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Whitman squeaks out victory

Governor barely edges out McGreevey to win second term

By Nikki DeBartolo

McGreevey’s early morning concession, 12:34 AM yesterday, brought the New Jersey Gubernatorial race to a close.

The frighteningly small margin by which Christie Whitman took the state election was shaky at best for the hopeful incumbent. The GOP candidate was less than a mere one percentage point when the democratic challenger threw in the towel. Murray Sabrin, the libertarian candidate running for the office found himself with only 6% of the peoples’ votes.

With issues at stake such as auto insurance rates and property taxes Whitman, a landslide win was more of a threat than was expected.

It was a nervous Republican party and Christie Todd Whitman’s campaign manager Tom Wilson whose eleventh hour campaigning may have brought home the victory. Ads featuring Whitman telling voters she was sorry she hadn’t been more receptive to the pocketbook issues regained the voters’ trust. Ads to follow up aimed at hitting hard balls at McGreevey may have made all the difference in her slim victory.

The final numbers rolled in at 1,113,252 votes for the Governor, and McGreevey breathing down the competition’s neck at 1,095,514. Both parties came in with 47% of the vote turn out. The Libertarian candidate, Sabrin, held 5% of the votes, 112,245 in number, to take backseat to Whitman and McGreevey.

Governor Christine Todd Whitman.

A representative from the International Student Organization presents a globe to Dr. Reid at the student farewell reception.

MSU says farewell as Reid leaves for WSU

By Tom Boud

Over 500 people paid tribute to former MSU President Irvin Reid on October 29 at the University Day Convocation in Memorial Auditorium.

On October 31, Reid left MSU to assume the role of President of Wayne State University in Michigan. The Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Gregory Waters is now serving as Interim President until a full-time president is selected sometime in early 1998.

The University Day Convocation ceremony began around 10:15 am when more than 100 faculty in black gowns and mortarboards filled the center seats of Memorial Auditorium. Shortly thereafter, an official entourage escorting a sentimentally smiling Reid sauntered toward the stage as the University Brass Ensemble played under direction of Conductor Maryann Craig.

Upon arrival, Reid found himself flanked by approximately thirty administrators, deans and board of trustee members. A few seats away from Reid sat United States Poet Laureate, Wole Soyinka.

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News from the outside world

(Compiled from CNN.com by Tony Bertram)

International

Iran marks anniv. of US embassy takeover

Iranian protesters burned US flags and beat effigies of Uncle Sam on Tuesday, 18 years after radical students seized the US Embassy in Tehran and held 52 Americans hostage for 444 days. The government celebrates the anniversary as if it were a religious feast. Parliament Speaker Ali Akbar Nateq-Nouri told people in the crowd they had struck a blow against Washington's hopes that Iran's new president, Mohammad Khatami, would improve relations.

Papon Trial

Put on the defensive by prosecution and a historian Tuesday, Maurice Papon insisted he never believed in the pro-Nazi Vichy regime and kept his wartime job only to help the Jews.

"There were two ways to go: resigning or fighting on the battlefield that was imposing our destiny on us," the former Vichy official said. "Resigning was easier; it was deserting, it was allowing the Jew to be deported without putting up a fight."

Papon, 87, a former Cabinet minister, is charged with signing arrest orders that led to the deportation of 1,690 Jews, including 223 children, from Bordeaux when he was a police supervisor in the Gironde region. The first legal action against Papon was launched 16 years ago but was repeatedly obstructed by French officials who were reluctant to have a trial dredge up painful memories of collaboration.

Czar's Burial

President Boris Yeltsin will decide in January whether and where the last czar and his family will be buried. Deputy Prime Minister Boris Nemtsov said experts are almost certain that bones found in 1991 are those of Nicholas II and his family, who were assassinated by Bolshevik revolutionaries 80 years ago. But officials will spend the next two months trying to erase lingering doubts. A final decision on the burial has dragged on for years, held up by disagreements over where the imperial family should be buried and whether the identity of the remains had been proved beyond doubt.

National

Whitman re-elected in NJ

Gov. Christie Whitman, a star Republican tax cutter who had to admit late in her campaign that "people are hurting" economically, eked out a narrow re-election victory early yesterday over an unbeaten but tenacious challenger.

In 1993, Whitman beat incumbent Democrat Jim Florio by about 26,000 votes, a win that propelled her toward national political stardom.

State Senator Jim McGreevey acknowledged defeat at 12:30 a.m. in a concession speech that sounded like a campaign speech, down to his trademark complaint: "New Jersey had the highest auto insurance rates in the nation."

Wash. states gun control initiative silenced

The fun crowd at Sharp Shootings let out a whoop. Initiative 676, the most sweeping handgun safety measure ever put before voters, had been soundly defeated.

Predictions that grass-roots gun control drives would sweep other states now seemed hollow. "I think people are going to take a hard look at what they think are viable options for these initiatives," said Tanya Metaksa, the chief lobbyist for the NRA, who spent weeks in Washington working against 676.

Pre-election polls had voters evenly split, but that wasn't the case in pro-gun eastern Washington. In fact, nearly 60% of voters east of the Cascade Range had said they opposed 676 while 75% in the Seattle area favored it.

Giuliani wins second term in NYC

Giuliani beat challenger Ruth Messinger after leading in the polls from the beginning of the campaign.

Four years ago, New York was "a city that was defined by fear and doubt," Giuliani said to a cheering crowd. "Four years later we can stand here and say that we turned this city around."

Perhaps to boost the victory margin, Giuliani wrapped up the campaign with a 48-hour marathon of handshaking through the city that never sleeps.
Administration angered by fraternity homecoming skit

By Tony Bertram

Montclair State University's 1997 Homecoming parade, "Wide World of Sports," was marked again by inclement weather which forced the participants to forgo the traditional parade around the streets of Upper Montclair. Instead, they performed in Panzer gym where they were allowed to present their dance/skit to the judges. Although the turnout as well as the performances were very positive, some say that the day's festivities ended on a rather troubling note.

The last skit of the day was that of Phi Alpha Psi Fraternity (Senate). Instead of engaging the more upbeat and positive side of the "Wide World of Sports" theme, Senate chose to put forth a darker representation of the sports world. What followed was a menagerie of some of the tragedies in the professional sports world.

Their performance started off with a re-enacting of the ear biting boxing match between "Tyson and Holyfield." It moved on to the Tonya Harding and Nancy Kerrigan incident, then the death of Princess Diana and Mother Theresa. The crux of the skit was a person dressed as OJ Simpson posing as the true cause of the tragedies in the sports world.

Other administrators as well as offenders by Senate's performance. Associate Dean of Students, James Harris voiced his disapproval at a recent Greek Council meeting.

Dr. Ficke further stated, "While you might find your activities amusing, we find them hurtful. If you are seeing to offend, you have. If you are seeking to compromise our sense of community, you have." Ficke went on to add, "It would be a remarkable show of good sense and maturity if you would apologize to your fellow Greek organizations and determine to participate in the future with a better sense of what we're really all about here at MSU-a shared pride in who we are and what we do."

At the time this story goes to print, Phi Alpha Psi Fraternity, Senate, was unavailable for comment.

New resource will allow students to use library from anywhere

By Tony Bertram

News Editor

Sprague Library has recently begun offering access to a resource that students will find very useful for their research assignments.

The SearchBank Expanded Academic ASAP is an on-line indexing service covering many subjects with abstracts from almost 1,600 scholarly and general interest periodicals. By using this resource, students will be able to get citations to articles on their research topic. For citations from close to 700 periodicals, the full text of the article cited (including graphics) is also provided. EA ASAP coverage includes the current year and three previous years. A backfile (accessible through the icon at the bottom of the page) contains the indexing and abstracting of periodicals to the early 1980s and a full-text backfile that, for scholarly journals, goes back to the early 1990s. Indexing of the current six months of the New York Times is also available.

EA ASAP can be used from any on-campus computer connected to the campus network such as: faculty offices, computer labs, and the Library. All citations and full texts of the articles retrieved in a search can be printed, e-mailed, or downloaded to a diskette. The Library has several computer stations in the Reference Department at which you can use this resource. If you do not plan to e-mail the citations or articles to yourself, you should bring a formatted disk to download.

A link to the index is available on the Library Home Page (http://www.montclair.edu/pages/library/library.html) under "Library and Information Services." Please ask at the reference desk.

Former US Senator to speak at MSU Nov. 20

By Bob Quarteroni

MSU Director of Public Information

Former United States Sen. Alan Simpson will speak on "Shooting form the Hip: A Cowboy's Perspective on American Politics" on Thursday, Nov. 20 at 8 p.m. in the MSU student center.

The Martin Center Speakers Series offering is sponsored by the Nicholas Martini Foundation.

Simpson served in the Senate from 1978 till January of this year. He was assistant Republican leader (Party Whip) from 1984 to 1994.

He served on the Judiciary Committee and was the author of the Immigration Reform and Control Act, the first major immigration reform legislation passed in more than 30 years. He was also the author of the Immigration Control and Financial Responsibility Act of 1995.

Simpson, a native of Cody, Wyoming, also served on the Finance Committee and the Environment and Public Works Committee, where he co-sponsored the Clean Air Act. He was active in the final formulation of the Superfund legislation, which he co-sponsored in the 97th Congress. He was actively involved in drafting and enacting the first legislation to be passed in Congress to provide for the permanent disposal of nuclear waste.

He was chairman of the Veterans Affairs Committee, overseeing issues affecting America's 27 million veterans, including the Veterans Administration budget of $39.5 billion.

After retiring from the Senate, Simpson occupied the Lombard Chair as visiting professor at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government for the spring semester.

He is a member of the board of Directors of the National Museum of Natural History and Folger Shakespeare Library.

For additional information, call Dr. William Berlin at (973) 655-7576.
**SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY**

Library employee reported observing a male watching a female then following her. Female was unaware of activity. A description of the suspect was obtained.

**THEFT/HARASSMENT**

Female executive board member of Phi Chi Beta reports receiving harassing and threatening email from a male board member. A criminal complaint was signed. Court date was set for 11/5/97 in Little Falls Municipal Court.

**DISORDERLY CONDUCT**

Blanton Hall desk security officer reports persons unknown had thrown some type of explosive device into the lobby area. Two females were walking on the 4th floor toward the laundry when they heard and felt the explosion. Both suffered burning in their ears.

**MEDICAL**

Blanton Hall food service worker suffers breathing difficulty after inhaling a mixture of cleaning fluids. Officers administer oxygen. Victim is transported by ambulance to Mountainside Hospital.

**FIRE ALARM**

Officers respond to a fire alarm at Bohn Hall. Upon arrival, they discovered an 8th floor vending machine open. No damage to the machine door.

**CRIMINAL MISCHIEF**

Male Bohn resident returned to his parked car in lot 18 and discovered a flat tire. The valve stem had been removed.

**THEFT**

Officer on patrol discovers the lock on a vending machine in Mallory Hall broken off, the machine open, and the money missing. Officer responds to Dickson Hall to check the vending machines there and discovered a machine open with the money missing.

**MEDICAL**

Lot 28 parking monitor suffered a seizure while on duty. Victim was treated at the scene by responding medic unit from St. Joseph's Hospital.

**THEFT**

Officers responded to a 1st floor men's room in Life Hall. Suspect claimed that they were not feeling well. When he produced his wallet for identification, a bag of suspected marijuana was observed. Mathew Alessandro of Manalapan, was arrested and charged with possession of CDS, being under the influence of CDS, and underage drinking.

**SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY**

Library employee reports observing a male harassing females. Officers ID suspect and escort him from the building.

**HARASSMENT**

Three females Webster Hall residents receive numerous harassing phone calls.

**CRIMINAL MISCHIEF**

Female Bohn Hall resident reports removing to her parked car in lot 18 and discovering door molding and window damage. Scratch mark initiate the car was kicked.

**PROPERTY DAMAGE**

Faculty member reports the gate arm in lot 4 struck his vehicle causing paint damage.

**SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY**

Library employee reports observing a male watching a female then follow her. Suspect discontinued after employee approached. Female was unaware of activity. Suspect description obtained.

**FIRE/HARASSMENT**

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**THEFT**

A maintenance worker reported finding a suspicious device on the second floor of Dickson Hall. Officers discovered the collection box open. No damage to the machine door.

**MEDICAL**

Lot 28 parking monitor suffered a seizure while on duty. Victim was treated at the scene by responding medic unit from St. Joseph's Hospital.

**ARREST/POSSESSION OF CDS**

Officers respond to a 1st floor men's room in Life Hall. Suspect claimed that they were not feeling well. When he produced his wallet for identification, a bag of suspected marijuana was observed. Mathew G. Alessandro of Manalapan, was arrested and charged with possession of CDS, being under the influence of CDS, and underage drinking.
ARREST/POSSESSION OF CDS
Officers respond to the 7th floor of Bohn Hall on a report of the odor of marijuana. Resident of room 710 admits officer into the room. Officer observes a water pipe. Resident produces several more bongs and a bag of marijuana. Patrick Walsh of Parlin was arrested and charged with possession of CDS and possession of drug paraphernalia. A court date was set for 10/27/97 in Clifton Municipal Court.

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY
Library employee reports observing male harassing females. Officers ID suspect and escort him from the building.

HARASSMENT
Three female Webster Hall residents receive numerous harassing phone calls.

FALSE PUBLIC ALARM
Officers respond to a fire alarm at Bohn Hall. Upon arrival discover a 4th floor pull station activated. No signs of smoke or fire. Clifton Fire Dept. arrived.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF
Female returned to her parked car in lot 8 and found a thick oil film on the room, windshield, and hood of her car.

10/17/97
FIRE
Officers respond to a fire alarm at Bohn Hall. Upon arrival discover the 14th floor filled with smoke. The building was evacuated. Clifton Fire Dept. arrived and extinguished the fire. A garbage can was burning in the laundry room.

THEFT
Faculty member in Dickson Hall reports her office door sign is missing.

FALSE PUBLIC ALARM
Officers respond to a fire alarm at Bohn Hall. Upon arrival discover a 4th floor pull station activated. No signs of smoke or fire. Clifton Fire Dept. responded.

THEFT
Female Clove Road resident returned to lot 28 and discovered her 1989 Volkswagen missing.

ATTEMPTED THEFT OF MV
Female Clove Rd. resident noticed the window of her 1987 Volkswagen smashed. Her car was parked in lot 27. Officers responded and determined the door lock and ignition switch was tampered with and damaged.

10/18/97
FALSE PUBLIC ALARM
Officers respond to a fire alarm at Bohn Hall. Upon arrival discover a 5th floor pull station activated. No signs of smoke or fire. Clifton Fire Dept. responded.

ASSAULT
Little Falls PD reported a manager and waitress from Six Brothers Diner were assaulted in lot 27 after they followed a non-paying patron to that location. The suspect also punched and kicked their vehicle. Investigation continues. Complaints pending.

10/19/97
MEDICAL
Female Bohn Hall resident is transported by ambulance to St. Joseph’s Hospital after suffering fever due to a stomach infection. CDS.

Officer responds to Freeman Hall on the report of a smell of marijuana on the first floor. Residents of suspect room had left the building prior to officers arrival.

THEFT/CRIMINAL MISCHIEF
Officer on patrol discovers a 1988 Honda parked in lot 18 with a rear tire missing. Upon inspection discovers an attempt was made to remove a second rear tire. The car was scratched and dented.

10/20/97
HARASMENT
Female Banton Hall resident reports receiving numerous calls at inconvenient hours from a correctional facility. Arrangements were made to have number changed.

MEDICAL
Male attending class in Panzer Gym was transported to Mountainside Hosp. after his jaw was pried open.

THEFT
Male stole a bottle of liquor from the food service company as they were setting up for a dinner in the Student Center. Male fled toward Bohn and Banton dormitory area.

10/21/97
BURGLARY/THEFT
Unknown person entered Dickson Hall and pried open a 2nd floor vending machine. No money was found in the bill box.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF
Male Bohn Hall resident returned to his parked car in lot 18 and discovered a flat tire. The valve stem had been removed.

HARASMENT
Female Bohn Hall resident reports receiving several annoying phone calls over a one month period.

SUSPICIOUS PERSONS
An unidentifed male reported he saw two males run from the lot 30 area as an ambulance with its sirens on approached. A check of parked cars revealed no apparent damage.

MEDICAL
Female Blanton Hall resident is transported by ambulance to Mountainside Hospital after experiencing difficulty breathing.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON
A female student reported seeing a male pulling on the door handles of several sport utility vehicles parked in the lot 21-23 area. Check of the lot revealed no suspect or apparent damage to vehicles.

ARREST/UNDERAGE DRINKING
Male was observed ill at the visitors side of the football field during the game. A strong odor of an alcoholic beverage emanated from his breath. Male was charged with underage drinking. Court date is set for 10/27/97 in Montclair Municipal Court.

10/22/97
THEFT
Officer on patrol discovers the lock on a vending machine in Mallory Hall broken off, the machine open, and the money taken. There were no bills in the money box.

THEFT
Male reports finding the lock cut from his locker in Panzer Gym. The padlock and his wallet were missing.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF
Female Bohn Hall resident reports returning to her parked car in lot 18 and discovering money missing from her pants pocket. Locker was not secured.

THEFT
Male finds the lock cut from his locker in Panzer Gym. The padlock and his wallet were missing.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF
Female Bohn Hall resident reports finding her cell phone missing after it was treated at the Health Center.

PROPERTY DAMAGE
Faculty member reports the gate arm in Dickson Hall.

10/23/97
FALSE PUBLIC ALARM
Officers respond to a fire alarm at Blanton Hall. Upon arrival discover a 4th floor pull station activated. No signs of smoke or fire. Little Falls Fire Dept. responded.

FALSE PUBLIC ALARM
Officers respond to a fire alarm at Bohn Hall. Upon arrival discover a 7th floor pull station activated. No signs of smoke or fire. Clifton Fire Dept. responded.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF/BIAS CRIME
Person(s) unknown drew a swastika on the elevator wall in Dickson Hall.

10/24/97
THEFT
Officer on patrol discovers a College Hall vending machine door was forced open. There were no bills in the money box.

THEFT
Male returned to his locker in Panzer Gym. The padlock and his wallet were missing.

10/25/97
HARASSMENT
Four Blanton Hall residents reported receiving annoying phone calls of a similar nature and in a very close time frame.

FIGHT
Officers respond to the Blanton Hall quad area on a report of a fight. Upon arrival it was determined an argument and some pushing took place over a card game.

FALSE PUBLIC ALARM
Officers respond to a fire alarm at Bohn Hall. Upon arrival officers discover pull stations activated on the 2nd and 15th floors. No signs of smoke or fire. Clifton Fire Dept. responded.

THEFT
Officer on patrol discovers a vending machine in Mallory Hall open with no money in it.

10/26/97
THEFT
Officer on patrol discovers a vending machine in Dickson Hall open. Money recovered was secured. Vending company notified.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF
Officer on patrol finds person(s) unknown smeared a cherry pie over a room door, hallway wall, and floor in College Hall.

10/27/97
THEFT
Officer on patrol discovers and open sanitary napkin dispenser in the first floor rest room of Partridge Hall. No product or money was present.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF
Shuttle bus driver discovered two mirrors damaged on a shuttle bus parked on Heating Plant Way.

MEDICAL
Male steps on a nial while walking to College Hall. Nails became embedded in his foot. Victim was treated at the Health Center.

10/28/97
MEDICAL
Male Blanton Hall resident returned to the dorm after playing football in lot 28. He suffered shortness of breath and seizure like symptoms. Montclair ambulance unit responded and treated victim at the scene.

THEFT FROM MV
Male Bohn Hall resident went to his parked car in lot 21 and discovered his radio would not play. Upon inspection he discovered an amplifier and kicker box were stolen from his trunk. No signs of forced entry.

MEDICAL
Female Bohn Hall resident spilled a bowl of hot water in herself burning her thigh. Victim was treated at the Health Center.

MEDICAL
Male Blanton Hall resident is transported by ambulance to Mountainside Hospital after

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Letters to the students of Montclair State University

from
President Irvin D. Reid

from
Interim President Gregory Waters

Goodbye, dear friends. That is what I feel about all of you -- each and every one of the wonderful students who make Montclair State University the very special place that it is. As I leave you, I will miss your vibrancy, your excitement, your intensity, your openness, your tears and your laughter. You are the true University, more than any collection of buildings or stacks of books ever can be. I will miss all of you more than you will know.

As I look back on my eight years as President of Montclair State University, I feel a tremendous sense of fulfillment. I am proud of our many accomplishments, from achieving university status to the opening of the Academic Success Center and the phenomenal growth of the Global Education Center. I am proud of our aggressive building program, our ability to provide each and every one of you with Internet access and e-mail accounts, and our successful Honors Program. I am delighted that our quality educational programs were recognized recently by U.S. News and World Report through our inclusion in its annual "Top 10" list.

But what I am most proud of is you, our students -- the heart and soul of our University. I have been so proud to watch student after student develop from uncertain beginnings into poised scholar. And I have marveled, over and over, as our graduates have departed campus and contributed in so many ways to the well being of our communities, our state and our nation. I have enjoyed your e-mails -- even at 3 o'clock in the morning!

You are the wonderful, continuing legacy of Montclair State University that will always remain with me, across the years and the miles.

Goodbye friends,

Dr. Irvin D. Reid

Dr. Gregory Waters
Interim President
Montclair State University

Like many of your professors, I went to college and I never went home. Instead, college became my home. I stayed in higher education because I wanted to be engaged in really meaningful work, because I wanted to work with poets and historians, artists and scientists, because I wanted to live in the world of ideas.

I am honored that the Board of Trustees has selected me as Interim President of our university, given me the opportunity to better serve you. I hope that you too will come to see the university as an art of the imagination, a time of great promise for you.

We are all here because we believe that we are enriched by learning, because we believe that growth in thought and the power to think increases the pleasure, the breadth and the values of life.

Enjoy your time with us, continue to challenge us, and make good use of every day you are with us. I promise to work with the faculty and staff to continue to provide the best possible education we can offer. As we launch a national search for Dr. Reid’s permanent successor, your well-being and personal growth will inspire all our efforts.

Carpe diem!
spraining his ankle.

10/29/97
FIRE ALARM
Officers respond to a fire alarm at Richardson Hall. No signs of smoke or fire. Little Falls Fire Dept. responded. A malfunctioning heat pump caused the alarm.

FALSE PUBLIC ALARM
Officers respond to five fire alarms in Bohn Hall. Pull boxes were activated on various floors. No signs of smoke or fire. Clifton Fire Dept. responded.

USE OF FIREWORKS
Clove Road Apt. director reported the sound of fireworks in the rear of the 200 building. No one in the area upon arrival of the responding officer.

THEFT
Two Males return to their unsecured locker in Panzer Gym and discover their book bags missing. Officer finds both bags in a stairwell behind some debris. Money was missing.

CDS
Officer responds to a report of odor of marijuana near a third floor room in Bohn Hall. Upon entry into the room no odor was present.

THEFT
Female reports returning from a restroom and discovering her cell phone missing from her bag which was left in a 2nd floor classroom in Dickson Hall.

HARASSMENT
Male Bohn Hall resident reports receiving 25 hang-up phone calls since the beginning of the semester.

CDS
While on patrol, officer found vial containing cocaine on floor in hallway of College Hall.

10/31/97
FALSE PUBLIC ALARM
Officers respond to a fire alarm at Bohn Hall and discovered an 8th floor pull box activated. No signs of smoke or fire. Clifton Fire Dept. responded.

ASSAULT/DISORDERLY CONDUCT
MSU student was arrested in the Bohn Hall quad area after acting disorderly and assaulting an officer.

THEFT
MSU student’s phone card was stolen and unauthorized calls were made using it.

THEFT
Male left his CD player on top of his car in lot 28. Upon returning found player stolen.

TRESPASS
Officers responded to Blanton Hall on the complaint of an unauthorized male inside. Check of dormitory proved negative.

11/1/97
SUSPICIOUS PERSON
Male was found sleeping of the floor in bathroom stall of College Hall. Male was identified as non-MSU student and escorted off campus.

11/2/97
FALSE PUBLIC ALARM
Officers respond to a fire alarm in Bohn Hall and discovered the 12th floor, “B” wing pull station activated. No signs of smoke or fire. Clifton Fire Dept. responded.

BURGLARY/THEFT
Officer on patrol discovers the lock on a vending machine in Mallory Hall broken off, the machine open, and the money missing.
(Counterclockwise from top) - Homecoming parade champs Theta Xi and Phi Sigma Sigma celebrate after the winning announcement; Homecoming parade Grand Marshall Jennifer Miko observes the festivities; kids from the day care center perform during the pep rally on Friday; the MSU Cheerleading team pumps up the crowd before the parade on Saturday; Phi Alpha Psi (Senate) puts on their own “unique” homecoming performance; an explosion of beach ball from the Homecoming game crowd Saturday night.
(Clockwise from top) - Homecoming King and Queen Kenyatta Montgomery and Nova Duncan; the Red Hawk kidnaps Sigma Delta Phi's Pink Panther during Saturday's parade; Sigma Delta Tau and Zeta Beta Tau celebrate after their performance on Saturday; a member of OSAU during their performance; members of Theta Xi and Phi Sigma celebrating victory; Sigma Sigma Sigma and Tau Phi Beta perform their dance routine on Saturday.
Homecoming features second annual MSU Parents Day

By Liz Voltman

Staff Writer

n Saturday, October 25, parents, families and friends of MSU students were invited to participate in MSU’s Homecoming activities, including the University’s second annual Parents Day.

“Parents Day was a fun and exciting time. We were delighted to have the opportunity to invite parents of MSU students to the campus and recognize them for their many contributions to the University,” said Dr. Gregory L. Waters, Montclair State University’s Interim President.

On the evening of Homecoming, approximately fifty families of MSU students gathered in the Student Center Cafeteria to participate in events specifically geared towards family fun.

At the Parents Day Reception, which was held from 4-5 p.m., parents, families and friends of MSU students enjoyed pre-picnic refreshments and live musical entertainment while meeting other MSU families and friends. The Dirty Birdies Jug Band, which performed on Montclair State’s campus in 1965, performed at the reception. The group’s unique folk-inspired sound provided a spirited background for the evening’s festivities.

During the reception, brief speeches were given by Dr. Waters, Dr. Vaughn Vandegrift, Dean of Math and Science, and Dr. Helen Matusow-Ayres, who is currently the Acting Vice President for Student Development and Campus Life. Each speaker welcomed parents to campus and shared some encouraging words concerning Montclair State’s continual efforts to provide the best for its students. The overall theme of their messages was summed up nicely by Dean Vandegrift as he assured parents, “We’ll take good care of your children.”

From 5-7 p.m., the Parents Day Picnic took place. Everyone who had purchased picnic tickets in advance or at the door was welcome to a buffet-style dinner of hot-dogs, hamburgers, beverages and dessert. Added to the mix was an energetic performance by the MSU cheerleaders.

Log On @ MSU

By Louis Colli

Stop all that evil!

Sometimes I wonder if you guys read what I write. A few weeks ago I walked into the lab and saw a young man looking at some half-nude photos of Claudia Schiffer. So, I let him know that a) he shouldn’t be looking at that in the labs because it is offensive to others and b) I wasn’t going to protect him from them.

Topic Of The Week: Guidelines for Responsible Computing

“More %&&*$ing rules? Didn’t you already give us some?” Yes, I did. These rules pertain to the software on the machines, while the other rules dealt with your behavior in the lab. I don’t want to see anyone get in trouble because they don’t know the rules. So, as a public service, here are some of the Guidelines to Responsible Computing:

1. If you have an alpha account, you are responsible for it. You should set a password which will not be guessed easily. You should only use your alpha account and no one should use it but you.
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Questions, Answers, & Complaints:

Q: Dear Louis, Last week I read a question from a fellow bite-aholic. I also have a question I wish you could knock out.

A: I often want to look up stats from the minute, so you can find out the current score of the game or go the “The Wire” to find out if your favorite player has traded. Unfortunately, it doesn’t have any information on how to avoid an opponent’s ferocious oral assault. So, if you have to fight Iron Mike, wear a helmet.

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Next Issue: The Jets are in first place and life is good. That’s why I’ll let you know how to use FTP. See you next time!

Lecture gives history lesson on Halloween

By Kristopher LaGreca

Staff Writer

The Philosophy and Religion Club hosted an outstanding lecture on Dashasr’s “Souls”, this holiday holds much enjoyment for children, but unfortunately, its history is relatively unknown. The lecture was held in the club’s meeting room in Dickson Hall on Friday. About 20 attendees were greeted by the friendly members of this club and an appetizing assortment of Halloween goodies. The meeting room was decorated in the Halloween spirit for this special occasion and was accompanied with folk-sounding music. The mood was set for speaker Dasha Aronson to share his listeners the history and beliefs behind Samhain and its Wiccan traditions.

The lecture described how on Halloween, the veil which separates the physical and spirit worlds is thinnest.

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Let’s Talk About Sex

By Michelle Sayers and Roy Koriakin

Staff Writers

This is not another feeble attempt to use sex as an attention grabber. This is the new, provocative weekly column that discusses the countless facets of erotica, intimacy and sexuality in general, from a male and female perspective. Being two people of the opposite sex, we hope this column will "arouse" different but interesting opinions and personal anecdotes on the intimate secrets of our partners in passion.

We’re going to break this column in the same way we were all broken in...losing one’s virginity. Our discussion will debate, who had a more awkward experience, or female, in the event of having sex for the first time.

Let’s take a trip down memory lane to the days of adolescence, when sex was just beginning to enter the realm that was once the balm of innocence. The moment of awkwardness, the feeling of heart pounding, palms sweating, wondering if that birthmark on your left thigh is noticeable in the darkness of the room. The moment finally arrives, the boy struggles with the condom in confusion, girl wonders if something that size could possibly fit in an opening that small, or if what her girlfriend said about the pain was really true. But it’s too late, penetration has taken place, and a significant phase of your life is abruptly terminated. And when it’s all over, do you stand in front of the mirror and ask yourself, “Am I still the same person?” Do you pass that person in the hallway, exchange uncomfortable glances and continue on your way? Or does this bring you closer, clearing an important place in your heart? Two MSU students share their personal, and unforgettable experiences of a time in their lives where a certain innocence was lost.

THE NAMES HAVE BEEN CHANGED

We thought it was because they were jealous that we were “cool” enough to hang out with an older, more experienced crowd. Soon her brother’s friend, whom I’ll call Jeff, started picking us up from school. We’d go to a park or his house and down three or four shots of Jack Daniels each. I realized I was developing a huge crush on him, and constantly competing for his attention. I’d be so excited when my friend had tennis practice so I could have Jeff all to myself. Only when we were alone did I feel special to him.

One snowy day in mid-December, after a fight with my best friend, Jeff asked me if I wanted to spend the day with him.

He had never asked to be with me alone so I joyfully accepted. He picked me up and we, as usual, started drinking. He was flirting with me the whole time and I felt like the most beautiful girl in the world. We went to his house and started making out in his bedroom. I remember hearing “Tiny Toon Adventures” on in the background. He asked me if I wanted to “try” and I said yes. My best friend had already done it and I wanted to be able to relate when she talked about it; I also thought that if I did it, Jeff would like me more.

Starting out was a struggle, but I wanted to go through with it to see what all the hype was about. Once we had begun, Jeff heard the front door open and his brother talking to the dog. I was in a lot of pain and making some “unnatural” noises. Jeff covered my mouth with his hand and told me to be quiet or we’d be caught. When we finally finished, I got myself together quickly and silently. I had a formal dance to go to that night at school that I had to get ready for, and I could hardly even walk properly because I felt like he was still in me. I was excited that I had done it, though, and couldn’t wait to breathe the news to somebody.

Jeff and I still hung out afterwards but I was nothing more to him than I was before, especially when other girls were around. All Jeff was interested in was the power trip he got from conquering a young, pretty girl’s virginity; as I later learned he had done it before and continued to do it after me. It took me a long time to accept that Jeff was nothing but a cruel loser and I deserved a whole lot better. I was young and naive and I wanted to believe that deep down inside Jeff really loved me. We all make mistakes, which is part of what makes us who we are today. I learned a lot from this experience, but I just wish I hadn’t wasted my first time on someone who is abruptly terminated. And when it’s all over, do you stand in front of the mirror and ask yourself, “Am I still the same person?” Do you pass that person in the hallway, exchange uncomfortable glances and continue on your way? Or does this bring you closer, clearing an important place in your heart? Two MSU students share their personal, and unforgettable experiences of a time in their lives where a certain innocence was lost.

THESE ARE TRUE STORIES:

THE NAMES HAVE BEEN CHANGED TO PROTECT THE INNOCENT

Girl-

I was fourteen, and my best friend’s brother and a buddy of his used to come to pick her up from my house. They were a lot older than us, and we would show off and act all mature whenever they were around. Soon we started to hang out with them more and more often and got into drinking and smoking cigarettes. All of our other friends stopped calling us, and...
Role of MSU King and Queen may be expanded next year

By Kara Richardson
Acting Feature Editor

As the glamour of Homecoming ends, one question remains, what now? Dean Harris is suggesting that the title of Homecoming King and Queen should reign on past the football game and become an official ceremonial position at Montclair State University.

The duties that Harris suggests are primarily ceremonial, such as welcoming distinguished guests to campus, acting as a “student ambassador” at off campus events, and participating in on-campus events like official building openings.

Dean Harris is reviewing the practices of other universities in the country that keep the title of Homecoming King and Queen in high regard throughout the academic year. Schools like Alabama State University, Morgan State, Florida A&M, and Lincoln University are providing Harris with ideas on how to formulate a new potential role for the on campus royalty.

“Because the contest is the result of popular vote of the student body, it would make sense to give them some kind of representative role at the university,” Harris said in a phone interview.

It is the seriousness of the new role that may have a direct effect on future pageants. Would the number and kinds of participants differ if the role of Homecoming King and Queen extended in responsibility and seriousness. There were 12 contestants in all this year, according to Kristy Weaver, President of CLUB, CLUB in conjunction with the Alumni Association and the Athletic Department are responsible for planning the well-attended events of Homecoming.

Weaver was very impressed with the student involvement in the King and Queen process. Within two days of voting, over 700 ballots were cast. “Homecoming is great, you really grab people out of the woodwork who wouldn’t normally get involved. When Weaver was asked about the possibility of the roles of King and Queen she responded, “It would depend on who was crowned each year. Some people take the pageant more seriously than others.”

Would people like Mike Sangee feel comfortable eating a dozen eggs on stage if he knew he was competing for a position for greeting on campus guests? John J. O’Sullivan, a former Homecoming contestant commented, “Just do it to have a good time, that’s why I did it for two years.” When asked if he would run again if the parameters of the pageant changed he said, “Yes, just to show how ridiculous the whole thing is.”

Montclair State has hosted many prominent figures in the past, for example vice-president Al Gore. Weaver has no doubt that this year’s winners Kenyatta Montgomery and Nova Duncan, both representatives from OSAU would be fit for the role. When asked about the possible changes, they both were willing to comply. The changes would need to be approved by all the parties within the Homecoming Committee and possibly the SGA. These ideas are out there to consider.

More about our King and Queen

By Kara Richardson
Acting Feature Editor

Congratulations to this year’s Homecoming King Kenyatta Montgomery and Homecoming Queen Nova Duncan! The two OSAU members were crowned during halftime at the Homecoming game October 24.

At first, Kenyatta Montgomery was reluctant to run. He was nominated by OSAU and chose to run simply because no one else was willing. After the votes were counted, he was pleased with his decision to go through with it. Kenyatta is the OSAU President and has his hands full this semester with the many organizations and activities he is involved in. This semester, the Psychology major and African-American Studies minor is involved in Alpha Kappa Psi - a coed business fraternity, Iota Phi Theta - a social, community service fraternity, the MSU chapter of the NAACP, the Gospel Choir. He is also a desk assistant for Residential Life and is involved in a professional R&B singing group called Pure Balance. He performed the song “All Cried Out” for the pageant with last year’s Homecoming Queen Tishira Burwell and Latasha Cesterlow. He commented, “It was fun for the moment but now it’s time to get back to work!”

Nova Duncan, the Homecoming Queen is a Special Education major with a 3.7 GPA. Nova said that she wanted to run because she is pretty involved in school and it felt like the next step. Pretty involved is right. Right now Nova is involved with LASO, OSAU, Sigma Gamma Rho, and is the Vice President of Greek Council. She felt the competition was “very friendly.” So far she has received a few congratulations cards from some of the other contestants. “It was a lot of fun. Being a commuter and working part time it was hard to campaign. My friends did it for me.” Nova read a poem by Maya Angelou from the pageant called “Phenomenal Woman.”

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The Muslim Students’ Association is a Class III of the SGA
Students say good-bye to Reid at reception

By Stacey Desir
Staff Writer

Last week, a number of events took place on campus, in regards to bidding Dr. Reid goodbye after eight years as president of MSU. Among the events, there was a reception held by students and also a Presidential Convocation followed by a luncheon.

The student reception was on Tuesday where many memorable gifts were presented to Dr. Reid in appreciation of his outstanding work here at MSU. The gifts were from some organizations, clubs, athletes, and Greek Council. The International Student Organization gave Dr. Reid a globe. The Montclarion made a caricature of him. The men and women’s soccer team presented Dr. Reid and his wife with stadium blankets. The Greek Council gave Dr. Reid a rock that represents the fraternities and sororities on campus. Dr. Reid received two gifts from the SGA, an apple and a yearbook. The apple because he always had an apple on his desk for students and the yearbook because he did not have a chance to look at it in the eight years that he has been here.

On the other hand the Presidential Convocation held on Wednesday was more conservative and traditional. The guest speaker was Robert Pinsky, a prize-winning poet, essayist and translator. Dr. Reid was pleased that his tenure here at Montclair was ended with a presentation by Robert Pinsky.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Rose Cali presented Dr. Reid with a tile, from the roof of College Hall, mounted in a floating glass and a wooden frame. This tile was chosen to be a reminder of Dr. Reid’s office in College Hall.

By Anita Giglio
Staff Writer

Halloween is now history but before you tie down your younger siblings and raid their candy-filled pillowcases, you might want to keep this in mind:

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Fashion students travel to NY

By Jennifer L. Boukema
Staff Writer

On Thursday, October 9, the fashion studies students enrolled in the Marketing of Fashion class, took a trip to New York City. We had the opportunity to have an inside look at the everyday operations of two major designer showrooms, Escada and Donna Karan. Both tour guides turned out to be 1995 fashion studies graduates of Montclair State University.

Paulette Zanthos is currently an assistant buyer for Margaretha Ley, Escada. After Miss Zanthos' tour, we had a question and answer session, with the opportunity to get inside information of how to accomplish our career goals in the fashion world. We left Escada with promotional T-shirts, as well as product knowledge catalogues.

The next showroom we visited belonged to Donna Karan. This tour was given by Alycia Ingalls, who is a sales representative specializing in the international market. This showroom seemed to be a lot more informal, as well as having a much younger staff. It was very easy to distinguish the company's favorite color, since everyone was wearing Donna Karan basic black. To close this tour each of us were given packets full of glossy pictures, as well as interesting information on what is upcoming in their line.

The trip was very interesting and helpful to all of the fashion study majors. It provided us a chance to get out of the classroom and into the real world for one day. We all had many questions. Although this trip was only for an afternoon, we are now better able to visualize what we want in a career. Now we have some tips of how to get there.

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Power suits and firm handshakes at MSU on Advertising Career Day

By Kara Richardson
Acting Feature Editor

On Thursday October 23, the Student Center was buzzing with power suits and firm handshakes. Advertising Career Day took over the Ballrooms and many of the upstairs conference rooms from 8:30 am to 2:45 pm. MSU’s Marketing Club in conjunction with the New Jersey Advertising Club designed it for college students considering careers in the advertising business. For a mere few dollars, you could learn from and network with the 55 different speakers who are some of the best and brightest in the advertising industry. According to Jennifer Giannino from the Marketing Club, “We all had to work on it, it was executed and put together very well.”

This is the seventh year that the club has brought this well organized event to the campus of Montclair State University. Although students were invited from all over the state, the majority of the 180 plus students at Advertising Career Day were from Montclair State University. After the registration, breakfast and opening remarks, a panel discussion was held called “Advice from the Headhunters.” There was an opportunity for participants to ask questions to some top ad agency headhunters. As the handout read, “It may be the best 15 minutes of your day.”

Three “Breakout Sessions” were held during the day. During this time, participants attended workshops that catered to different interests. Sessions were held in the areas of: Creativity, The Net, Media and Personnel. Some of my own precareer anxieties were calmed by attending the media buying and planning session. In this particular session, there were representatives from UPN9, The Wall Street Journal, The Record, 101.5 FM and so on. Most were involved in the buying and selling portion of advertisements in the media. Each member of the panel included themselves, told us a bit about themselves and then fielded questions. After being in the industry for some time, these professionals offered the attendees many helpful hints about breaking into a very competitive field. They commented on the advantage of being so close to NYC, where many major opportunities in the advertising field lay.

Many helpful hints were given on career planning. There were many questions from the audience about internships, resumes, interviewing, and actual job searches. Bob French of UPN9 gave us some hints based on his experience. He told us that when he was applying for a radio job in NYC, he made a list of the top ten choices. He flipped the list upside down. He began interviewing with the radio stations that he wanted to work for the least. He chose this route so that his interviewing skills would improve each time, by the time that he was interviewing for his top choices, he would be prepared to field questions. His approach turned out to be successful, he was offered his top choice position. It was advice from these real-life experiences that provided the participants with the most information. Of course, there was some networking done at the end of the session. Business cards were exchanged and firm handshakes were made.

At the “Power Lunch” the keynote speakers Peter Tate and Mike Rogers, both from DDB Needham New York, entertained the participants with their experience and views of the advertising world. Peter Tate explained the world of advertising as “Yes sir, no sir, and ulcer.” He encompassed some of their more famous work into their presentation. We gained insight on how some decisions were made in the industry. For example, why the Jerky Boys were chosen for the Bud Light campaign. It seemed that Bud Light was falling second to Coors Light in the NYC area. Who better to represent the attitude of the NYC area than the Jerky Boys. They commented on the advertising category you are placed in. For males, containing erection, stereotypes of male domination, and overall worries about performance. For females, there are self-consciousness about body, physical pain and bleeding. Women losing their virginity have more emotional motives, whether it be to make the guy like her more, or to prove her feelings. She also stresses about rumors possibly arising of being promiscuous or easy; and if the receiver of her precious gift will be a permanent choice? Forever.

We concluded that the experience, although holding high expectations for both males and females, is more physically awkward and demanding of males, and more emotionally trying for a female. So to all ex-virgins or those who will lose their virginity, keep in mind that it is not the only route to our future soul mate.

We hoped we shed some light on this issue for you and need your input. If there are any questions you may have, or anything you want us to debate, please e-mail us! We’d be interested in some feedback. You can reach us at: KORIAKINR@SAYERSRM

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both keep evil spirits away and welcome the good ones. He also retold some myths and stories of the Celts, as well as present day inclusions to this holiday. Dasha’s lecture was both informative to those simply interested in the origins of Halloween, as well as giving some insight on the beliefs of modern-day Wiccans. His lecture ended with entertaining questions, which lasted almost as long as the lecture! Almost everyone present became active in the discussions and questions that followed the lecture. If anyone was looking to enjoy the holiday spirit this Halloween but was too old to go trick-or-treating, this lecture was an excellent way to participate in Samhain.

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Letters to the editor...

The SGA is obnoxious, rude, and out of touch

I would like to respond to the front page headline of the Montclairion that reads "SGA Organizations play musical offices" (Oct. 23). The letter attempts to make a point that the SGA moved "Organizations to their appropriate offices" such as the Class I organizations to a Class I size office. I guess this is supposed to make the SGA look real important, like they are doing something worthwhile. However, it seems to me that the only thing the SGA is doing is making shady deals under the table for their cronies who "contribute" to this University. It right out the window. The replacement slogan should be "SGA Serving Itself, Its Agenda, Its Members and Any Friends That Are Around". This also is why students don't go to the SGA meeting. They are boring, they have no agenda to speak of, and their leader, Karen Cardell, who is hardly at SGA meeting to begin with, has absolutely nothing to say. Since she has taken office, nothing seems to be getting done, except changing offices for friends. Having gone to two SGA meeting, I can honestly say that you treat people like garbage. It seems that the people who are there do not want any outsiders in the building to observe the meetings. Speaking for a few people I have talked to, the SGA has no personal skills. It is obnoxious, rude, and totally out of touch with the reality of the typical Montclair student, whether they be a resident or commuter, international student part time student, or anybody else that ventures on this campus. Face it, the SGA is a joke, a dead horse that has been beaten so many times that it can become meat on a greasy fast food hamburger. (Pick your fast food place of choice)! If you think attendance is low now, or voting is at all time low, wait until the elections in the Spring. It will probably be only the SGA Legislators voting... FOR THEMSELVES!!!

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Was Gibbs raised as a homophobe?

Disgusted! That is how we felt inside when we gazed at the article in the Montclairion on Thursday, October 23.

You may wonder why we are disgusted. Our feelings of disgust come from William J. Gibbs Jr.'s article condemning the harsh treatment of the homosexual population. Gibbs states that homosexuality is condemned by God, which would lead us to wonder if Gibbs believes that racism and ignorance are also condemned. He states that homosexuality is dysfunctional, but we believe that Gibbs is the only person mentioned within his article that would fall under that category.

We ask Mr. Gibbs when did it become a crime for the Vice President of The United States to set and example for our nation about accepting all people regardless of sexual preference? He has some nerve ripping apart government officials for expressing their beliefs when he himself preaches racism and stereotypical ignorance. He uses the quote, "One nation under God", in his argument describing the opinion that this lifestyle is against God. We ask Mr. Gibbs if he feels discrimination is encouraged by God. How are we one nation under God when people like Mr. Gibbs discriminate against their fellow Americans?

Mr. Gibbs brings up the subject of how environment affects one's personality. We wonder if he realizes that ignorance is also learned environmentally. This would mean in the home and in schools. If children come from prejudiced home environments or they see their classmates discriminating they are going to do the same thing. This would lead us to believe that Mr. Gibbs was raised in a racist, homophobic household, according to his view on how environment affects a person.

One question that remains to be answered is where the author of this article found his so-called factual information about the validity of the scientists and their studies. We would like to know exactly where his RFactors come from and what makes Mr. Gibbs an expert in the area of homosexual lifestyles, being that his article is pure fiction. We marvel at where Mr. Gibbs has read that "many homosexuals were sexually molested by other homosexuals as children" and if he knows of any abused child who derived pleasure out of the sin of being molested. According to him, child abuse is absolutely pleasure, leading to a future life of homosexuality. "I make sense", Mr. Gibbs states, but not within our wildest dreams could we ever believe that someone as unaware and uneducated as Mr. Gibbs could ever make sense.

Aside from the fact that Mr. Gibbs is uneducated, he is also uninformed. He comments on the television show "Ellen" and how a white woman was nominated for an Emmy for her portrayal of a "dysfunctional" lifestyle over a black shows and actors who are straight. Then he goes on to mention Archie Bunker, which in essence makes himself look bad considering the fact that he stated Bunker was a Christian. Therefore, Mr. Gibbs is openly saying racism is okay. He furthermore backs up his opinion by saying that Bunker's only sin was ignorance, alluding to the idea that ignorance alone is acceptable. Now we know why Mr. Gibbs firmly believes that he makes sense. In addition, he stereotypes homosexuals as promiscuous when he implies that DeGeneres was born miserable and that a person can wake up one morning and say, "I think I'll be gay for the rest of my life." We have news for you, Mr. Gibbs, nobody wakes up and says that. People are born with these feelings and if you even thought to research this subject, you would realize this. Mr. Gibbs states a quote from the pledge of allegiance. We would like to state a quote that Mr. Gibbs needs to familiarize himself with: "All men are created equal."

It is said that a person can be judged by the quality of his character. The only character we can see Mr. Gibbs exuding is that of a racist, homophobe moron. It is simply unwise to exercise their First Amendment right by writing trash that gives The United States a bad reputation. He states, "Our country is in a downward spiral." The only reason our country is in a downward spiral is because of prejudiced, stereotyped individuals like Gibbs.

By Carolyn Velchik and Michelle Whitehead
English

“Animal House” fraternity marches to the beat of a very different drummer

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Unfortunately for some people, the event was spoiled by the antics of Phi Alpha Psi Fraternity (Senate). During their performance, Senate focused on the darker side of the sports world. They lampooned such sports figures as Nancy Kerrigan, OJ Simpson, Marv Albert and Mike Tyson. They also took their shots at Princess Diana, Mother Teresa, Superman (portrayed by a midget) and even Grim Reaper. At the conclusion of their wild skit, which was commented on by a Brother initiating Howard Gold, the members of Senate destroyed their small backdrop, jumped around and generally wreaked havoc on the gym floor for a few minutes. The crowning moment occurred when the crowd was treated to Phi Alpha Psi’s own special cheer, led by their mascot, the Senate Gorilla.

Members of the administration took offense to the distasteful overtones of the performance. More importantly, the Athletic’s Department was very displeased with the damage to the gymnasium’s wood floor by the flying debris during Senate’s skit.

However, most people in the gym witnessing the event were intrigued by the show. As a matter of fact, Senate was met by a standing ovation and thunderous applause. Many spectators believed that Senate should have won the competition for their innovative and entertaining presentation.

In a letter sent to the President of Senate, Dr. Joan Ficke (Oliner Dean of Students) wrote, “While you might find your activities amusing, we find them hurtful. If you are seeking to offend, you have. If you are seeking to compromise our sense of community, you have.” Does this mean that a warning letter is required for the artists who frequently portray breasts in their works in Calica Hall? Should the administration take heed and respond to Possible Side Effects if their brand of comedy should somehow push the issue of what is decent and what in not?

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Homecoming is solely the responsibility of CLUB. If one is to be held accountable for what goes on during their parade CLUB should be. Maybe they were just a little too wrapped up in their army of walkie-talkies and their personalized “CLUB” windbreakers.

In conclusion, Senate does not seem to be in competition with the heat of their own particular drummer. If they still always does an exceptional job of doing their own thing, while discouraging all students from expressing themselves. While they should make amends for any damage they deliberately or not owe anyone an apology.

To the members of Phi Alpha Psi, you did a wonderful job, sense of humor and energy.
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In conclusion, Senate does not seem to be in competition with any other organization. They seem content to march to the beat of their own particular drummer. If they strike some toes, realize that they are only having fun. Senate always does an exceptional job of doing their own thing. To stifle them from their right to original would only strip them of their Constitutionally given rights while discouraging all students from expressing themselves. While they should make amends for any damage they may have caused to the gym floor, they definitely do owe anyone an apology.

To the members of Phi Alpha Psi, you did a wonderful job and hopefully you will never lose your creative flair, sense of humor and energy.

God is not an acceptable excuse for ignorance

When I picked up the October 25 issue of the Montclarion, I had no idea how it was going to effect the rest of my day. As I usually do between classes, I was walking down the hall, checking the upcoming events, as I usually do between classes. How wrong I was. What I was treated to instead was William J. Gibbs Jr.'s hate filled, knowledge vacant article, "Ellen DeGeneres is not a hero and homosexuality is a crime against God."

As a gay man, these are not words I haven't heard before and they aren't words I will ever hear again. Why did this bother me so much? Why did I feel the need to respond? Mr. Gibbs is a black man living in this country. If anyone can understand being put down, discriminated against, and dehumanized in this society, it should be him. Mr. Gibbs says that this is not the same because homosexuals are not a race. I agree with him, but we are a group of people. Since when has it been okay for any of these things to be done to anybody?

Mr. Gibbs stated, "Homosexuality is a social problem like foreign substances and violence, but it could even be called worse. Excuse me? Drug use and violence against your fellow man kill people everyday of our lives. How on Earth do you rank that below seeing two women kiss? I find it frightening that he finds people killing each other in the street and selling drugs to our children less damaging to our society than two men deciding to share their lives together.

Now, I'm going to assume that William Gibbs is a Christian since he consistently referred to God in his article. Homosexuality is a sin according to God. His evidence for this is the Bible, a book written by man. This book also expresses a belief that it is alright for women to be treated as second class citizens. Maybe Mr. Gibbs believes that too. Maybe, being the religious man that he is, he doesn't lie, steal, talk about others behind their backs, have sex outside of wedlock and all the other things that the Bible condemns. That halo must be getting pretty heavy.

How do I know that God does not consider me an abomination? Because God does not create abominations and He created me as I am, short, Hispanic, and homosexual. This is not "bull", as Mr. Gibbs put it, this is fact. I can not change my sexuality anymore than you can change the color of your skin, though life would be easier for both of us if we could. To say that homosexuality is a choice would mean that is so heterosexual. I would like to ask all the heterosexuals out there a question. When exactly did you sit down and ask yourself, "Hmm, men or women?" Or was it automatic, in your nature?

Mr. Gibbs, I will deal with homophobia for the rest of my life, but one thing will never change. I will never find the people who say they hate homosexuals just because they hate fags as irritating as those who use God as an excuse for it. No one on Earth is in any position to judge me. God will be my judge. If you sincerely believe that He condemns my people, than stay out of it and let God tend to it.

Before I forget, I would like to say something about that comment about Ellen sleeping with female producers. If I were the Montclarion I would write some sort of a retraction, because if she ever saw it (that is when I send it to her), I'm sure her attorneys would have a response.

Brian Quiros
MSU Student

Denial is not the answer, acceptance is

Dear Mr. Gibbs,

I realize you probably have a full mail bag this week, so I will make this brief. You commenting on Homosexuality is like me commenting on the struggles of goat herders in Tibet. In other words, I have no idea what goat herders in Tibet have to go through, and you have no idea what hell homosexual youths have to go through. Forget the whole Ellen issue and forget all of those scientific studies and surveys. I am telling you that just like you didn't fan with age, we are not molested into homosexuality.

As a Christian kid, I would have been perfectly content with no sex drive at all. I meant a lot a emotional agony and one more sin to struggle with. My attempts to make myself frigid left me with nothing but loneliness and misery. With no sexual experience whatsoever, I became what I am today, a homosexual with good reason to sleep in on Sundays.

As a black man, you can at least grasp the concept of life on the outside. Unfortunately your sympathies seem to lie with your oppressed social group only. Thank you for at least proving wrong the concept that all people with small minds and big mouths are rich white males.

Next time God reveals an undeniable truth to you in the Montclarion office, keep it to yourself.

Unceasingly Spiting the Almighty,
James Falstrom
English Major

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Being homosexual is as natural as brown hair and blue eyes

To say that homosexuality is a social problem worse than drugs or violence in this country is downright ludicrous. When was the last time being gay killed someone, or ruined someone’s life, or caused the deterioration of our nation’s youth? Homosexuals pose no more a threat to you or I than do Heterosexuals, though it seems as if you are very threatened. It has always been my theory that those threatened by Homosexuals are just fighting a conflict within themselves, which they rather strongly deny than explore. Perhaps they are just too insecure to handle being “hit on” by someone who is gay.

When I was born, I never chose to be straight. Homosexuals did not choose to be gay. It is something programmed into your genetic code and it is as natural as your hair being brown or your eyes being blue. The idiocy of a comment such as, “How do we know that the scientists weren’t themselves gay?” undermines the little basis from which your argument stands.

Many young teenagers have gone through traumatic emotional struggles dealing with the realization that they are gay, when all their life they have been taught by society that it is wrong. It is the conflict between feelings that seem so right and a world that says it’s so wrong that causes many of these youths to go as far as contemplating or committing suicide.

This in no way sounds to me like a choice, as you claim, or something that people would choose to go through. For anyone to choose to be something that is so condemned by society would be crazy, and that person would have to get his or her head examined. I would never choose to experience the hatred and discrimination that homosexuals face from ignorant people such as yourself.

I am a Christian myself. Mr. Gibbs, and growing up in my Lutheran church I was taught to love my fellow man regardless of their differences, for we are all God’s children. I was also taught not to be so quick to judge others. One day, we will all be judged by the one being that truly has that right… I would think about that if I were you. Mr. Gibbs, because it seems to me that you were absent for that Sunday school lesson.

The Way It Is

I truly amazes me to see someone who is a member of a group that has been unfairly discriminated against for hundreds of years so viciously go after another group that has also been a victim of the same treatment from society, albeit for a shorter period of time.

Mr. Gibbs, you would think that maybe you might have some understanding for the situation that the homosexuals of this country face today being an African-American. While Homosexuals were never enslaved, they do face the everyday discrimination from society on the street and in the workplace that African-Americans have and still do. While homosexuals may not be a “race or ethnicity” they certainly are a “group”, which African-Americans certainly are, and which other groups that have also received unfair treatment in this country are, such as women.

I don’t think that you could define “women” as a race or ethnicity. They certainly are a “group” and they certainly have been discriminated against, along with Homosexuals and African-Americans. For any group to receive discrimination for being different is wrong.

I’m not going to sit here and tell you why I am a Christian myself. Mr. Gibbs, and growing up in my Lutheran church I was taught to love my fellow man regardless of their differences, for we are all God’s children. I was also taught not to be so quick to judge others. One day, we will all be judged by the one being that truly has that right… I would think about that if I were you. Mr. Gibbs, because it seems to me that you were absent for that Sunday school lesson.

The Nonconformist

Many would have expected that, after all of the harsh criticisms coupled with numerous harassments, tortures, and even threats toward me in regards to my column in the October 23 issue of the Montclarion, I would have quit this column. I was even approached by a student off campus who said to me, “I heard you left school because you were receiving death threats over your column.”

Just to set the record straight, I am still here. No matter how hard the members and supporters of PRIDE, other students who sympathize with the plight of homosexuals or those that call Ellen DeGeneres a hero tried to discourage me, I am still here.

In the United States Constitution, it states that we, as Americans, are entitled to the rights to freedom of speech, freedom of the press, and freedom of religion. In the United States Constitution, it states that we, as Americans, are entitled to the freedoms to worship or to not worship, and freedom of speech.

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Another text from the Good News Bible/Today’s English Version in Leviticus 18:22 states, “No man is to have sexual relations with another man; God hates that.”

What we conclude is that the Bible DOES say that homosexuality is wrong. For those of you who choose not to be Christians due to your own choice, homosexuality is also considered an abomination in most other world religions such as Judaism and Islam.

I am not saying that I hate homosexuals, I do not truly “hate” anyone. God tells us to pray for those that are doing wrong. I invite those of you out there that agree with me to pray for the homosexuals that they may see the goodness of God and repent for their wrongdoing. I try to love everyone, and I have had homosexual acquaintances from time to time. I view them equally with my heterosexual acquaintances, as human beings!

I did not say that ALL homosexuals were sexual abuse victims. However, to say that none of them would be wrong. There are very many heterosexuals that were sexually molested as well.

I would like to draw to a close and quote an e-mail letter from an individual who wrote to me who said, “I’ve also heard, people are sending copies of this article [October 23] to Ellen DeGeneres’s publicists…so I hope she sues your ass for slander!” So far, Coward (I assign this name to them because they did not choose to sign their given name) he/she has not called me. But I ask you, how can a poor college student (myself) be sued for anything when I don’t have anything to sue for? What will they sue me for but the straw ferdora that I am adorning in the photograph displayed in this center article? If you really want it, it was only worth about $4 new! Just because I chose to be the one to bring the readers of this paper into the real world (not the one that just glamorizes what is in and politically correct), does not mean that I will run in fear for being persecuted for doing so. Afterall, isn’t it right to tell the truth? I’ve always thought that it was.
A call to the students of MSU to get involved on campus

Shame on you. Shame on every student who races home or back to their dorm every day after class. Shame on those who never get involved in what Montclair State has to offer. Shame on those who think college life is just about a degree. Mostly, shame on those who think it is someone else’s job to improve campus life.

I have read the complaining in the Montclarion and I have heard from people talk about how dead the campus is. It is true. From my freshman year, I realized that Montclair State is basically a “commuter” school. The emphasis is on learning, and not much else. As I have moved forward in my education at Montclair, however, I felt the need to take advantage of the other things that Montclair has to offer. But, going to the various lectures, events, and concerts, I realized something. No one cares about campus life. Why is it that people complain, yet when a prime example of activity happens, it has a pathetic response?

I blame the student who goes back to their dorm after class for the day and just watches TV. I blame the commuter who thinks that they are too busy or it is not their responsibility to get involved. I blame the student population in general who only care about a party or event that involves drinking. It seems that the only activities that draw a crowd are those with alcohol. I’m not saying that partying is wrong, but are we that shallow when that is our sole motivation? Will serving drinks at a guest speaker’s lecture be the only way to draw a crowd?

I hope everyone reads this and says to themselves, “Yeah, I have an idea to improve campus life,” or “I think I’ll get involved in a club or two.” No one is too busy to take the time to improve our university. Everyone just commits to joining one club or improving one thing, you would see a totally different university. Volunteer your talents or abilities to improve campus life and have a good time doing it. I also call on the SGA and the university administration to better inform and organize information for the students. The students need to be easily informed of what is available and what is going on.

I believe that if we stop being “commuters” and start being “participants”, Montclair State University will be the model for other colleges to follow.

Passionately Written By,
Kristopher LaGreca

Love is pleasing to God, Gibbs’ hatred and bigotry are not

Dear Mr. Gibbs,

Shame on you. Shame on you for pointing your finger at love and calling it an abomination. You’ve passed judgement on people for feeling affection and caring, and you’ve done it in the name of God, as if God would sanction your homophobia. You’ve done a terrible disservice to your newspaper, and you’ve dis-honored your faith by being a poor example of what it means to be a Christian.

Jesus taught us that God is always on the side of the oppressed. God commands us to be good, honest and loving. We are never alone because He will neither leave us nor forsake us. Now, where in Jesus’ lesson do you see room for prejudice against loving couples of the same sex? After you wrote that editorial, did you think God was sitting up in the heavens smiling proudly over your righteous condemnation of Ellen DeGeneres because she is a lesbian who came out? Your suspicion and fear of homosexuality is not compatible with good Christians. Love is pleasing to God, your bigotry is not.

Crimes against God? Perpetuating hatred is a crime against God. Wasting your opportunity to spread a positive message of hope and caring in your column in the Montclarion is a crime against God. Equating violence and drug abuse with homosexuality is a crime against God. Perhaps if you were truly illuminated by your faith, you could see the grievous error you have made by forgetting to open your heart whenever you open your Bible.

You are no good as a Christian if you judge harshly and love little, which is exactly what you did in your last column.

If you feel you are entitled to your opinion, then have your opinion, just do yourself a favor and shut up about it! Don’t open the floodgates of your backwards morality until you have checked it against God’s commands. Goodness, truthfulness, love, faith should be your guiding principles. Calling gay affection an abomination is none of these things. It does nothing to increase the possibility of peace, love, or compassion in the world. Before you submit your next article, see if it is worthy of the space it takes up in the paper. Check your opinion to see if it is slandering. Check to see if it is mis-informed or based on ignorance. Check to see if it is harmful or helpful. Check it for tolerance. You are doing nothing to improve yourself or humanity by insulting people for the way they experience romantic love.

Love is not a sin. Physical affection between two consenting people is healthy and beautiful. This is a truth that should be an instinct for all people who are compassionate, loving, and concerned for all other beings. You do not have to be Christian to sense the value of loving and caring, but if you ARE a Christian, then you MUST sense the value of love in all of its forms. If you do not, then keep quiet until you can. Work on being sensitive and aware of how your words effect the world and endeavor to inspire rather than to judge.

I say these things in an effort to be service to you in letting you know that your article was destructive, mostly to you but also to the reputation of Christianity. You would not want to come across as a closed-minded fundamentalist, would you? I am sure you would not want people to get the impression that Christians are intolerant, judgmental and unforgiving.

I am also sure that the gay people who read your article are wondering why they have come under attack from another student while attending a university that boasts of its multi-cultural awareness and diversity! Perhaps it is best if you refrain from writing another article until you have done some major soul-searching. When you have found it, let us know.

Lisa Adele Sargee
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Crime Prevention programs offered at Montclair State

Crime is a problem for the entire community. The police are charged to prevent, suppress and solve crime to the utmost of their ability. However, they are realistically aware that they can neither prevent all crime from occurring nor solve every crime that does occur. To attain the greatest possible degree of success in these endeavors, we require and strive to obtain the active cooperation, assistance and moral support of the people we serve.

Crime takes place in our society at large and, unfortunately, the problem does not disappear any edge of campus. Thefts, assaults, and other violations of the law sometimes occur at MSU as at other universities. It is not likely that you will be a victim of crime, but it is possible. A recognition of this fact is a good first step in avoiding victimization. We can all further reduce the risk of becoming a victim by thinking about our personal safety and taking practical, precautionary measures.

The MSU Division of Safety and Security has a wide variety of pamphlets and flyers on such topics such as self-protection, rape prevention, theft prevention, etc. In addition there are specialized workshops which include drug abuse, alcoholism, dating violence, personal safety, as well as many others.

If anyone would like more information or has any questions Crime Prevention Programs offered by the Division of Safety and Security, please feel free to contact me, Carlos O. Ortiz at 655-5222 or e-mail: ortizc@saturn.montclair.edu.

Thank You,
Carlos O. Ortiz

Whatever you do, don’t respond to this letter

Let me first say that I have visited a lot of other universities and colleges and I always pick up a copy of their paper. What I read usually disappoints me. I really feel that the Montclarion is one of the best papers around. I do have, however, one complaint.

I think the fact that we do have an editorial section is great but what I don’t think is great is that the editorial writers use it as a forum for debate. I just wish to ask the writers to do the student body one favor, write your own column. Do not respond to another’s column, and then when they respond to you, respond back. It gets so that a student can’t read one issue of the paper without knowing what words were exchanged between two editorialists in the last five issues.

Once again, great paper, bad editorial journalists. Although I’m sure that this will generate two or three columns about how I am wrong. I guess they just can’t think of anything new to write about. If there are any complaints by these journalists you can tell them to see me personally.

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Robert Pinsky shares poems with MSU

By Gabrielle Wild
Assistant Arts Editor

Montclair State University was fortunate enough to have Robert Pinsky, United States Poet Laureate, visit our campus and share in our celebration on Convocation Day. Over one hundred people gathered in Memorial Auditorium last Wednesday morning to hear Robert Pinsky speak about “Art and Life.” He was also kind enough to share ten of his poems with the audience.

Dr. Linnett, an English professor here at MSU, introduced Robert Pinsky, Poet Laureate. For those of you who are not familiar with the title “poet laureate,” it is an official position that was created to honor a new poet every year. This appointed poet is a national representative who is expected to compose poems for special occasions. Robert Pinsky is this country’s 39th poet laureate.

In his speech on the relationship between “Art and Life,” Pinsky stated that art is part of everything we do. He also said that poetry is a physical art, one that is meant to be spoken and one that uses the human body as its medium and audience.

Pinsky shared ten of his poems with the attentive listeners. I have never heard a poet recite his poems more powerfully than Pinsky did. His poems were truly an orchard, as Dr. Linnett had compared them to in her opening remarks. Each poem was quite original and there wasn’t one that surpassed another. However, three of my favorite poems that he read were: “Shirt,” “Ode to Meaning,” and “The Night Game.”

“Shirt” is an intriguing poem about a shirt and its construction. Pinsky describes a shirt and how it was pieced together in a sweatshop. He brings the reality of sweatshop conditions to life by referring to the 1911 Triangle Factory fire where “one hundred and forty-six died in the flames on the ninth floor, no hydrants, no fire escapes.” This poem illustrates Pinsky’s unique way of taking something so simple, as a shirt, and concocting it to something so important and complex.

“Ode to Meaning” is such a great poem because it has such original form and style. In the poem, Pinsky puts the words in his lines in alphabetical order. Of course, this doesn’t take away from the meaning of the poem; instead, it adds to it.

“The Night Game” reminds me of a short stream of consciousness, where a man remembers baseball players, a girl, and when he “believed only geniuses and blonds could be left-handed.” This semi-religious, semi-boyish descriptive poem truly allows the reader to see the images through the narrator’s words.

One thing that Robert Pinsky said stayed with me long after his reading. He said that anyone who doesn’t learn to memorize poetry, sing, play musical instruments, etc., will never be intelligent. He was trying to stress how important the arts are to our lives, traditions and cultures. They are all around us, we just have to take advantage of them.

Robert Pinsky’s speech and poetry readings were thoroughly enjoyable. After all, it’s not everyday that the United States Poet Laureate honors us by visiting our campus sharing his thoughts, opinions, and poetry with us.

Marcus Roberts Trio: Everything one could expect and a little more

By Karl D. Benefield
Staff Writer

On Sunday, October 26th, I ventured to see what Mr. Roberts was all about; that is, I wanted to see what all the hype was behind the name. However, by the end of the evening, I came to realize that there was no hype when it came to what Marcus Roberts does best.

Initially, I had no idea what to expect, but when I saw the three lone instruments (bass, drums, and piano), I realized out that the music obviously must be jazz. The one surprise was the intense method of playing. Not only did each performer on each instrument have tremendous talent, but each also had a very distinct style.

After Mr. Roberts’ musical introduction to each song, there was a period where the musicians were all on stage, but there was no questioning his grasp of modern jazz. No questioning his grasp of modern jazz. His mind. For someone who appreciated, even studied classical piano, there was nothing but classical musicians came to his mind. For someone who appreciated, even studied classical piano, there was no questioning his grasp of modern jazz.

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Mr. Marcus Roberts, however, made plain just how easy piano playing came to him by never losing a beat and keeping the rhythm and tempo of each song. Although this gifted pianist may be one of the great jazz musicians today, the truly significant thing about him is that he could be such an artist without having the ability to see.

Marcus was born sighted, but lost his vision at the age of five. Being the man that he is, he never let it stop him from what it was he truly wanted to do, play the piano. Most might see a common pianist in a world of jazz piano players but there is yet another unique difference when speaking about Marcus Roberts.

Mr. Roberts was a Seminole; that is, he attended Florida State University. Marcus studied with pupils of noted Russian piano teacher Rosina Lhevinne, and when asked about youthful influence, nothing but classical musicians came to his mind. For someone who appreciated, even studied classical piano, there was no questioning his grasp of modern jazz.

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Marcus Roberts Trio hits No. 1 on Billboard traditional jazz chart

In other words I would absolutely say that the show was worth the price of admission, if not more, and I would go see it again. Be on the look out for the trio’s latest album Blues for the New Millennium, which is now on record shelves.
Multi-Cultural Food Festival promotes unity

By: Lynnette Surie
Staff Writer

On Thursday, October 30th, the third annual Multi-Cultural Food Festival was held in the Student Center Ballroom. The event was sponsored by the MSU Unity Collaboration, ISO, and the SGA. Thanks to the numerous organizations who participated in the event, it was a huge success.

For a two dollar charitable donation, students and faculty got to experience food from many different cultures around the globe. Groups such as the Hellenic Student organization, the Muslim Student organization, Asian Unity, O.S.A.U., LASO, Le Cercle Français and the ISO, volunteered much of their time and food to the celebration. Countless others also provided entertainment, cuisine and support.

“Hey! I’m sorry I missed last week because I was working very very hard in Chicago. So for those of you who need to catch up on what’s going on in the wonderful world of daytime drama here’s the dirt on your favorite shows:

One Life to Live: Eli &inized the angel statue. Joey still has feelings for Kelly. Kelly is not sure of her feelings but doesn’t want Blair to know that. Blair plots to get Ian away from Kelly and doesn’t care who gets hurt. Kevin and Cassie go over some rough roads in their relationship. Dorian is acting extremely paranoid about Melinda and what might come out about the past.

General Hospital: Stefan suspects that Alexis is up to something but doesn’t let her know this. Julia went back to London. Jax and Brenda are getting closer. Carly told Virginia about her wedding plans. Virginia then called Bobbie. Ned approached Jax about coming up with a way to get revenge on the Cassadines.

Port Charles: Scott took Serena out without permission and Lucy is frantically trying to find them. Police realize that Cooper is behind the kidnapping of Julie. Dr. Neumann gave Lucy and Kevin some bad news. Karen confronted Jake about his scheming with Rex and Danielle to take Serena away from Scott.

All My Children: Hayley and Mateo confront Adam about his involvement with TransGlobal Airlines. He pleads with them not to let Liza know, but they do not make any promises. Meanwhile, Liza confides that she is more in love with Adam than ever before. Despite threats from Dimitri, Sky confided to Edmund about swishing the blood results of Maddie’s tests. Amanda has not figured out Janet’s past and Tim tells Trevor he will back off Janet.

The Young and The Restless: Nina finally got her chance to tell detectives that Ryan did not shoot her but was trying to stop her from killing herself. Nina and Ryan had a very sad ending and it looks like this time it’s for good. Ashley and Cole’s relationship seems to be the topic of everyone’s discussions; Ashley told Victor the truth about her involvement with Cole. Victor was not too happy and began to criticize Ashley. Victoria stepped in, and, for once, handled things with Ashley in a professional manner and the two had a heart to heart about her marriage. John confronted Cole about Ashley.

As The World Turns: Molly jumps out of the window (Yeah!!!) in order to attract Holden’s sympathies. Carly and Jack go undercover to meet with Vic. Carly takes the deception a bit too far when she choses Jack with her tongue. Margo is ticked about the whole situation because she feels she should be the one undercover. The people of Oakdale got together to rally against racism. Officer Teague and his buddies watch the event on television and decide that something must be done about Errol.

Guiding Light: Dinah ruined Cassie’s plans and maybe her chances of keeping Tammie. But Cassie got a little taste of revenge when she slapped Dinah. (You gotta love this stuff). Jesse caught Roy but is now getting threats if Abby testifies against Roy, Michelle will be killed. Ed is back from Africa and puts peace with himself. Lillian on the other hand hasn’t quite healed. Rick is mad at Ross for grilling Abby.

The Bold and The Beautiful: Brooke found out that Ridge is really the father of Taylor’s baby and feels that she should tell him, but before she can break the news to him he proposes to her. Meanwhile, Taylor is consulting Dr. Santana on her decision to tell Ridge about the baby and reunite with him. She feels this is an unhealthy choice. Sally and Lauren try again to ruin Stephanie and Eric’s wedding plans; but Sally is the one who ends up all wet.

Sunset Beach: Ben bought Meg a red convertible. Olivia confronted Caitlin, who wanted nothing to do with her after finding out what happened. Olivia forced her way into Caitlin’s car and they went careening off the road. Meanwhile, Cole is looking for them. Ricardo opted to take a lie detector test to prove he didn’t rape Gabi.

Another World: Alexander has kidnapped Rachel and is holding her hostage in a coffin, in the soon to be demolished, All Soul’s Church. Amanda and Carl suspect Alexander and relay their feelings to Felicia who, after talking to him, decides that it would be best not to marry him. Josie has become very attached to Rain. Shane finds out that he has a potentially fatal Central American parasite in his blood.

Days of Our Lives: Trent/Travis has ordered TC to kill Jack because he has become a hassle. Jem’s cover as Hope Williams is in danger. Celeste and Susan donned disguises and visited Jonsey’s mansion in hopes of getting more information. John, Hope, Kristen and Stefano make it back from the jungle with the cure but Roman and Marlena are already at the altar.
Bjork establishes herself with Homogenic

By Shawn McCormack
Staff Writer

Bjork's newest album, Homogenic, was just recently released by Elektra. The CD is incredible, picking up the blend of classical orchestration and apocalyptic mechanical beats where Telegraph left off. The only negative thing I can say about this album is that it is not long enough.

"Hunter", the first track, is an ominous beginning to this beautiful CD. The first sounds in this song are colonial battle style snare drums. Next, the bass kicks in. Bjork's songs often include very, very deep bass lines. The bass line on "Hunter" is deep enough to rattle the body panels off a car. Next comes the full orchestra, complete with an assortment of horns and strings. The cherry on this sundae is the lack of dance music on Homogenic. This CD does not feature as much dance music as Post. At first, I wasn't excited by the new album, but after listening to this CD a second time, it grew on me. Every time I listen, my appreciation for the beats and orchestration grows a little more.

The second song is titled "Joga". Bjork has done a video for "Joga" as well as performed it on Saturday Night Live. The SNL version was stripped down to a second track. This proved to me that Bjork does artistic treasures. Stop down at the 4-Walls to pick up a copy.

In total, Homogenic (meaning the same gene) is powerful, ominous, and beautiful. All these things and many more Bjork has established herself as a true musical genius and artist with her latest release. She's come a long way since the Sugarcubes. I highly recommend this CD; I give it five stars, two thumbs up, and an A+ and a kiss for good measure. It's a CD to dance to and go to sleep with.

Don't drive by Gang Related

By Conni Freestone
Staff Writer

If not for Tupac Shakur's untimely death there is no doubt in my mind that in less than ten years, he would have been an Oscar winning actor. Unfortunately, fans will have to be satisfied with his final performance in Gang Related.

Tupac Shakur and James Belushi star as police detectives with a corrupt money-making scheme on the side. As Rodriguez and Davinci, respectively, they murder drug dealers and sell the narcotics for extra cash. As the investigators of these crimes, they are able to find the homicides "gang related." This plan goes off without a hitch until one of their victims was an undercover DEA agent. Criminal investigators from the FBI who are determined to find the perpetrator do not settle for the "gang related" excuse. Shakur and Belushi must find a scapegoat for their felony. Some comic scenes follow as the two interrogate possible suspects, only to find that their criminals have solid alibis. Eventually, they find a willing culprit who admits to the crime, but a conviction does not follow. With the support of co-stars Lela Rochon, James Earl Jones and Dennis Quaid, the plot twists and turns in ways unexpected. Gang Related Cont. on p. 26

4-Walls is a smash hit

By Tom Boud
Staff Writer

Woody Allen once said "Ninety percent of life is being there." Thus, the Spring 1997 issue of 4-Walls deserves special credit for making it to print in light of the many financial problems and chaotic management changes which repeatedly delayed publication. However, the other 10 percent of the equation is doing something excellent, even if it's only once. For this, 4-Walls doubly merits recognition.

The bare chested Barbie Doll bedecking the front cover says it all: unboomb th innnermost creative voice! One work you don't want to miss is Christine Miller’s "Cups of Tea for Kevin." This 53 line long, free verse poem is deeper than the Mariana Trench in the Pacific Ocean and richer than a chocolate mousse cake. Many poems have been written about intimate feelings, but how many talk about "hydrogen bond reactions long into the evening." The warmth of Miller's sentiments rise straight off the page.

Another poetic gem is Mary Paolucci's "Decadence." Also, be sure to check out Matt Carroll's "Mere Players," a short story about a chance encounter between a business man and an outlandish woman with fuchsia hair. Without letting the rabbit out of the hat, let me say it's fluidly written and more colorful than a set of Crayolas.

Concerning art, definitely feast on Charlène Collins Haug's "A Feeling Of Exultation" on page 33. This silk-screen is both mystic and cosmic. It depicts two red images of a robed figure fused together perpendicularly over a white on blue background. The background itself resembles cloud formations seen over the ocean from outer space. This print clearly leaves an indelible impression; making the observer feel transcendent.

All in all, the Spring 1997 4-Walls is a showcase of homemade literary and artistic treasures. Stop down at the 4-Walls office in Student Center, Room 121 and pick up a copy.
Classical artists entertain MSU

By Garry Doxy
Staff Writer

I

was not expecting much when I en­
tered the McCosh Recital Hall on
Friday, October 24th. Unfortunately in the past, the performances offered there
always failed the audience at some level or another. What a surprise it was on that fine October night!

Miroslaw and Krystyna Lawrinowicz, two internationally ac­
cclaimed Polish classical artists, delighted the small audience's senses with Chopin and Twardowski. The audience was less than fifty people or so but that did not stop them from be­
ing one of the most enthusiastic I have seen in recent months.

The recital was ad­

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sized as a night of

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\textbf{A piece is the most important part of graffiti. “Piecing”, as it’s called in the streets, separates the mediocre from the best. Each writer has his/her own style which makes them unique. These different styles can be seen through the pieces and the designs which the writers do, such as “Wild Styles”, “Creepy Styles”, “Torture Chamber Styles”, etc., each demonstrating the creativity of graffiti artists. While characters and backgrounds are fun to look at, the piece is the heart of it all.}
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polish composers. The well-chosen pieces brought to life the emotions and misery

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\textbf{Another important part of graffiti is color scheme. Many people can draw pieces, but only some can finish it off with the proper color scheme. Coloring makes all the difference in a piece. Letters and designs are important but colors are what make the piece come alive and stand out. This is what draws the attention to the art form.}
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and as much part of the dialogue that went on between her fingers and her instrument.

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\textbf{Graffiti artists interested in seeing their work published should contact Luis Jimenez at}
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The audience at the end of the con­

cert could not contain itself. They shouted and demanded an encore performance for quite a few minutes. The duo indulged them with a classical tango between the violin and the piano.

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\textbf{What's Going On?}
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\textbf{Thursday, November 6}
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Art Forum Lecture Series: Kathy Rose, Caelia Hall's Fine Arts Auditorium, 3-4:50 pm, more info? (973) 655-7294
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The Milwaukeeans, Sons of Bab & Youth Ahead, The Ratt @ 7 p.m.
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Friday, November 7
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Contempt, The Screening Zone, Montclair, 8:45 p.m., more info? 509-0236
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Vicegrip/Evelyn Forever, Love Sexy, Hoboken, NJ
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T.S. Monk & Monk on Monk Tentei, Birdland, NY
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Fear of Falling, The Melody, New Brunswick, NJ
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Philip Micciche, Page One Cafe/Montclair Book Center, Montclair, more info? 783-3630
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Monday, November 10
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Smash Mouth, Tramps, NY, more info? 212-544-1666
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Tuesday, November 11
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Everclear/Letters to Cleo, Irving Plaza, NY, more info? 212-777-1224
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Wednesday, November 12
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Carole Stone & Norman Stock, Page One Cafe/Montclair Book Center, 8pm, more info? 783-3630
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Alice, I've noticed a disturbing pattern. Your solutions to problems are always the things you try last.

With all due respect, are you using your skull to store old rags or what?

It's a good thing you said "with all due respect."

I discovered that our pointy-haired boss doesn't know he's being insulted if you say "with all due respect."

I love the intangible benefits of this job.

With all due respect, is that your face or is a monkey climbing down your collar headfirst?

Catbert: Evil H.R. Director

I can't raise your salary level because you don't have ten years experience with "Java" coding.

Nobody has ten years experience with new technology. You're just being evil. Admit it.

And could you please shake your head back and forth instead of spinning it around?

Catbert: Evil H.R. Director

There are several mandatory classes for managers.

- Avoiding contact with subordinates.
- Misplacing important documents.
- The joy of listening to your own voice.

Have you taken the prerequisite class in time management?

No.

Twice.

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Never be in the same room as a decision.

I'll illustrate my point with a puppet show that I call "Tourney to Blameville," starring "Suggestion Sam" and "Manager Meg."

Manager Training

You will often be asked to comment on things you don't understand.

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...so, let's dominate our industry... with quality implementation of methodologies.

I'll get right on it.

Word of the day:

suc-cu-bus (n)

1. A demon, usually assuming female form, that has sexual intercourse with men as they sleep. (See also The Spice Girls') (well, I can dream, can't I?)
Aries (March 21 to April 19) Don't buy the clothes, the stereo, the car or any of the other items that you thought you could afford. You're going to need all the money you can scrape together to make bail.

Taurus (April 20 to May 20) You will discover a perverse pleasure in making the lives of other people difficult. They will never know who is causing their troubles, but you, like the snowplow driver who buries cars by the curb, will cruise on by, knowing that they'll never figure out who did the deed. Hope you can sleep at night.

Gemini (May 21 to June 20) Yes... oh, yes... Yes! YES! Oh, wow! What was your name again?

Cancer (June 21 to July 22) For some reason you will never be able to determine, a woman you do not know will begin to stalk you. She will listen to your telephone calls, eavesdrop on your private conversations, and send threatening letters to members of your family. No one will believe you when they tell them this is happening. She will eventually corner you in a lonely country motel and torture you by telling you stories of how she could have been a country singer if it hadn't been for Naomi Judd throwing her only demo tape in the trash. Hope you can sleep at night.

Leo (July 23 to Aug. 22) Kim Chee says: It's a Korean national favorite made from pickled cabbage, hot red pepper and ginger. It's very nutritious, but it smells to high heaven. Eat about 150 grams of it every day and you'll feel much better. Really.

Virgo (August 23 to Sept. 22) You will be seriously injured when your long hair is caught in the fan belt of an automobile engine. You could have avoided this if you'd shaved your head and become a monk like the Dalai Lama told you to.

Libra (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You will discover the secret symbol of great power in the swirling smoke rising from the incense during your morning meditation. Your ability to concentrate and visualize this symbol, the schwa™, will allow you to control events in the future. You can either become rich beyond mortal comprehension or save the world from its misery — it's up to you. Hope you can sleep at night.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You will go to your lover's house where he will try to make you do ungodly things to him as he steals your undergarments and wears them on his head. He will urge you to make sweet love to his toupee and to call him a naughty boy. He will attempt to bite your back... and it'll be good! Yesss! Hope you can sleep at night.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Daffodils of your youth will haunt your every step today. Remember how you picked them cruelly from the ground, and made "Daffodil Pie" with them? No? Well, they do. Hope you can sleep at night.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) An extremely rich man from London will adopt you as his son. You will live a life of pleasure as an international jet-setter, courting the most beautiful women in the world from the most noble families. One of them will fall in love with you and make your life a delight of constant pleasure and true love until you're killed in a meaningless accident by a drunk limo driver.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) You will travel around the world in search of answers to your deepest, darkest question: "What exactly is that blue stuff that they use in diaper commercials?"

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) You will meet the girl of your dreams, Miss October (1997 Napa Auto Parts Calendar) as you walk to the Laundromat today. She will be sitting at a nearby cafe, drinking cappuccino, persuing through a copy of the Wall Street Journal while talking to her closest friend, Natasha about the stock market. She will look up at you as you walk by, and smile a flirtatious glance at you. She'll whisper to Natasha how you have a nice arse. Unfortunately for you, your ultra secret pair of Green Lantern Underroos will fall out of your laundry basket and onto her head. She hated the Green Lantern. She'll take the underware and show it in your mouth. Kiss your dreams with her good-bye. Hope you can sleep tonight.
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Roberts finds success through discipline and hard work

By Cristy M. Day

Staff Writer

Following a strict physical and nutritional regimen, Shawn Roberts has proven that discipline is the key to a good game.

"The harder you work, the harder it's going to payoff," said Roberts.

Roberts discipline earned him defensive player of the week in NJAC News, a publication circulated to each member school of the New Jersey Athletic Conference.

Roberts incorporates this discipline into his diet as well. Roberts consumes plenty of water, whole wheat, lean meat, fish, and vegetables. He added, "It's essential to take care of your insides before you take care of your outsides."

Besides sticking to a strict diet, Roberts endures intense physical training. He would come home from his laborious summer job at a tree service, take a shower, and head straight to the gym. He endured two hour weight lifting sessions which he described as focused and strenuous. "I was really burning the candle at both ends trying to strip down on my non-usable weight."

Roberts' coach also recognized his fervent commitment to the game.

all his achievements Giancola, remains humble and remains focused on simply winning - a game a time. However, this milestone's magnitude sparked emotion in the usually stoic Giancola.

"Everyone wanted to do this for me, and that really hit home," expressed a misty eyed Giancola following the game. "That just shows the kind of class and character that our kids have and our coaches have...and I appreciate that."

"We wanted to give him this win," affirmed senior quarterback Brian Cooney. "Like he says to be 5-2 is more important, but in the back of our minds I'm sure we all wanted to get him this."

Giancola's one-hundredth win was not one of his easiest however. The WU Colonels coming in with a 3-3 record, and riding a 23-0 rout against Kings College during the summer of 1983, who surpassed Fred Hill as MSU's most winning football coach, won five NJAC titles, and has made 3 NCAA tournament appearances. Despite

Reggie Johnson maneuvers past the Wilkes defense in Homecoming win.

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The game remained tied 1-1 until 12:08 left in the game. DiBello on a corner kick from the left side of the field, lofted the ball to a leaping Pollard. Pollard headed the ball into the upper right corner of the goal. An ecstatic MSU crowd rose to their feet cheering, while a crowd of coaches and teammates mobbed Pollard sprinted toward the corner of the goal. An ecstatic MSU crowd rose to their feet cheering, while a crowd of coaches and teammates mobbed Pollard.

Pollard’s second goal with 1:32 left in the match put the icing on the cake for the Red Hawks. Pollard, from the center of the field, passed the ball to Pohlman on the right wing. Pohlman dribbled toward the goal and could have easily taken the shot, but out of the corner of his eye he saw Pollard in front of the goal and unselfishly passed the ball. Pollard shot a rocket into the left corner of the goal to seal a 3-1 victory for the Red Hawks.

Cifrodello, one of the defensive standouts for MSU, covered Rutgers Newark’s scoring threat like a blanket. Lopes could only manage to get off one shot the entire game. Cifrodello had this to say after the game:

“It was a big game for us in two ways. First, the win gave us added confidence going into the Ramapo game on Wednesday. Second, the victory improves our chances of receiving an NCAA birth.”
Working out the lower back

**Back Training**

The back is the most overlooked muscle for training. People do not realize that the back is the largest muscle group of the upper body. Therefore, strengthening your back will enhance your performance in practically every sport while decreasing the risk of injury.

The back is comprised of several muscles: trapezius, latissimus dorsi, and the erector spinae (lower back). All of these muscles should be developed in proportion to one another. The best way to develop your back muscles is through basic exercise using strict form.

**Overall back development**

The most ignored, yet best exercise for overall back development is the pull-up. Pull-ups should be performed in the beginning of every back workout when your energy is high.

- Grasp the bar with a wider than shoulder width grip. Look straight up with your thumbs over the bar rather than underneath. The best exercise for stimulation are dumbbell or barbell shrugs.
- Tighten your lower back during the contracting (concentric) phase and slowly stretch during the (eccentric) negative phase.
- Perform this exercise slowly with total isolation on the lower back.

**Common mistake:** People use too much weight causing them to jerk or use too much momentum. Remember, these should be slow controlled movements.

**Important workout tip:** Always remember that the negative (eccentric) is more important for proper muscle stimulation. The negative should be performed slowly (four seconds) while the positive (concentric) should take two seconds.

**Nutrition:** Protein

If you begin training or if you are already involved in a weight training, be sure your getting plenty of protein. Protein is indispensable muscle growth and repair. Try eating one pound of protein per gram of body weight. If you weigh 200 pounds, you should eat 200 grams of protein a day. The best sources are chicken, turkey, tuna, egg whites and beans. You can also add protein drinks into your daily diet.

If you can not perform many pull-ups on your own have a spotter assist you by pushing upward underneath your ankles. If unable to perform any pull-ups you may use the wide grip pull down machine as a substitute. Pull-ups should consist of four sets until failure.

**Trapezius**

The trapezius runs from below the ears to the top of the shoulders. The best exercise for stimulation are dumbbell or barbell shrugs.

- Your arms should be straight with a shoulder width grip.
- Keeping your elbows locked, shrug your traps as high up as possible while squeezing at the top (positive).
- Slowly lower your traps all the way down. At this point concentrate on fully stretching your traps (negative).

**Tip:** This exercise is only beneficial if a full range of motion is used. Concentrate on a squeezing and stretching with total isolation on the trapezius. Traps should be worked in four sets of 10-20 repetitions depending on your training for mass or tone.

**The lower back**

The lower back (erector spinae) can be worked through two exercises: the deadlift and hyperextension. If not done correctly, deadlift can very easily cause injury, therefore, I recommend hyperextension. You can do hyperextensions freely or on the machine, both are effective. Since the erector spinae is a delicate muscle you should stick with lighter weights and more repetitions.

- Perform four sets of 20-30 reps.
- Tighten your lower back during the contracting (concentric) phase and slowly stretch during the (eccentric) negative phase.

If you know of any Montclair State University athletes who have been assist, putting away Misericordia 5-1.

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(Counterclockwise from top) Brian Cooney passes to Ellis Allen for a big gain; Coach Rich Giancola talks to his team after his 100th win; Mike Stoehr kicks one of five field goals to win the game; MSU defense puts pressure on the Wilkes offense.
Montclair State 15
Wilkes University 12

(L-R) Ron Lewis plows through the Wilkes University defense; Quarterback Brian Cooney rushes for a first down in the first half of Saturday’s game.

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every bit as good as they were a year ago," stated Giancola, “I felt that it was going to be a close ball game.”

Late in the fourth quarter with WU nearly in field goal range at MSU’s 36, WU junior quarterback, Neil Rine, was chased out of the pocket by junior defensive lineman Shawn Roberts, but threw a depression pass down the right sideline. MSU sophomore defensive back Ivan Hicks, caught Rine’s pass while kneeling after slipping on the wet turf due to afternoon showers.

In order to win the game, MSU needed to travel from their own 15 to at least within field goal range to have a shot at regaining the lead within four minutes. Junior running back Reggie Johnson ran seven times for 34 yards in the 12 play 80 yard drive, mostly pounding the ball up the middle. Meanwhile senior quarterback Brian Cooney, and senior wide receiver Ellis Allen connected for three passes totaling 45 yards during the drive.

“In the last drive we went to maximum protection so I knew I wasn’t getting touched,” said Cooney, “Wilkes is a very good team but I have more confidence in Ellis than I do in their defensive backs”.

The Red Hawks at the WU 6, with six seconds left sent Stoehr out for his fifth attempt, this time from 22 yards out, with the game on the line. After the Colonels called a time out to freeze the kicker, Stoehr easily booted his unprecedented fifth field goal of the night.

“I knew at some point in some game that its going to come down to where Mike might have to win the game for us,” said Giancola, “He’s very cool under pressure, and he makes clutch kicks.”

Stoehr broke Scott Rubinetti’s most converted field goals in a single game record of three, set in September of 1994, and tied Bob Taylor’s most attempts in a single game record, set in October of 1981. Stoehr also kicked the longest field goal of his career, converting from 48 yards to tie the game 6-6 late in the third quarter. His other conversions were from 22, 24 and 27 yards.

“I felt better today,” said Stoehr, “I was with my coaches this afternoon, we just did some fine tuning.”

The Colonels made the game interesting, however. With MSU leading 12-6 halfway through the fourth quarter, WU sophomore tailback Mike Hankins taking a hand off from junior quarterback, Neil Rine, ran 49 yards for a touchdown making the score 12-12. With a chance to take the lead, WU freshman place kicker Tim Caron, shanked the point after a wide left. Their first score came again from Hankins when he swept left for a three yard touchdown run in the first half.

Giancola hopes to record his one-hundred and first win this Saturday afternoon when the Red Hawks return to Sprague field, for their last home game this season. They face Jersey City in the Pride Bowl. Game time is posted for 2:00 p.m.
Women’s volleyball wins NJAC title

Red Hawks defeat Rutgers-Newark 3-2 in thrilling come from behind victory

By Jason Lampa

Staff Writer

When sports fans think of great comebacks, the memories of Doug Flutie’s Hail Mary to beat Miami in 1984, Kordell Stewarts bomb to Westbrook to beat Michigan in 1994, and Joe Montana’s comeback against Houston in the 1978 Cotton Bowl are some of the few that come to mind. These three games are considered to be some of the best college football games in modern times.

The MSU Women’s Volleyball team made comeback history of their own with a 3-2 victory over Rutgers Newark after being down 2-0 on Saturday at Panzer Gym to win the New Jersey Athletic Conference Championship.

After losing the first two games by the scores of 15-7 and 15-6, the Red Hawks rallied behind the strong play of junior Jill Gastel, senior Dolly Koshy, and freshman Edith Lubin. Gastelu, whose sister Krista was one of the top middle hitters in the NJAC in her playing days at Montclair, combined with Koshy for 45 kills. Lubin, who hails from Irvington, New Jersey had 87 assists over the course of the match.

The Red Hawks won the third and fourth games by the scores of 15-11 and 15-8. The match was tied up 2-2 and the fifth game was filled with the intensity of the seventh game of the World Series in baseball. Montclair exchanged points with Rutgers-Newark to a 6-6 tie then pulled ahead 10-6. Rutgers Newark behind freshmen Sylvia Bisker, junior outside hitter Carmela Kelly, and freshman outside hitter Heldi Walsh, refused to quit. The Rutgers-Newark team fought back to trail by two 13-11. With the score 14-11, the crowd rose their feet. Lubin, the veteran senior, ended the game with a spike making the final score 15-11.

Volleyball has the disadvantage of having to compete with the football team for headlines in the fall. The hard work of the women volleyball players here at MSU has finally paid off though. MSU’s first NJAC title, for the volleyball team has made a statement demanding respect for their sport. The women players here at MSU have won 19 games so far this season, while only losing seven. Any avid sports fan would agree that a record such as that is difficult to obtain in any sport at any level. For MSU volleyball, hopefully this is just the beginning of their success.

Men’s soccer team spells victory with a P

Pollard’s two goals, Pohlman’s two assists lead MSU to victory

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Monday Night Football came three days early to Sprague Field on Friday night when the MSU Men’s Soccer team hosted Rutgers Newark.

In a match that featured 42 fouls, three yellow cards, and numerous vicious slide tackles, MSU reigned victorious 3-1 in front of an enthusiastic crowd of 500.

“I was very pleased with the way we played tonight,” said head men’s soccer coach Rob Chesney. “It was an aggressive game in which we were able to control the tempo.”

Leading the charge for the Red Hawks was junior midfielder Marlon Pollard, whose two goals in the second half, sealed the victory. Junior forward Sebastian DiBello, junior midfielder Scott Pohlman, and freshmen defensive stopper Chris Cifrodello also played a key role in the win.

Rutgers Newark struck first blood in the first half with 17:18 remaining on a goal by left wing Danny Lopes. Lopes stole the ball off the foot of an MSU player on the left side of the field 25 yards away from the goal. When Lopes got the ball under control he had a clear path to the goal. Sprinting toward the goal he shot the ball past MSU goalie Rich Mejia.

Trailing 1-0 late in the first half, MSU Senior back Jim Cispak shot the ball from the SOCCER cont. on p. 32