SGA e-board tuition bill rescinded Discussion halted until spring semester

By Nikki DeBartolo
Asst. News Editor

At the Student Government Association’s final meeting of the Fall 1997 semester, debate raged hotly over bill F97063, the Tuition Subsidy bill, which called for the subsidization of up to twelve credits tuition for each of the executive board members. The SGA meeting, which begins at four p.m. on Wednesdays, did not address the bill until 7 p.m., after discussing much of the year’s end business.

The bill was assigned to the appropriate committees last week by the Vice President of the SGA, Jennifer Lynch. The two committees into which the bill

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Baseball stadium to be finished in spring

After minor setback construction continues

By Melissa Butler
Staff Writer

The Yogi Berra Stadium, which is currently being constructed by Point Construction, is scheduled to be completed on March 15 with one minor setback, said MSU Baseball Coach Norm Schoening.

According to Schoening, Point Construction was four weeks behind schedule in receiving a permit to lay cement for the outer shell of the stadium. However, now that the permit has been received construction has continued.

“The permits were received and they are in the process of moving forward with the outside shell,” stated Schoening.

Fortunately, the funding for this $6.5 million project has not

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Calcia Hall damaged in pipe explosion

By Nicholas P. Clunn
News Editor

While students were away at Thanksgiving break, a steam pipe burst in Calcia Hall, causing severe ceiling damage to the second floor hallway. Ceiling tiles are currently being replaced, and the pipes are repaired. Reportedly, the situation could have been avoided after some faculty members informed the maintenance crew about the leaking steam pipe on Wednesday Nov. 26, the last day of classes before the break.

“We had a steam valve blowing steam all weekend,” said a Calcia Hall Arts professor. “They told us that (the pipe) is the way it is supposed to be.”

Although the damage is

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Winter Wonderland

Let Winter Begin: Snow began to fall early Wednesday and tapered off during the evening dumping three to four inches on campus. Meteorologists are calling for light rain or snow today, with icy conditions.

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Student run ambulance on the horizon

By Tom Boud
Staff Writer

The Montclair State University Emergency Medical Services (EMS) may be operational by January, according to EMS chief Thomas J. Hynes. As of press time, Hynes reported that Dean of Students Helen Matusow-Ayres is tending to some final administrative formalities. EMS will be the first ever student run ambulance service in the history of the university.

Hynes said in a telephone interview on December 9 that the 30 member EMS is still waiting for official approval from MSU’s executive council. He expects the council to give EMS the green light by January. Hynes stated that the Faculty Senate endorsed the EMS at their November meeting. He added that the Student Government Association (SGA) originally granted the organization a class III charter in the Fall of 1996.

Hynes noted that EMS will soon buy an ambulance. He further commented that EMS will

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was placed were the Appropriations committee and the Government and Administration committee. The bill passed the Appropriations committee this past week with a vote of 4-2. However, the bill was tabled in Government and Administration in the interest of further researching the stipulations of the bill.

The bill was brought to the focus of the SGA when a motion was made to discharge the Government and Administration committee and place the bill on the floor for immediate consideration. After eight minutes of debate, the motion passed 11-1-2.

Awaiting the author's report, George Raffa made an immediate motion to remove Vice President Jennifer Lynch from the chair. She squelched the motion by willingly removing herself. In her place, President Pro Tempore, John Griffin, took, and subsequently removed himself from the chair. Finally, Attorney General, John Brost, filled the vacancy.

With the appropriate chair seated the bill was brought to the floor. Immediately there was a call for a ruling on the constitutionality of the bill. As Brost reviewed all the relevant statutes, Karen Cardell, the author of the bill and President of the SGA, was permitted to start her report.

Yet, before she was able to begin, Attorney General John Brost decided on the aforementioned ruling. He ruled the Tuition Subsidy bill unconstitutional.

At that time the President Pro-Temore called for an appeal of the Attorney General by the President of the Legislature, Jennifer Lynch. Lynch then voiced her support of Brost's ruling which rendered the bill unconstitutional.

After the Vice-president made her statement, John Griffin called for an appeal to the Legislature. The Attorney General called the motion out of order. He based this decision on his interpretation of the statutes.

After the ruling, the issue of bill 97063 died on the floor. The business of the SGA continued in Open Forum. During this time Karen Cardell, in a passionate appeal to the legislature, explained that there is a "damn good reason" for the Executive Board Tuition Subsidy to come to the legislative floor. According to Cardell, the fact that the legislators did not have the final say "scares the hell out of me."

In defense of her bill, Cardell cited the fact that she was paid approximately $3,000 over the summer as the Summer Director of the SGA. She used this information to justify the SGA expenditure for the payment, up to twelve credits, of tuition for the Executive Board members of the SGA. She further bolstered her position by illustrating that the Executive Board members dedicate at least forty hours per week to the Student Government.

Cardell supported her bill by vehemently claiming that "never is the Attorney General by the President of the Legislature. John Griffin addresses the legislature on the topic of the e-board tuition bill at yesterday's meeting while Attorney General John Brost looks on.

Many SGA e-boards get paid nationwide

College Press Service

For Johnathan Brill, heading up student government at the University of Miami, Coral Gables, Fla., isn't just a job. It's $19,140 a year.

Although he's probably the highest-paid student-government official in the nation, Brill isn't alone in picking up a monthly paycheck, tuition credit or class credit in return for work as a campus politician. Seventy percent of American colleges and universities offer elected student officials some form of compensation, according to a full survey conducted by Student Leader magazine, based in Gainesville, Fla.

The magazine sent questionnaires to 900 U.S. institutions of higher learning. One hundred and fifty schools returned surveys, 72 of which came from public schools, 52 private, and 26 community schools. Overall, 88 percent of the state schools offer compensation, while 48 percent of the private schools do. (The complete results are on-line at www.studentleader.com)

The magazine decided to do a survey after publication of a short roundup of student-official salaries in its June issue caused a wave of national stories, including one in U.S. News and World Report. "We were surprised at the sheer number of schools that do compensate student leaders," says Butch Oxendale, publisher of Student Leader.

"I think the percentage would hold up" if all 4,000 U.S. university and college presidents responded, he adds. Oxendale, now 34, has been both a paid and unpaid student leader. At Lake City (Fla.) Community College, he received full-tuition credit; at the University of Florida, Gainesville, he received a paycheck.

Oxendale says he's in favor of compensating student-government leaders. "They shouldn't be viewed differently than athletes or scholars," who often receive tuition, he says.

Pay, he adds, also enables students from a variety of economic backgrounds to participate in student life. "If you don't pay, you leave it open only to rich kids who can afford to donate 60 hours of time a week."

"Butch Oxendale, publisher, Student Leader

A recent survey by Student Leader Magazine shows most student government leaders get paid something for their hard work.

Overall % offering salary: 70%

Private schools offering salary: 88%

No. of surveys sent: 900

Respondents: 150

Private schools: 52

Public schools: 72

Community schools: 26

Student Salary Survey

"If you don't pay, you leave it open only to rich kids who can afford to donate 60 hours of time a week."

"If you start paying cash, you open the door to all sorts of improprieties."

"It's been tremendously beneficial," he says of the experience. "I've met some amazing leaders who have served a mentors."

What's more, he says the pay helps him do a better job. "If I didn't get paid, I'd have to get another job, and I wouldn't have the time to commit to this one," he comments.()

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12/3/97
Bias Incident/Criminal Mischief
Person(s) unknown vandalized elevator in Dickson Hall and drew two swastikas on an elevator wall.

Medical
A female dance student injured her ankle during practice in Life Hall. The female was transported to Health and Wellness Center and later taken to hospital by ambulance.

Property Damage
A male Yorktown Hall resident had his combination lock stolen from Panzer Gym.

12/4/97
Assist Other Agency
A female Clove Road resident was served with municipal summonses, by the William Patterson Police Department, stemming from an incident which occurred at William Patterson University.

12/5/97
Medical
A female student tripped on the sidewalk by Blanton Hall, injuring her left ankle. Female was taken to the Health and Wellness Center for treatment.

Suspicious Activity
Officers responded to the complaint of a “beeping” noise (possible bomb), coming from a garbage can in front of the Clowse Road Apartments 100 building. The area was secured and the Passaic County Bomb squad responded to the scene. The search revealed the noise came from a discarded but still active, smoke detector.

12/6/97
Burglary
Person(s) unknown unlawfully entered room 307b/c, rummaging through documents.

Fire Alarm
A smoke sensor in a ninth floor room in Bohn Hall, was activated by residents using a hair dryer.

12/7/97
Theft
A male student had his combination lock stolen from Panzer Gym.

12/8/97
Criminal Mischief
A male Bohn Hall resident, had his vehicle vandalized while parked in lot 18.

Theft
Person(s) unknown stole a phone and clock radio from an office in Moorehead Hall.

Person(s) unknown stole a VCR from a classroom in the Sprague Library.

A male student had clothing and sports equipment stolen from his locker in Panzer Gym.

Property Damage
A gate at the top Quinn Road swung open striking and damaging a student’s vehicle.

Medical
A female fell down the front stairs of the Student Center, injuring both her legs. The female refused medical treatment.

A female student tripped on the sidewalk by Blanton Hall, injuring her left ankle. Female was taken to the Health and Wellness Center for treatment.

12/9/97
Fire Alarm
A female student responded to the smell of smoke in Panzer Gym. The building was evacuated and Montclair Fire Department responded. The smoke was coming from a circuit breaker box. Circuits inside the breaker box were replaced by MSU electricians.

Medical
A female student suffered an asthma attack while in the lobby of police headquarters. Female was given her inhaler and refused medical attention.

12/10/97
Medical
A female Blanton Hall resident complained of pains in her abdomen. Officers responded to the scene, ambulance was contracted and female was transported to the hospital.

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soon be establishing a campus ambulance base.

“It is likely that the ambulance will be housed somewhere close to the Student Center, since that’s where our office is. We will be most likely aligned with the Health and Wellness Center at Blanton Hall, although (Department of Safety and Security) Director Philip Calitrc will have a strong voice in certain aspects of the operation”, Hynes said.

EMS Public Relations Officer Nikki DeBartolo indicated that the ambulance will be purchased with an appropriation from the administration. DeBartolo said the ambulance itself will cost about $60,000, while the remainder of the allocation will be used for equipment. She added that an exact dispatch protocol has yet to be worked out.

“We would like for all ambulance calls to feed directly from DSS dispatch, since they receive all medical calls on the X4110 emergency line. We may have our own radio system. It’s still pretty much all up in the air at this point,” DeBartolo informed the Montclarion, and also pointed out that EMS is a necessity because in order to decrease response time to all medical calls.

“If it is a life threatening situation, DSS will simultaneously call for an ambulance and dispatch an officer, but in other situations, DSS will only dispatch an officer to assess the situation. Certain seemingly non life-threatening situations such as asthma attacks and leg fractures above the knee, can quickly become life threatening,” DeBartolo said.

EMS is located in Room 105 of the Student Center. To become a member, or for further information, please call Montclair State University Emergency Medical Service (EMS) at 1-888-460-7759.

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been a problem. Mr. Floyd Hall, President and CEO of Floyd Hall Enterprises and CEO of K-Mart in Michigan has provided the funding for the Yogi Berra Stadium as well as the Floyd Hall Ice Arena, a donation totaling $12.5 million.

Hall, a resident of Montclair Heights, simply wants to give back to his community, said Schoening.

The Red Hawk’s first game in Yogi Berra Stadium is scheduled for Tuesday, March 24 against Allentown, Pennsylvania at 3:00 p.m. While Schoening does not feel it will effect the MSU baseball team’s performance, he believes the new stadium will effect the overall recruiting in both academic and athletic programs.

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promptly being repaired, apparently without serious problems, the incident raises questions concerning the reliability of the Calcia maintenance staff and their knowledge of the building they are taking after.

The Calcia maintenance staff member’s were unavailable for comment.

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OPENS DECEMBER 25 EVERYWHERE
Candle light vigil closes World AIDS Day events

By Kara Richardson
Feature Editor

About 40 people attended the Candle Light Vigil held on December 4th. The 7:00 p.m. event was a touching closure to the series of lectures and movies to remember those who are fighting or have lost the battle with AIDS.

A poignant introduction was given by Mirtha Tejada. Lambda Tau Omega, Inc. played an influential role in the organization and production of the events held from December 1 (World AIDS Day) until December 4. Other contributing organizations were the Health and Wellness Center, Psychological Services, the Newman Catholic Center, the Campus Ministry Council, the Campus Protestant Foundation, and the Women’s Center.

Father Al, of the Newman Catholic Center, gave a moving benediction remembering those lost to AIDS. “I was happy that I could participate in the event. There was a sense of support and sensitivity to those people who are afflicted with the disease,” Father Al said.

The OSAU Gospel Ensemble followed the benediction with a piece called “No Greater Love” (one of the eight performers) commented, “It was another wonderful event that the sisters of Lambda Tau Omega, Inc. put together.”

After Dean Harris spoke eloquently on the subject of AIDS, the candle light vigil was held. Participants then lit candles in a circular formation to honor those living with AIDS and those who have passed away. “The solemn remembrance touched the attending students, faculty and staff,” according to Sue Dickinson, MSU student, President of Lambda Tau Omega, Inc.

Red ribbons were hung from many trees on campus to increase AIDS awareness.

Holiday stress survival

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By Susan J. Herman, Ph.D.

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Emma Donoghue delights Pursuits of English class

By Kara Richardson

Four sections of the prerequisite English course, Pursuits of English, crowded into the Calcia lecture hall to hear Irish author Emma Donoghue lecture. The December 8th presentation, sponsored by the Visiting Writers Committee of MSU’s English Department brought insight into the work of the critic, novelist and playwright.

Donoghue is the author of two novels, *Hood* and *Stir-Fry.* *Hood* was the winner of the American Library Association Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Book Award. She is also credited for the groundbreaking history *Passions Between Women: British Lesbian Culture, 1668 - 1801.*

Emma Donoghue first shared her short story called “Words For Things” from the *Penguin Book of Lesbian Short Fiction.* Donoghue described her work in historical fiction as a “refreshing diversion from the chatty novels about contemporary Dublin.”

The reading was preceded with a request to wave in the air if the audience could not understand her quick Irish accent. Her witty nature were brought to life within her writing and her lively reading of the piece.

After the reading, the lecture was turned over to the audience in an open forum manner. The class was anxious and interested to learn more about Emma Donoghue’s life as a writer.

She answered questions about character development, literary influences and writing style. Donoghue seemed pleased to answer each question asked by the students. She often had the crowd laughing as she spoke candidly about her writing experiences, when asked about what part her real-life experiences added to her writing she just said with a smile, “I’m afraid I’m a bit short on those.”

She also said that she is just now dipping into her teenage diaries for writing material. “It’s dangerous to use your own material too soon, there is a bit too much chance for a shot of revenge in your writing,” Donoghue added.

When asked whether she prefers writing novels or her new endeavors in short stories Donoghue responded, “Well, novels are very tiring,” with a jovial laugh. Students of the Pursuits of English class were also given a piece called “Counting the Days,” a touching piece that Emma Donoghue will include in her upcoming collection of historical fiction which she hopes to call *Histories of Nothing."

Get into the holiday spirit!

Follow these tips!

By Kara Richardson

Are you feeling a little more like a grinch this Christmas? Here are some ideas to help lift your spirits this season.

1. String popcorn and cranberries with some friends.
2. Sit by a fire with cocoa with a friend and reminisce about Christmas past.
3. Donate a toy to a charity drive like Project Santa.
4. Take a late night drive with a friend to check out other people’s decorations.
5. Drive out to the country and go to a place where you can pick out your own tree.
6. Go to Rockefeller Center to see the NYC Christmas tree and then maybe do some skating.
7. Send out Christmas cards on time this year.
8. Bake cookies for someone who has helped you all year round!
9. Play Christmas tunes lightly in the background as you cram for exams.

10. Get involved in a holiday service project that will touch someone less fortunate than you this Christmas.
11. Take a romantic walk in freshly fallen snow. Take a moment to see how it twinkles from the street lamps.
12. Get your picture taken with Santa while shopping.
13. Cater to young children. If you live with or are visiting young children who still believe in Santa, take a bite out of a cookie that was left for him and leave a thank you note. Another cute idea my father used to do is take big boots and make ash print from the fireplace to the tree.
14. Trim a tree.
15. Strategically hang mistletoe.
16. Watch Christmas specials on TV.
17. Go Christmas Caroling.
18. Make paper snowflakes and hang them on your window.
19. Take you smallest relative to see Santa Claus.
20. Don’t forget the Egg Nog!
African-Americans celebrate 31st year of Kwanzaa

By Rhoda Donat
Staff Writer

This December marked the 31st year in which Kwanzaa is being celebrated. This holiday, is intended to be the daily aspiration of the African American people. Kwanzaa begins on December 26th and lasts until December 31st. The inventor, Dr. Maulana Kamahl, based the African American holiday on the cultural principle known as Kaudia. "The Kaudia theory premise is that social revolutionary change for Black America can be achieved by the act of revealing and disclosing individuals to their cultural heritage," according to a Kwanzaa information web site.

The concept of Kwanzaa was designed to address three conditions which served as social barriers to the people of the Black community during the civil Rights Era. Prior to the development of Kwanzaa, there was no holiday which specifically addressed the African American culture. The second condition was the exploitation of Black Americans during the months of October, November and December - the Christmas season.

The third issue addressed was the need for reassessment, reclaiming, recommitment, membership, retrieval, resumption, resurrection, and rejuvenation of those principles (Way of Life) utilized by African Americans. These principles are one of the many things attributed to the African American survival of slavery, racism, and oppression.

Kwanzaa is a celebration which focuses on the oneness of a community and the goodness of life. It is a family-oriented celebration which aims to reinforce the bonds between parents and children teaching them new views and values. It is a time to get together and gives thanks, enjoy the company of family and functioning as a family.

Although is often described as a spiritual celebration it is any religion. The celebration is aimed towards strengthening a collective self-concept as a people, honor their past, critically evaluate their present and commit themselves to a fuller, more productive future. In short the holiday was designed to help African Americans relate to the past in order to understand the present and deal with the future.

Kwanzaa is based on seven principles known as Kguzo Saba. The seven principals are:

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- Kujichagulia (Self Determination) - To define themselves, name themselves, create for themselves and speak for themselves

- Nia (Purpose) - To make as their collective vocation the building and developing of their community in order to restore their people to their traditional greatness

- Kuumba (Creativity) - To do always as much as they can, in the way that they can, in order to leave their community more beautiful and beneficial than when they inherited it

- Imani (Faith) - To believe whole heartedly in their parents, their teachers, their leaders, their people and the righteousness and victory of their struggle

- Umoja (Unity) - To strive for and maintain unity in the family community, nation and race

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Her improvisational rhythmic movements were to a mixture of Arabic, Egyptian and Spanish music. Rayna discussed the improvisational nature of the dance as a "freedom of expression."

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Her eight years of studying the art of belly dancing was made obvious as she moved vigorously around the stage. Rayna is an American and has been performing professionally for about four years now. She believes that Belly dancing "enables women to enjoy the body that they have."

Muslim fast of Ramadan to begin in December

By Ibrahim Mahmoud
Staff Writer

The Muslim community in America and around the world will begin the month-long fast of Ramadan (rom-a-don). Ramadan is the month on the Islamic lunar calendar during which Muslims abstain from food, drink and other sensual pleasures from dawn to sunset. The fast is performed to learn discipline, self-restraint, and generosity; while obeying God's commands. Fasting (along with the declaration of faith, daily prayers, charity, and pilgrimage to Mecca) is one of the "five pillars" of Islam. Because Ramadan is a lunar month, it begins about eleven days earlier each year.

Who must fast?
- Fasting is compulsory for those who are mentally and physically fit, past the age of puberty, in a settled situation (not traveling), and are sure fasting is unlikely to cause real physical or mental injury.

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Villamor from Lambda Tau Omega, Inc.

Villamor also commented that the open-twosegment of the program was touching. Friends and family spoke candidly about their experiences. Many spoke about the importance of AIDS awareness.

Latasha Casterlow, Cultural Affairs Chair of OSAU, said, "I liked how they made a week long remembrance of those who have passed on from the disease.

"The whole idea of working with two sororities, Psychological Services, Nurse Nancy of the Health and Wellness Center and many others was a good sign of collaboration and cooperation at MSU. It showed that the university community could come together to support and encourage one another." Father Al commented about the week of events.

This is the fourth year of the World AIDS Day series at the MSU Campus. Mayra Garcia of Lambda Tau Omega, Inc. attended her second World AIDS events this year. She added, "Even though the event is held year after year, it is a reminder of something that hasn't gone away yet. It is very touching for me, it makes me want to keep supporting those affected by AIDS and increase the awareness."

Ranya seduces in the Rathskellar

By Kara Richardson
Feature Editor

Belly dancer Rayna seduced an audience of about thirty people in the Student Center on Wednesday night. With her brightly colored, jeweled costume, Rayna brought to life a dance that she describes as "embowering to women of all shapes and sizes."

Her improvisational rhythmic movements were to a mixture of Arabic, Egyptian and Spanish music. Rayna discussed the improvisational nature of the dance as a "freedom of expression."

The International Student Organization sponsored event heated up a cold, snowy night for those in attendance on Wednesday night. Rayna's trance like movements were well received by clapping and cheering during her dances. She was also well appreciated with applause at the end of each song.

The talented performer shared the stage with a some of the more brave onlookers. One of the people enticed to the stage was Saad Benabdallaan, Vice President of the International Student Organization. Rayna gently wrapped her long turquoise scarf around his neck and brought him to the stage. Rayna also brought some women participants to learn to dance the traditional dance.

Her eight years of studying the art of belly dancing was made obvious as she moved vigorously around the stage. Rayna is an American and has been performing professionally for about four years now. She believes that Belly dancing "enables women to enjoy the body that they have."

Ranya entertains the Rathskellar crowd.
People in Macedonia are very friendly. Macedonians are a diverse people. We are used to coexisting with other ethnic groups. The mentality we developed over the centuries is to accept other cultures as part of our own," said international student Goran Grozdoski on December 8. Grozdoski hails from Skopje, the capital of Macedonia. Grozdoski is finishing his third semester of study at MSU as a business major. When not studying, Grozdoski volunteers his time as Director of Programming of the International Student Organization (ISO).

According to Webster’s Dictionary, Macedonia is a country of over 1.6 million people north of Greece and southwest of Bulgaria. Macedonia was a part of Yugoslavia from 1946 until 1991, when Yugoslavia disintegrated. Since then, Macedonia has been an independent country with Macedonia as its own official language. Macedonia belongs to the Slavic group of languages (which includes Bulgarian, Belorussian, Czech, Polish, Russian, Serbo-Croatian, Slovak, Slovene, Ukrainian, and Wendish).

Grozdoski stressed that yesteryear Macedonia was different from its present day version. “It is important to note that Macedonia was under communism for a half century when it was a part of Yugoslavia. There was no freedom of speech, no freedom of travel, no private ownership, and no economic motivation. Religion was not forbidden, but it was discouraged. All this led to a limited variety of choices, and the jeopardizing of individual freedom,” Grozdoski recounted.

Grozdoski added that Macedonia has changed a lot since acquiring independence. “Communism was not meant to last. It was an appealing idea with no practical value. So Macedonia’s independence opened the gate to the Western world, including America. I was there this summer, and there were many new companies and factories. There were more foreign cars, more clothes, new technology, and media such as movies and CDs. More things became available as foreign capital poured in. The change brought by the daylight of independence was obvious in every sphere of social life. Unfortunately, it was less drastic in education. Therefore, many students as myself in Macedonia started studying abroad in America, France, Germany, and Holland,” Grozdoski indicated.

Nonetheless, Grozdoski emphasized that the change from communism to capitalism in 1991 was not seamless. “Suddenly there is no more communism, and huge amounts of capital. The capital came, but there was no foundation or guidelines to support this change. A large amount of capital belonged to a small amount of people. As a result, we have high unemployment, and many companies going bankrupt,” Grozdoski said.

Grozdoski offered insights on his experience in America. “The first thing I experienced on coming to America in 1996 was high school education. I was disappointed in the 12th grade, because what they taught was stuff I already studied in the 8th and 9th grade in Macedonia, but going to college changed my opinion because I saw that I had the opportunity to pursue higher academic goals,” Grozdoski observed.

“Even though most people I’ve met are international students due to my position in the ISO, I’ve befriended quite a few Americans with whom I can socialize intellectually. However, I also found many people to be culturally unaware, as well as lacking curiosity. Personally, I think lack of awareness is due to a shortage of educational information received prior to college,” Grozdoski remarked.

“You see, people in Macedonia are more culturally aware. In geography class, they make you know the names of all fifty of the United States by heart. Yet surprisingly enough, when I came to America, I found many people confusing Macedonia with Mesopotamia (a country that hasn’t existed for centuries) which proves not only a lack of knowledge in geography, but history as well,” Grozdoski underlined.

Grozdoski urged all Americans not to take their country for granted. “What struck me about America is, to use one word, choice. Your people have many things to choose from, so be proud of your great country, and take advantage of the choices your country provides you,” Grozdoski advised.

Grozdoski lastly offered his best holiday regards. “As they say in Macedonia, Seken Bozic! (Merry Christmas)”
Exemptions from fasting (some exemptions are optional)
* Children under the age of puberty (young children are encouraged to fast as much as they are able).
* People who are mentally incapacitated or not responsible for their actions.
* Those who are too old to fast.
* The sick.
* Travelers who are on journeys of more than about fifty miles.
* Pregnant women and nursing mothers.
* Women who are menstruating.
* Those who are temporarily unable to fast must make up the missed days at another time.

Special Events
* Special prayers, called taraweeh, are performed after the daily nighttime prayer.
* Lailat ul-Qadr (“Night of Power” or “Night of Destiny”) marks the anniversary of the night on which the Prophet Muhammad first began receiving revelations from God, through the angel Gabriel. Muslims believe Lailat ul-Qadr is one of the last odd-numbered nights of Ramadan.
* Eid begins with special morning prayers on the first day of Shawwal, the month following Ramadan on the Islamic lunar calendar, and lasts for three days.

It is forbidden to perform an optional fast during Eid because it is a time for relaxation.

During Eid Muslims greet each other with the phrase “Eid Mubarak” (eed-moo-bar-ak), meaning “blessed Eid” and “taqabbalah ta’atakum”, or “may God accept your deeds”.

Since the beginning of the Islamic lunar months depend on the actual sighting of the new moon, the start and end dates for Ramadan may vary.

Here are some common questions about Ramadan:
Q: What do Muslims believe they gain from fasting?
A: The main benefits of Ramadan are an increased compassion for those in need of the necessities of life, a sense of self-purification and reflection, and a renewed focus on spirituality. Muslims also appreciate the feeling of togetherness shared by family and friends throughout the month. Perhaps the greatest practical benefit is the yearly lesson in self-restraint and discipline that can carry forward to other aspects of a Muslim’s life such as work and education.

Q: Do people normally lose weight during Ramadan?
A: Some people do lose weight, but others may not. It is recommended that meals eaten during Ramadan be light, but most people cannot resist sampling special sweets and foods associated with Ramadan.
The 1998 Summer Sessions catalog is needed to complete registration. It includes complete registration, schedule and Visitor Information. The catalog will be available in late March.

Registration must be completed prior to the beginning date of the course.

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In defense of lab assistants

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or the past few weeks, there has been an ongoing debate over computer lab assistants, what their actual duties are and how much they should have to know in order to be employed by the department of MSU that runs the computer labs, Information Technology. While I cannot tell you exactly what Information Technology’s hiring criteria is, or what it looks for when hiring lab assistants, I can give a pretty educated opinion which I believe to be fairly accurate being a lab assistant myself.

The situation is simple. MSU students need access to more computers and they have been letting the university know this for a long time. The need for this access is growing everyday as more classes require assignments to be done with certain programs, professors are using e-mail with their students more and the Internet is beginning to compete with the library as a source for information. Many of today’s students own their own personal computers, but there are many more who do not. While prices for PC’s are coming down, it is still a hefty investment.

Responding to this need, MSU and Information Technology have increased the number of computer labs on campus, along with the number of hours the labs are open, even creating a 24 hour lab in Blanton Hall. Along with the increased accessibility, the computers are constantly being updated, along with their software to keep up with the latest technology.

Now I’m sure that Information Technology would love to employ a trained computer technician in each one of these labs every hour that they are open. Unfortunately, this would be financially impossible. Lab technicians would demand a much larger salary than would a student assistant, making it impossible to buy new computers, update software, and pay all of its employees at the same time.

I am also certain that Information Technology would love to employ students who are very well versed in various computer operations and applications in every single lab, every hour they are open, so that they could solve a majority of the problems that lab patrons bring to them. However, finding these students is not always easy, especially when you are trying to meet the students’ demands for more labs and more hours. This means that more lab assistants are needed to be hired.

Information Technology has been hiring non-stop since I was hired last summer, and probably still is now. Obviously, there are still labs that need to be filled. It is much more important for them to make sure that those labs are open at all, rather than only opened with an experienced computer user.

Information Technology is actually doing the students a service by offering part-time employment for students on campus. A lab that is open with one of these students is much better than a closed lab because Information Technology cannot find someone experienced enough to run it.

I’d also like to dispel the misconception that lab assistants are pampered students who earn outrageous salaries and do absolutely nothing while on duty. Being a lab assistant is a thankless job, where you are able to solve a problem it is expected, and if you are not able to do it because you don’t know how to do your job. Computers are very complex, and it is not always possible to solve every problem, even for the most experienced computer user. Unfortunately, many lab patrons do not see it this way, and are quick to blame assistants when there is a problem that cannot be solved.

Mr. Castanon, in his letter to the editor last week, points out that many lab assistants are “too busy doing homework” or “providing friends to give more than a simple answer to a student’s computer question.” He also makes reference to an assistant reading a “Smurf Sex forward” implying that the assistant should have been spending his time more efficiently. I wonder what a lab assistant should be doing during his/her hours? Writing computer programs? Or designing web pages? If you have ever had to sit in a computer lab for eight straight hours, which I have, you’ll find that there is not much else to do other than homework, e-mail or explore the Internet.

Ironically, Mr. Castanon implies that there is something wrong with lab assistants spending their time doing this, when actually one of the major problems lab assistants incur is students spending their time on computers doing e-mail, muddling, or leisurely surfing the net while other students wait in line with serious class work to do.

Trying to tell one of these students that they have to leave the lab because there is someone else waiting (who has something more important to do) is not fun. It is also not fun chasing that one student who refuses to leave the lab when it is closing time and you are about to lock up. Lab assistants are not sitting back in reclining chairs being served drinks and massages all day while they “work.” Many are very knowledgeable, helpful people who are more than willing to help a student solve a computer problem.

The problem is many students like to use lab assistants as a crutch instead of learning how to use the computers and the software on their own. Lab assistants are there so the computer labs can be open, and if they have extensive computer knowledge it is a plus. Information Technology should be applauded for offering MSU student employment and a campus full of open computer labs for our students to use.

The entire staff of The Montclarion would like to take this opportunity to wish every one a safe and happy holiday season.
Justice is served...for now

The bill written last week by Karen Cardell, President of the Student Government Association, was a focal point of this week's SGA meeting. After three hours of business, the bill finally came to the floor at approximately 7:00. The debate that followed looked more like a circus than it did an SGA meeting. Between the game of high stakes musical chairs taking place at the front of the room to the wildly contradictory statements being babbled by some of the members of the SGA, the meeting only really accomplished one thing. The bill was eventually rescinded by Cardell.

Highlights of the SGA meeting included a ruling by the Attorney General John Brost, on the constitutionality of the bill. As expected, he ruled the bill unconstitutional, which it clearly is. The President Pro Tempore John Griffin upheld the ruling. It seemed as though the bill was officially dead and some sense of order and right was right when it comes to politics would finally be restored.

Then Griffin tried to appeal the appeal to the legislature. Rather than just accepting that what he was trying to do was against the rules, he embarked on a tirade during which he suggested Brost’s decision was based on the grounds that he had ruled issues unconstitutional on two consecutive occasions. Since when should some one be asked to quit his position for doing a good job? The PPT said that he felt this issue had the possibility of being an “unprecedented” event exploring the “absolute power” of the legislature. Later, speaking out of the other side of his face, while entertaining the idea of opposing the AG, Griffin encouraged Brost to base his decisions on “our [SGA] Constitution, not precedent.” Minutes later, speaking on the importance of debate and its power to set a precedent, he wheeled around and said that the statute should be traced. Does he think before he speaks?

Before quitting her losing battle, Cardell tried to support her bill by presenting a few “relevant” facts. Among them, she stated that 98% of the state universities pay their Student Government executive boards. Has she ever considered the fact that perhaps only 2% of the state universities are doing it the right way? She also amended the bill to extend the tuition subsidy to all of the executive boards of all of the Class organizations. On top of that, the bill would not take effect until June. Although these amendments take away from the belief that she only wrote this bill so she could stay in school, it does not change the fact that the SGA Constitution strictly forbids paying students. Cardell simply didn’t seem to understand the rules involved in this matter.

Although the bill was rescinded it is still not a dead issue, no matter how much it should be. SGA members decided that since the bill was amended to not take effect until June 1, that there is plenty of time to research the issue more and make a decision next semester. Even that step need not take place. The fact is this bill is simply unconstitutional.

Again, as we stated last week, Article V of the SGA constitution implicitly governs that “officials of this association…shall not receive as a reward for performed duties, financial or material remuneration other than those expenses incurred in the performance of said duties.” If it can be argued that the cost of tuition is an expense incurred in the performance of said duties of being president, because an e-board member cannot afford to attend school, they cannot hold their position, it can also be argued the SGA should pay for the cost of their education, because if they cannot hold the position, then obviously they cannot perform their duties as an e-board member. Or how about a car from your SGA student fees if they cannot drive to school? If they cannot drive to school, cannot they be a student? Ultimately meaning that they cannot hold an e-board position. This argument is absolutely absurd and a poor attempt at slippery-at-best logic.

Cardell tried to justify this bill by suggesting that the money could go toward a class that SGA e-board members could take during the summer to learn how to effectively run a business, and then go to push the bill based on that argument. One problem...these classes simply do not exist! As Vice-President Jennifer Lynch pointed out during the debate, you cannot simply “create” a class without going through the correct channels which can be a bureaucratic nightmare. Cardell can create all the classes she wants in her fantasy world, but the fact is there are no classes to take.

During debate, the bill was amended to include the executive boards of the Class-one organizations. If Class-one organization executive boards, such as those of LASO, and CLUB are also deserving of SGA funded tuition, then why not the executive boards of Class-two’s and three’s? Hey how about Class-four Greek organizations? They work hard too. Who is to judge where the line should be drawn? The fact is simply that other universities may pay their SGA e-boards, but those universities SGA’s also receive significantly larger amounts of money than ours does. Class-one budgets are being slashed, and our president wants to give the executive board free tuition from your pockets. How about more money for Class-one budgets so that we may more effectively do our jobs by putting out better programming and truly serving the students, instead of ripping them off.

In the end, after nearly two hours of accomplishing absolutely nothing, Cardell finally gave up on her bill. However, the issue is sure to be raised again in the spring semester, and MSU students should come out in force to make sure that their student fees are spent effectively, benefiting many, instead of the special interests of a few.

After the meeting, Cardell was quoted as saying, “I am the CEO. It is my job to ensure that the purpose of the SGA is fulfilled. If we are not working toward that end, our system needs to be fixed.” The obvious first step in fixing this system is on the horizon. Cardell probably and hopefully won’t be our president next semester. The future is looking brighter for the students of MSU already.

The Nonconformist

The twentieth century has brought about many ideological changes in our country. This change is particularly evident in the way we view how we should punish our criminals. One crime in particular that is not being punished properly is rape. People who commit this dehumanizing crime only get a little bit of jail time, some counseling and then they are thrown out onto the streets to strike again.

For instance, a man in Elizabeth was recently sentenced to some time in a counseling program in a psychiatric center for the rape of a three year old girl. The girl was so badly injured internally that she may not be able to bear children. His sentence seems like such a minor punishment for ruining practically her entire adult life.

There have been countless sexual predators that have struck children, as well as adults. Many go unreported, but for the ones that do the punishments are nowhere near fitting to the crime.

Many people say that rapists should be killed or castrated. But the only reason why rapists cannot receive the death penalty or be castrated is because rape is not yet listed as a capital offense. IT SHOULD BE.

Rapists should be dealt with in the following manner. The first offense for rape should be castration if the suspect(s) are found guilty beyond the shadow of a doubt. The second offense should be the death penalty.

For those of you that do not know the definition of castration, in males, it is total removal of the testicles. This removes the ability to produce semen and testoster­one. As a result, the subject is more subdued, less ag­gressive, and is unable to achieve an erection. In fe­males, the clitoris is removed. This prevents her from becoming sexually aroused and takes away most, if not all sensation during intercourse.

For those of you that say this punishment is cruel and unusual, maybe thinking of the horror and pain that a rape victim has gone through will change your focus. I have spoken to a few rape victims in the past, and I have read and heard many stories that they have bravely brought forward. Rape is cruel and unusual. There is nothing dignifying about one person using sex to overpower another.

In my opinion, rape is a crime worse than murder itself. First off, if the victim does live through the attack they are emotionally and psychologically scarred for life. Not to mention that physical internal injuries can result in children, especially when an object is used.

So, it is obviously clear. Americans need to choose if they are going to let sexual predators continue to take away the dignity of their victims. Instead, we should make a stand and let rapists know once and for all the seriousness of their crime! Making rape a capital offense could help to discourage future offenses.

Rapists should be castrated

Dear Editor,

I would like to apologize for my remarks about American girls in my interview with the Montclarion. I regret it was printed because I did not request it not to be printed after the interview.

I would like you to know that I am an individual international student and whatever I say represents only me. My remarks have no connection with ISO, even though I am currently the president.

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Montclair State University, as we all know, has a Multicultural Awareness Requirement. The idea is for students to gain more knowledge about a culture other than their own. It seems that our administration desires to put an emphasis on multiculturalism. I have no problem at all with this. In a pluralistic society, it can be very beneficial for one to learn about other cultures and their customs.

The only problem that I do have is the lack of patriotism emphasized by our administration. Yes, I know we have a Western Civilization requirement, but it is not enough. We live in a country in which most college students cannot name their two United States Senators. This simply does not seem right to me. I am dissatisfied to know that there are students who will graduate Montclair State and know in depth the history of Islamic, African or Indian Civilization, and know very little about the history of the founding of this nation. It disgruntles me that they will not be able to describe how men put their lives at risk for the very freedom that they complacently enjoy today. I was incensed on Veterans Day this year, November 11, when not one of our administrators organized an event to let students know how important it was to remember the brave men and women who fought to preserve our freedom. Instead, one of our administrators was at the Greek Council meeting speaking about multiculturalism and did not even mention that it was Veterans Day. It irritates me that young revolutionaries all over the world can cite the introduction to the Declaration of Independence and most students today cannot. But this sentiment is not in any way limited to Montclair State University. For example, Memorial Day has slowly become a day to have a barbecue and go to the shore.

What do I see as the solution at Montclair State University to promote patriotism and nationalism? How about a requirement for each student to read the Federalist Papers? How about a requirement for each student to take a class on the Founding Fathers? How about patriotism 101? Now, I know these may sound impractical to some of you. Fair enough. I think I can offer some more feasible suggestions. How about putting an American flag in every classroom? How about giving us off on Washington’s birthday, to stress the importance of the father of this country? How about an administration that, without discarding multiculturalism, promotes events that stress our common American Culture. Our administration should make it a priority to stress patriotism, Americanism, and nationalism over multiculturalism.

The Senator
by Justin Buffer

How about stressing patriotism?

This semester has been very enlightening for me. Last year, I wasted every Wednesday afternoon by attending the SGA meetings. After four months of jousting with the windmills in boring, nonproductive sessions, I realized that my services could be put to a much better use elsewhere.

Fortunately for me, I discovered the opinion pages of The Montclarion. I was able to speak to the thousands of students every week. I was able to give them my spin on a few topics while provoking others to let me know what they think. In this column, I would like to review the two main highlights of the semester.

Although there was a very intense debate on race and an interesting discussion on religiousness versus atheism, nothing came close to the controversy caused by Will Gibbs’ column concerning homosexuality. In his column, “The Nonconformist”, Mr. Gibbs has never shied away from taking on any topic. For his bravery, I honestly feel he should be commended.

The onslaught of letters I received regarding his column, which covered such topics as Ellen DeGeneres and the Bible, filled the Opinion pages for weeks. Mr. Gibbs’ column inadvertently did wonders for the homosexuals at MSU. While he was just one voice, dozens of responses poured in to support tolerance. Hopefully, the campus at large got the messages. First, homosexuality is not a problem. Second, there are more tolerant people in our University than there are bigots. I was pleased to see that maybe we could overcome hatred that is based on ignorance. The next topic I hope we can conquer once and for all is racism.

The second topic I would like to speak of is the epic saga that is our SGA. Without the rampant incompetence of the SGA as a whole, my job would have been much more difficult. Keep in mind, there is a handful of honest, hard-working students involved in the SGA who do everything they can to serve the students, such as VP Jennifer Lynch, AG John Brost, and Legislators George Raffa, Lauren Jacoby and Rachel Kahn. On the flip side, there are total embarrassments running our SGA, especially President Karen Cardell.

While the future is uncertain for the SGA and Karen Cardell, I will always look back fondly at this semester as one where my position afforded me the opportunity to duel with corruption by letting everyone know what was going on behind our backs.

I am sure that I will never fall upon a lack of topics to cover at MSU. I only hope I will be able to continue to make you think and let you know that there will always be someone who wants to let you know what is happening. Until next year...

What’s your view of the parking situation at MSU? Write to The Montclarion and let us know!

Send your letters to flannerye@alpha.montclair.edu or to Student Center Annex Room 113
Points of Versatility brings new perspectives

By Victoria Tengelics

As I ride up the New Jersey Turnpike each morning on my way here I am greeted with visions of the Carteret industrial area, the Elizabeth seaport, and a string of various industrial sites which, until now, I have thought of as just being part of the hideous landscape surrounding the highway. This month the University Gallery is displaying Points of Versatility which are works of art by Valeri Larko and Carol Rosen which paint a different perspective on what most New Jerseyans consider unsightly structures. Both artists are New Jersey natives creating different types of art with similar themes.

Valeri Larko is a resident of Summit, New Jersey. Her paintings are generally of area industrial sites in such places as Woodbridge, Carteret and Perth Amboy. Her art work brings to life these scenes that on a normal day we pass without a second glance. Her use of bright colors in paintings like “Transformers” and “Power Station in S. Kearny, N.J.” bring the paintings to life. Her painting entitled “Homeless Shelter” brings to mind more than just the abandoned building that is half rubble on the picture, you can actually envision the people condemned to living in that torn up structure. “Exposed” is of an abandoned construction site where rubble has now taken root. Another painting in which her use of color helps to make the piece come alive is “G.O.D.,” which is a few trucks sitting smashed up in a parking lot.

Ms. Larko explains why she has chosen this theme “I am attracted to these industrial structures for several reasons. One of which is the rich visual experience of these places. The sensuality of the forms, the play of light and shadow, and the pure enjoyment of laying on paint continues to engage me. I find certain beauty in these structures, even if its of a dubious nature.”

Carol Rosen’s works are sculptures made out of discarded items such as an old Singer sewing machine. Her work has a darker tint to it with pieces such as the one entitled “The Reaper” in which a sickle is placed on an apple picking ladder with a light bulb painted black attached to it.

Hildreth York described her work as “bringing formal dignity to assemblages composed of debris, is a deceptive cover for works that are ironic, subtly nuanced, and often darker in spirit than they seem at first.” I found her work to be an interesting use of material that led the viewer to question and come up with their own answers and meanings. In “Coat of Arms” piping and other building materials have been shaped into a ‘coat of arms’ on a red background; the choice of color and materials leaves you questioning. One of my favorites was “Broken Promises” in which she has placed various objects inside a wire mesh cage resembling a bird pen.

This exhibit is only running until December 17th, make sure not to miss it. It should prove to change the way you view your commute.
Hey! This is the last soap news for the semester, so you're on your own for a month. See you in the spring!

One Life to Live: Tea had a dinner party for Rachel and Andrew; unbeknownst to her Todd already had dinner plans of his own. Kelly and Ian had a dance at Rodi's sparking jealousy in Joey who turned to Dorothy for comfort. Mel rejected Dorian's idea that they get more serious. Mel tells Kelly that he believes Miss Stonecliff is covering up information about the death of her grandparents.

General Hospital: Luke's party ended in tragedy after gunmen opened fire on the friends. Although the would be assassins missed their target, Jason, they hit Nikolas. With help from Luke, Jason saved Nikolas' life. The police questioned Jason on in his involvement in the attack and Brenda lost her temper and attacked Jason on in his involvement in the attack.

Port Charles: Chris used his knowledge of Bennett's affair with Nicole to keep Bennett off of his back. Scott's trial got underway beginning with jury selection. Despite pangs of guilt Lucy stayed with her contention that Lee and Gail were not taking good care of Serena. Dominique's ghost visited Serena. Serena waited for Scott to celebrate her birthday.

All My Children: Trevor can't decide who to believe. Janet left Trevor because he doubted her story. Janet took a lie detector test to prove her innocence. Eugenia looks for a husband for Gillian; her main target is Edmund. Jack tried to dissuade Opal from helping Erica bust out of jail. Bianca couldn't make it for her visit with her mom because she passed out.

The Young and The Restless: Danny took the stand in the custody hearing and relayed his story of how he was seduced by Phyllis. Meanwhile Paul is feeling pretty sorry for himself since his wife seems to be spending more time with Danny than him. Neil went to the apartment to visit Lily and she couldn't quite understand why he didn't come back home. Unaware of Tricia's decision to move in with Ryan Jill and Keith make plans to redecorate her room. When Tricia lets Ryan in on her plans he thinks it's great except he already has a roommate. (I wonder who.)

As The World Turns: Chris, thinking that he started the church fire, went to the police station to confess. Carly and Jack told the boy that he wasn't to blame for his mom's injuries, that the fire hadn't started in the basement. Holden is the main suspect in the beating of Molly. Despite attempts by Lily and her attorney to change his mind Holden submitted to the DNA testing (Big mistake!). Emma tried to persuade Molly to clear Holden but she could care less about his troubles. With friends and loved ones in attendance John buried Barbara's and his son.

Guiding Light: The news of Alan and Annie's engagement disturbs Amanda. Abby is challenged by Roy's family and friends. Beth gets closer to Phillip through Annie. Dinah attempts to befriend Cassie. Cassie and Hart are still getting close. Jesse and Michele have a significant discussion.

The Bold and The Beautiful: Sally told Grant that the reason things went sour on his date with Macy was that Macy was expecting a proposal for marriage. Macy discussed the matter with Darla and came to the conclusion that she had been hasty in expecting Grant to be thinking in that direction. Grant went to see her and after a rough start proposed. Sheila lived through her suicide attempt. James went to visit her and professed his love for her letting her know how much he and Mary needed her.

Sunset Beach: Despite the doctor's news that she would probably never have children again, Caitlin still could not bring herself to tell Cole about the baby. After a nightmare she decided she needed to go back to Sunset Beach. Meg spoke with Ben's old friend Quint about the night Maria died. Ricardo and Eddie tried to set up Gabi by taking pictures of Gabi and Ricardo kissing. Gabi went to Mark and told him about Ricardo trying to get her to drop the charges with a kiss.

Another World: Paulina has turned to alcohol to soothe her problems instead of pills. Thanks to Nikos, Rachel and Carl are stuck in the hospital elevator. Lila found out where Shane was and sent him a note saying from "Vicky" but he moved on before he could receive it and it was returned to Vicky's house and Donna got a hold of it.

Days of Our Lives: Marlena lets John down again. After consulting with the Celeste and praying Susan decides to give up Elvis to Kristen. Dr. Rolf informed Peter that he had "jungle madness" and must stay at his camp. Travis still has Jan who received an unwanted call from Peter. Jack has been caught by a militia man and tries to talk himself out of it.

WMSC 90.3 FM Top 20 Albums Countdown

1. Velour 100 - Of Color Bright
2. The Promise Ring - Nothing Feels Good
3. Charming - Twee Kitten
4. Porcelain Boys - Away Awhile
5. Spiritualized - I Think I'm In Love (EP)
6. Gaze - 7"
7. X - Anthology
8. The Wannadies - S/T
9. My Favorite Citizen - 7"
10. The Get Up Kids - 4 Minute Mile
11. BMX Bandits - Theme Park
12. Delta Haymax - S/T
13. We Are Not Devo - Various Artists
14. Six Going on Seven - Self Made Mess
15. Weston - Matinée
16. Apple in Stereo - Tone Soul Evolution
17. Joyride - Soundtrack
18. Rock Band #47 - You Can Never Go Home
19. NOFX - So Long, Thanks For All the Shoes
20. Rocket Science - Well Known Drag

Flubber has personality

By Timothy M. Casey
Editor-in-Chief

Rob Williams is back on the bigscreen in Disney's Flubber. Thewesly Disney film has been filling theaters across the country since it opened on November 26. This comedy, with a classic Disney touch guarantees that audiences of all ages will be entertained.

"This movie is about fun and limitless possibilities, imagination, hope and invention. We should all be a little like the professor, who lives in a world of magical, whimsical possibilities, in a world of why not?" said co-star Marcia Gay Harden.

Williams plays Professor Phillip Brainard, a college professor that could use a lesson in daily life in this updated version of the 1961 Disney Classic, "The Absent-Minded Professor." Brainard is a professor at Medfield College, where his fiancée, Sara (Marcia Gay Harden), is president. Medfield College is faced with financial trouble, so Brainard is working on a revolutionary new form of energy. On the date of his third attempt to marry Sara, after forgetting the first two weddings, Brainard stumbles upon the final component to create a seemingly magical gadget. The new substance defies gravity, and looks like rubber, so Brainard names it Flubber. The action takes on as
Montclair State University's School of Arts hosted The Beatrice C. Crawford Memorial Concert on Sunday, December 7th. Backed by a grant from the Keating Crawford Foundation the concert was sponsored in memory of Beatrice C. Crawford a prominent supporter of the arts in New Jersey.

The concert featured talents from MSU faculty and alumni along with special guests, Oscar Ravina and Joe Morton. Mr. Ravina, the conductor of the MSU Orchestra, is a member of the New York Philharmonic. Ravina was the guest soloist on Mozart’s Violin Concerto #3. Other musical performances that night included Mozart’s Toy Symphony, which featured performances from Dr. Gregory Waters, Dr. Richard Lynch and Dr. Geoffrey Newman, and Schubert’s Symphony in B Minor and Strauss’ Frühlingsstimme. NAACP Image award nominee Joe Morton took the stage to narrate Ravel’s Mother Goose Suite with students from MSU’s Music Preparatory Center. Joe Morton is a distinguished movie and stage actor starring in such films as Speed and Terminator 2. He also starred in “Tribeca”, a series for Fox Television.

Other artists of the evening included guests from the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra, Orpheus Chamber Orchestra and the mayor of Clifton, Jim Mesalid and deputy mayor of Montclair, Nicole Schnare.

The night’s aspiration was to encourage University musical groups to work together to provide the community with opportunities to enjoy their talents. The Dean of the School of Arts, Geoffrey Newman described its purpose: “This generous gift from the Crawford Foundation will allow the School of Arts, designated by the New Jersey legislature as a ‘Center of Excellence for the Arts,’ to further develop its mission in two ways. First, by fostering exposure to and collaboration with professional artists, we enhance the School’s goals as an institution dedicated to professional training. Secondly, by bringing such a high level of quality performances to campus, we enrich the musical and cultural life of northern New Jersey.”

The night proved to be a grand success and hopefully we will have more collaborations like this in the future.

Crawford Memorial Concert featured MSU talent

Flubber

Toon, giving the live action a Disney touch. The visual effects are incredible, but do not dominate Williams’ wonderful performance.

From the opening scene, the film has an obviously fictional plot. This would be completely acceptable in an animated film, which is an interesting facet of the film. Some will disagree, but it was a little hard to swallow how this goo could see without eyes, hear without ears, and think like a person. That’s what makes this an imaginary story intended for children. I didn’t like the blatant attempt to make Flubber look cute by giving it a human personality.

Nobody would ever question a flying robot in a cartoon, but it is slightly difficult to grasp in a live-action film. The lively characters and fictional elements will surely grab the imagination of the younger audience. One of the few disappointing aspects of Flubber was that it often copied other movies. The opening scene is nearly identical to Back to the Future, the entire basketball scene resembled Space Jam very closely, and the two goons are reminiscent of the clumsy burglars in Home Alone. The slapstick type comedy that was displayed didn’t seem to fit in the rest of the film, although it will be popular with a younger audience. I felt that the film could have done without the violent scene in which there was a lot of fighting, and other physical harm being inflicted. It was however refreshing to see a film free of obscenities of any kind.

Professor Phillip Brainard (Williams) and his creation Flubber

Flubber is a great movie to take a younger sibling or child to during the upcoming winter break. If you don’t mind the younger audience, it is an excellent date film. It has a typical story where the “good guys” win, leaving viewers feeling good. I almost don’t want to say it, but it is a “cute” film.
Players puts on three terrific one act plays

By Gabrielle Wild
Assistant Arts Editor

Last night I went to the final dress rehearsal for an evening of one act plays presented by Montclair State University’s very own Players. The evening consisted of three plays, all great in their own right.

“He’s Having a Baby” was the first play of the evening. It is one a act farce by Fred Carmichial. This play is simply ironic. The play opens with the Monty Python’s “The Penis Song”. This song sets the scene for the entire play. The play itself features Miriam S. Lablans (Mrs. Murray), Jen Weaver (Mrs. Foster) and Stacy Rumaker (Mrs. Groton) as expectant mothers. Only, they are not the ones in labor — their husbands are. The play takes place in the waiting room of a hospital, where all three women are waiting to hear news from Nurse Williams (Deanna Destitio) about their husbands and soon-to-be born children.

Lablans shines as a nervously Mrs. Murray, who’s expecting her first child and worrying endlessly about her husband. Both Foster and Groton add humor to the story line with their advice to Mrs. Murray. While Mrs. Foster sits back, drinks from a flask and patiently awaits the arrival of her seventh child, Mrs. Groton talks excitedly about how she hopes that her second child will be a girl and not another boy. Julie Barber plays Mrs. North, a friend of Mrs. Murray’s, who comes to comfort her friend during her time of stress. Barber also adds a dose of comedy to this play as she tries to put her friend at ease.

Both the director, Shannon Brandt, and stage manager, Sarah Gilbert, did a superb job in putting this one act play together. This play really made me think of what it would be like if men gave birth to children and women did not. And as the opening song suggests, the world would be a different place if women had penises.

“Absinthe” was the second play of the evening. This play was written by Lanford Wilson. The play takes place at Winnie (Kathy McFadden) and Lon’s (Robert Duane) apartment, where they are celebrating their anniversary by throwing a dinner party for one of Martha’s charitable causes. This year they are entertaining a support group of people who belong to liars anonymous.

McFadden made the character of Winnie really seem like a wife with a mysterious past. Duane brought a lot of humor to the character of Lon. His references to vegetables practically had me rolling on the floor with laughter. Dunna, played by Stacy Rumaker, was the third point in this triangle of characters. Rumaker made her role as a recovering alcoholic quite believable, as well as, funny. Craig Klein was hilarious as Joe, one of the guests at the dinner party. His lies seemed to grow and grow as they rolled off of his tongue with such ease, that you just had to chuckle out of disbelief.

Sarah Gilbert added comic relief to the play, with her role as Martha, the maid that talked directly to the audience. Director, Sean P. Hale, and stage manager, Miriam S. Lablans, seemed to have their hands full with this one act play. There were so many aspects to this play (sex, drinking, lying) and they brought each one to light with humorous dialogue and entertaining characters. This play even had its unexpected twists and turns. But, to find out these, you’ll have to see the play. The last play of the evening was “Shoes”, which is a one act play about life in New York by Jason Milligan. This play surprised me a bit because I wasn’t expecting it to be such an emotional one. Although there was a very small cast, the actors did an excellent job with such a dramatic play. The play is about two brothers, Jim (Ralph Cozzarelli) and Tony (Alan Niebuhr). Jim owns a diner, while Tony is a successful businessman.

The play takes place in Jim’s diner where Tony is having his weekly breakfast at six o’clock in the morning. The brothers’ typical sibling conversation is interrupted when a shoeless foreigner (Neville L. Hector, Jr.) enters the diner and starts speaking gibberish about buses and shoes. Tony wants to help him, while Jim just wants to throw him out. Cozzarelli does a superb job as Jim, the struggling brother who never receives any help from his successful brother. Niebuhr hits the nail right on the head with his portrayal of Tony. Hector adds dose after dose of comic relief to the play, even though his character should be the one receiving the pity.

This play truly brought a tear to my eye and made me realize just how messed up our society is when it comes to helping out the needy. Director, Jason M. Will’s, and stage manager, Miriam S. Lablans, both deserve a pat on the back for bringing this play to life. I highly recommend checking this Player’s production out as soon as possible. This is one set of one act plays that you do not want to miss. I guarantee that they will all make you laugh and perhaps even get a bit teary eyed.

Rap Shows a Tender Side at Madison Square Garden

By Claudia Caramiello
Staff Writer

If you can make it past the mobs of sardine packed people, push your way through the metal detectors while dodging parents with their young children (Madison Square Garden decided to hold “A Christmas Carol” on the same night as a rap concert) not get dizzy from the noise for God.”

The only element missing from the only missing from the concert was the Notorious B.I.G., there was the obligatory moments of thanking God, and putting your hand in the air for Biggie. Yet somehow these moments weren’t contrived. When the sad trickling music of the piano began and people flicked on their lighters creating a sea of tiny yellow stars, the only word to describe the moment was chilling. With a soulful gospel choir in the background, Puffy’s passionate rhymes in “Missing You” and a big screen depicting images of the life of the Notorious B.I.G. you realized that this man is dead, and you began to feel sad.

Puff Daddy appropriately closed the show by telling his audience that rapping doesn’t have to mean violence. “No matter what we are all human beings and none of us are perfect. Now let’s make some noise for God.”

The only element missing from the concert was the Notorious B.I.G. himself. Because in the words of Puff Daddy, he would have ripped this shit down.
Godmoney is kicking

By Victoria Tengelics

Arts Editor

A CD from one of your favorite bands is cool, however a CD with a compilation of superb artists is awesome. That is what has happened with the soundtrack to the movie Godmoney. There are so many powerful bands on Godmoney I don’t know where to begin but I will try.

Favorites such as Pennywise, Rollins Band, Guttermouth, Strife and Dance Hall Crashers are just a few of the 20 bands that recorded for Godmoney. Pennywise starts off with “Peaceful Day” which at first I didn’t cord for Godmoney.

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“Tentative title” track. The only track I would advise missing off Godmoney would be VooDo Glow Skulls’ “You Don’t Have a Clue”; their lead singer sounded like he had marbles in his mouth. This CD had kicking beginning and an eerie ending with the last track by Far entitled “All Go Down” this melodic song proved to be the perfect way to end this diverse CD. In my opinion Godmoney is a definite Christmas gift idea.

The Clarks release someday maybe

By Lynette Surie

Staff Writer

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“Their musical output consists of what they call, “grass-roots rock,” or what I like to call—wannabe-a-rockstar-country-twang. Some of the tracks are somewhat groovy, but their lyrics cause the songs to fizzle! For example, “She liked the way I licked her feet/She brought me upstairs, showed me how/I stood there laughing all I said was wow/Courtney loves me now. (Track 2 “Courtney”)

There’s talent for you.

When The Clarks first started to put out albums they had their own record label based in their hometown of Pittsburgh named KING MOUSE RECORDS. They even mention it in their song, “Cigarette”, which featured in the movie Boys with Girls.

The Clarks’ music is mainly about “fallen women” and, mushy stupid metaphors— “She’s swimming in the gene pool and I’m her DNA (Track 7 “Fatal”).” They remind me of some local bands, or maybe even a high school band. I did like one of their songs called “Stop!” It was a good choice on their part to put that song as the start to their CD; it enticed me enough to sit there and listen to the rest of the horrible tunes.

All and all I think The Clarks make an immature attempt to be stars. They can pass for a band of toned down Garth Brooks’ in Eddie Bauer clothes. They may even become stars, someday maybe.

What’s Going On?

Thursday, December 11

“One Acts”, 8 p.m. SC Annex Rm. 126. More info? x5159

Angel Face, The Balcony Loungeat Webster Hall, NY

Friday, December 12

A Christmas Carol, Memorial Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. more info? x5112

“One Acts”, 8 p.m. SC Annex Rm. 126. More info? x5159

Saturday, December 13

“One Acts”, 8 p.m. SC Annex Rm. 126. More info? x5159

Ridgewood Holiday Music Festival, Benjamin Franklin School, Ridgewood, NJ, 8 p.m. More info? 201-493-1111

Sunday, December 14

Ridgewood Holiday Music Festival, Benjamin Franklin School, Ridgewood, NJ, 8 p.m. More info? 201-493-1111

Melanie, The Turning Point, Piemont, NY

Monday, December 15

Friday’s Child, Barnes & Noble Superstore, Paramus, NJ

Total Sexual Freedom, Elbow Room, NY

Tuesday, December 16

The Living, CBGB’s NY

Baby Jane Dexter, Eighty Eights, NY

Wednesday, December 17

Have a rocking winter break!
Dilbert
by Scott Adams

I'm much smarter than you because scientists have invented many things... Not you.

That idea won't work. I know because I've read many reports about ideas that didn't work.

You haven't even looked at my idea. Oh, I get it, you're one of those religious nuts.

It's impossible for most people, but I'm a trained scientist.

Did the training involve electric shocks?

Your parking is shite!

You're my role model, Wally.

Despite all the pressure and frustration, you press on. You don't break and I can't.

My motto is: They can't break you if you don't have a spine. You're like a philosopher.

My model is using deception to improve time management. Wally is dead.

And now the daily planning session.

Ask, I don't think you've picked an ideal role model.

Ask, I'm dead.

There's an art to sarcasm, ask.

If you use your ears, you can't be disciplined for insubordination, and do this with your lips.

Today I focused my resources on adding value to the process. Our shareholders would be delighted to know that.

Every semester of my life, I am forced to add to the list of things that piss me off!

A semestriely tradition written by the eternally excitable John J. O'Sullivan.

1. Parking: I know, this is probably the 23894782378497th time that I'm pissed about parking, but jeesh, it just keeps getting worse. During the first half of the semester, I just parked my car at home and hitchhiked to school, to avoid the Montclair State parking lots. It made getting to campus fun, and it was like an automotive grab bag. Sometimes the rich and famous brought me to school. Man, when Oasis brought me to school, they got me so drunk that I collapsed in the middle of my Augustan Age class. My professor didn't care for the vomitus that much, but hey—I didn't have to fight for a spot in the Clove Lot!

Sometimes I had genetically mutated people pick me up. Once, this redhead that I snagged a ride from tried to make me 'squeal like a pig.' Fortunately, I was carrying a small vial of chloroform with me, so I knocked the buggerer out and kept him away from my arse.

Seriously though, since when did we have to fight for CLOVE spots? This is ridiculous! Sometimes, every now and then, one of the verboten lots is open, and I try to snap a spot. Today the small lot by the Student Center was open. I drove right in and parked my car. All of the sudden, this daft old man starts screaming at me, saying, "What's wrong with you? You're not supposed to park here!" What's wrong with me? Oh, I just want to park my car where I can easily reach it. I guess I'm just a dumb fool. Aduh.

2. Dumb people: Dumb people have no reason to live. Seriously. This country is getting dumber and dumber as the years go on. Case in point (and I am NOT making this up—I read it in The Star Ledger) A man is suing McDonalds for medical expenses and damages for mental trauma. This idiot was eating at his local McDonalds, and claiming that he was injured when he put catsup on his burger... a catsup packet, that is.

Can you believe this? Some idiot put a whole catsup packet on his burger! What do you THINK when you do this? "Aduh. I love Big Mac's. Aduh. Mmm, I like catsup. Aduh. I like it so much, that I'll put the whole packet on my burger. Aduh. Mmm, this is going to be great! OWWW! The catsup hurt my throat. Aduh. I'm going to sue. Aduh." He said that there was no warning that bad not to eat the packet. You know that they're going to put a warning on the catsup packet that says, "Do not eat the packet." Somebody shoot this guy. Please help vacuum the gene pool. Thank you. (John J. O'Sullivan, President of Idioticide, Inc.)

3. Waiting tables: I am a poor sod in the profession from hell™. I'm a waiter in a chain restaurant in the Mall from hell™ (Name withheld to preserve my job from hell™). Granted, the money is a lot better than a McJob™, but the aggravation on us. I don't necessarily like being an anger transference professional, but I'm slowly getting through is enough abolitionist order and tonic. The theory that the I work at is

Aduh.
The future is written this week by that ripe jolly old elf himself, Santa Claus™

Aries (March 21 to April 19) Ho ho ho! This is Santa! Call my Christmas 900 number or Rudolph will poop on your car! Ho ho ho!

Taurus (April 20 to May 20) You'll be given everything you want, except for the nude Swedish stewardess. There's only so much that I can do. Ho ho ho!

Gemini (May 21 to June 20) Ho ho ho! Somebody has been really naughty this year! Maybe it's my fault—I gave you the land mines that you asked for.

Cancer (June 21 to July 22) You won't get anything from me this year...except for my dentist's bill.

Leo (July 23 to Aug. 22) Instead of that big train set that you asked for. Cats will be the cause of your undoing. Your lucky numbers are 3, 62, 62, 1, 6, and 0. Ho ho ho!

Virgo (August 23 to Sept. 22) Instead of that big train set that you wanted, I'm afraid the only thing I'll be able to get you is a nice pair of socks. Times have been tough up here in the North Pole after the stock market slump a month or so ago. But think positive: You can't jog with stupid model trains!

Libra (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) I'm sorry, but I just can't take that Biochemistry test for you. I didn't finish high school Bio. I make toys and stuff—I don't know anything about genetics. Bite the bullet and study, you lazy bastard. Ho ho ho!

Scorpio (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Ho oh oww...I think ye' put somethin in the milic (hic). Yer have some good stuhph. I'm gonna be sick or somfin'... (barf) whops sorry about yer letter cawch. sorry.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Cats will be the cause of your undoing. Your lucky numbers are 3, 62, 62, 1, 6, and 0. Ho ho ho!

Capricorn (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Ho ho ho! A Nintendo 64 will fall out of my sleigh and hit you on your head, killing you instantly. Whoopsie!

Aquarius (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) I'm sick of candy canes. I mean, candy canes for breakfast, candy canes for lunch, and candy canes for dinner. Candy canes, candy canes, candy canes. Damn, you'd think that Mrs. Claus would buy a cookbook or something. Why do you think I ask for some cookies—I need variety! Somebody get me a leg of lamb!

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) If you want anything this year, don't have a fire roaring in your fireplace. Last year, I had third degree burns all over my bum. I couldn't sit for nine months.

"Since the writing of this horoscope, Mrs. Claus found out about Santa's illicit affair with a red-haired nymphette, and has began filing for divorce.

The humour™ section: we ate your sacred cows for lunch, cooked medium rare, with a side of fries.
used to it. Besides, all of us decided that we’re going to rush en masse to Macy’s and destroy the workers’ souls. It should be fun—I’m looking forward to it. “Excuse me, this shade of brown isn’t good enough for me. Can you look through your entire collection for a better shade?”

(36/72 pairs of shoes later) “Oh I was just looking. Toodles!”

Tee hee; revenge kicks arse.

4. Those silly vampire people: To all of you who think that you’re vampires, I have only this to say: Halloween ended over a month ago. You do not drink blood, nor are you the undead. Case in point number II: When I was seven years old, I used to pretend that I was Lionel, and my sister used to act like she was Cheetarah from the Thundercats. We pretended we were stranded on an island, and we had to cross the moat loaded with crocodiles by crossing a dangerous bridge. (Translation: we climbed on the jungle gym.) It was fun, but if I did that today, people would suggest that I should start using Lithium. You are not the Children of the Night. You are losers. Get a life. (This also applies to Trekkies and Lyndon LaRouche supporters)

5. Atari: Wait...that’s not right! I love Atari! It rules. It’s the only thing in life that I love. I would marry my Atari 2600 if it was possible. Wow, my life is pitiful. Somebody shoot me. 6. Last Winter: There was no snow! I want snow! I want feet of white, fluffy, delicious snow! I want so much snow that I can make an igloo the size of my house and have a snowball fight. That would be boss! I want snow days! I want sleigh rides! I want a new car! I want to rule the world!

I’d like to take this time to wish everyone a happy Holiday, and a prosperous new year. Wait...to heck with it (see I grew up—I didn’t say hell!), I’d like to wish you a happy Holiday, a prosperous new year, and lots of money and stuff. I write the horoscopes, I can’t get anything I want!

Footnotes:
1. I only shot him figuratively. Seriously. He’s certainly not buried under the new ice rink. Honest.
2. Heck, those folks who had eight kids got a free car. Why not give a guy that has eight personalities a car?
3. Except for Antarctica. It’s far too cold there, although they have lots of snow™.

The large international staff of humour™ writers would like to wish you and yours a pleasant holiday season. The large international staff of humour™ writers would also like to wish for a boss video game system.

Word of the day:
Food(n)
1. A substance consisting essentially of carbohydrates and protein used to sustain life and growth in the body of an organism.
2. What I really want right now, since I skipped breakfast and lunch and it’s now 8 p.m.
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Women’s basketball downs Rutgers-Camden 58-54

By Rob Williams
Staff Writer

Strong Red Hawk defense and quick meets to the passes proved to be a strong obstacle to overcome for Rutgers-Camden’s women’s basketball team 58-54 win against Montclair State University last night in Panzer Gymnasium.

While Rutgers-Camden left the game with an improved (4-3, 2-2) record, they knew the Red Hawks could not be taken lightly.

“We never take Montclair lightly because it is always an intense game every year when we play,” said Rutgers-Camden head coach Carol Ellerbe. “With the experience Gloria Bradley has, and the games we have played in the past, we make sure that we do our homework for this game.”

MSU head coach was not available for comments.

In the first half, MSU held the Rutgers-Camden defensively with a 31-25 half-time score. Red Hawk leading scorer Jill Schultz, who scored nine of her game-high 19 points in the first half, proved to be a key asset along with Marlena Lawrence, who scored six of her eight points in the first.

In the second MSU continued to hold to Rutgers-Camden, trailing behind less than eight points until with they were able to tie the score 48-48 with seven minutes left on the clock. Part of this was due to Rutgers-Camden guard Joy Martin, who injured her ankle six minutes before ended it six point run. This injury proved crucial to the MSU’s potential for the win.

The Red Hawks began a battle for the win as the tie continued to rise. But Rutgers-Camden, who took advantage of scoring at the line, proved to be the determining factor in the team’s win.

Ellerbe said the team was strong in competition and did not make the victory an easy one to obtain.

“Jill Schultz was awesome,” said Ellerbe. “I knew she was a good player from last year.”

“I was also concerned with how athletic a lot of the girls were on the team this year,” said Ellerbe. “You can not judge a team based just on their height.”

Ellerbe said this was a factor she realized once she saw MSU’s rebounding.

“You can not predict that your team will out rebound them based on height, because they gave us a hard time on the boards.”

Men’s Basketball:
January 5: vs. Widener, PA, 4:00 p.m. Panzer Gymnasium
January 10: vs. Lehman, 2:00 p.m. Panzer Gymnasium
January 14: vs. Rowan University, 8:00 p.m. Panzer Gymnasium
January 17: vs. The College of NJ, 4:00 p.m. Panzer Gymnasium

Women’s Basketball:
January 5: vs. Richard Stockton, 6:00 p.m. Panzer Gymnasium
January 14: vs. Rowan University, 6:00 p.m. Panzer Gymnasium
January 17: vs. The College of NJ, 2:00 p.m. Panzer Gymnasium

Men’s Swimming:
January 14: vs. USMMA, 6:00 p.m. Panzer Pool
January 17: vs. Bloomsburg, 2:00 p.m. Panzer Pool
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Women’s Swimming:
January 14: vs. USMMA, 6:00 p.m. Panzer Pool
January 24: vs. William Paterson, 2:00 p.m. Panzer Pool

Wrestling:
January 14: vs. USMMA, 7:30 p.m. Panzer Gymnasium
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The shoulders are made up of three muscles, the front, side, and rear deltoid. These muscles can be easily stimulated with some simple basic exercises.

Begin your shoulder workout with the behind the neck press. This exercise hits all three heads of the deltoid.

- Group the bar with a wider than shoulder width grip.
- Begin slowly lowering the bar until it touches the upper part of your neck.
- As you begin to press upward, drop your shoulders and flex your lats (back) common mistake- During this exercise people have back as straight as possible throughout the entire movement.

Tightening your abs may help prevent arching in your back.

If you want to put on mass perform 4-5 sets of 8-12 reps.

If your toning, perform 3 sets of 15-25 reps.

Bentover Lateral Raise
This is an important exercise for building thickness in the rear delt. Holding two dumbbells, bend over so that your upper body is parallel to the floor.

- Keep your elbows slightly bent while lifting the weight up from your sides.
- at the top, squeeze your rear delt.
- Slowly lower back to start, using the strength of your muscles and not the momentum of the weight.

For beginners, this exercise may seem awkward. Remember to concentrate on raising and lowering the weight with your rear delt only. Stay tight throughout the entire movement.

Lateral Raise
This exercise works the side deltoid. You can perform this exercise standing or seated. Hold two fairly light dumbbells at the sides of your body.

- Begin raising the dumbbells upward from the sides of your body, keeping your elbows rotated back.

- As your arms reach parallel to the floor, drop and squeeze your shoulders.

Common mistake- Don’t rock your upper body to get the weight up. Use a fairly light weight with total isolation on your side delts.

Workout tip: lateral Raises are shaping exercises. Use a fairly light weight with total isolation on the side or rear delt and you will develop a full rounded delt.

Try the bent over and lateral raises using 3 sets of each for 10-15 reps.

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Women’s basketball outstanding in championship loss

By Jason Lampa

Junior point guard Wykemia Kelley on Friday had ice water flowing through her veins, as she hit a free throw with no time on the clock to propel the Montclair State Women’s Basketball team (2-3) past Wilkes University (2-3) 65-64, in the first round of the 19th Annual Dial Classic Women’s Basketball Tournament on Friday Night at Panzar Gym.

Kelly’s free throw with no time on the clock was the icing on the cake for a late MSU rally that erased a Wilkes 64-62 lead with 1:02 left on the clock. After Wilkes attempted shot failed, MSU’s 5’10” sophomore forward Lindsay Robinson grabbed a lose ball under the MSU basket and converted it into a basket for the Red Hawks to tie the game at 64-64 with only :43 to go in the game. Wilkes was then called for an offensive charge on their next possession, giving MSU the ball with :14 showing on the clock. MSU would have to time to set up a final shot.

Kelly took a pass at the top of key and let loose a 14-foot jumper that clanked off the front of the rim. Kelly refusing to let her team lose, hustled after her own shot. She grabbed the rebound, and was fouled while attempting another shot as time expired, setting up her game-winning free throw.

Wilkes, who had been down by as much as twelve in the second half, received a big game out of Rebecca Baker who’s 21 points and seven rebounds were both team highs.

For Montclair State, senior guard Jill Schultz had a great all-around performance. Schultz poured in 18 points, grabbed six rebounds, and dished out four assists. Schultz also showed impressive durability by playing 34 out of total 40 minutes. MSU also received strong performances out of freshman Marlena Lawrence and Ayesha Burney. Lawrence, a forward/center out of New York City, came off the bench to score 13 points and block four shots. Burney, 5’3” guard out of Summit, NJ, scored 11 points while dishing out four assists.

In the Dial Classic Championship game on Saturday afternoon at Panzer Gym, Christopher Newport University defeated MSU 70-68 behind Senior forward and tournament MVP Misty Hart’s 29 points and seven rebounds.

Hart, who scored 60 points in the two games, shot 8-22 from the floor and 10-12 from the free throw line. Hart led a second half charge that caused the Lady Captains to overcome a 49-38 deficit.

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Men’s basketball defeat Rutgers-Camden

By Karl D. Benefield

Staff Writer

Victory against losingest team in basketball a close one

Being an athlete myself, I know what it is like to not consider your present day opponent the biggest threat and not push yourself the same way you might when playing a championship team. However, Wednesday night’s game against Rutgers-Camden displayed Montclair State’s undeniably talented starters, as well as some of the second stringer’s skills.

From the opening tip-off, it was very evident that Montclair was not approaching this game with the usual intensity seen when Rutgers takes an early lead, first quarter, nine point lead.

With no real anxiety or nervousness apparent, coach Darryl Jacobs (1st year) began to show his colors when bursts of emotional calls could be heard across the gymnasium floor. By the end of the first half, Montclair caught up with and some help from the bench. With a three pointer from rookie sensation Omar Boothe (a freshman from Teaneck), Montclair took the lead by one point, 40-39.

From the time the players left the court for the ending of the first coach Jacobs must have really had a lot to say...probably at a very loud tone. Anyway, like usual, Kyle Griffith (#50), Anthony Peeples (#44), and BIG B.J. Reilly had good games.

One difference about this game was the contribution from the bench. Omar Boothe came off the bench on point, connecting with an aerial assault of three pointers. Also, Thomas Fischer (a freshman from Keyport) came off playing for an aggressive third quarter time span—even showing his grit when an opponent pressed too far up on him.

The important thing tonight was the “W”. Starter B.J. Reilly agreed that the bench had a lot to do with tonight’s victory in saying, “we have a great bench...tonight they showed what they got.”

Next week the Redhawks face Jersey City Away.