest offender of this is a local bar called Doc’s. They have put things under our doors of our rooms, on the elevators, and under our windshield wipers on our cars in the parking lots. These flyers usually say “say ‘18 for ladies 21 for men”, hoping that young ladies will come to their bar and be corrupted by some lecherous old farts!

There is nothing wrong with going to a bar and having a good time. But the wrong thing is when advertisements start invading our personal space — our living quarters and our automobiles.

Now we all know that if one of these people who pass out these flyers for Doc’s or anywhere else were to break something on our cars that we would not find out about it. After all, it isn’t like those security cameras catch anything worthwhile. And this campus wouldn’t give us a cent for the damage, nor would Doc’s.

Many students on campus have experienced this. And we are fed up with all these flyers from these outside groups. But unfortunately, according to Greg MacSweeney, the SGA Attorney General there is little that can be done. He says that the SGA has no jurisdiction over these outside businesses practices and that there are no policies against their posting. However, he did agree that because this campus is owned by the State, that they are breaking state laws.

In other words, anyone can come on our campus and do anything. I suggest to you the students at MSU, that if you see anyone distributing or posting these flyers that you should report them to the Campus Police. I also suggest that we boycott Doc’s or any other company that places their flyers on our cars or under our doors. If enough MSU students don’t come around, they may get the point. After all, which is more important to you: A good beer or a broken windshield wiper?

Antics in the Forbidden Zone
by Madam Ant

There’s been a big brouhaha over the big volunteer summit in Philadelphia this past weekend. What a noble idea — get a retired general to spearhead a campaign of volunteerism across America. Well, that’s nice, maybe it does take a popular living icon of patriotism to motivate the masses to get off their asses and do something for their communities. Hell, poor old Jimmy Carter has been trying to do just that with Habitat for Humanity. If he’s done a good job of it for the past several years.

There are so many different ways one can serve his/her community and it doesn’t all entail such labor-intensive involvement. My mother’s neighbor plants flowers in public areas of my hometown, making it a prettier place to live. A friend of mine, who is a busy journalist/author, spends a couple of nights each week at a hospital, holding AIDS and crack babies whose mothers have abandoned them. Another friend walks dogs for shut-in pet owners, and still another teaches adults to read.

The point is, it doesn’t matter what you do, as long as you do something. Not one type of volunteerism is more important than another. What is important is that you give a little of yourself to someone who needs your help. What is a discred to us as a people is we must be shamed into action by an ex-general and ex- and current presidents. It’s great that Colin Powell is appealing to corporations to share the wealth, maybe they need the prodding and shaming into action, and they might follow the example of a large corporation that isn’t even an American holding.

The Body Shop - those purveyors of cruelty-free grooming products, have a long tradition of encouraging their employees to volunteer. Rather than insist the employees “do something” on their own time, they give their staff one day off, with pay, each month to spend with an organization of the employee’s choosing. Not only do various organizations benefit by having the involvement of someone they might not have otherwise, the employees sometimes find they enjoy what they’re doing enough to spend additional time with that group — without being paid by the company.

It would be nice if more big corporations instituted such a policy, but wouldn’t it be even more altruistic of each of us to do something for someone without being “ bribed” by our bosses, to do it for the sheer satisfaction of knowing we’ve done something to help someone less fortunate than ourselves?

Why are we so reticent when it comes to spending time on something we won’t get paid for? Sure, who isn’t busy? If, like me, you work full time and go to school part time, or you go to school full time and work part time, your spare time is a valuable commodity. And who wouldn’t rather spend Sunday in bed instead of taking some battered children to the zoo? Well, there’s no hard and fast rule about how much of your spare time you must give – in fact, you don’t have to give any, if you want to be a selfish prat – but besides making yourself feel good because you’ve done something for someone else, just imagine how good you’ll make that “someone else” feel, knowing that you care enough to go out of your way for him or her. Besides, call it karma or “what goes around, comes around,” someday you may find yourself dependent on the kindness of strangers for something as basic as a bag of groceries, and if you don’t help someone today, maybe no one will help you tomorrow.

So plant a tree, be a Big Brother or Sister, spend time reading or playing games with homeless children, work in rape crisis center or bring your big, friendly mutt to a nursing home to cheer up the patients. Do the weekly grocery shopping for an elderly neighbor, give a shut-in a ride to the doctor, just get off your jaxy and do something! When you do something for nothing, you get everything.

A Few Last Words
by Amy Fisher

Holy Toledo Batman! The semester is just about over. Whew! Summer Wind . . . is coming in . . . across the sea . . . Okay, maybe I am taking this a bit too far, but what the hell in about six weeks I will take on the traditional post-presidential title; Lame Duck. I would have never thought that being a disabled farm animal could bring about such tranquility.

I had one goal coming into the position of President of the SGA; to rebuild the trust and prestige of the organization. The support and assistance that I had from other organizations, administrators, faculty, alumni, students, and friends allowed the SGA to surpass the original goals and establish itself beyond its previous status.

I just wanted to take some space to thank legislators for making this not only a productive year, but an entertaining one as well. I don’t know what I would have done if I didn’t get to experience George Raffa’s steam blowing fits, John Griffin’s impressions and Ed Graf’s lobbying. All the legislators did an excellent job this year. I am curious to see which ones will take on executive positions in the future. The possibilities are endless, so you all are in luck.

I met an array of people this semester who became not only dedicated and supportive constituents, but most of all sincere friends; Fran Garcia, Mike Kazmir (bud), Greg MacSweeney, Seth Taylor, CIC, Helen, and Dr. Lee Wilcox.

To the 97-98 executive board; I have full faith in the involvement of someone they might not have otherwise, the employees sometimes find they enjoy what they’re doing enough to spend additional time with that group — without being paid by the company.

Thanks for the memories, but the fight is not over yet and Dana Natale. To those who supported me since the start; the Human Ecology Department (you know who you are), Tom Tracy, Tommy Morgola, Lauren Pyleski, and Jenn Lynch; thank you.

I would also like to thank faculty and administration for giving me a chance to prove myself. I appreciate the confidence you entrusted in me. Winifred Quinn, Dr. Joan Ficke (I wish we started talking earlier), Dean Helen, and Dr. Lee Wilcox.

To the 97-98 executive board: I have full faith in you and the upcoming year. Continue to keep the students the focus, but most of all, have fun.

Last, but never the less, to those people who have been there since the beginning, who listened in the after hours, who not only put up with the SGA and myself but were there everywhere I needed them: Tony Susco, James Appetite Cotter, James Henaghan, Yolanda Gribic, and Candice Meyer; you’ll never fully conceive my appreciation. I love you all.

This year has gifted me with not only a learning experience like no other, but extraordinary friendships that will last my entire lifetime. To all the students of MSU, thank you for the support and the opportunities and good luck in all your future endeavors.

Don’t forget about May 6th! Protest in Trenton. Call x 4202 for details. Rock on!
The Examined Life
by Jean-Marie Navetta

Lessons learned at MSU: Question the source, find the answer, and be happy

Alas, the end is near. After the late nights, fights over the main ed, dozens of cups of black coffee, not knowing what to write (much less how to write it), many Thursday morning classes missed, and the assorted other calamities that have befallen the staff at the Montclarion, my time here is finally over.

About a year ago, I decided that I would never let myself wax poetic and cheesy and write one of those “God I'm gonna miss it here. Here's a list of everyone I'd like to thank” - type final columns. But as I've come to realize, saying something and actually doing it are two totally different things. And so...I'll wax poetic.

I've learned a lot of things while here at MSU, many in the classroom, many outside of the classroom. And I've been lucky enough to be around to see some things that taught me some great lessons. For example...

I was here for the infamous "Confederate Flag Flap" which taught me that I'd rather have my freedom to say what I want, than to have rules imposed on me to promote "sensitivity" which is, in reality, sensitive to none of our freedoms.

I saw political candidates try to get elected (Senator Bob Torricelli, Vice President Al Gore, Presidential candidate Ralph Nader and a host of others), and learned that the reality of many situations is that some people would rather only portray one side of the story instead of letting the debate they say they cherish take its course.

I covered a presidential election and was left feeling more than a bit disappointed. I covered SGA elections at their highs and lows.

On April 15th when they saw how the truth really can empower them.

There were these things, and many more. And they all proved to me that the opportunities to learn and understand were always here for me. All I had to do was go out there and take advantage of them. So while many people at MSU were complaining that there was nothing to do at night, I was here at the Montclarion seeing all of these amazing things happening.

And being the Editorial Editor has given me a unique (and often humbling) perspective on much of what has happened. For two and a half years, I've read every letter that's made it's way down to this office and printed just about all of them, for better or worse. I've learned that printing the things that you don't like and sometimes even find ridiculous is just as important as printing the things that you agree with (although the former is far more difficult to do and the latter much more rare).

I've had the privilege to work with people who have helped me learn how to do my job and, more importantly, get pretty good at it. And I've worked with a group of writers over the past couple of years who were some of the most articulate, intelligent, and interesting people I've ever known. And while (as expected) I didn't agree with all of them, they taught me the value of debate - particularly how much I could learn and change from that debate.

And as I said, much of my learning and good experiences here at MSU have been in the classroom. My eternal thanks goes out to all the teachers - especially those in the Philosophy and Political Science departments - who have challenged me, made me think. On question things I took for granted, always had an extra couple of minutes to talk, and opened my eyes to the world around me. Sure, it sounds cheesy, but it's true.

So what have my lessons been? Question what you're told. Everyone isn’t lying to you, but many of them don't always tell the whole truth...and if the whole tuition strike hasn't proven that to ever­one here, I'll never know what will. Learn how to un­derstand and question what you read (like the alleged facts in the letter from the BOT chairman that appears in this issue). It's not cynical. It just makes sense.

But most importantly, be happy. Enjoy yourself. (To many people’s surprise this can happen without al­cohol at MSU sometimes). Take advantage of everything around you here at MSU. Chances are that many of us won’t have as many opportunities so readily available to us in the future as we do here.

So this is it. I offer my eternal thanks to everyone who has taught me so much while I was here. Thanks to everyone in Residence Life who has made my time there truly memorable. Thanks to everyone here at the Mont­clarion, too many to name or number and I'm afraid to even try for fear that I might forget someone. As Bob Hope says, thanks for the memories.

See ya later, MSU.

“IT ISN'T SO MUCH THAT LIBERALS ARE IGNORANT. IT'S JUST THAT THEY KNOW SO MUCH THAT IT ISN'T SO.”

-Ronald Reagan

“I get satisfaction of three kinds. One is creating something, one is being paid for it, and one is the feeling that I haven’t just been sitting on my ass all afternoon.”

– William F. Buckley, Jr.
State of the World
It's been real... something... thanks

by Tom Tracy

Finally, the long road has ended. I never thought that the last issue of my tenure as editor-in-chief of this paper would ever come, but now that it has, part of me is jubilant and part (not as small as some may think) is sad. It has been an exhausting year, and this job has been more difficult than I ever could have imagined.

The year sure started with a bang. I remember sitting in my office the first week of school when Chuck Feiner came in and told me that we were having a little visitor next week. Vice-president Al Gore was that little visitor. It was right there that I knew this year was going to be interesting, and I was not wrong. From the vice-president visiting to SGA scandals to tuition hikes, there has not been a lack of things to cover on this campus.

The toughest thing this year was not having stories to cover, rather it was finding the people to cover them. I remember a year ago when I came into office and I stressed about how I was going to increase membership in the paper and assemble a large staff, a machine if you will. Wrong. I quickly learned that it is a lot easier to criticize from afar than to actually come down and participate.

That is one of the most annoying things that accompanies this job. You can never do well enough to please everyone. I don't know if people think that there are 100 people putting this newspaper out or what? The truth is that there are about 10 people who do not get paid) who work to make sure that there is a paper on this campus every Thursday. It is a thankless job to say the least, but one that I think those involved excelled at.

Wednesday nights. While the majority of the campus is getting inetriated at one of the various area bars, the staff of the Montclarion is busily assembling that week's issue. Interesting things occur on Wednesday nights, let me tell you. People who say that I am stressed out normally should see me on a production night. With no more newspaper, hopefully my blood pressure will return to normal. I think the pressure goes to my Managing Editor John J. the most though. He is strange to begin with, but put a Hawaiian shirt on him and give him a large cardboard cut out of an Oscar statue and there is real reason to be alarmed.

Perhaps the best time of the year was had on the newspaper conference in Orlando. Yes, we attended the sessions and I feel that we learned a great deal. But, this trip will be long remembered for the free time spent at Disney, and other various sections at Orlando. One night in particular, I went 'around the world' at Epcot a little too fast and started to act, for a lack of a better word, dilusional. It was then that the staff learned not to bother Tom when he has no idea where he is. One maimed photographer and tossed ex A&E editor later, and I was allowed to return to my restful state. Ah, the memories.

At the end of the Fall semester, I recall being burned out from the newspaper and wanting to resign. Luckily, my roommate is an ex-editor-in-chief, and told me how stupid I was and talked me out of it. Thanks, I guess. If the Fall semester was difficult, then the Spring semester has been a constant and living hell. The first issue back, I checked my voice mail and find that my co-news editors resigned over break. Hmmm... a newspaper with no news editors. I had problems. That issue was rough, but it did come out with a news section. John and I then talked Kevin (my secret twin, if you insist Seth) to take the spot. After a little Montclarion hazing and physical punishment, he accepted and has done better than I could have imagined. Thank you a million times over.

I suppose that when ten people come together 50 hours a week in a closed room with no windows and stale air, they are going to get sick of each other. Or, they will take the opportunity to fall all over each other creating some weird love octagon unlike anything I have ever seen, even on General Hospital, (Secret Obsession). Despite my constant cries not to be digging the proverbial pen in the proverbial company ink, things went on unchanged. Looking back, I guess that it made things both interesting and problematic. At the very least, situations such as these will help me down the road when it comes to dealing with humans, their emotions and their hormones.

If you have read this far, then you are probably thinking to yourself, what is he trying to say? Truth is, I don't know. After four years at this paper, I figured I deserved a full page, so I am going to fill it.

I think that the Montclarion and the SGA got along better this semester than ever in the history of the two organizations. There are many reasons for this, but the most important is that they control our budget. Just kidding. From the start, I vowed that this paper would do its best to get all the students involved on this campus by cooperating with everyone, and it has. At times we have bent over backwards to help organizations, but it all was worth it when I saw how much student participation in events on this campus increased this year. I admire a lot of what the leaders of the SGA have done and was more than happy to work with them when I could.

Of course, there are still times when I look at the SGA and wonder what the hell they're thinking. The organization needs a complete overhaul. The statutes need to be brought up-to-date, and some students have to step forward an assume leadership responsibilities. The good thing is that I feel that these people are in place and that next year the SGA will finally be all they way back on track and have a successful year.

Enough blather, I would like to use the remaining space to thank a few people who have made this year enjoyable, or at least tolerable. John J., how you have put up with the shit I do not know. You have blossomed into a great Managing Editor and have done the Montclarion proud. I know this is for it too, you so you share my feelings of complete jubilation. Seriously though, don't read your section, no matter what you think. You have improved the quality of it greatly. Thanks for attempting to cheer me up on those long Wednesday nights and thanks for your patience. Good luck to you. Sue, we made it through the year without killing each other. You did well with the section. A lot of organizations owe their success to you for publicizing them and working with them. Log-on forever Jeff, you picked up the pieces of the sports section week after week. What more can I say? Thanks for your patience and never walking out on us. It's been a pleasure.

Tim, I leave the paper in your hands. I made you an alcoholic, and I apologize for that. You will do a fine job next year and I promise not to abandon you. The amount of responsibility that you took on this year was incredible and you came through. Never before has the paper had such a repertoire of pictures, and that is all to your credit.

I hope that next year runs a lot smoother for you than my year did. The torch is passed to you, carry on the tradition.

If you are still reading and you don't personally know me, you can probably stop now. Amy, I know it's been stressful for both of us this year, but we made it. You've been a good friend and an ally, and I am glad you will still be around next year. It will be real nice to be Mr. and Mrs. Joe Q. Student.

Greg, thanks for putting up with me walking in at 6 am every Thursday morning. Your advice has been great, and occasionally I even took it. I look forward to the summer when we can sit around drink and both laugh about how nice it is to be ex-editor-in-chief. Get ready for the second round of the playoffs, it will be a war. Thanks a lot man.

Lastly, but certainly not least. Thank you a thousand times over Kathy. You may not have been in here in person, but well, you know. You know more about what goes on this office than most, even if you don't know the people. Thanks for listening. Our time has finally come, after four long years. The waiting is over, now comes the reward.

Well, that's it. It's been real... something. Bet of luck to those graduating or just not coming back because they can't afford it. Stay strong, don't stress.

I'll miss it. sort of.
Attempted suicide make editors look like complete morons

BY HUGH AMUS
STAFF WRITER

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I liked writing for the Humour™ section this year. It gave me a chance to get attention, which is all I ever want. I love attention. It is the only thing that makes me happy. Just knowing that you are reading this makes me feel like I am getting a hot, soapy sponge-bath.

I also enjoyed offending people, especially the wackos who cried about my article where I said Tim Casey thought that he was God. At first, I was upset, but then our risen King, Tim, said that all those who worship Him would have to suffer sooner or later. I thought that meant that I would be stung by rabid bees or beaten by a group of feminists wielding pillow-cases filled with cranberries (which would stain). Then, he made me Pope of the First United National Royal Global Church of Tim Casey (Reformed). This means I have to wear a bathrobe when I walk around campus.

Writing for the Montclarion gave me a chance to explore myself. My mind, I mean. I stopped “exploring myself” years ago. Okay, months ago. Fine, yesterday...are you happy!? Alright, I masturbate constantly. I think I’m going to puke.

I also served the student body as an SGA legislator. Arguably, the most charming bonus of writing for Humour™ is that I got an excused absence as a means of escaping the SGA zoo. Thanks Tim, if I didn’t get out of there early, I would probably end up tossing puppies off of the roof of Bohn Hall all day Thursday.

As I look back on the year, I realize that I am going to miss the office camaraderie. We all had this hilarious running gag for the last two months where no one would talk to me, send me threatening hate mail, and throw my bookbag in the hall when I wasn’t looking. What a bunch of characters, huh?

I’m going to miss the little pranks we all pulled on each other. One time, we locked Kevin, the News Editor, in a coffin and then pretended to bury him. Another time, we filled John J. O’Sullivan’s Managing Editor office with 40 cans of Sappo for a weekend. That one kind of backfired on everyone, though. The funniest trick occurred when Tom Tracy, Editor-in-Chief, challenged me to a soda chugging contest. My soda was actually highly toxic film-developer. We all had a good laugh while my stomach was being pumped.

I’m really going to miss this. Have a great time.

Word of the Day:
blurr (v) 1. To make indistinct and hazy in outline or appearance; obscure. 2. To smear or stain; smudge. (n) 1. A smear or blot. 2. Something hazy and indistinct. 3. Oasis™ and Kitsch’s™ mortal enemy.
Pisces (February 19 to March 20) Hello. I am El Mystico™. I will entrance your dogs and date your mothers. I am El Mystico™.

Taurus (April 20 to May 20) You will get lots of money after you rob a bank. How do I know this? I am El Mystico™.

Gemini (May 21 to June 20) I will find your house and paint it for you. No thanks needed, for I am El Mystico™.

Cancer (June 21 to July 22) How do I know what I know what I know? I am El Mystico™, raised by jackals and eater of wild locusts. I am the doer of incredibly silly things.

Leo (July 23 to August 22) A stranger who was raised by jackals will entrance you with his witty charms. A stranger named...El Mystico™.

Virgo (August 23 to September 22) I can make people disappear, just by snapping my fingers like this: {snap}. Um, he he he, sometimes it's a little rusty, let me try again...just by snapping my fingers like this: {snap}. Like this: {snap snap snap}. Um...I AM EL MYSTICO™!

Libra (September 23 to October 22) A safe will fall from the skies by snapping my fingers like this:

Scorpio (October 23 to November 21) I will wear wild clothing to entrance those who would love to love me. I change my cologne and make love to the jackals. I am El Mystico™. Maybe I should have gotten my syphilitic cures. I AM EL MYSTICO™!

Sagittarius (November 22 to December 21) While walking down the street, you will find the person of your dreams. He will talk to you about locusts and jackals. He may or may not be El Mystico™, but I AM EL MYSTICO!

Capricorn (December 22 to January 19) I know that you have a problem. A problem with M&M's™. You must stop immediately. I can help, for I am El Mystico™!

Aquarius (January 20 to February 18) I will charm and beguile you with the strange little tight-jackets and things, put them away! I WILL NOT GO TO YOUR LOONEY HOSPITAL! I AM EL MYSTICO™! I WANT MY JACKALS BACK!!!

COMMON SHAPES

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

Anchor Bar Boot Cigar Crown Crossword Funnel Letter Log Star Tuba Wedge
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been a strange trip. Around 3.5 years ago, I lurched into the Montclarion, staring at the strange people doing strange things in a dungeonesque office. After 3.5 years, I became the ring-leader of the people doing strange things in a dungeonesque office. I think that I’ve changed a hundred-fold as a person during my tenure as Helper/Humour Editor/Technical Rasputin Character/Managing Editor, and I thank the Montclarion tons for helping me. And even though I complain about it, and moan, and bitch about how the paper drives me bananas, I will miss it a lot next year, while I recover academically from this year’s extracurricular hijinx. I have to make the break from the paper eventually, and eventually is now. I’ll miss having people come up to me and asking me, “Hey, aren’t you that O’Sullivan kid?” I’ll miss writing four pages of silliness. But it’s time to move on, and be a student, rather than a campus worker. And I’ll miss it much.

But before I leave, I just want to thank some of the people who’ve made this strange Class I trip interesting, probably like everyone else is doing:

Tom—I don’t know how you dealt with all of the outside garbage, nor do I know how you dealt with all of the inside garbage (including the strange ‘web of desire’ that got woven in the office), but you dealt. I’m glad you didn’t resign, ‘cause I just don’t have the space to thank everyone who’s helped me these three years. You’re all great!

Kevin—The office, the job, the psychotic computers, the couch; everything is now yours. Don’t worry though, I won’t leave you completely in the cold—I’ll be around to help you into your new cozy job as Managing Editor. I’m incredibly proud of the job you’ve done with News after Tom and I threw it at you. Good luck next year.

Erin—I’m glad you started talking this year! You’ve been cool to hang around, and watch over when you drank a brewery in Florida. Sorry I made the campus think you’re an alcoholic, but who cares—you’re graduating! I can’t wait to put on some old ratty Harley T-Shirt and hang at the Mountain Rest Inn this summer...AND DRINK! Stay Strong, don’t shed your container!

Kevin (a.k.a. Biggs, a.k.a. ‘Not Hancock’)—Good luck in you 2342374th year as Advertising Manager. You’ve done a great job getting us dough this year, and I’m sure that you will for year(s) to come.

Jodi—You’ve made life a bit more interesting in the office, and have made a great rant-assistant/prop manager. If I’m itching, or sleeping for days in a few weeks, however, I will kick your butt. Enjoy your Cookie Monster bathrobe—wear it in good health. If you need to find me, I’ll be in my ‘corner.’

Sue—You’ve been a good friend, and I hope all goes well for you in the future with everything. You’re done a great job here getting students aware of things on campus. Have a great year away from the persistent insanity of the newspaper.

Jeff—Thanks for taking on a job at the spur of the moment, and handling it with great aplomb. That, and your great Borscht Belt humor has added a new twist in intraoffice joking.

For reading me, whether you liked my stuff, or burnt it after you cursed my name for generations. You’re all the reason why I kept doing this silly thing that I do.

Everyone who I didn’t mention, not because I didn’t want to, but because I just don’t have the space to thank everyone who’s helped me these three years. You’re all great!

 Theta Xi—Thank you for everything. You’ve made the biggest impact in my life, and I owe EVERYTHING to all of you. No matter what happens, you will always be one of the central lights in my life. Have fun at that mixer, while Kevin, Tim, and Tony spend the rest of the night here in the Montclarion. Growl.

I learned an amazing amount of information about layout...but I also had one of the best times in my life getting hammered with Mickey and Donald.

If you’ve made it this far, I hope that you have a great life, enjoy laughing every now and then, and I might actually see you in one of my classes next year. I’m actually looking forward to this class thing. Now, what exactly do we do in those things anyway???

John J. O’Sullivan
Lame Duck Managing Editor

A piece of wisdom:
Diamonds may be a girl’s best friend, but a Rottweiler with rabies is most certainly a girl’s worst friend.

Has your computer crashed...again? Just lost your thirty page thesis to a ‘fatal system error’? Do you feel like you’re going to commit a ‘fatal system error’ on someone?

DON’T KILL ANYONE (yet)!

Hold in your hostility, and instead of bludgeoning someone, bludgeon the megalomaniacal bastard that created the half-assed operating system that made your computer crash. Don’t smack your roommate.

John J. O’Sullivan
Lame Duck Managing Editor

The Last Humour Section/Thursday, May 1, 1997

MONTCLAIRON 27
**This ain’t no party, this ain’t no disco, this ain’t no foolin’ around...**

People who know me are always saying, “Damn John, why don’t you go get some psychological help!” Hehehehe... I’m just kidding—that’s what the people who don’t know me always say. Well, I guess some of the people who know me say that too... Anyway, people who know me usually say that I get too annoyed at some things. Maybe they’re right. I do get a bit more pissed off over the small things than other blokes do. And this, my dear friends, is the reason why every semester, I must add to

The List of Things That Pissed Me Off!

*By John J. O'Sullivan*

He’s pissed.

**1. The Spice Girls.** Do you want to know what I want, what I really really want? I’ll tell you what I want, what I really really want. I want THE SPICE GIRLS TO SHUT THE HELL UP AND READY! They are not only non-talents (with incredible bodies), they are annoying non-talents (with incredible bodies).

I know that they have the incredible bodies (see previous parenthetical notes), but that song makes me want to rip the vocal chords out of their incredibly bodies. The song is annoying as Harvey Fierstein reciting Shakespeare while Bob Saget and Dave Coulier tell their lame-ass jokes while clawing their fingernails against a chalkboard. Now that’s annoying! Now, if the Spice Girls just silently sponge-bathed me while shampooing my hair instead of singing that God awful song... I could live with that. I think I’d spare their lives...

**2. Parking at MSU.** Yes, I know I’ve probably raked this one to death already, but it’s just getting absolutely silly. The gate on the faculty lot behind the Trowewan is not at all secure. It’s not even ready, but it’s just getting absolutely silly. I’ve probably raked this one to death already, but I sure as hell don’t love them. Call me a neo-Luddite, but I would love to blow all computers up. Maybe the Unabomber had something...

**3. Land Rovers.** If your local high school highway is a four foot wide dirt path in the middle of the Brazilian rain forest, I can see you owning a Land Rover. BUT, if your local patch of wilderness is the Mall at Short Hills, perhaps you should get a Jeep. The people who drive these annoying rich-man’s cars from hell drive like they’re negotiating fallen trees and baboons, and usually CUT ME OFF! This is where the Sherman Tank would come in handy. When some yuppy bastard driving an overpriced Cherokee would cut in front of me...BOOM! Nothing but a pile of dust. I really got to get me one of those tanks...

**4. People who blast only music that I hate out of their cars.** If people went around and started blasting anything by The Who from their cars, I’d be incredibly happy. Usually, people end up blasting the friggin’ Spice Girls, or some other nauseating piece of crap out of their ultra-high powered stereo system. Since I always think too much about everything, I thought too much about this as well, and I came up with an excellent cure for this problem. I’m going to plant mines in the road near my house. By the road, I’m going to set up a system of sensors, connected to a high power computer, into which I will program what music I like the most. Whenever a car passes my house playing that type of music obnoxiously loud, a mine will detonate making the car crispy, along with the poor fool driving the car, and his or her copy of the Spice Girls latest CD. I think it could work—I’m going to install it in the road tomorrow.

**5. Macintosh computers.** People who own Macintosh computers remind me of cult members. They always tell me, “Oh, they are soooooo much better than IBM’s. I love my Mac. It’s just such a nifty machine.” Well, let’s begin the claim that they are better than IBM’s, shall we... Where IBM’s may crash (and they do), they at least give you some clue on what is wrong with them. A Mac will crash (which they do very often), and just shoot some stupid smiley face on the screen, or turn your newspaper section blue (which ours did) and pretty much tell you to go piss off. AND LOVING A COMPUTER?!?! I LOVE NO COMPUTERS! I hate all computers. I just know how to use the damn things, but I sure as hell don’t love them. Call me a neo-Luddite, but I would love to blow all computers up. Maybe the Unabomber had something...

**6. Everything else.** Oblivious cows and tons and tons of things that piss me off in one facet or another. Love, Jolly Ranchers that get stuck on the roof of my mouth, war, pestilence, Satan, and a lot of other stuff too. I could go on forever, but I figure that I’ll stop disturbing you with my hatred of most things now, before I get put under FBI surveillance. Have a great summer, and good luck with finals.

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**DORKS, Cont. from p. 24**

Glorifier of geeks, dorks, nerds, and chess club members, thought that this was a pretty good idea, since they like to drink, and they like to hit on ‘groovy chicks,’ even though they haven’t a snowball’s chance in hell with any of them.

The bar, a rather popular place in Trowewan, wasn’t ready for the large influx of customers, since everyone in the bar was passed out, knocked out, hung out to dry, or hanging out.

Peek-Freen Taretta was still passed out from over consuming vodka and Snapple. Rodi Mastel, professional wrestler, drank too many servings of her favorite drink: Mononucleosis and gin. There were about another thirty or so women scattered around the ground, evidently knocked out by the tractor beam. Robert the bartender, who was recovering from getting hit in the face from a falling Rotweiler, started to emerge out of his near coma. He got up off of the floor, dusted himself off, and looked out one of his windows. He saw five or so spaceships and around one hundred dorky looking men. “Damn Ford. All of their cars look stupid nowadays,” he muttered to himself.

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This ain’t no party, this ain’t no disco, this ain’t no foolin’ around...
Hey, I think that I found the right spaceship that Perin hit blew up. It’s the best stuff... He’s been around for... oh, around, forever. He created... oh, I guess it’s... EVERYTHING. The reason? Well, He created everything because one day He actually created coffee. He tried and tried to make a better cup, but He couldn’t make it better. He created the universe, hoping that the universe would pump out a better cup.

The Zygorthian’s make the worst cup of coffee. It has made countless species gag, cough, spit, and puke. It’s worse than paint thinner. In fact, paint thinner with three sugars and some milk tastes a hell of a lot better than a cup of Zygorthian coffee.

Well the old guy (aka God) asked for a cup, got it, and took a sip. It was the worst abomination of coffee that he had ever tasted. “YOU CALL THIS SLUDGE COFFEE?! HOW DO YOU DRINK THIS GARBAGE?!?!”

“Well this is some gr000vy coffee, dude. I love this stuff man. It’s the best stuff d00d!”

“YOU PEOPLE CAN’T BE SERIOUS! THIS IS TERRIBLE! HOW CAN YOU PEOPLE EXIST?!”

“Well, we don’t exist for...”

“WELL, YOU DON’T EXIST ANymore!” The old man blinked, disappeared, and blew up Zygorth X-15. All of the aliens aboard all of the spaceships disappeared. The spaceships disappeared, and all of the Earthlings (along with John’s Tavern) got transported back to Earth. All of the earthlings got collective amnesia, as if none of this ever happened. You probably forgot all of this happened. Well it did. This is actually a true story. Really, it is... I’m not kidding here... OKAY, I MADE IT UP! You bastards! Don’t you believe in ‘suspension of disbelief?’ Argh.

THE END.

BITE ME...
or is it the end...

That’s it! That’s all! You can all go home now!
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Katherine (Sigma)
You make our family so proud. You are truly dancing divas and remember: Don’t Stop Movin’

Love always, Rebecca, Mush, Jen, and Suave!

To the Sisters of AIX,
I’m so proud of you girls, you are truly dancing divas and remember: Don’t Stop Movin’

Love ya, Musk.

Get psyched for semi! May 2, 1997

Theta Xi,
We will go camping. You will pee in a latrine. You will like it. That is all.

-JJOD’S (TX)

Cheryl, Jessica, Irene,
We need to do that more often. Ok yeah, lets go get that waiter’s? Eyes and teeth.

Lands, Christine

You’re calling me an #$$#E in my room I’m leaving.

#49

Thank you so much for being there for me. I’m sorry for being a jerk.

Lands, #49

Theta Xi has its flag on display at the flagpole to commemorate the founding of Theta Xi on April 27, 1941, and the chartering of the Gamma Mu chapter here at Montclair State University May 2, 1992

Besides that, it really looks cool. You cannot deny us that.

-JJOD’S (TX)

Allen TTX and Jill (Sigma)
You guys rocked Greek Week! lands (TX)

Curry
I’m happy to see your smile again.

Lands Christine

Little #57 and By #44
I love you guys!

Toner, Brokes, Fish, Jewels
Muffin, Wess, Fraggle, Mokie, Pepe, Buffy and Darcy
I love all we worked hard

ISC Rocks!
Tiscky (DXD)
Are we spooning?
419
Seth Tayler.
Spoon
I love Oasis
Thelma
Here's to late nights, red tape (+
eyes and filters/love
Louise
John-
Sked your container, order me a
diaper and I'll meet you at the
Mountain Rest/love
Pern
We're graduating...and you're out!
Bite me.
-IJO'S

Oasis™: Ask for it by name.
Gee, I think that I'm writing
more of these things than others
are. But is this anything re-
markably new?
-IJO'S (TX)

Jad
I look forward to dancing and/
or making fun of you whilst in the
throngs of an alcohalic stupor.
-IJO'S
PS. I haven't fallen asleep for
days on end yet, but I did have a hard time getting out of
bed today.Agh

"STG's go round and round"
31, 41, 49 (DXD)

I miss my golden friends -(_
Sara (Syma)
Let's gossip!
Christine (DXD)
Meow

Meow, it's over!!!!
Kern (TX)
I want to lick your eyeballs and
bear your children
A crossed fox

KITSCH SUCKS!
I forget what the X stands for.
To J-M, Ted, Pern, Our fearless
leader, and the rest of the
Montclorontes
Thanks for all of your help, berating
and the late Wednesday nights. I'll
miss you guys!!
-Joe (the most hated mon-
on campus) Potenmaster

To Frisky Anthony O'Donnel
Well, it's finally over. At least this
last issue will not be all filled up
like last year's you suck Anthony. No
we don't turn when we see you
because we FEAR you - we just
HATE you.

Montcloran kids,
It's been fun. I think I might
even miss Wednesday nights once
in a while...uh... I will miss you
guys...—_—_—_—_—

Meow!!!
Meow Learney! To love????
DP. Who are you? Email me
sometime...thanks for the letter.
-JM

Au revoir Todd!!!!!!! Thanks for
the coffee and Yeats... Luv,
JM

Loon Galaglier is my GOD!
I'd suck Loon's shaker waker.
-Kern

I can't believe this is all of the
personal that we have this week.
Oh, well less for me to type, I
guess. Well I can't say it's been
a slice of life these past three or
however years but it's been real
Real what; God only knows. Ca
for now.
-IJO'S

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Women’s lacrosse wins first ever varsity game, 20-9

BY CHRISTOPHER LEPRE
STAFF WRITER

Freshman attacker Jeanelle Husth (East Windsor) scored a game-high seven goals, helping the Red Hawks to its first ever women's lacrosse varsity victory, 20-9, over Kings College of Pennsylvania at Sprague Field on Thursday afternoon.

When asked about the team’s win Husth replied, “It was well earned, the team has really come together this year, most of us never even played lacrosse.”

Husth herself never played lacrosse prior to this season, but somehow just seemed to pick it up. “I ran track and played field hockey in high school and when I got to college my coach said that I should give lacrosse a shot, so I did,” she said. Now she has turned a few shots on the field into 13 goals, which leads the team. Not too bad for a rookie.

Husth, who scored six goals in the first half, sparked the Red Hawks to a 13-5 half-time lead. “I just seem to get them in somehow,” she said. “But as the season goes on I feel more comfortable with my position.”

MSU was also led by freshman goalkeeper Karen Fox (Toms River), who stopped five of ten shots in that first half. Senior center Kindra Smith (Haddon Heights) and freshman center Kelly Larkin (Chatham) scored three goals each. Smith also added three assists to her evening, while senior defender Christine Bohan (West Caldwell), who played the game with a broken nose, added a hat trick of her own in the win.

The victory is the first ever for Head Coach Andie Whitcomb, in her first year at the school. “It’s not only been hard on the players but also on [our] coach. With the team having such little experience it’s been really frustrating at times for her,” said Husth.

The Red Hawks did secure three other wins during the season, however, all came against junior varsity competition, which does not count toward a varsity record.

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MSU SPORTS STANDINGS

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A SPORTS EDITOR IS STILL NEEDED FOR NEXT YEAR’S MONTCLARION STAFF. CALL X5169 TO GET INVOLVED IN YOUR CAMPUS NEWSPAPER.
An interview with Katie Holmgren, MSU’s own national competitor

by Chris Lepre
Staff Writer

With all the hype that surrounds today’s sports it’s easy for the public to lose sight of what sets athletes apart, their physical ability to push their bodies to the limit and to tap into those natural talents of their soul. What sport exemplifies this ideal better than track and field, as old as the Parthenon, as aged as the Acropolis, handed down from generations in the Olympic spirit. The multi-event competitions, the heptathlon and the decathlon, these have always been the most celebrated of sports. And here, at MSU, we have our very own heptathlete in Katie Holmgren.

Holmgren, a sophomore majoring in early childhood development, is in her second year as member of the track team, if (Head) Coach Benson wants her to continue at MSU, that is exactly what happened. Senior Francisco Ortiz (Newark), pinch-hitting for Mike Hastings (Hamilton), grounded into a game ending double-play, 6-4-3. The final score was 6-4 and senior right-hander Dan Marroquin (West New York) suffered his third loss of the season.

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McCorkle had a sizzling afternoon, going 3-3 with 5 RBI’s off a double and a grand slam. He is now second in the conference in RBI’s with 44, third in doubles with 14, and eighth in batting average, hitting .405.

Leon also had a great game going 2-3 with 5 RBI’s. He had a two RBI double in the three run first inning adding to his conference leading total of 16 doubles. He also had a sac-fly in the three run fourth inning and a two run home run in the three run fifth.

“No, I’m not satisfied, but, well, we’ve won nine out of our last 12 and if we work hard in these last five games, we could get into position where we’ll get into the conference playoffs,” Schoenig said. “Hopefully we’ll play our best baseball at that particular time, when it really counts.”

See the Cadillac NFL Golf Classic at Upper Montclair Country Club May 12-18! Call 800-964-4PGA for tix!

It’s been a blast writing for you. Take care and have a great summer.

-Jeff
Alsofrom’s 100th career win, 16-2 over SUNY-Maritime

BY CHRIS LEPRE
STAFF WRITER

The MSU men’s lacrosse team improved their record to 6-6 last Wednesday by defeating SUNY-Maritime, 16-2 at Sprague Field. The win was especially noteworthy due to it being Head Coach Doug Alsofrom’s 100th career victory as the men’s lacrosse coach.

The team jumped to an early lead by scoring eight goals in the first quarter. MSU added another four points in the second quarter to make the score at the half 12-0. The combined efforts of the Red Hawks’ goal-tenders, senior Steve Collins (Convent Station) and freshman Dave Isidor (Montclair) were almost flawless, expect for one goal in the third and one goal in the fourth quarters.

The Red Hawks went to junior women’s basketball player Wendy Saladino (Mountainside) and to football player, defensive end Jeff Bargiel (West Paterson). Saladino set the MSU career record for wins with 35 during her tennis playing days in the fall. This spring she has torn apart the opposition on the softball diamond. She was named Co-NJAC Player of the Week two weeks ago. Bargiel was voted, for the third consecutive season, as a first team All-American in football. He had 96 total tackles, including 14.5 sacks.

The freshman athletes of the year were Tara Wisz (Pompton Plains) in softball and Ron Lewis (Long Branch) in baseball. Wisz shined in the Red Hawks’ infield, while Lewis dazzled the crowds at Sprague Field during the football season. Lewis led the team in kickoff return yardage with 205, including a 92-yard scamper for a touchdown.

The sophomore athletes of the year were field hockey’s Kristen Eisele (Newton) and football’s Keith Izsa (Cedar Grove), a linebacker. Eisele had two game winning goals, while Izsa was third in total tackles, with 105.

The awards for junior athletes of the year went to volleyball’s Dolly Koshy (Teaneck) and men’s soccer’s Ian Myles (Dover). Koshy was voted first-team All-Conference. The senior athletes of the year were women’s basketball player, point-guard Lisa Villalta (Harrison) and men’s soccer player Rob McOmish (Montclair). Villalta guided the Red Hawks to the ECAC Tournament victory in March. McOmish was voted first-team All-American and was the New Jersey Athletic Conference player of the year.

The award for the highest cumulative grade point average among all athletes went to senior softball and women’s tennis player Wendy Saladino (Mountainside) and to football player, defensive end Jeff Bargiel (West Paterson). Saladino set the MSU career record for wins with 35 during her tennis playing days in the fall. This spring she has torn apart the opposition on the softball diamond. She was named Co-NJAC Player of the Week two weeks ago. Bargiel was voted, for the third consecutive season, as a first team All-American in football. He had 96 total tackles, including 14.5 sacks.

The MSU men’s lacrosse team improved their record to 6-6 last Wednesday by defeating SUNY-Maritime, 16-2 at Sprague Field. The win was especially noteworthy due to it being Head Coach Doug Alsofrom’s 100th career victory as the men’s lacrosse coach.

The team jumped to an early lead by scoring eight goals in the first quarter. MSU added another four points in the second quarter to make the score at the half 12-0. The combined efforts of the Red Hawks’ goal-tenders, senior Steve Collins (Convent Station) and freshman Dave Isidor (Montclair) were almost flawless, expect for one goal in the third and one goal in the fourth quarters.

The keepers had an exceptional performance. Collins allowed no goals through two quarters and saved five. He also scored one goal of his own. Isidor, in the second half, allowed two goals but saved nine, and also scored one goal to help along the victory.

Offensively MSU saw mid-fielder/attack, sophomore Steve Reed (Boonton) score three goals and had three assists. Freshman attack John Bruton (High Bridge) scored two goals and also tallied two assists.

On the following Saturday the team ended their season, and was delivered from evil with a 13-11 loss from Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference and the men will not compete in the tournament. Therefore, they finish their season with a 6-7 record. Also from is at the century mark in career victories.
Baseball wins three straight, 291 for Schoenig
Post-season in future?

by Jeff Ehrlich
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If the season ended today, the Red Hawks would be in the post-season. They sit alone in fourth place in the New Jersey Athletic Conference standings, aided by going 8-3 over the last 11 games. But there is still plenty more baseball left in the season, including three key games this week.

On Wednesday, they will travel to Rutgers-Newark for a 3:30 p.m. start. The Raiders are in sixth place, and still very much alive in the fight for the post-season. Then, on Friday, the first place William Paterson Pioneers will visit Pitter Field for a game at 3:30 p.m. A Red Hawks, Pioneers game is always fun and is a great rivalry. Finally, and most importantly, the fifth place College of New Jersey Lions will come to town for what will be the Red Hawks most important doubleheader of the year. Game one is scheduled for noon at Pitter Field, game two will begin 20 minutes after the conclusion of the first. Should the Red Hawks win these games, they may be able to move up in the conference standings, to third place. Currently, Kean College occupies the third spot, but they have been slumping, and they play the Pioneers in a doubleheader on Saturday in Wayne.

The Red Hawks are above .500 for the first time since way back in the first week of the season. They are 16-15-1, 8-3 over their last 11, and winners of three straight.

“We have four conference games remaining, and realistically if we win three of those four games, we’ll have a good opportunity to secure the fourth spot in the conference playoffs and maybe an outside shot at the third spot. But we have to take care of what we need to do,” said Head Coach Norm Schoenig, who won his 291st game for MSU last week, setting a new school record for career victories. He broke the old mark held by Bill Dioguardi, who coached the Red Hawks from 1949-1969. Schoenig did it in half as many years.

Last week the Red Hawks were 3-1, including a 15-6, 16-3 thrashing of the Ospreys at Richard Stockton over the weekend. Sophomore first-baseman Shawn McCorkle (Newton) had a terrific weekend. He racked up 7 RBI’s, including a grand slam in game one and a two RBI double in game two. He also added a sac-fly in game two. He was three for six over the weekend.

In game one all but one starter, senior Mike Mullane (Bayonne) had at least one hit. Left-fielder Frank Francia was 4-5 and added an RBI, second-baseman Corey Gleichenhaus (Clarkstown, NY) was 2-6 including a solo homer, and shortstop Lou Finamore (Franklin) was 1-4 with a bases clearing double in the five run fourth inning.

Senior right-hander Kevin O’Shaughnessy (Nutley) picked up his second win of the year by throwing five innings and giving up three earned runs. The Red Hawks committed three errors in game one, a 15-6 victory.

Mullane made up for his hitless game one in game two, a 16-3 triumph. Mullane went 3-6 with three RBI’s including two doubles and a stolen base. The Red Hawks scored seven runs in the third inning off a bases loaded walk, an error, and two two RBI doubles by Mullane and McCorkle. After three innings the score was 9-1. The Red Hawks went on to score seven more times for the 16-3 victory.

Sophomore left-hander Frank Chelbian (Carterset) picked up his second win of the year by throwing six in one and a two RBI double to right field by senior Wendy Saladino (Mountainside) to make the score 7-0. Saladino was then hit home via a sac-fly by Acevedo for the 8-0 final.

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Red Hawks shut out Roadrunners in first round of NJAC Tournament, 8-0

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On Friday afternoon, junior left-hander Sharon Ormsbee (North Plainfield) struck out 11 Roadrunners in just five innings on her way to her fifteenth win of the season. The 8-0 victory over Ramapo College, whom defeated Jersey City State 1-0 in the opening round, was MSU’s twenty-eighth win of the season and boosted them to the Championship Round of the New Jersey Athletic Conference Tournament.

The round begins on Friday, where number two seed MSU will play number three The College of New Jersey at 2 p.m. and number one Rowan University will play number four William Paterson at 4 p.m. Finally, the winners will meet for the NJAC crown on Saturday at 1 p.m. All three games are at Rowan University.

In the win over the Roadrunners, the Red Hawks grabbed a 1-0 lead off a bases loaded walk to Marlena Nawrot (South River) in the bottom of the second inning. Then, in the third, junior catcher Jerri Acevedo (Long Branch) doubled home two runs for a 3-0 lead. MSU had a four run fourth inning, including a one-out, two-run triple to right field by senior Wendy Saladino (Mountainside) to make the score 7-0. Saladino was then hit home via a sac-fly by Acevedo for the 8-0 final.

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